

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!**

**Sunday, December 23 ♦ Fourth Sunday of Advent**

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

Mi 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

**Monday, December 24 ♦ Vigil of Christmas**

4:00 p.m. Martha Walsh (Walsh/Burkey Family)

Is 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

**Tuesday, December 25 ♦ Nativity of the Lord**

10:00 a.m. Msgr. James Berendt (Family)

Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

**Wednesday, December 26 ♦ St. Stephen**

11:30 a.m. Patty Groom (Sr. Sally Groom)

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

**Thursday, December 27 ♦ St. John**

11:30 a.m. Beatrice Meers (Helen Meers)

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1, 2-8

**Friday, December 28 ♦ The Holy Innocents**

11:30 a.m. Msgr. Larry Cororan  
 (Glenn & Jane Jungen & Family)

1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18

**Saturday, December 29 ♦ St. Thomas Becket**

11:30 a.m. Sr. Margaret Duffy, OSF (Al Roehrenbeck)

1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

**Sunday, December 30 ♦ Holy Family Sunday**

9:00 a.m. Emma Louise Welch (Sheline Family)

11:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1: 20-22, 24-28; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

**+ 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, Bob Scholl, Marilyn Scott, Jeanne Sharp, Graham Sowers, Helen Violet, Elizabeth Wanamaker.

**Support to St. Lawrence Haven – January 20**

Attention, all our “Lil Larry” sandwich makers. The next opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven is Sunday, January 20, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.

**THANKS!**

**DECEMBER 16, 2012 OFFERINGS**

<b>Designated Collections</b> (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory ..... \$3,424.27
	Votives ..... \$ 31.00
	Repair Fund..... \$ 20.00
<b>Mass Attendance</b>	Less 5% tax .....(\$ 173.76)
9:00 a.m. = 94	<b>Net to Parish: .....\$3,301.51</b>
11:00 a.m. = 87	

**Merry Christmas!!**

Special Christmas Blessings  
 to our Holy Cross Family,  
 Guests and Visitors

*from*

Fr. Jerry, Fr. Ramon, Fr. Jose,  
 Sr. Anne & Mike



**Sympathy and Prayers**

– Mary Montell, parishioner, died last week.  
 – Beatrice Meers, sister of Helen Meers, died last week.  
 Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

**Advent Giving Tree**

Thank you for supporting this year’s Advent Giving Tree Program. Seven families were given a special Christmas this year due to your generous gifts. May our Lord continue to bless you and your loved ones throughout the New Year.

**Parking for Christmas Eve**

Extra parking is available during Christmas Eve Mass at PERS garage, just north of the Rectory (corner of 5th and Town Street). We have made arrangements for you to enter from the 5th Street entrance for your convenience.

**Diocesan Charities Collection**

A second collection will be taken for the Diocesan Charities during the Christmas Masses. This collection allows the diocese to meet a variety of basic needs directly and through diocesan agencies and organizations, including J.O.I.N., St. Stephen’s Community House, Catholic Social Services, St. Lawrence Haven, St. Vincent Family Center and St. Vincent de Paul Society.

**Feast of the Holy Family**

**Appropriately, the Church places the Feast of the Holy Family on the weekend following Christmas. Let us pray for our families:**

*Father, help us to live as the Holy Family, united in respect and love. Teach us the sanctity of human love, show us the value of family life, and help us to live in peace. We are united with Jesus, Mary and Joseph because in Your great love for us You sent Your son to live in this world and to share our human experience. Help us to love each other as You love us, and to be more aware of those families in the world who struggle with poverty, war and disease. Bring us all to the joy and peace of Your eternal home. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## THE WORD

Marge Piercy's poem "The Tao of Touch" reminds us of the power of touch. A person can die either without touch or because of touch. There is the touch of love that brings healing and joy, and those blows that shatter bones and relationships. Today's Gospel recalls how God's touch transformed the lives of two women – and the world.

I have a carved wooden statue of Mary gently resting her two hands along Elizabeth's belly as their two foreheads touch. You can imagine tears, laughter, and words springing from pure joy. Elizabeth must have gasped as the life in her womb exuberantly kicked up his heels in greeting.

Not only her body but her words of blessing gave witness to creation's joy: "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb," Elizabeth cried. "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken by the Lord would be fulfilled," she sang. Scripture says the Holy Spirit filled Elizabeth, that Spirit whose gifts include joy, wisdom, and peace, that Spirit who had brought into being the child now growing in her cousin's womb.

Advent's fourth Sunday always takes us into the company of Jesus' kin, putting the spotlight either on Mary, Joseph, or Elizabeth. We enter the stories surrounding the birth of Jesus, God's Son, who came into the lives of ordinary people and transformed them, making them part of God's plan for the salvation of the world. This loving plan continues to be worked out in and through us.

from "Living the Word"

### December 23, 2012 Fourth Sunday of Advent 9:00 & 11:00 a.m.

Opening Hymn	<b>462</b> – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs.1-4)
Gloria	<b>NONE</b>
Readings	<b>Missalette p 31</b>
Responsorial Psalm	<b>Missalette p 32</b> – Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.
Gospel Acclamation	<b>Missalette</b>
Preparation of Gifts	<b>976</b> – Sing "Ave"
Eucharistic Acclamations	<b>Worship Aid</b> – Community Mass
Communion Hymn	<b>469</b> – Savior of the Nations, Come
Closing Hymn	<b>462</b> – O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (vs. 5-7)

## Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) **Monday, December 24, 2012 – Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 p.m. – Choir & Carols at 3:00 p.m.**
- 2) **Tuesday, December 25, 2012 – Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 a.m.**
- 3) **Tuesday, January 1, 2012 – Solemnity of Mary, Holy Day of Obligation – Mass at 11:30 a.m.**
- 4) **Sunday, January 6, 2013 – The Epiphany of the Lord, Open House in the Rectory following each Mass.**

## Good News!

Our parish received a second refund from the Diocese for exceeding the 2012 BAA goal. The amount of the refund was \$ 6,396.00 bringing the total refund to date to \$13,806.80. **THANK YOU!**

## "Myths & Misconceptions of End-of-Life Decisions"

**Where:** The Catholic Foundation, 257 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ruth Lang Board Room.

**When:** Wednesday, January 23, 2013, from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**Cost:** This event is free and open to all!

**RSVP:** Please contact Julie Naporano at 614-443-8893 or [JNaporano@catholic-foundation.org](mailto:JNaporano@catholic-foundation.org) to reserve a seat.

A time of serious sickness is naturally distressing for the one who is ill, as well as for close family and friends. Making sound moral decisions in the face of such circumstances may be especially difficult when we consider the emotional strains that occur when a loved one undergoes great suffering. In this Conversation, engage with a panel of experts who will discuss the teachings of the magisterium as it pertains to end-of-life decisions, such as medical treatment, living wills, organ donation, palliative care, extraordinary means and more.

### December 25, 2012 Christmas Day 10:00 a.m.

Opening Hymn	<b>497</b> – Good Christian Friends, Rejoice
Gloria	<b>Worship Aid Mass of St. Benedict</b>
Readings	<b>Missalette p 43</b>
Responsorial Psalm	<b>Missalette p 44</b> – All the ends of the earth have seen the saving power of God.
Gospel Acclamation	<b>Worship Aid Mass of St. Benedict</b>
Preparation of Gifts	<b>491</b> – While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night
Eucharistic Acclamations	<b>Worship Aid Mass of St. Benedict</b>
Communion Hymn	<b>485</b> – Once in Royal David's City
Closing Hymn	<b>478</b> – Angels from the Realms of Glory