

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

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

Monday, March 4 ♦ NO MASS

Tuesday, March 5 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Souls in Purgatory (Genevieve Schulkers)
 Dn 3:25, 34-43; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday, March 6 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Jack Grimes (Robert Grimes)
 Dt 4:1, 5-9; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday, March 7 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Richard (Dick) Morbitzer
 (Mike, LuAnne, Cody, and Cordell Bailey)
 Jer 7:23-28; Lk 11:14-23

Friday, March 8 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Mary Lou Messmer (Betty Morbitzer)
 Hos 14:2-10; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday, March 9 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Mary Montell (Grimley Family)
 Hos 6:1-6; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday, March 10 ♦ Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
 Richard (Dick) Morbitzer
 (Mike, LuAnne, Cody, and Cordell Bailey)
 11:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
 Jos 5:9, 10-12; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

+ 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.

Monthly Financial Target – February 2013

Average Monthly Budgeted Expense:	\$21,989.52
February 2013 Net Offerings	= \$ 9,970.57
Other Parish Income	= \$ 4,383.14
Total February 2013 Income	= \$14,353.71
Monthly Results – Loss	(\$ 7,635.81)

THANKS

FEBRUARY 24, 2013 OFFERINGS

Designated Collections

(Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)

Mass Attendance
 9:00 a.m. = 81
 11:00 a.m. = 84

Offertory	\$2,595.35
Votives	26.75
Repair Fund.....	120.00
Less 5% Diocese tax .	(137.11)
Net to Parish:.....	\$2,604.99

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 in the Cum Christo Center.

Repair Fund Collection – Today!

A second collection will be taken for the repairs on the church and rectory today. We thank you in advance for your continuous support of this program.

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.

Choir Practice – Continues!!

Continuing this Sunday, all interested singers are invited to gather in the balcony for 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.

Lenten Opportunities at Holy Cross

Every Tuesday: Bible Study, 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 and Holy Communion

Holy Saturday: 8:30 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil

***Fast = One main meal, two lesser meals, no food between meals for 21-59 years. Abstinence = no meat for over 14 years old.**

THE WORD

Carpe diem was one of the phrases you'd learn if you studied Latin in high school. It means "Seize the day." For a high school student it seemed to offer a permit to act impulsively. Speaking as someone more than fifty years away from that time, it offers an inducement to act wisely – *now*.

Moses is told by a voice from a burning bush that the God of his ancestors wanted him to go back down to Egypt, from which he had fled after murdering an Egyptian. All Moses was given at this encounter was an obscure name for God, and a proposal plan to rescue the Israelite slaves and lead them to a new land. Not a very attractive offer for one peacefully tending sheep, but Moses seized the day, hearing the call to act – *now*.

Jesus calls on His fellow Jews to seize the day by repenting. Life is short. People die tragically without deserving it. Look to your own life, He tells them. God has given you these days, so bear fruit – *now*.

Paul calls on the Corinthians to seize the day. Not just our actions but even our desires can mislead us. So don't be complacent, a word that means sedating your spirit by being overly pleased with yourself. Turn to God – *now*.

Baptism lays a foundation, giving us the Spirit and the virtues of faith, hope, and love. In a month, we are going to renew our baptismal promises on Easter, confirming our desire to seize the day, every day, as an opportunity to grow closer to God – *now*.

from "Living the Word"

March 3, 2013 Third Sunday of Lent		
Opening Hymn	519	Again We Keep This Solemn Fast
Gloria	None	
Readings	Missalette, p. 84	
Responsorial Psalm	Missalette, p. 85 The Lord is kind and merciful; the Lord is kind and merciful.	
Gospel Acclamation	Worship Aid	Chant Mass
Preparation of Gifts	666	Our Father, We Have Wandered
Eucharistic Acclamations	Worship Aid	Chant Mass
Communion Hymn	Gentle Jesus, give us rest. Sweet, sweet, Jesus, give us eternal rest.	
Closing Hymn	889	Go, Be Justice

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.**



Catholic Relief Services (CRS) – March 10th

The annual CRS Collection will be held next 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.

Volunteer Saturday – CSS

Join Catholic Social Services on May 4, 2013, for the 6th Annual Service Saturday; to help older and disabled Franklin County residents in need of help with a small home repair, painting, yard work, or special project. RSVP by April 15, 2013. Visit www.colscss.org for more details.

ATTENTION, SENIOR CITIZENS OR DISABLED HOMEOWNERS!

Did you know that you may qualify for a flat \$25,000.00 property tax exemption on the value of your home? Come learn about this for yourself or a loved one on Wednesday, March 20, at 11:00 a.m., at **Corpus Christi Center of Peace**. Franklin County Auditor Clarence Mingo will speak and his staff will be present to help you to apply for this program immediately online. For more information about this event, please call the Center at 614-512-3731. For additional details about the Homestead Exemption Program, you may contact the Franklin County Auditor's Office at 614-525-3240.

2013 CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC MEN'S AND WOMEN'S RETREATS

March 15th-17th, at St. Therese's Retreat Center. Our Retreat Director this year is Fr. Bob Hogan, Chairman of the National Service Committee of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal. Rev. Robert (Bob) Hogan, BBD, is one of the founding members of a new charismatic and Marian religious community called The Brothers of the Beloved Disciple. Retreat begins Friday, March 15th, at 6:00 p.m. with registration, and ends Sunday, March 17th, following lunch. Please contact the Catholic Charismatic Renewal at 614-237-7080 or e-mail info@columbusccr.org.