

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, November 11 ♦

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
 11:00 a.m. Special Intention for Sue Haninger
 (Glenn Haninger)

1 Kgs 17:10-16; Heb 9:24-28; Mk 12:38-44
 or Mk 12:41-44

Monday, November 12 ♦ No Mass

Tuesday, November 13 ♦ St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

11:30 a.m. Marie Driscoll (Rosemary & Ted Sekinger)
 Ti 2:1-8, 11-14; Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday, November 14 ♦ Weekday

11:30 a.m. Bonnie J. Henry
 (Byron & Stacy Henry & Kids Evan & Makenna)

Ti 3:1-7; Lk 17:11-19

Thursday, November 15 ♦ Weekday

11:30 a.m. Albert & Margaret Roehrenbeck
 (Al Roehrenbeck)

Phlm 7-20; Lk 17:20-25

Friday, November 16 ♦ Weekday

11:30 a.m. Joe Huntzinger
 (Nicholas & Bonnie Huntzinger)

2 Jn 4-9; Lk 17:26-37

Saturday, November 17 ♦ St. Elizabeth of Hungary

11:30 a.m. Richard (Dick) Morbitzer
 (John & Rosalie Jahn)

3 Jn: 5-8; Lk 18:1-8

Sunday, November 18 ♦

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Charles "Bud" Reichert (Rita Domin)
 11:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross

Dn 12:1-3; Heb 10:11-14, 18; Mk 13:24-32

+ Please remember in your prayers our homebound parishioners, and those who are ill: Jodi Elgin, Sandra Hilbert, Elizabeth and Robert Hackett, Jestina Jones, Lauren Jones, Susan Luck, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Cathy Miller, Mary Montell, Bob Scholl, Marilyn Scott, Jeanne Sharp, Graham Sowers, Helen Violet, Elizabeth Wanamaker.

Monthly Financial Target – October 2012

Average Monthly Budgeted Expense:	\$ 21,989.52
October 2012 Net Offerings	= \$ 11,705.84
Other Parish Income	= \$ 6,699.31
Total October 2012 Income	= \$ 18,405.15
Monthly Results – Loss	(\$ 3,584.37)

THANKS!

NOVEMBER 4, 2012 OFFERINGS

Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory	\$2,459.15
	Votives	\$ 53.00
	All Saints	\$ 499.32
Mass Attendance	Organ Fund	\$ 150.00
9:00 a.m. = 94	Less 5% Diocese tax	(\$ 158.07)
11:00 a.m. = 83	Net to Parish:.....	\$3,003.40

Newsletter Request – Last Chance!

It's hard to believe that it was just Halloween and here we are talking about Christmas, but it takes time to put our *Connections* newsletter together, so that's why we're reaching out now for your input. This year we decided that a great way to share our holiday love is through food, so we're asking you chefs to share your special Christmas recipe for cookies or other festive foods.

Please jot down your recipe and either drop it off at the Rectory or e-mail it to jack@photoj.com. Our deadline for the recipes is November 16th, so don't delay. We're looking forward to testing and tasting your special Christmas goodies.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

It is that time of year when we again have the opportunity to help needy families in the area by preparing baskets of food for their Thanksgiving.

It is our way of expressing our gratitude for all the blessings we have received during the past year. So, please think about giving food items that would fill the baskets. We need the following:

Laundry baskets, canned goods, Grocery Gift Certificates, Turkey, Roasting Pan, Stuffing and Potatoes.

In the back of church, there will be lists of the needed items. Please sign up for what you can bring. The baskets will be picked up after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, November 18th, to be distributed to those in need. Please give Sister Anne any gift certificates you might be donating. Thank You!

Generous Donations

Many have responded to CONNECTIONS newsletter that was sent out that included an envelope to return to the parish for the Organ Fund. Two more households have donated an additional \$150.00 toward the installation expense of our "New" organ. This brings the total to \$5,550.00. Please consider giving toward this special fund.

We need YOU this Christmas!

Starting Sunday, November 25 at 12:00 noon!

We have lost some members to job relocation, illness and college graduation recently and we'd like you to consider helping us to fill in our ranks. No experience necessary!!

