

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!**

**Sunday, February 17 ♦ First Sunday of Lent**

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross  
 11:00 a.m. William O'Reilly (Lois O'Reilly)  
 Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

**Monday, February 18 ♦ NO MASS**

**Tuesday, February 19 ♦ Lenten Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Mr. & Mrs. Bill & Jane Higgins  
 (Robert Grimes)

Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday, February 20 ♦ Lenten Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Mary Lou Messmer  
 (Don & Mary Jo Neader)

Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday, February 21 ♦ Lenten Weekday**

11:30 a.m. John Zinser (Rosemarie & Ted Sekinger)  
 Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

**Friday, February 22 ♦ Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**

11:30 a.m. Dick Morbitzer (Anne Leahy)

1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

**Saturday, February 23 ♦ Lenten Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Mary Agnes Clark (Fran & Tom Ridenour)

Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday, February 24 ♦ Second Sunday of Lent**

9:00 a.m. Dick Morbitzer (Anne Leahy)  
 11:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1; Lk 9:28-36

**+ 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, Bob Scholl, Marilyn Scott, Jeanne Sharp, 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.

**THANKS**

**FEBRUARY 10, 2013 OFFERINGS**

**Designated Collections**

(Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)  
 J.O.I.N. = \$1,584.23

**Mass Attendance**

9:00 a.m. = 110  
 11:00 a.m. = 97

Offertory .....\$2,805.60

Votives .....56.80

Repair Fund.....310.00

Less 5% Diocese tax .(158.62)

**Net to Parish: .....\$3,013.78**

**THANK YOU!!**

Our “Mardi Gras” Pancake Breakfast last Sunday was a great success!!

Sincere thanks to those who set up, cooked, served and cleaned up. And, of course, to those who came and enjoyed the breakfast. All contributed to a great parish community spirit.

**Ash Wednesday Collections Results**

**\$1,584.23** was contributed on Ash Wednesday for the Joint Organization for Inner-city Needs (J.O.I.N.). Thanks for supporting this cause.

**Black and Indian Collection – Today!**

This Sunday, the Annual National Collection for the Black and Indian evangelization will be taken at Mass. It is an important National Collection, vital to the Church today, as it is used to support current and new evangelization programs. Your support will help the many programs begun in the parishes and schools to continue. Our own deanery RCIA is funded by this collection.

**Catholic Times – Still Time to Order**

Thank you to all new and returning readers of the *Catholic Times*. Contact the parish office if you missed the special collection and learn how to sign up for the upcoming year for a minimum donation of only \$17.00 (parish rate). As an evangelization tool, Bishop Campbell encourages all Catholic households in the diocese to receive and read our diocesan newspaper, the *Catholic Times*. Checks should be made payable to Holy Cross.

**Lenten Opportunities at Holy Cross**



Every Tuesday: Bible Study starting February 19th through March 19th at 7:00 p.m. in Rectory.

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 10th at 4:00 p.m. at Sts. Augustine & Gabriel, 1550 E. Hudson Street

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

Lent’s journey will take us to the celebration of the paschal mystery of Easter. During these forty days, we are invited into a space of sensory deprivation when we gather for worship: no flowers on the altar, no music for its own sake but only to accompany our singing, and no colorful banners that might distract us from the task at hand: to prepare our minds and hearts to renew our baptismal promises during the celebration.

We will be asked both to renounce Satan and all his perks and promises and to place our wholehearted trust in God who created us, in the Son who redeemed us, and in the Spirit who dwells within us and enlightens us. Lent is a serious season but not necessarily a somber one; it is the waiting room for Easter joy. One Lenten Preface (the priest’s prayer before the Holy, Holy, Holy) even speaks of it as a season that is a gracious gift from God, making us joyful because we are purified to celebrate the Easter mysteries.

Just as Jesus was tempted throughout his ministry to turn aside from his mission, his followers will be, too. The three temptations speak to our own experience when we seek self-gratification rather than the glory of God.

God’s word today calls us to make God our true nourishment, our true wealth, our faithful source of strength, and the solid foundation of our trust. Paul’s bold proclamation to the Romans extends to us: the Lord enriches all who call upon him. All who call on him will be saved.

from “Living the Word”

<b>February 17, 2013 First Sunday of Lent</b>	
Opening Hymn	<b>519</b> – Again We Keep This Solemn Fast
Gloria	<b>None</b>
Readings	<b>Missalette p 78</b>
Responsorial Psalm	<b>420</b> – Be with Me, Lord: Psalm 91
Gospel Acclamation	<b>Worship Aid</b> – Chant Mass
Preparation of Gifts	<b>527</b> – These Forty Days of Lent
Eucharistic Acclamations	<b>Worship Aid</b> – Community Mass
Communion Hymn	<b>521</b> – Attende Domine
Closing Hymn	<b>530</b> – The Glory of These Forty Days

## Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) Sunday, February 17, 2013 – Rite of Sending at 9:00 a.m. Mass.
- 2) Sunday, March 10, 2013 – Deanery Reconciliation Service – Ss. Augustine & Gabriel, 1550 E. Hudson Street, Columbus.

## Rite of Sending and Election

Today, one of the Rites that is part of the RCIA process, the Rite of Sending, will be celebrated here at Holy Cross at **9:00 a.m. Mass**. This rite offers us, members of Holy Cross, the opportunity to express our approval and support of the catechumens (those who will be baptized) and candidates, (those who have been baptized and will receive Eucharist and Confirmation). In the evening, these catechumens and candidates will then be presented to the Bishop during the Rite of Election, which will be celebrated this year at OLPH in Grove City. Those participating are Linda Bonner, Wendi Bonner, Tony Garcia, Jason Davis, Amanda Ahlheit, Heather Jahn and Yavonne McGarry. Please keep them and their sponsors in your prayers.

## Choir Practice Today!!

Starting this Sunday, 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 at [kellydoman.organist@gmail.com](mailto:kellydoman.organist@gmail.com) for more information.

## Operation Rice Bowl

Since 1975, Operation Rice Bowl has raised nearly \$167 million for development projects in more than 100 poor and developing nations. Monies collected are split 75/25 between world and local hunger-reduction projects. Please take a Rice Bowl home. They are located in the rear of the church.

## Spaghetti Dinner – Holy Spirit Church

Holy Spirit School Board presents a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, February 24, 2013. It features a delightful meal including delicious homemade spaghetti sauce plus meatballs, green beans, salad, roll and dessert. The cost is just \$7.00 per person, \$5.00 for children 10 and under, and there is a \$25.00 per family maximum. Holy Spirit Church Hall, 4383 E. Broad Street, Columbus 43213.

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

It’s 44 hours where you can focus only on each other and on strengthening your marriage. Upcoming Marriage Encounter weekends are April 19-21 and July 26-28, both in Central Ohio. For more information or to register, contact Paul & Marilou Clouse at 740-746-9003 or visit our website at [www.wmccolumbus.org](http://www.wmccolumbus.org).