

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!**

**Sunday, February 19 ♦ Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross  
 11:00 a.m. Margaret & Elsie Haninger  
 (Dr. Glen Haninger)

Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24-25; 2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12

**Monday, February 20 ♦ No Mass**

**Tuesday, February 21 ♦ Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Katherine Gould [deceased]  
 (William & Inna Gould)

Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37

**Wednesday, February 22 ♦ Ash Wednesday**

11:30 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross  
 Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday, February 23 ♦ Lenten Weekday after Ash Wednesday**

11:30 a.m. Anna Vasilieva [deceased]  
 (William & Inna Gould)

Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

**Friday, February 24 ♦ Lenten Weekday after Ash Wednesday**

11:30 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross  
 Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday, February 25 ♦ Lenten Weekday after Ash Wednesday**

11:30 a.m. Lucille Hildebeitel (William & Inna Gould)  
 Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32

**Sunday, February 26 ♦ First Sunday in Lent**

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross  
 11:00 a.m. James & Patricia Manley (Family)

Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

**+ Please remember in your prayers** our homebound parishioners, and those who are ill: Mary Bonner, Mary Cordesco, Marianne Garrison, Joseph Huntzinger, 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.

**St. Lawrence Haven – March 18th**

Attention, all our “Lil Larry” sandwich makers. The next opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven is Sunday, March 18th, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Cum Christo Center.

**Pancake Breakfast – TODAY!!**

Please plan to come to our Pre-Lenten “Mardi Gras” Pancake Breakfast today after each Mass.

**Catholic Times**

Thank you to all new and returning readers of the *Catholic Times*. Contact the Parish Office if you missed the special collection and learn how to sign up for the upcoming year for a minimum donation of only \$17.00 (parish rate). As an evangelization tool, Bishop Campbell encourages all Catholic households in the diocese to receive and read our diocesan newspaper, the *Catholic Times*.

**NEWS NOTES – WE NEED ’EM:**

As we prepare our March newsletter, we’re seeking your input for our News Notes section.

Please share info such as: birthdays, anniversaries, honor roll and academic awards, and other news items. Either drop the news off at the Parish Office or e-mail to [jack@photoj.com](mailto:jack@photoj.com).

**Ash Wednesday Collection – February 22nd**

The proceeds of the Ash Wednesday collection will be contributed to The Joint Organization for Inner City Needs (JOIN). JOIN is a Diocesan agency which provides emergency assistance to the poor in the form of food, clothing, prescription help, utility help, infant formula and Ensure, eyeglasses, bus transportation, burial assistance, senior items and referrals to other public and private service providers.

**Lenten Opportunities at Holy Cross**

*Ash Wednesday – February 22nd:* Ashes will be distributed during the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Day of fast and abstinence\*.

*Every Friday:* Stations of the Cross after 11:30 a.m. Mass. [**Sorrowful Mother Novena will resume on First Fridays after Easter.**] Day of abstinence (no meat for those over 14 years of age).

*Deanery Reconciliation Service – March 11th* at 4:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary/St. John, 648 S. Ohio Avenue.

*Holy Thursday:* Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 6:00 p.m.

*Good Friday:* Day of Fast and Abstinence.

1:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
 2:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy and Holy Communion

Holy Saturday: 8:30 p.m., Solemn Easter Vigil

**\*Fast = One main meal, 2 lesser meals, no food between meals for 21-59 years. Abstinence = no meat for over 14 years old.**

**THANKS!**

**FEBRUARY 12, 2011 OFFERINGS**

<b>Designated Collections</b> (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory.....\$1,936.00
	Votives.....0
	Eucharistic Vigil.....0
	Repair Fund.....0
<b>Mass Attendance</b>	Less 5% tax ..... (96.80)
9:00 a.m. = 76	<b>Net to Parish: .....\$1,839.20</b>
11:00 a.m. = 116	

## THE WORD

When Jesus came preaching, teaching, healing, and exorcising, the response was amazement and wonder. He was a “crowd magnet,” as we see in today’s Gospel. When Jesus showed up, it was standing room only. What would be the next miracle? So when the paralytic came down, there might even have been a little “ho-hum” in the air. “Didn’t He do something along these lines that night outside Simon’s mother-in-law’s house?”