Benefits of singing in the choir include: FREE vocal training for all during rehearsal; Seasonal stress relief by repeatedly taking deep singing breaths; Fun, laughter and camaraderie with other singers; Satisfaction of adding beauty to the liturgy at Holy Cross; Pride in giving of your time/talent in stewardship to the Church; Weekly exercise as you climb the stairs to the balcony; AND a guaranteed seat for the crowded 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass.

The job is easy, the time commitment minimal and the rewards are many. We begin Sunday, November 25th after the 11:00 a.m. Mass and will continue to do so through December 23rd. Please grant yourself the benefit of choral singing this coming Advent/Christmas season. You'll be glad you did! Contact Kelly Doman for more information.

THE WORD

My earliest memory of a widow was Aunt Lizzie: white-haired, seemingly very old, but kindly. She lived with my godmother and uncle, having contributed some of her savings to help them buy a house. My second memory was of Lana Turner playing *The Merry Widow* in the 1952 movie of the same name. Both were light years away, historically and culturally, from the widows in today's readings.

The widow in biblical times were imperiled. If they did not have sons who would care for them, their very lives could be endangered. The widow in the first reading has a young son; she is collecting sticks to build a fire to prepare the last of her flour so they can eat and die. When Elijah asks her to prepare a cake for him, she generously does so – which proves to be her salvation. Later, he even restores her son to life.

Jesus watches a widow put in her last – literally – two cents in the temple's coffers. He was previously warned about the scribes who “devour the houses of widows” while reciting lengthy prayers. Some say Jesus is lamenting the foolishness of this widow, like the prophets of the past who railed against the neglect of widows and orphans. But most think He is praising her generosity in giving “all she had, her whole livelihood.” Like her, Jesus will soon put all His trust in the Father.

from “Living the Word”

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Opening Hymn	748 – Lift High the Cross
Gloria	Worship Aid – Mass of St. Benedict
Readings	Missalette p 85
Responsorial	
Psalm	445 – Lord, come and save us. O Lord, come and save us.
Gospel	
Acclamation	Worship Aid – Mass of St. Benedict
Preparation of Gifts	729 – O Breathe on Me, O Breath of God
Eucharistic	
Acclamations	Worship Aid – Mass of St. Benedict
Communion	
Hymn	628 – Let the Hungry Come to Me
Closing Hymn	558 – Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) **Wednesday, November 14, 2012** – Parish Pastoral Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Rectory.
- 2) **Thursday, November 22, 2012** – Thanksgiving Day – 10:00 a.m. Mass only.
- 3) **Saturday, December 8, 2012** – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Holyday of Obligation.

Bibles

The Sunday School would like to have a small collection of Bibles written in various languages. If you are willing to donate a Bible written in Spanish, Italian, Latin, French, or any other language to the Sunday School, please contact Debi Matthews at matthews9244@sbcglobal.net or 861-1746.

Sr. Pat's new address/phone number

200 E. Vine Street
Cincinnati, OH 45215
(513) 733-5854

Retreat – Maria Stein

You were destined to Live the Dream: Retreat with the Sisters of Children of Mary at Maria Stein, Ohio, November 24-25. The prophetic dream of St. John Bosco is being lived out in our day and God has destined you for these critical times. Come, bring a friend. “It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be ground down by mediocrity.” (JPII)

Register now at www.childrenofmary.net or call 740-323-1977. Registration deadline November 14th.

Year of Faith Pilgrimage

Join Father Pat Toner, April 14 to 23, 2013 for a pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes. In this Year of Faith, the Holy Father has encouraged us to join in pilgrimage and prayer. For a brochure, e-mail patoner@saintjosephplaincity.com or call St. Joseph Plain City Office at 614-873-8850.

STRENGTH FOR “IN BAD TIMES” AND “IN SICKNESS”

It may be health, finances, kids: All these stresses affect your marriage. Learn how to keep joy and love alive during times of stress at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend. The next two weekends are in the new year on February 22-24 and April 19-21, both in central Ohio. For more information or to register, contact Paul and Marilou Clouse at 740-746-9003 or visit our web site at www.wwmecolumbus.org.