

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, February 23 ♦

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Holy Cross Parishioners

11:00 a.m. William O'Reilly (Lois O'Reilly)

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Monday, February 24 ♦ NO MASS

Tuesday, February 25 ♦ Weekday

11:30 a.m. Holy Cross Parishioners

Jas 4:1-10; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday, February 26 ♦ Weekday

11:30 a.m. Holy Cross Parishioners

Jas 4:13-17; Mk 9:38-40

Thursday, February 27 ♦ Weekday

11:30 a.m. Cullinan Family (Jeanne C. Brown)

Jas 5:1-6; Mk 9:41-50

Friday, February 28 ♦ Weekday

11:30 a.m. Bonnie J. Henry (Brian & Lisa Henry)

Jas 5:9-12; Mk 10:1-12

Saturday, March 1 ♦ The Chair of St. Peter

11:30 a.m. Darlene M. Manley

(Domenic, Michael & Joseph Manley)

Jas 5:13-20; Mk 10:13-16

Sunday, March 2 ♦ Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Michael L. Roberts

(Mary Jane Ronemus & Pickering Family)

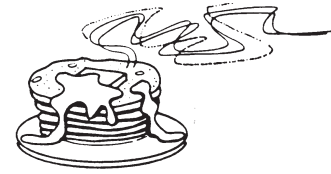
11:00 a.m. Holy Cross Parishioners

Is 49:14-15; 1 Cor 4:1-5; Mt 6:24-34

+ Please remember in your prayers our homebound 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 – March 9

Attention, all our "Lil Larry" sandwich makers. The next opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven is Sunday, March 9, 2014, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.



Pancake Breakfast

Come and enjoy a ready-made breakfast!!

WHEN: Sunday, March 2, after the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses

WHERE: CUM CRISTO BUILDING

BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study will begin on Tuesday, March 4th, 7:00 p.m. If you wish to attend or learn more, call Sister Anne at 224-3416.

Repair Fund Collection – March 2nd

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



Catholic Times

IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!! You can still sign up for *Catholic Times*. For a minimum donation of only \$17.00 (parish rate) you will receive the weekly news of what's happening in the Catholic world. Use the envelope provided in your February packet, or simply write your name and "*Catholic Times*" on a plain envelope, make your check payable to Holy Cross, and drop it into the collection basket. As an evangelization tool, Bishop Campbell encourages all Catholic households in the diocese to receive and read our diocesan newspaper, the *Catholic Times*. Come enjoy "A journal of Catholic life in Ohio."

2013 Contributions

You can call the office at 224-3416, email Mike at admmike@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.

Ash Wednesday Collection – March 5th

The proceeds of Ash Wednesday collection will be contributed to The Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs (JOIN). JOIN is a Diocesan agency which provides emergency assistance to the poor in the form of food, clothing, prescription help, utility help, infant formula and Ensure, eyeglasses, bus transportation, burial assistance, senior items and referrals to other public and private service providers.

THANKS!

FEBRUARY 16, 2014 OFFERINGS

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| Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese) | Offertory | \$1,950.14 |
| | Repair Fund..... | \$ 27.00 |
| Mass Attendance 9:00 a.m. = 60 11:00 a.m. = 50 | Less 5% Diocese Tax | (\$ 98.86) |
| | Net to Parish: | \$ 1,878.28 |

THE WORD

The commandment of Jesus with which today's Gospel ends is a bit shocking: "So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." Surely Jesus asks too much here. No human being can be perfect in the way that God is perfect. The shock of this commandment is intensified by what has come before it – some of Jesus' most demanding teachings: not retaliating when attacked, giving to those who ask, and loving our enemies. How could any person possibly be perfect in doing these things?

But we have no indication that Jesus does not mean what he says here. Indeed, with regard to loving our enemies Jesus draws a direct parallel between how God acts and how we are to act. Just as God does not discriminate in bestowing the goods of nature between those who love God and those who do not, so too we should not discriminate between friends and enemies when doing good. This may not seem to the world to be an obvious path to happiness and prosperity, but it is undeniably the way of God.

In light of Jesus' command to be perfect as God is perfect, Paul reminds us in the second reading of two things that are important to remember as we seek to follow the teachings of Jesus. First though these teachings may make us look foolish in the eyes of others, they embody the deep wisdom of God. Second, we are not left without help in striving to live these teachings; we have the Holy Spirit dwelling in us to aid us. We may well fail in living out Jesus' teachings perfectly, but we will surely fail to live them out at all if we decide beforehand that they are impossible.

– What would it mean in practice to love someone whom I considered an enemy? What sort of things might I do?

– from "Living the Word"

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Readings, collects &

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| Antiphons | page 118 | Living Liturgy Sunday Missal |
| Entrance Hymn | 871 | Holy, Holy, Holy |
| Gloria | 1223 | Gloria Simplex |
| Psalm | 659 | The Lord Is Kind and Merciful |
| Gospel Acclamation | Gospel Acclamation VI | |
| Preparation of Gifts | 967 | The Servant Song |
| Eucharistic Acclamations | 1188-1193 | Memorial Acclamations from "Missa Pacem" |
| Communion Hymn | 987 | We Have Been Told |
| Closing Hymn | 899 | O God Beyond All Praising |

Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) **Sunday, March 2, 2014 – Burning of Ashes followed by Pancake Breakfast after each Mass in the Cum Christo Building.**
- 2) **Wednesday, March 5, 2014 – Ash Wednesday – Mass at 11:30 a.m.**
- 3) **Sunday, March 30, 2014 – Deanery Reconciliation Service at 4:00 p.m.**

A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY

Holy Cross has been invited to participate, free of charge, in a program to be given at the Martin de Porres Center on the grounds of the Dominican Sisters of Peace Motherhouse. If you are interested, please call Sr. Anne at the rectory office at 224-3416 by February 28, 2014.

Institute for Maturing Spirituality 2014

Ethical Wills: A legacy of Values
Thursday, April 3, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
Andrew Siegel

Growing Older and Wiser
Wednesday, May 21, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
Father Thomas Ryan, CSP

Caregiving: A Gift in Disguise
Thursday, June 12, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
Connie Goldman: Award-winning radio producer & reporter

Praising God Creatively
Thursday, July 10, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
Queen Brooks: Award-winner artist and instructor

Silent Retreat

Women's Silent Retreat sponsored by the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be held at St. Therese's Retreat Center the weekend of April 4th-6th, 2014. Fr. Ezra Sullivan, O.P., will be the retreat director. Cost: \$100.00 PreRegistration is required and the deadline is March 31st. Registration forms are in the back of church.

St. Matthew's Women Retreat

The theme of the St. Matthew Women's Retreat 2014 is "If You Are What You Should Be, You Will Set the World on Fire." St. Matthew's Pastor, Fr. Ted Sill, and Jenna Zins, Director of Evangelization, will be leading it together. The cost of the weekend is \$120.00. All are welcome for a weekend of renewal and friendship. To register or for more information, call Karen at 855-3543 or JoEllen at 475-5086. The retreat will be held at St. Therese's Retreat Center on March 28-30 beginning Friday evening at 5:30 p.m. and ending after lunch on Sunday.