

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, November 27 ♦ First Sunday In Advent

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
1:00 a.m. Ed Still (Bonnie Bowes)

Is 63:16-17, 19, 64:2-7; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Mk 13:33-37

Monday, November 28 ♦ No Mass

Tuesday, November 29 ♦ Advent Weekday

11:30 a.m. Tsitsi Mucheche (Kurai Mucheche)

Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, November 30 ♦ St. Andrew

11:30 a.m. Msgr. Jim Berendt (Family)

Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

Thursday, December 1 ♦ Advent Weekday

11:30 a.m. Increase of Vocations to Priesthood
& Religious Life

Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 2 ♦ Advent Weekday

11:30 a.m. Bob & Mary Ann Scholl
(Mary Pulsinelli)

Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31

12:00 p.m. Novena to Our Sorrowful Mother

7:30 p.m. All-Night Eucharistic Vigil
(Intention of Presider)

Saturday, December 3 ♦ St. Francis Xavier

7:30 a.m. All-Night Eucharistic Vigil Closes
with Benediction

11:30 a.m. Deceased Members of the
Shough Family
(Paul & Charlene Pardi)

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5, 6-8

Sunday, December 4 ♦ First Sunday In Advent

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross

11:00 a.m. Marie Driscoll
(Eric & Patti Winterhalter)

Is 40:1-5, 9-11; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

+ **Please remember in your prayers** our homebound parishioners, and those who are ill: Mary Bonner, Mary Cordesco, Marianne Garrison, Jestina Jones, Lauren Jones, Susan Luck, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Cathy Miller, Mary Montell, Charles Mooney, Bob Scholl, Marilyn Scott, Graham Sowers, Helen Violet, Elizabeth Wanamaker.

Support to St. Lawrence Haven – Today!

Attention, all our “Lil Larry” sandwich makers. This is our day to support St. Lawrence Haven, following the 9:00 a.m Mass at the Cum Christo Center.

THANKS!

NOVEMBER 20, 2011 OFFERINGS

Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory.....\$1,696.00
Human Dev. = \$591.46	Votives.....50.63
Mass Attendance	Eucharistic Vigil0.00
9:00 a.m. = 109	Repair45.00
11:00 a.m. = 101	Less 5% tax.....(89.82)
	Net to Parish: \$1,701.81

Welcome!

Richard Howell (IV), son of Richard Howell and Alice Stilwell III, was baptized on Sunday, November 13, 2011. Natalie Patrice, daughter of Lucas (Luke) and Melissa Wonderski, was baptized on Sunday, November 13, 2011.

Campaign for Human Development Results

Thank you for your contributions of \$591.46 to the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Your generosity has laid the foundation for important systemic changes in low-income communities all around the United States. Through CCHD and its beneficiaries, we manifest Catholic social teaching and carry out Jesus’ mission to “bring glad tidings to the poor, . . . to proclaim liberty to captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free” (Lk 4:18).

To learn more, contact the diocesan CCHD director at 614-241-2540 or ecordle@colsdio.org.

We need YOU this Christmas!

We have lost some members to job relocation, illness and college graduation recently and we’d like you to consider helping us to fill in our ranks. Please grant yourself the benefit of choral singing this coming Advent/Christmas season. You’ll be glad you did! Contact Kelly Doman for more information. We practice every Sunday following the 11:00 a.m. Mass through December 18th. No experience necessary!!

Other Benefits of singing in the choir include:

- FREE vocal training for all during rehearsal;
- Fun, laughter and camaraderie with other singers;
- Satisfaction of adding beauty to the liturgy at Holy Cross;
- Weekly exercise climbing the stairs to the balcony;
- And a guaranteed seat for the crowded 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass.

Baptism Class

There will be a Baptism Class on Sunday, December 4, 2011 at 12:00 noon in the Parish Office. This class is for expectant parents and/or parents of children who have not yet been baptized. Please call Sr. Anne (614-224-3416) to register for this class. Thank you.

Repair Fund Collection – December 4th

A second collection will be taken up next week for the repairs on the church and rectory. We thank you in advance for your continuous support of this program.

