

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, December 1 ♦ First Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Margaret & Elsie Haninger (Glenn Haninger)
 11:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
 Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Monday, December 2 ♦ NO MASS

Tuesday, December 3 ♦ St. Francis Xavier

11:30 a.m. Msgr. James M. Berendt (Family)
 Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 4 ♦ Advent Weekday

11:30 a.m. Sr. Mary Ann Creely (Family)
 Is 25:6-10a; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 5 ♦ Advent Weekday

11:30 a.m. Bert Straub (Hank Coughlin)
 Is 26: 1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 6 ♦ Advent Weekday

11:30 a.m. Darlene M. Manley (Ted & Delores Di Novo)
 Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31
 12:00 noon Novena to Our Sorrowful Mother
 7:30 p.m. All-Night Eucharistic Vigil
 (Intention of Presider)

Saturday, December 7 ♦ St. Ambrose

7:30 a.m. All-Night Eucharistic Vigil
 Closes with Benediction
 11:30 a.m. Darlene M. Manley (Dick & Debbie Peltier)
 Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5, 6-8

Sunday, December 8 ♦ Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Marteen Tigyer (Al Roehrenbeck)
 11:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
 Is 11:1-10; Rom 15: 4-9; Mt 3:1-12

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

Monthly Financial Target – November 2013

Average Monthly Budgeted Expense	\$ 20,460.42
November 2013 Net Offerings	= \$ 9,808.04
Other Parish Income	= \$ 3,276.93
Total November 2013 Income	= \$13,084.97
Monthly Results – Loss	(\$ 7,375.45)

THANKS

NOVEMBER 24, 2013 OFFERINGS

Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese) CCHD = \$493.00	Offertory\$2,522.22
Mass Attendance 9:00 a.m. = 68 11:00 a.m. = 72	Repair Fund.....\$ 0.00 Less 5% Diocese Tax ...(\$ 126.15)
	Net to Parish:.....\$ 2,396.80

Thanksgiving Sharing

Once more, the Wollenberg family thanks us for assisting their outreach to some very needy families. We supplied 10 baskets of food, which also included a \$25.00 in gift certificate, for each basket. In addition, we were able to help several other “needy friends.” Thank you so much for your generosity.

CCHD Results

Thank you for your generosity and support of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) which was collected on November 24. \$493.00 was contributed.



Special Collection for Phillipines – Today!

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has asked that all dioceses in the United States hold a special collection to raise desperately-needed funds to assist the recovery following the devastation caused by Typhoon Haiyan. Bishop Campbell has designated this Sunday for this extraordinary need.

We need YOU this Christmas!

Starting at 12:00 noon!

Singing in the choir is easy, the time commitment minimal and the rewards are many. We continue after the 11:00 a.m. Mass today and will do so through December 22nd. Please grant yourself the benefit of choral singing this coming Advent/Christmas season. Contact Kelly Doman for more information.

Support to St. Lawrence Haven – December 8

Attention, all our “Lil Larry” sandwich makers. The next opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven is Sunday, December 8, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.



Christmas Flower Donations

Donations toward the altar flowers for the Christmas season in the memory of deceased family members or friends can be put in upcoming Sunday collections with the person’s name you wish to remember. A donation of \$10.00 is suggested. Please utilize the special envelopes available for this purpose.

THE WORD

Though Advent is a time of joyful expectation and not a “mini-Lent,” in which we focus on repentance and reform, it is natural for us to use the closing of the calendar year and the opening of the liturgical year as a opportunity for taking stock. How do I prepare to recall in faith Christ’s birth in Bethlehem, to welcome in love His daily arrival in my life, and to anticipate in hope His future coming in judgment? Though not a season of self-denial. Advent does invite us to self-scrutiny and preparation.

This Sunday’s second reading suggests that perhaps the main thing we need to do is to wake up, “it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep.” The twentieth-century Protestant theologian Karl Barth suggested that sin, rather than always being a “heroic” act of pride, often takes “the quite unheroic and trivial form of sloth.” Many times we stumble into our sins; we acquire patterns of bad behavior through inattention and carelessness; we follow the allure of what seems to be the easier path. If we think of Lent as the season in which we turn away from the actions that keep us from God, perhaps Advent is the season in which we stir ourselves out of our spiritual lethargy and begin, as the first reading says, “to walk in the light of the Lord.”

In our newly awakened state, we are not simply alert to the return of Jesus in the future; we are also attentive to the tasks to which He calls us in the here and now: the task of listening to the word of instruction that comes forth from God, the task of turning weapons of war into instruments of cultivation, the task of casting off the works of darkness and donning the armor of light.

from “Living the Word”

December 1, 2013		
First Sunday of Advent		
Entrance Hymn	736	Hail to The Lord’s Anointed
Gloria	None	
Readings	Missalette p 31	
Psalm	122	“Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord”
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia:	Chant Mode VI
Preparation of Gifts	743	The Advent of Our God
Eucharistic Acclamations	1194	Sanctus, Mysterium Fidei, Amen
	1216	Agnus Dei
Communion Hymn	894	Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Closing Hymn	888	Christ, Be Our Light

Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) **Sunday, December 8, 2013 – Deanery Reconciliation Service at St. Augustine/Gabriel – 4:00 p.m.**
- 2) **Tuesday, December 24, 2013 – Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 p.m.**
- 3) **Wednesday, December 25, 2013 – Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 a.m.**
- 4) **Sunday, December 29, 2013 – Feast of the Holy Family, Rectory Open House following each Mass.**

Deanery Reconciliation Service – December 8th

You are encouraged to participate in our Deanery Reconciliation/Penance Service at St. Augustine/Gabriel, 1550 E. Hudson Street at 4:00 p.m., December 8, 2013. There will be extra priests from our Deanery Churches to hear confessions. This is a good opportunity for us to pray together as a Deanery community.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

We are helping some needy families this Christmas by purchasing gifts for their children. If you would like to participate in this Christmas giving, please take a tag off the tree located in the back of Church and purchase the item that is written on the tag. Please return the gift(s) to Church on or before Sunday, December 15th, with the tag on top of the gift so we know to whom it goes. In the spirit of Christmas giving we thank you.

Nine-Day Novena – Before Christmas!

Come and join us in celebrating the Nine Days Novena in preparation for Christmas! The Nine Days Novena will start on Sunday, December 15, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. and will end on Monday, December 23 with Mass at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Cross. Our priest presider is Fr. Ramon Owera, CFIC.

Talk with Bishop Campbell – December 3rd From St. Gabriel Catholic Radio AM 820

Tuesday, December 3rd, on AM 820. This is a great opportunity to ask Bishop Campbell questions about the Church and the Faith during his monthly call-in program, From the Chair, on St. Gabriel Catholic Radio. Calls begin at 5:00 p.m. Call (614) 459-4820.

CHRISTMAS HARMONY

Sunday, December 8, 2:30 p.m. at Corpus Christi Church, 1111 E. Stewart Avenue

It’s the Second Annual Benefit Concert hosted by Corpus Christi Church and sponsored by Edgewood Civic Association! There is no admission, but your donations large and small will be used to benefit Corpus Christi Center of Peace, community programs and charities.