

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!**

**Sunday, March 25 ♦ Fifth Sunday of Lent**

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross  
 11:00 a.m. Marvin McGee

(Warren & Carolyn Roberts)

Jer 31:31-34; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33

**Monday, March 26 ♦ No Mass**

**Tuesday, March 27 ♦ Lenten Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross  
 Nm 21:4-9; Jn 8:21-30

**Wednesday, March 28 ♦ Lenten Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross  
 Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Jn 8:31-42

**Thursday, March 29 ♦ Lenten Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross  
 Gn 17:3-9; Jn 8:51-59

**Friday, March 30 ♦ Lenten Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross  
 Jer 20:10-13; Jn 10:31-42

**Saturday, March 31 ♦ Lenten Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross  
 Ez 37:21-28; Jn 11:45-56

**Sunday, April 1 ♦**

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross  
 11:00 a.m. Ralph Mushrush

(Warren & Carolyn Roberts)

Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16; Is 50:4-7; Phil 2:6-11;

Mk 14:1-15:47 or 15:1-39

**+ 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 – April 15th**

Attention, all our “Lil Larry” sandwich makers. The next opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven is Sunday, April 15th, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Cum Christo Center.

**Holy Land Wood Carvers – April 1st**

Artisans will be at the Cum Christo Center selling their carvings in support of the Holy Land on Sunday, April 1, 2012, from 8:00 a.m. to 12 noon. We encourage your support of them.

**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 next week 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.

**Catholic Relief Services – Results**

\$774.00 was contributed last weekend for the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Thanks for supporting this very important collection.

**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.

**Two-Deep Ministry at Holy Cross**

Holy Cross supports the Diocesan Safe Environment Program and satisfies this critical area of concern by making our physical environment a place of safety; a place of prayer, ministry and comfort. Everyone who enters our facilities must be confident in this. In order to assure the safety of our children and young people, Holy Cross has enacted the following standard practice on two-deep ministry:

1. Children in the Parish School of Religion meet only in their classroom when there are two teachers present.
2. If there is only one teacher present in a classroom, the students move to a classroom which has two teachers.

**THANKS!**

**March 18, 2012 Offerings**

**Designated Collections**

(Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)

Catholic Relief Serv. = \$774.00

**Mass Attendance**

9:00 a.m. = 84

11:00 a.m. = 132

Offertory .....\$2,059.00

Votives .....28.00

Eucharistic Vigil.....0.00

Repair Fund.....156.00

Less 5% Diocese tax (112.15)

**Net to Parish: .....\$2,130.85**

## THE WORD

One of the earliest pictures of Jesus I can remember portrayed him at prayer in the garden of Gethsemane. I still see his hands, clasped tight. They spoke to me of an inner struggle long before I knew about his words, "Father, all things are possible to you. Take this cup away from me, but not what I will but what you will"(Mark 14: 36). More than any other scene in the Gospels, this one brought home what it meant to say Jesus was truly man.

Today's Gospel has been called John's version of the agony in the garden. The word agony (*agonia* in Greek) means struggle, and we can hear the struggle in Jesus' awareness that "the hour" he has spoken of before in John's Gospel, beginning at Cana, has finally arrived. It is the hour of his being lifted up – the hour of both his glory and his crucifixion. It is why he came into the world, and yet we hear him say, "I am troubled." We hear him wrestling with himself, asking for release from the hour, but then recognizing that it holds "the purpose for which I came."

Hebrews affirms this when it says "he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence"(5:7). He was able to bear the suffering and become the source of eternal salvation for all who listen to him and follow in his steps.

– from "Living the Word"

### 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.

✠ March 25, 2012 ✠

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Gathering Hymn	<b>666</b>	<i>Our Father, We Have Wandered</i>
Gloria	<b>Worship Aid</b>	<i>Chant Mass</i>
Readings	<b>Missalette p. 89</b>	
Psalm	<b>Missalette p. 89</b>	<i>Create a clean heart in me, O God</i>
Gospel Acclamation	<b>Worship Aid</b>	<i>Chant Mass</i>
Preparation of Gifts	<b>665</b>	<i>Have Mercy, Lord, on Us</i>
Eucharistic Acclamations	<b>Worship Aid</b>	<i>Chant Mass</i>
Communion Hymn	<b>632</b>	<i>Take and Eat This Bread</i>
Closing Hymn	<b>754</b>	<i>We Acclaim the Cross of Jesus</i>

## Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) 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).
- 2) Holy Thursday, April 5, 2012, Mass of the Lord's Supper, 6:00 p.m.
- 3) Good Friday, April 6, 2012 – Day of fast & abstinence.  
1:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
2:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy & Holy Communion
- 4) Holy Saturday, April 7, 2012 – 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.**

### Good Friday Collection

On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity's holiest places.

### "Being Human" – St. Agatha Church

Join us for a 6-week study of the Blessed Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body at St. Agatha Hall, 1860 Northam Road. Aaron Richards, Diocesan Youth Minister will lead the presentation and group Q & A from 7:00-8:30 p.m.:

April 18	Mystery of Love
April 25	The Fall
May 9	Manhood
May 16	Womanhood
May 23	Purity & Morality
May 30	Heaven & Vocation

This is open to adults and high school students. No Cost. No RSVP. Call 614-537-8504 for more information.

### Easter Food Sale – March 31st

This year, St. John Chrysostom's (5858 Cleveland Avenue 43231) Easter food sale will be held on Saturday, March 31, from 12:00 noon till 3:00 p.m. This sale is open to the public as long as supplies last. Below is the list of foods and prices.

Small Pascha Bread (1.75 lbs.)	\$10.00
Large Pascha Bread (3.75 lbs.)	\$18.00
Nut, Poppy, & Apricot Rolls	\$10.00
Pirohi (1 Doz.) (Various Fillings)	\$ 5.00

### MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend, where couples learn how to enhance the sacrament of their marriage. The next two Marriage Encounter weekends this year are May 18-20 and July 20-22, both in central Ohio. For more information or to register, contact Paul and Marilou Clouse at 740-746-9003 or visit us at [www.wwmecolumbus.org](http://www.wwmecolumbus.org).