THE WORD

Are you a watcher? Some are people watchers. I remember a former teacher of mine saying how he liked to sit by the window in a restaurant or, if the day was nice, on a park bench, and just watch people go by. It served as a reminder of God’s infinite imagination in creating us. Or, perhaps you are a clock watcher, checking your watch frequently, even searching to find a clock whenever you enter an unfamiliar place. Clock watchers tend to be on time and are especially appreciated when running meetings.

Advent calls us to be watchers, but neither of clocks nor of people merely passing by. We are called to be watchers for the Lord’s return. Now this might not seem as interesting as watching people, or as practical as watching the clock, or even as likely to get results, but its importance is on a deeper level. We are called to take seriously Jesus’ promise that he will return and that we are to live now in light of that return, that is, to live in the light this promise offers us for our lives.

As we watch for the Lord’s return in glory, we might catch glimpses of him more frequently here and now because he returns more often than we might suspect, but we miss it because we are not watching for it. So when we hear Jesus commanding his disciples, “Be watchful! Be alert!” this holds for us today – and tomorrow.

from “Living the Word”

Christmas Flower Donations

Donations toward the altar flowers for the Christmas season in the memory of deceased family members or friends can be put in upcoming Sunday collections with the person’s name you wish to remember. A donation of \$10.00 is suggested. Please utilize the special envelopes available for this purpose.

Special Parish Dates

Mark your calendars for the following important dates for the parish:

- 1) **Sunday, November 27, 2011 – First Sunday of Advent – Rite of Welcoming at 11:00 a.m. Mass.**
- 2) **Sunday, December 11, 2011 – Deanery Reconciliation Service at 4:00 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle.**
- 3) **Saturday, December 24, 2010 – Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 p.m.**
- 4) **Sunday, December 25, 2010 – Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 a.m.**
- 5) **Sunday, January 1, 2011 – The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God – Open House following each Mass.**

Advent Prayer

Spirit of God, You stir our hearts in the Advent season to awaken us from the spiritual doldrums. You urge us to be alert to the coming of the Lord, whether now or at the end of time. You invite us to embrace our longing for the fullness of a life without end. Enlighten our hearts with Your holy wisdom so that we might seek and find You, especially in the needs of the poor. Give us the courage and perseverance to look for the Holy One, who offers us more than the world can ever give.

AMEN.

Immaculate Conception – Holy Day!

The Immaculate Conception of Mary is a Holy Day with obligation to attend Mass. Holy Cross will have one Mass on Thursday, December 8 at 11:30 a.m.

Deanery Reconciliation Service

You are encouraged to participate in our Deanery Reconciliation/Penance Service at St. Thomas the Apostle on Sunday, December 11th at 4:00 p.m. There will be extra priests from our Deanery Churches to hear confessions. This is a good opportunity for us to pray together as a Deanery community.

Nine Day Novena – Holy Cross

Come and join in the celebration of the Nine Day Novena in honor of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception! The Novena will be held at Holy Cross at 7:30 p.m. and will be presided by Fr. Ramon Owera, CFIC, and Fr. Jose Manickathan, CFIC, on the following dates:

- Tuesday, November 29, 2011
- Wednesday, November 30, 2011
- Thursday, December 1, 2011
- Friday, December 2, 2011
- Saturday, December 3, 2011
- Sunday, December 4, 2011
- Monday, December 5, 2011
- Tuesday, December 6, 2011

† November 27, 2011 †

First Sunday of Advent

❖ Hymns are not announced ❖

Gathering Hymn	468 The King Shall Come
Gloria	NONE
Readings	Missalette p 18
Psalm	Missalette p 19 Lord, make us turn to You; let us see Your face and we shall be saved
Gospel Acclamation	Worship Aid Mass of St. Benedict
Preparation of Gifts	462 O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Eucharistic Acclamations	Worship Aid Mass of St. Benedict
Communion Hymn	632 Take and Eat this Bread
Closing Hymn	592 God of Day and God of Darkness