

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, December 2 ♦ First Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
 11:00 a.m. Special Intention for Sue Haninger
 (Glenn Haninger)

Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

Monday, December 3 ♦ No Mass

Tuesday, December 4 ♦ Advent Weekday

11:30 a.m. Msgr. James Berendt (Family)
 Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 5 ♦ Advent Weekday

11:30 a.m. Sr. Mary Ann Creely (Family)
 Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 6 ♦ Advent Weekday

10:00 a.m. Mary Jo McCoy
 (Kathy Sako & Tim Brown)
 Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 7 ♦ St. Ambrose

11:30 a.m. Charles "Bud" Reichert (Rita Doman)
 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 8 ♦

Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

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

11:30 a.m. MacKinnon & McGee Families
 (Agnes MacKinnon)

Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday, December 9 ♦ Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
 11:00 a.m. Special Intention for Sue Haninger
 (Glenn Haninger)

Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

+ Please remember in your prayers our homebound parishioners, and those who are ill: Jodi Elgin, Sandra Hilbert, Elizabeth and Robert Hackett, Jestina Jones, Lauren Jones, Susan Luck, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Cathy Miller, Mary Montell, Bob Scholl, Marilyn Scott, Jeanne Sharp, Graham Sowers, Helen Violet, Elizabeth Wanamaker.

Monthly Financial Target – November 2012

Average Monthly Budgeted Expense:	\$ 21,989.52
Novembr 2012 Net Offerings =	\$ 11,035.68
Other Parish Income =	\$ 3,485.00
Total November 2012 Income =	\$ 14,520.68
Monthly Results – Loss	(\$ 7,468.84)

THANKS!

NOVEMBER 25, 2012 OFFERINGS

Designated Collections	Offertory	\$ 2,263.50
(Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Votives	\$ 18.00
Hurricane Sandy = \$493.25	Repair Fund	\$ 100.00
Mass Attendance	Organ Fund	\$ 0.00
9:00 a.m. = 90	Less 5% Diocese tax (\$	119.08)
11:00 a.m. = 89	Net to Parish:	\$ 2,262.42

Sympathy and Prayers

We offer our sympathy and prayers to parishioner Helen Meers on the death of her brother Patrick Meers.



RCIA/Rite of Acceptance into Catechumenate and Welcome

Today, we will welcome into the Catholic Community those adults who have completed the Inquiry stage. These candidates of initiation, for the first time, are recognized publically as members who are participating in the Initiation process and have declared their intentions to the Church, and the Church, in turn, accepts them as persons who intend to become its members. We congratulate the following and ask you to keep them in prayer.

Amanda Ahleit	Linda Bonner
Wendi Bonner	Jason Davis
Tony Garcia	Matt Hedman
Heather Jahn	Yavonne McGarry

Support to St. Lawrence Haven December 9

Attention, all our "Lil Larry" sandwich makers. The next opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven is next Sunday, December 9, following the 9:00 a.m Mass.

Hurricane Sandy Collections Results

Thank you for your generosity and support of the Hurricane Sandy Collection which was collected on November 25. \$493.25 was contributed.

We need YOU this Christmas! Starting at noon!

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. No experience necessary!!

Benefits of singing in the Choir include: FREE vocal training for all during rehearsal; Seasonal stress relief by repeatedly taking deep singing breaths; Fun, laughter and camaraderie with other singers; Satisfaction of adding beauty to the liturgy at Holy Cross; Pride in giving of your time/talent in stewardship to the Church; Weekly exercise as you climb the stairs to the balcony; AND a guaranteed seat for the crowded 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass.

The job is easy, the time commitment minimal and the rewards are many. We practice today after the 11:00 a.m. Mass and will continue to do so through December 23rd. 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.

THE WORD

In Thornton Wilder’s play, *The Skin of our Teeth*, Mrs. Antrobus tells her husband, George, that she didn’t marry him because he was perfect, that she didn’t even marry him because she loved him; she married him because he gave her a promise. And she gave one to him. And over the years, as their children were growing up, that mutual promise protected all of them, moving them into the future together.

A promise can open up into an unexpected future, marked by new life. God’s promises spoken in today’s first reading offered hope to a people who had little reason to hope. The hope of a restored Jerusalem, of a descendent of David who would do what is right and just – such promises began to be fulfilled in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.

With Jesus, a new age began that promised to bring the old order of chaos and destruction to an end. With His birth, a new power entered the world, making it possible to live in love, and allowing men and women to “increase and abound in love for each other and for all,” as Paul writes to the Thessalonians. Total fulfillment of God’s promises remains in the future.

But beginnings offer hope. A new church year calls on us to live as a people of hope in what God can do in our own day. Advent invites us to renew our relationship with the promises of God made visible in the person of Jesus Christ.

– from “Living the Word”

Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) **Sunday, December 2, 2012 – First Sunday of Advent – Rite of Welcoming at 11:00 a.m. Mass.**
- 2) **Saturday, December 8, 2012 – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holyday of Obligation. Mass is at 11:30 a.m.**
- 3) **Sunday, December 16, 2012 – Deanery Reconciliation Service at St. Dominic, 453 N. 20th Street, 3:00 p.m.**
- 4) **Monday, December 24, 2012 – Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 p.m.**
- 5) **Tuesday, December 25, 2012 – Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 a.m.**
- 6) **Sunday, January 6, 2013 – The Epiphany of the Lord, Open House in the Rectory following each Mass.**

Repair Fund Collection – Today!

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

Religious Retirement Collection – December 9th

The second collection next week will be for Retirement Fund for Religious. There are more than 11,000 Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who need skilled care or help with tasks of daily living. Please be generous.

December 2, 2012 First Sunday of Advent

Opening Hymn	814 – Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Gloria	NONE
Readings	Missalette p. 18
Responsorial Psalm	388 – To You, O Lord
Gospel Acclamation	Worship Aid – Community Mass
Preparation of Gifts	944 – Lift Up Your Heads
Eucharistic Acclamations	Worship Aid – Community Mass
Communion Hymn	638 – I Am the Bread of Life
Closing Hymn	470 – The Advent of Our God

ADVENT GIVING TREE



We are helping some needy families this Christmas by purchasing gifts for their children. If you would like to participate in this Christmas giving, please take a tag off the tree located in the back of church and purchase the item that is written on the tag.

Please return the gift(s) to church on or before Sunday, December 16th, with the tag on top of the gift so we know to whom it goes. In the spirit of Christmas giving, we thank you.

Pastoral Council Update

We thank the outgoing members of the Parish Pastoral Council: Tom Walsh, Ervin Ruiz, and Kathy Sako, for their service over the past two years and we welcome the new members: Jack Kustron, Winston Swaby, and Jane Visocan.

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.