

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!**

**Sunday, February 12 ♦**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross  
 11:00 a.m. Jeanette Roberts Rice  
 (Steve & Lucy Gazdik)

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

**Monday, February 13 ♦ No Mass**

**Tuesday, February 14 ♦ Sts. Cyril and Methodius**

11:30 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross  
 Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday, February 15 ♦ Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross  
 Jas 1:19-27; Mk 8:22-26

**Thursday, February 16 ♦ Weekday**

11:30 a.m. William O'Reilly (Lois O'Reilly)  
 Jas 2:1-9; Mk 8:27-33

**Friday, February 17 ♦ Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross  
 Jas 2:14-24, 26; Mk 8:34-9:1

**Saturday, February 18 ♦ Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross  
 Jas 3:1-10; Mk 9:2-13

**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

**+ 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.

**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.

**Repair Fund Collection – Results**

Thank you for the generosity and support of the Repair Fund collection last week. \$809.62 was contributed.

***Catholic Times***

For a Catholic perspective, the *Catholic Times* weekly newspaper features insightful and informative news from around our diocese, our country, and the world. Sign up TODAY for, or continue receiving the *Catholic Times* for another year, by placing your *Catholic Times* envelope with a minimum donation of only \$17.00 (parish rate) into the regular Mass collection. This donation HELPS THE PARISH to provide *Catholic Times* to you and many of our parishioners. Checks should be made payable to Holy Cross. As an evangelization tool, Bishop Campbell encourages every Catholic household to receive the *Catholic Times*. Sign up TODAY!



**Renewal of Wedding Vows – Today!!**

World Marriage Day is today. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew your Marriage Vows during Mass (see insert).

**Follow-up to Bishop Campbell’s Letter**

If you missed Bishop Campbell’s letter on Sunday, January 29, 2012, or want additional details, please visit web site [www.usccb.org/conscience](http://www.usccb.org/conscience) to learn more about the severe assault on religious liberty which is guaranteed under the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

**Taize Prayer: As I Have Loved You**

Amid the clamor of valentines, roses and chocolates, come spend an hour in prayer reflecting on God’s love and Jesus’ plea to “love one another as I have loved you.” Taize prayer is a beautiful evening of quiet, meditative, sung prayer. This style comes from a religious community in France dedicated to bringing young adults together from around the world to share the Gospel and worship together. Please join us Wednesday, February 15, 7:30-8:30 p.m. at the St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Avenue, Columbus. All are welcome! For more info: [www.BuckeyeCatholic.com/events](http://www.BuckeyeCatholic.com/events).

**2011 Contributions**

You can contact the office at 224-3416 and request a copy of your contribution record to Holy Cross Church and Bishop’s Annual Appeal for 2011.

**THANKS!**

**FEBRUARY 5, 2012 OFFERINGS**

<b>Designated Collections</b> (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory .....\$3,123.95
	Votives .....37.00
	Eucharistic Vigil .....7.18
<b>Mass Attendance</b>	Repair Fund.....809.62
9:00 a.m. = 83	Less 5% tax ..... (198.88)
11:00 a.m. = 143	<b>Net to Parish: \$3,778.87</b>

**THE WORD**

These first days of Jesus’ ministry present him preaching, teaching, and healing to bring people to know that God is near. His message and his deeds bring people back to full life in the community. By casting out demons and curing the sick he restores to full humanity those suffering from possession and illness. Today we find Jesus confronting a condition that must have been even more excruciating – leprosy.

To be a leper was to be cut off from others in all ways. You were cast out of the community, isolated, doomed to live in deserted places, no longer part of the human family, unable to participate in any social events, and considered unfit to worship God. It was assumed that if you had leprosy, you had sinned in some way. Your life was summed up in the words the Law of Moses told you to cry out whenever anyone came near, “Unclean, unclean!”

For Jesus to touch a leper meant that in the eyes of others he also became unclean and unfit to associate and worship with others. Even so, when a leper asked for healing, Jesus was unequivocal in his reply: “I do will it. Be made clean.” It is easy to hear in his reponse the authority of the Son of God, set on giving glory to his Father. Yet Jesus, ever respectful of the law, sent the man to the priest, as commanded in the book of Leviticus. In Jesus, pity took precedence over the law, but did not abolish it.

– *from “Living the Word”*

**Note From The Parish Office**

Many thanks for using your envelopes. To expedite the processing of Sunday collections, please indicate the amount of your donation on the front of the envelope which will help our volunteer collection counters. Thank you for your support in this process!

† <b>February 12, 2012</b> † <b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		
Gathering Hymn	<b>670</b>	Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Gloria	<b>Worship Aid</b>	Mass of St. Benedict
Readings	<b>Missalette p 62</b>	
Psalm	<b>400</b>	Here I Am, O God: Psalm 40
Gospel Acclamation	<b>Worship Aid</b>	Mass of St. Benedict
Preparation of Gifts	<b>663</b>	Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive
Eucharistic Acclamations	<b>Worship Aid</b>	Mass of St. Benedict
Communion Hymn	<b>657</b>	I Received the Living God
Closing Hymn	<b>880</b>	Lord, Your Almighty Word

**Special Parish Dates**

**Mark your calendars for the following important dates**

- 1) Sunday, February 12, 2012 – Renewal of Marriage Vows at each Mass.
- 2) Sunday, February 19, 2012 – Burning of Ashes and Pancake Breakfast.
- 3) Wednesday, February 22, 2012 – Ash Wednesday – Mass at 11:30 a.m.
- 4) Saturday, March 17, 2012 – St. Patrick’s Day – Mass at 9:30 a.m. only.

**Mardi Gras**

Next Sunday, February 19th, two unique parish events will occur. First is the special ceremony to burn the old palms from last year to prepare ashes for Ash Wednesday. Second is the annual Pancake Breakfast after each Mass. We are in need of volunteers to set up and serve. Please help us by signing up today at the doors of the church. Thanks in advance for your participation.

**Choir Practice**

Starting 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 for more information ([kellydoman.orgainist@gmail.com](mailto:kellydoman.orgainist@gmail.com) or 920-4443).

**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 Sunday, February 19th, 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).

**Good News!!**

We have been blessed to receive a 2012 Focus Grant from The Catholic Foundation. Our project, RCIA Deanery One, was awarded \$1,000.00. 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 of 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).