

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!**

**Sunday, February 2 ♦ Presentation of the Lord**

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross  
 11:00 a.m. Michael Roberts (Warren & Carolyn Roberts)  
 Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32

**Monday, February 3 ♦ NO MASS**

**Tuesday, February 4 ♦ Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Rose Scholl (Klausman Family)  
 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30-19:3; Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday, February 5 ♦ St. Agatha**

11:30 a.m. Msgr. James M. Berendt (Family)  
 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday, February 6 ♦ St. Paul Miki and Companions**

11:30 a.m. Cullinan Family (Jeanne C. Brown)  
 1 Kg 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13

**Friday, February 7 ♦ Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Sr. Mary Ann Creely (Family)  
 Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday, February 8 ♦ Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Darlene M. Manley (Dave & Marianne Denezza)  
 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34

**Sunday, February 9 ♦ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00 a.m. Michael Roberts (Warren & Carolyn Roberts)  
 11:00 a.m. Holy Cross Parishioners  
 Is 58:7-4; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

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

**Support to St. Lawrence Haven – February 9**

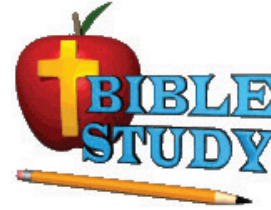
Attention, all our “Lil Larry” sandwich makers. The next opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven is Sunday, February 9, following the 9:00 a.m Mass.

**Sympathy and Prayers**

Bobby Hackett’s wife, Elizabeth, died last week. Please keep her and Bobby’s family members in your prayers.

**Blessing of Throats – Today!**

In anticipation of the feast of St. Blaise (February 3), we will have Blessing of Throats after both Masses today.



**Lenten Bible Study**

We will begin a Lenten Bible Study on Tuesday, March 4th, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Parish Rectory Offices and continue meeting on Tuesday evenings, March 11, 18, 25, April 1, and 8. We will be using Liguori Catholic Bible Study Series. This study will give us a greater familiarity with the Bible’s themes, personalities, and message. But that’s not enough. This program will also teach us to use Scripture in our prayer. If interested, you **need to RSVP by Sunday, February 16** to Sister Anne at 224-3416 to register.

**Repair Fund Collection – Today!**

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

**2013 Contributions**

You can call the office at 224-3416, email Mike at admike@columbus.rr.com or drop a note in the collection basket and request a copy of your contribution record to Holy Cross Church and Bishop’s Annual Appeal summary for 2013. You can expect this report within a week.

**Catholic Times**

Next week is our parish collection for the *Catholic Times* weekly newspaper. This donation HELPS OUR PARISH to provide *Catholic Times* to you and many of our parishioners. Donation envelopes for this collection are included in your January/February collection packet. For a minimum donation of ONLY \$17.00 per year (parish rate), readers receive a Catholic perspective on the world around us: local, national, worldwide, and Vatican news; diocesan, parish, and school stories; articles, regular columns, editorials, and events are delivered right to your home. Look for your envelope and sign up for, or continue receiving, the newspaper of our diocese, the *Catholic Times*. If you are on “electronic” donation, you can still receive *Catholic Times*; simply place your donation in an envelope marked “*Catholic Times*” with your Name and drop it into the Sunday collection basket during February. Come enjoy “A journal of Catholic life in Ohio.”

<b>THANKS!</b>	
<b>JANUARY 26, 2014 OFFERINGS</b>	
<b>Designated Collections</b> (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory .....\$ 1,419.00
	Repair Fund.....\$ 0.00
<b>Mass Attendance</b> 9:00 a.m. = 46 11:00 a.m. = 46	Less 5% Diocese Tax . (\$ 70.95)
	<b>Net to Parish: .....\$ 1,348.05</b>

# THE WORD

This year, the Feast of the Presentation falls on a Sunday, offering the entire Sunday assembly the opportunity to share in the distinctive liturgical features of this day, including the blessing of candles and the procession accompanied by the canticle *Nunc Dimittis* (“Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace”), which is also included in the Gospel reading. In some ways, this feast represents the last flicker of the Advent-Christmas season, commemorating the presentation of Jesus in the Jerusalem temple. In Vatican City, the large outdoor manger scene is left in place until this day. It is almost as if the Church just can’t give up on celebrating the mystery of God-made-flesh.

The significance of this feast is brought out by the first reading, from Malachi, which speaks of the Lord coming to occupy his temple. Malachi, however, depicts this as an almost terrifying event, in which God’s purifying fire will burn away everything that defiles the true worship of God so that a pure offering might be made. Luke’s Gospel, in contrast, depicts the Lord coming to his temple in the form of the infant Jesus, seemingly without might or glory. But Simeon, the faithful servant of God who had waited all his life for the Messiah, can recognize in this child the salvation of God, which is a light to the Gentiles and the glory of Israel, the one who makes possible true worship of the Father. Again, we are presented with the mystery of Christmas: the saving power of God made present in the weakness of a child.

Even on this final feast of Christmas, the light of Christ still shines brightly for those who know how to see the glory of God revealed in Jesus. As we immerse ourselves over the next few weeks in Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount, it is important to remember that the one who teaches us is Emmanuel, God-with-us.

– from “Living the Word”

**February 2, 2014**

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Gloria	<b>1223</b>	Gloria Simplex
Psalm	<b>page 104</b>	Who is the king of glory? It is the Lord!
Gospel Acclamation	<b>Gospel Acclamation VI</b>	
Preparation of Gifts	<b>1011</b>	Gathered Now
Eucharistic Acclamations	<b>1188-1193</b>	Memorial Acclamations from “Missa Pacem”
Communion Hymn	<b>637</b>	The Lord Is My Light
Closing Hymn	<b>885</b>	Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

## Special Parish Dates

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

1) **Wednesday, March 5, 2014 – Ash Wednesday – Mass at 11:30 a.m.**

### Renewal of Religious Vows

In observance of World Day of Consecrated Life, Religious Sisters in our parish will affirm their vows at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 9th. Let us pray that more women will consider serving God in the Church as members of a religious congregation.

### Renewal of Wedding Vows

Holy Cross will recognize World Marriage Day on February 16th. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew your Marriage Vows during both Masses.

### Martin de Porres Center Program

*Super Heroes and Social Justice: Using Graphic Novels to Share Catholic Social Teaching*

**Presented by Mark Butler, Thursday, February 20, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Suggested donation is \$10.00.**

**Please register by February 18.**

Super heroes have leapt off the pages of comic books and onto our movie and television screens, where they continue to reach millions of viewers worldwide. The popularity of these costumed heroes can give families and educators an opportunity to discuss concepts like “truth” and “justice” in ways that can be fun and engaging. This presentation will provide a history of comic book heroes and explore the evolution of the medium and its values. It will also identify strategies for using super heroes to help explore the Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching.

### What’s being sung at the beginning of Mass?

As the Mass begins, after the people have gathered, the priest and ministers enter the church usually in the form of a procession. The church’s tradition is that processions in the Mass (i.e.: entrance, preparation of gifts, communion) are accompanied by antiphons. These antiphons or chants are Biblical texts, most often Psalms, that are sung to accompany the movement. With the recent revisions of the Mass Texts there has been a renewed emphasis on using the Proper Antiphons as they are intended for various liturgical processions. These chants proclaim the intended focus of the celebration or of the liturgical season as well as to turn our thoughts to the mystery about to unfold. These beautiful, Biblical, sung prayers are printed in our new Sunday Living Liturgy Missal each week so that we can reflect upon the intended Proper sung prayers for each celebration of the Mass. You are encouraged to read and meditate upon them.