

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

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

Monday, February 25 ♦ NO MASS

Tuesday, February 26 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Patrick Taynor (Al Roehrenbeck)
 Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, February 27 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Joe Driscoll II (Rosemarie & Ted Sekinger)
 Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday, February 28 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Bonnie J. Henry (Brian & Lisa Henry)
 Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday, March 1 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Mildred Stluka (Fr. Jerry)
 Gen 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 12:00 p.m. Novena to Our Sorrowful Mother
 7:30 p.m. All-Night Eucharistic Vigil
 (Intention of Presider)

Saturday, March 2 ♦ Lenten Weekday

7:30 a.m. All-Night Eucharistic Vigil
 Closes with Benediction
 11:30 a.m. Deceased Members of Cullinan Family
 (Jeanne C. Brown)
 Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, March 3 ♦ Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
 11:00 a.m. Marvin McGee (Warren & Carolyn Roberts)
 Ex 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

+ **Please remember in your prayers** our homebound parishioners, and those who are ill: Jodi Elgin, Dorothy Gaus, 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 – March 17

Attention, all our "Lil Larry" sandwich makers. The next opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven, is Sunday, March 17, 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)
 Black & Indian = \$587.00

Mass Attendance

9:00 a.m. = 107
 11:00 a.m. = 111

Offertory\$2,021.32
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 Repair Fund..... 0.00
 Less 5% Diocese tax .(103.28)
Net to Parish:\$1,962.16

Black and Indian Collection – Results

\$587.00 was contributed last weekend for the Black and Indian collection. Thanks for supporting this cause.



Rice Bowls Available

We urge every family to take a Rice Bowl for this Lenten Season and return it on Psalm 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.

Catholic Times

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). Make check out to Holy Cross.

Repair Fund Collection – March 3rd

A second collection will be taken next Sunday 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 Tuesday: Bible Study (started 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

God’s promises are not empty words carried off by the wind soon after they are uttered. From the beginning, God has backed up divine promises with action. We see this today in the story of God sealing the promise to Abraham of many descendants and the gift of the land with the mystifying occurrence of a floating fire pot and flaming torch passing through Abraham’s sacrifice. God’s words lead to a ratifying action.

In the Gospel, God comes to Jesus. At first this is made evident in the change of Jesus’ face and clothing. Then the great prophets Moses and Elijah appear, mediators of God’s word to the people through both the Torah and prophetic deeds, who speak with Jesus about his coming death in Jerusalem. Finally, as with Israel in the desert, God manifests the divine presence, coming in a cloud and proclaiming Jesus as “chosen Son.” “Listen to him,” the voice says. Divine word is backed up by divine deed.

This yearly glimpse of glory in the story of the Transfiguration tells us yet again that God recognizes our need for signs and support in our journey of faith. Walking in faith is not all shadows and darkness. Light comes into our lives, sometimes in such unexpected ways that we only become aware of it in retrospect. These moments whisper of God’s ongoing presence with us, of promises yet to be fulfilled. Paul speaks of our citizenship even now being in heaven, calling us to “stand firm in the Lord.”

from “Living the Word”

February 24, 2013 Second Sunday of Lent	
Opening Hymn	699 – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Gloria	None
Readings	Missalette, p. 81
Responsorial Psalm	392 – The Lord Is My Light: Psalm 27
Gospel Acclamation	Worship Aid – Chant Mass
Preparation of Gifts	535 – ’Tis Good, Lord, to be Here
Eucharistic Acclamations	Worship Aid – Chant Mass
Communion Hymn	648 – Take and Eat
Closing Hymn	695 – O Worship the King

Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) Sunday, March 10, 2013 – Deanery Reconciliation Service – Ss. Augustine & Gabriel, 1550 E. Hudson Street, Columbus.



Choir Practice – Continues!!

Continuing 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 for more information at kellydoman.organist@gmail.com.

Cristo Rey Columbus High School

Affordable, college-prep, Catholic education. Cristo Rey, Spanish for Christ the King, is accepting applications for the 2013-2014 school year. An innovative work-study program allows students to work at a professional job setting to lower the cost of their education. For more information, visit www.CristoReyColumbus.org or call 614-223-9261, ext. 224.

Mass for Pope Benedict XVI

Bishop Frederick Campbell will celebrate a Mass in honor of Pope Benedict XVI on Wednesday, February 27, 5:15 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral. All are invited to attend this Mass to honor the Holy Father and to show our gratitude for his contribution to our spiritual lives and pray for his health and well-being in upcoming retirement.

Good News!!

We have been blessed to receive two 2012 Focus Grants from The Catholic Foundation. One project, RCIA deanery One, was awarded \$500.00, and the other grant was for \$2,670.00 for the Choir Loft Railing. We are grateful to the donors of our diocese, who contributed to The Catholic Foundation funds which allow them to make grants like this available. Please remember that donations of any size may be given to these and other funds for the benefit of our parish any time. If you would like more information, please contact Scott Hartman (shartman@catholic-foundation.org) or Amy Parker (aparker@catholic-foundation.org) at The Catholic Foundation (614-443-8893).

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) – March 10th

The annual CRS Collection will be held on Sunday, March 10, 2013. The scope and reach of the Catholic Relief Services Collection is extraordinary. This collection funds the 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.