

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, February 26 ♦ First Sunday of 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

Monday, February 27 ♦ No Mass

Tuesday, February 28 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Bonnie Henry (Brian & Lisa Henry)
 Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, February 29 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Michael Sheline (Sheline Family)
 Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, March 1 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
 Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

Friday, March 2 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Tom Terry (Wife & Sons)
 Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
 12:00 p.m. Novena to Our Sorrowful Mother
 7:30 p.m. All-Night Eucharistic Vigil (Intention of Presider)

Saturday, March 3 ♦ Lenten Weekday

7:30 a.m. All-Night Eucharistic Vigil Closes with
 Benediction
 11:30 a.m. Tom Terry (Wife & Sons)
 Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday, March 4 ♦ Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
 11:00 a.m. Margaret & Elsie Haninger (Dr. Glenn Haninger)
 Gn 22:1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10

+ 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.

THANKS!

FEBRUARY 19, 2011 OFFERINGS

Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese) JOIN = \$870.00	Offertory\$2,352.00 Votives\$19.50 Eucharistic Vigil.....0 Repair Fund.....\$50.00
Mass Attendance 9:00 a.m. = 86 11:00 a.m. = 132	Less 5% tax (121.08) Net to Parish:\$2,300.42

THANK YOU!!

Our “Mardi Gras” Pancake Breakfast last Sunday was a great success!!
 Sincere thanks to those who set up, cooked, served, & cleaned up. And, of course, to those who came & enjoyed the breakfast. All contributed to a great parish community spirit.

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).

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.

Ash Wednesday Collections – Results

\$870.00 was contributed on Ash Wednesday for the Joint Organization for Inner-city Needs (J.O.I.N.). Thanks for supporting this cause.

Black and Indian Collection – Today!

This 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. Your support will help the many programs begun in the parishes and schools to continue. Our own deanery RCIA is funded by this collection.

Lenten Opportunities at Holy Cross

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 & 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.**

THE WORD

A snapshot differs from a TV show or movie, which moves along, demanding that we keep up with the storyline. A snapshot allows us to focus on details, to take as much time as we want. Snapshots allow us to pause, ponder, and meditate. There is no need to rush on to what comes next.

Mark's Gospel opens with a series of snapshots of Jesus, whom Mark proclaims from the start as "Jesus Christ, the Son of God" (1:1). First, he offers a picture of Jesus' Baptism when God's voice proclaims, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (1:11). Then, the two pictures presented today: Jesus driven into the desert for forty days to be tested by Satan, and Jesus beginning a new ministry of preaching the Gospel.

These snapshots begin the work of drawing us into the mystery of the one proclaimed as the Promised One long awaited, but even more, the one who is the Son of God. In him God's reign comes to us.

Lent is a time for deciding where our loyalty lies in life. To whom or what do we give our allegiance? At the end of the forty days we renew our baptismal promises. We will be called to profess our faith in God who created us and our world out of love, in the Son who died for us and was raised to new life, and in the Spirit who now drives us to confront the power of evil in our world. *from "Living the Word"*

Choir Practice – Today!!

Starting this Sunday, 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.organiat@gmail.com or 920-4443) for more information.

✠ February 26, 2012 ✠

First Sunday of Lent

Gathering Hymn	527	<i>These Forty Days of Lent</i>
Gloria	Worship Aid	<i>Chant Mass</i>
Readings	Missalette p 71	
Psalm	388	<i>To You, O Lord: Psalm 25</i>
Gospel Acclamation	Worship Aid	<i>Chant Mass</i>
Preparation of Gifts	521	<i>Draw Near, O Lord/ Attende Domine</i>
Eucharistic Acclamations	Worship Aid	<i>Chant Mass</i>
Communion Hymn	642	<i>Remember Me</i>
Closing Hymn	519	<i>Again We Keep This Solemn Fast</i>

Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) Sunday, March 11, 2012 – Deanery Reconciliation Service, 4:00 p.m. at Holy Rosary/St. John, 648 S. Ohio Avenue.
- 2) Saturday, March 17, 2012 – St. Patrick Day – Mass at 9:30 a.m. only.

Rite of Sending

This Sunday we are celebrating one of the Rites that is incorporated within the process of RCIA. The Rite is called the Rite of Sending. This rite offers the local community the opportunity to express its approval and support of the catechumens (those who will be baptized) and candidates (those who have already been baptized and will receive Eucharist and Confirmation). These catechumens and candidates will be presented to the Bishop during the rite of elections that will be in the evening at St. Paul's in Westerville. Those participating are Brandon Haywood, Brian Gibson, Joyce Elliott and Nancy White. Please keep them and their sponsors in your prayers.



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.

Natural Family Planning (NFP)

Whether you're hoping to achieve or postpone pregnancy, Natural Family Planning can help you and your spouse live God's plan for love and life, while strengthening your marriage relationship. Diocesan NFP workshops will be hosted by two local parishes this Spring-Summer:

St. Thomas More Newman Center, on the Columbus campus of the Ohio State University, will offer Saturday morning classes, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon, beginning on March 10 and continuing on March 24, April 14, May 5 and June 9.

St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Westerville, will offer Tuesday evening classes, 7:00-9:00 p.m., beginning May 1 and continuing on May 8, May 22, June 12, and July 10.

The registration fee for each workshop series is \$65.00 per couple and includes instructional materials; financial assistance is available. For more information or to register, contact Marriage and Family Life at 614-241-2560 or FLOMailbox@colsdio.org.