

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!**

**Sunday, December 20 ♦ Fourth Sunday in Advent**

9:00 a.m. Bonnie J. Henry (Brian & Lisa Henry)  
 11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of Holy Cross Church  
*Mi 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45*

**Monday, December 21 ♦ NO MASS**

**Tuesday, December 22 ♦ Late Advent Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Special Intention (Betty Morbitzer)  
*1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56*

**Wednesday, December 23 ♦ Late Advent Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Fr. Raymond Ryan (Mary Pulsinelli)  
*Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Lk 1:57-66*

**Thursday, December 24 ♦ Late Advent Weekday  
 (Christmas Eve)**

4:00 p.m. Dick, Cris, Luke & Ryan Morbitzer  
 (Betty Morbitzer & Family)  
*Is 62:1-5, Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 18-25*

**Friday, December 25 ♦ Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

10:00 a.m. Walsh/Burkey Family (Martha Walsh)  
*Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14*

**Saturday, December 26 ♦ St. Stephen**

11:30 a.m. Michael Roberts (Warren & Carolyn Roberts)  
*Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22*

**Sunday, December 27 ♦ Holy Family or Jesus,  
 Mary & Joseph**

9:00 a.m. Gary Stephen Lyle (Brian & Lisa Lyle Henry)  
 11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of Holy Cross Church  
*Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Col 3:12-21 or  
 3:12-17; Lk 2:41-52*

**+ Please remember in your prayers** our home-bound parishioners, and those who are ill: Robert Hackett, Patty Jones, Susan Luck, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Marilyn Scott.

**St. Lawrence Haven – January 17, 2016**

Attention all our “Lil Larry” sandwich makers. Sunday, January 17th is our next opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven following the 9:00 a.m Mass at the Cum Christo Center.



**Merry Christmas!!**

Special Christmas Blessings to our Holy Cross Family, Guests and Visitors  
*from*  
 Fr. Dwayne, Fr. Ramon, Fr. John,  
 Sr. Anne & Mike

**Religious Retirement Collection Results**

Thank you for the generosity and support of the Retirement Fund for Religious collection held last week. \$ 653.00 was contributed.

**Choir Practice at 12:00 noon!**

***Christmas Carols & Christmas Eve Mass.***

We continue practice after the 11:00 a.m. Mass today and will do so today. Please grant yourself the benefit of choral singing this Christmas season. Contact David Brattain for more information.

**Parking for Christmas Eve**

Extra parking is available during Christmas Eve Mass at OPERS garage, just north of the Rectory (corner of 5th & Town Street). We have made arrangements for you to enter from the 5th Street entrance for your convenience.

**Diocesan Charities Collection**

A second collection will be taken for the Diocesan Charities during the Christmas Masses. This collection allows the diocese to meet a variety of basic needs directly and through diocesan agencies and organizations, including J.O.I.N., St. Stephen’s Community House, Catholic Social Services, St. Lawrence Haven, St. Vincent Family Center & St. Vincent de Paul Society.



**Christmas Flower Donations**

Donations toward the altar flowers for the Christmas season in the memory of deceased family members or friends can be put in upcoming Sunday collections with the person’s name you wish to remember. A donation of \$10.00 is suggested. Please utilize the special envelopes available for this purpose.

**THANKS!**

**DECEMBER 13, 2015 OFFERINGS**

<b>Designated Collections</b> (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory.....\$ 2,348.25
Rel. Retire = \$653.00	Mail-in.....\$ 121.00
<b>Mass Attendance</b>	Immaculate Concept ....\$ 746.35
9:00 a.m. = 65	Mail-in Repair .....\$ 0.00
11:00 a.m. = 75	Less 6% Diocese tax ....\$ (192.94)
	<b>Net to Parish:.....\$ 3,022.66</b>

## THE WORD

Brother Mickey McGrath, OSFS, has created a wonderful painting of the Visitation, titled the "Windsock Visitation." The two dark-skinned women embrace. They are smiling. He includes words of St. Jane de Chantal, founder of the Visitation order, that describe their meeting as a place of delight and rest. I want to leap for joy whenever I see it.

John leaped in Elizabeth's womb. Elizabeth called Mary blessed because Mary believed that the words of God's promise would be fulfilled. She believed. We are five days from Christmas. The days can be hurried. The nights can be hurried. Yet the promise of joy is in the air. We celebrate the time when God's promise of peace begins to be fulfilled. Do we believe that ours is the time fulfillment? Do we believe that God's promised justice and peace, light, and hope, mercy and visitation are meant for us? Do we believe that God's will for us is to know God-with-us, Emmanuel, every day? Do we believe that our believing this promise can lighten the darkness and lessen the evil that surround us and fill our world?

Believe it or try to live as if you believe today. Let God's love fill you, Christ's light shine through you, and the peace of the Spirit surround you so clearly that people say of you and me, "Blessed are you who believe that what was spoken to us by the Lord would be fulfilled." Visit someone who gives you hope. leap for joy in honor of the Visitation of Elizabeth and Mary. Make clear that God is with us.

-- Where do you see signs that God's promises continue to be fulfilled this Advent season?

-- To whom might you turn for light, hope, or joy in any darkness or pain you carry this year?

from "Living the Word"

### Nominations now open for the 2016 Catholic Man of the Year.

The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club is accepting nominations for the Diocese of Columbus 2016 Catholic Man of the Year. This annual award recognizes one lay man who, through his daily actions, words, and prayers, exemplifies the "good and faithful servant." Bishop Frederick Campbell will present the award on Friday, February 5, 2016 at the Catholic Men's Luncheon. Nominations will be accepted through December 28th. For details & nomination instructions, go to [www.pluginCatholicMen.com](http://www.pluginCatholicMen.com). Completed nominations and supporting letters should be emailed to [catholicmanoftheyear@gmail.com](mailto:catholicmanoftheyear@gmail.com).

### Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) **Thursday, December 24th – Christmas Carols at 3:30 p.m. followed by Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 p.m.**
- 2) **Friday, December 25th – Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 a.m.**
- 3) **Sunday, February 21, 2016, Confirmation for our CGS students (Grade 6 or older) will be held at St. Timothy Church at 12:00 noon.**

### A New Women's Group

Holy Cross is starting something new! We are inviting women in the parish to come to a meeting on January 12th, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. Place to be determined and will be announced in the bulletin. This gathering would be for women who would be interested in coming together once a month for prayer, social time, as well as collaborating in efforts to reach out to the needy in our neighborhood. If interested or for more information, call Jan Kustron 443-5271.

### Bethesda Healing Ministry

In the fullness of time Christ came as our Infant King. He invites each of us to come to Him for healing and hope, even from an abortion of long ago. He is waiting! Bethesda Healing Ministry confidential lines: 614-309-0157 or 614-309-2651 or visit our website at [bethesdahealing.org](http://bethesdahealing.org)

### St. Gabriel Catholic Radio AM820.

Learn more about your faith this year by making a New Year's resolution to listen to St. Gabriel Catholic Radio AM 820. The programs are faithful and entertaining. Try it for 30 days and see how much your faith grows! Local and National Catholic Programming reaching all of Central Ohio by , computer or download the St. Gabriel Catholic Radio app on your smart phone. Tune in to AM 820 today!

### Catholic Men's Luncheon Club Event

No luncheon event will be held in January 2016, since the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club is on Christmas holiday break. However, mark your calendar for Friday, February 5, 2016, when the Luncheon Club and Bishop Frederick Campbell will reveal the identity of the 2016 Catholic Man of the Year! Join us for this popular and inspirational event at St. Patrick church in downtown Columbus beginning with Mass at 11:45 a.m.!