

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, July 20 ♦ 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
 11:00 a.m. Louis J. O'Rourke (Lois O'Reilly)
 Wis 12:13, 16-19; Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 or Mt 13:24-30

Monday, July 21 ♦ No Mass

Tuesday, July 22 ♦ St. Mary Magdalene

11:30 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
 Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday, July 23 ♦ Weekday

11:30 a.m. Joe Dury (Linda Henry)
 Jer 1:1, 4-10; Mt 13:1-9

Thursday, July 24 ♦ Weekday

11:30 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
 Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Mt 13:10-17

Friday, July 25 ♦ St. James

11:30 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Cullinan Family
 (Jeanne C. Brown)
 2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28

Saturday, July 26 ♦ Sts. Joachim and Anne

11:30 a.m. Jack Kustron Birthday (Jan Kustron)
 Jer 7:1-11; Mt 13:24-30

Sunday, July 27 ♦ 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Margaret & Elsie Haninger (Glenn Haninger)
 11:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52 or Mt 13:44-46

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

Support to St. Lawrence Haven – July 27

Attention, all our "Lil Larry" sandwich makers. The next opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven is next Sunday, July 27, 2014, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.



Not Too Late To Make A Pledge

BAA Campaign for 2014 has received 64 pledges for \$30,147.00, which is 182% of our 2014 goal. **Since we have exceeded our goal of \$16,564.92, every dollar pledged and paid over goal comes back directly to the parish to help pay for the new church wooden flooring.** And by the way – free from Diocesan 6% tax!! We are also asking every parishioner (and guest) to participate in this year's appeal. No gift is too small. Thank You!



Good News!

The Estate of Thomas L. Schultz, a friend of Holy Cross Church, bequeathed a sum of money that will help to pay, along with our BAA funds, the new wooden flooring in the church.

This is a good example of how parishioners and friends can donate to Holy Cross Church when you name Holy Cross as a beneficiary to a insurance policy, or like instrument, or naming Holy Cross in your will.

We have had several parishioners who have done this over the years, which has allowed Holy Cross to keep up or improve the physical status of its buildings along with our monthly Repair Collection.



Confirmation Preparation

Confirmation preparation will begin on Sunday, August 3, 2014, from 10:00-11:30 a.m. for youth in Grades 6-10. The bishop will confirm these students on Saturday, September 27, 2014, at St. Ladislav Church. For more info, please contact Debi Matthews at 861-1746 or matthews9244@sbcglobal.net.

Latin America Collection – August 3rd

Although approximately half of the world's Catholic population lives in Latin America, the Church in the region is losing members at an alarming rate to other faiths or migration in pursuit of a better life. These tensions can contribute to the destabilization of families and faith communities. You can **keep faith with the Church in Latin America** through your support of this collection Sunday, August 3rd. Your generosity will support pastoral work that engages parishioners and fosters the faith.

THANKS

JULY 13, 2014 OFFERINGS

Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory	\$ 1,758.00
	Repair Fund.....	\$ 40.00
Mass Attendance 9:00 a.m. = 59 11:00 a.m. = 85	Less 6% Diocese Tax	(\$ 107.88)
	Net to Parish: ...	\$ 1,690.12

THE WORD

Last week’s Gospel reading presented us with a parable about sowing. This week, we have a parable that speaks of tending the growing plants as we await the harvest. We are not to pull up the weeds, lest we pull up the crop as well; we are, rather, to await the time of harvest, at which time the weeds will be separated out. As Jesus interprets this parable for His disciples, it tells us why, for the time being, God allows evil to co-exist alongside the good in the world.

St. Augustine applied this parable to the Church. Like the world in general, the Church is a mixed bag of good and evil. Why does God allow this? Doesn’t God want us to make the Church an enclave of purity in a sinful world, eliminating the wrong-headed and half-hearted? Our parable suggests that even, maybe especially, within the Church, saints and sinners cannot always be easily distinguished from one another. Appearances can be deceiving, and someone who appears saintly can in fact be the worst of sinners and someone who seems to be a sinner could be destined by God to become a great saint. Perhaps what we at first see to be a weed might turn out to be a valuable medicinal herb.

The key here is not that God doesn’t want the Church to be holy, but that the task of making the Church holy ultimately belongs to God’s Spirit. St. Augustine thought that the presence of sinners in the Church was a small price to pay for the great good of leaving the judgment of souls to God. For it is God, as our second reading states, who is “the one who searches hearts.” In this way, the parable reminds us that in our dealings with those both outside and inside the Church we must hold to what the first reading tells us: “those who are just must be kind.”

from “Living the Word”

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Entrance Hymn	906	From All That Dwell Below the Skies
Gloria	1223	Gloria Simplex
Psalm	page 330	Lord, you are good, good and forgiving
Gospel Acclamation	1187	Missa Pacem
Preparation of Gifts	951	The Reign of God
Eucharistic Accl.	1188-1193	Missa Pacem
Communion Hymn	1064	Lord, Accept the Gifts We Offer
Closing Hymn	912	Come, You Thankful People, Come (Vs. 3, 4)

Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) **Sunday, July 27, 2014, Support to St. Lawrence Haven – Sandwiches, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass.**
- 2) **Saturday, September 27, 2014, Confirmation at 11:00 a.m. for Grades 6-10, at St. Ladislav Church.**



SAVE THE DATE

The Eighth World Meeting of Families will take place next year in Philadelphia, September 22-27, 2015. The organizers of the event have high hopes that Pope Francis will participate in this worldwide gathering of families and celebrate the closing Mass. Please encourage families in your parish to make plans to attend this international gathering of families that may include Pope Francis’ first trip to the United States. For more information, please visit www.worldmeeting2015.org.

IMMIGRATION REFORM AND UNACCOMPANIED MINORS

Due to the unfolding humanitarian crisis of the influx of unaccompanied minors crossing the U.S. border, it appears comprehensive immigration reform may be put on hold again. However, the USCCB still encourages advocacy on this issue. Please refer to www.justiceforimmigrants.org for updates. Meanwhile, Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services are working to respond to the humanitarian crisis at home and abroad.

VILLAS AT SAINT THERESE

If you are planning for retirement, please consider the Villas at Saint Therese. Conveniently located on East Broad Street in Columbus near shopping, restaurants, and Mt. Carmel East Hospital, the Villas has spacious and affordable independent and assisted living apartments amid a serene wooded setting. If you would like more information or a tour, contact Terri Fisher in Independent Living at 614-856-9951 or Sr. Francis Casey in Assisted Living at 614-864-3576.

AN EVENT SO BIG

Come celebrate 20 years of adult literacy work by attending the Dominican Learning Center Open House on Sunday, August 24 at 1111 E. Stewart Avenue, Columbus OH 43206. The Open House, from 1:00-4:00 p.m., praises the vision of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, acknowledges the achievements of the adult learners and recognizes the contributions of our volunteers. Parking in the Corpus Christi Church parking lot. All are welcome.