

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!**

**Sunday, March 11 ♦ Third Sunday of Lent**

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross  
 11:00 a.m. Elsie Haninger (John & Kellie Erwin)  
 Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25;  
 Jn 2:13-25

**Monday, March 12 ♦ No Mass**

**Tuesday, March 13 ♦ Lenten Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Kathleen Scholl  
 Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday, March 14 ♦ Lenten Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross  
 Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday, March 15 Lenten Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross  
 Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

**Friday, March 16 ♦ Lenten Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross  
 Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday, March 17 ♦ St. Patrick Day**

9:30 a.m. Intentions of Shamrock Club  
 1 Peter 4:7-11; Lk 5:1-3, 1-11

**Sunday, March 18 ♦ Fourth Sunday of Lent**

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross  
 11:00 a.m. Margaret & Elsie Haninger  
 (Dr. Glenn Haninger)  
 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Eph 2:4-10; Jn 3:14-21

**+ 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 next Sunday, March 18th, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Cum Christo Center.

**THANKS!**

**MARCH 4, 2012 OFFERINGS**

<b>Designated Collections</b> (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory .....	\$2,565.05
	Votives .....	\$18.00
<b>Mass Attendance</b> 9:00 a.m. = 73 11:00 a.m. = 93	Eucharistic Vigil.....	\$3.06
	Repair Fund.....	\$50.00
	Less 5% tax .....	(131.81)
<b>Net to Parish: .....</b>		<b>\$2,504.30</b>



**Sympathy and Prayers**

To Carrie Turley, whose mother, Constance, died recently. Keep her and her family in your prayers.

**Easter Basket Project**

Once again the "thirty something" parish members will be putting together Easter baskets to be distributed to underprivileged children through J.O.I.N. (Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs).

This year we are offering you some options of how you can participate in this project.

1. Purchase a small (not elaborate) pre-made basket and leave it in the back of church in designated colored bins.
2. Purchase individual items which our volunteers will gather to make up baskets. Such items would include grass, baskets, crayons, coloring books, stuffed animals, chocolate candy, etc. These items should be placed in bins that will be in the back of church.
3. Volunteer to assemble baskets on Palm Sunday, April 1st after the 11:00 a.m. Mass, as well as deliver baskets to JOIN.
4. Donate canned ham (JOIN will distribute to families).

Thank you for your generosity.

**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.



**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

As a boy, I loved this Gospel story. Suddenly Jesus was a superhero. Watch out, Clark Kent! Gentle Jesus is now revealed as Super- J! Red with rage, one strong arm cracking that whip while the other overturns the tables. Sheep and oxen scattering, doves heading for the highest columns of the temple, coins spilling down the steps, some merchants cowering, others heading out the gate. Kapow! Kazaam!

Age has brought me a more refined understanding of this scene. Recorded in all four Gospels, John places it closer to the beginning of Jesus’ ministry, rather than during his last days. Some see it as the act of a prophet enraged at the commercialization of the house of the Lord; others as a sign of the coming of the messianic age when anything inappropriate to the true nature of the temple as a place for encountering God will be purged and purified.

For our reflection during Lent, we might take it as a wake-up call to all the compromises we have settled for in our lives that are unworthy of our being the temple of God’s Holy Spirit, made so by Baptism. In light of the first reading reminding us of God’s covenant with Israel at Mt. Sinai, we too are called to live lives that honor God as our only God and live with all others in a just and loving manner. We do this when we proclaim Christ crucified in our own bodies by living for others.

– from “*Living the Word*”

### Rice Bowls Available

We urge every family to take a Rice Bowl for this Lenten Season and return it on Palm Sunday. Thank you!

### Altar Easter Flowers

Donations toward the altar flowers (envelopes provided) for the Easter Season in the memory of deceased family members or friends can be put in the Sunday collections with the person’s name you wish to remember. A donation of \$10.00 is suggested.

✠ March 11, 2012 ✠		
Third Sunday of Lent		
Gathering Hymn	752	<i>O Cross of Christ, Immortal Tree</i>
Gloria	Worship Aid	<i>Chant Mass</i>
Readings	Missalette p 76	
Psalm	Missalette p 77	<i>Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.</i>
Gospel Acclamation	Worship Aid	<i>Chant Mass</i>
Preparation of Gifts	845	<i>Jerusalem, My Happy Home</i>
Eucharistic Acclamations	Worship Aid	<i>Chant Mass</i>
Communion Hymn	622	<i>I Am the Bread of Life</i>
Closing Hymn	928	<i>Now Let Us from This Table Rise</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.

### Choir Practice – Continues!!

Continuing this Sunday, all interested singers are invited to gather in the balcony for 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.organist@gmail.com](mailto:kellydoman.organist@gmail.com) or 920-4443).

### St. Gabriel Radio 820 AM

On March 24, 2012, AM 820 will feature speaker Deacon Jim Sturgeon from St. Peter and St. Monica Parishes in southern Ohio. Deacon Jim is a convert who was raised by his grandmother. Deacon Sturgeon will be featured on *Answering the Call* hosted by Elizabeth Ficocelli. The show airs Saturday, March 24th at 10:30 a.m. It will be rebroadcast on Sunday, March 25, 2012 at 4:00 p.m. If you missed previous programs, please visit [stgabrielradio.com](http://stgabrielradio.com) and click on the audio archives.



### Catholic Relief Services (CRS) – March 18th

The annual CRS Collection funds critical work of the Church in caring for the urgent needs of our brothers and sisters around the world who are victims of war, persecution, disasters, and poverty. The scope and reach of the Catholic Relief Services Collection is extraordinary. It supports the work of Catholic Relief Services; the USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church; the Holy Father’s Relief Fund; the USCCB Department of Justice, Peace, and Human Development; the USCCB Department of Migration and Refugee Services (MRS); and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC).

### Don’t miss it!!! March 17th and 18th

The Vatican Approved, “Eucharistic Miracles from around the World” comes to Saint Mark’s in Lancaster, Ohio, 324 Gay Street, 43130. (A freewill offering will be available.) Saturday, March 17th: 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Miracles of the Eucharist on display; Sunday, March 18th, 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Miracles of the Eucharist on display – 140 panels from all over the world. For more information, call the Parish Office at 740-653-1229.