But healing the body and casting out demons were only the first steps in the new creation God had in mind. The next step went to the heart of the matter – salvation. “Child, your sins are forgiven.” Alarms went off, at least in the heads of some of the legal experts present, “Did he just say?...No, not possible.... Only God can....” But Jesus, who really could hear people think thinking, had no trouble saying it again: “That you may *know* the Son of man has the authority to forgive sins on earth...” then He turned to the paralytic: “get up and go.” And the man got up and went.

All the other things Jesus had been doing were acceptable, except when He did them on a Sabbath, for this was crossing a clearly defined line in the law of Moses. Forgiving sin? Only God could do that. Yes, *that* was the point. And still is. So don’t let past actions – even God’s, much less yours – lock you in or keep God out. God remains at work in Jesus offering forgiveness, reconciliation, atonement to all who realize they need it.

*from “Living the Word”*

### Black and Indian Collection – February 26th

Next Sunday, the Annual National Collection for the Black and Indian evangelization will be taken at Mass. It is an important National Collection, vital to the Church today, as it is used to support current and new evangelization programs. Our own RCIA is funded by this collection.

✠February 19, 2012✠

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<b>Gathering Hymn</b>	<i>The Kingdom of God</i> (#939)
<b>Gloria</b>	<i>Mass of St. Benedict</i> (Worship Aid)
<b>Readings</b>	(Missalette p. 64)
<b>Psalm</b>	<i>Lord, heal my soul, for I sinned against you.</i> (Missalette p. 65)
<b>Gospel Acclamation</b>	<i>Mass of St. Benedict</i> (Worship Aid)
<b>Preparation of Gifts</b>	<i>Make Us True Servants</i> (#923)
<b>Eucharistic Acclamations</b>	<i>Mass of St. Benedict</i> (Worship Aid)
<b>Communion Hymn</b>	<i>Eat This Bread</i> (#617)
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	<i>Lord of Nations, God Eternal</i> verses 3 & 4 (#996)

## Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) Sunday, February 19, 2012 – Burning of Ashes and Pancake Breakfast.
- 2) Wednesday, February 22, 2012 – Ash Wednesday – Mass at 11:30 a.m.
- 3) Saturday, March 17, 2012 – St. Patrick Day – Mass at 9:30 a.m. only.

## Choir Practice

Starting next Sunday, February 26, all interested singers are invited to gather in the balcony for the first choir practice in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. We will rehearse for one hour immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

ALL are invited to deepen their Lenten experience through singing with the choir. Contact Kelly ([kellydoman.organist@gmail.com](mailto:kellydoman.organist@gmail.com) or 920-4443) for more information.

## MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH

Holy Cross, in cooperation with Corpus Christi and St. Ladislav Parishes, has developed a Youth Ministry Program serving youth 6th-12th grade. This program will involve service, spiritual enrichment and social activities. Our first gathering will be **TODAY** from 3:00-5:00 p.m. at Wayne Webb Columbus Bowl located at 3224 S. High Street. The cost is \$5.00 per person which includes 2 games, shoes, pizza and pop. Have questions? Or need more info? Contact Debi Matthews at 614-329-5727 (call or text) or [matthews9244@sbcglobal.net](mailto:matthews9244@sbcglobal.net).

## Additional Good News!!

We have been blessed to receive an additional 2012 Focus Grant from The Catholic Foundation. Our project, Funding for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Level 3, was awarded \$1,280.00. We are grateful to the donors of our diocese, who contributed to The Catholic Foundation funds which allow them to make grants like this available. Please remember that donations of any size may be given to these and other funds for the benefit our parish any time. If you would like more information, please contact Scott Hartman ([shartman@catholic-foundation.org](mailto:shartman@catholic-foundation.org)) or Amy Parker ([aparker@catholic-foundation.org](mailto:aparker@catholic-foundation.org)) at The Catholic Foundation (614-443-8893).

## Lenten Concert – Christ The King – March 10th

Christ The King Catholic Church, 2777 E. Livingston Avenue, Columbus, is hosting TAJCI in concert on Saturday, March 10, at 7:00 p.m. She will perform “*I Thirst*” – The Crucifixion Story. This powerful concert event is highly professional and an artistic musical experience. Please note this event is free (a freewill offering can be made), but if you could, call Christ the King Church (614-237-0401) in advance so we can take a count of people attending this wonderful event.