

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

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; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Lk 2:41-52

Monday, December 28 ♦ NO MASS

Tuesday, December 29 ♦ NO MASS

Wednesday, December 30 ♦ 6th Day within the Octave of Nativity

11:30 a.m. Patty Stover (Claire Miller)
 1 Jn 2:12-17; Lk 2:36-40

Thursday, December 31 ♦ 7th Day within the Octave of Nativity

11:30 a.m. Fred & Cathy Miller (Claire Miller)
 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18

Friday, January 1 ♦ Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

11:30 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Cullinan Family
 (Jeanne C. Brown)
 Nm 6:22-27; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
 12:05 p.m. Sorrowful Mother Devotion
 7:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Intention of Presider)
 11:30 p.m. Benediction & Devotional Prayers

Saturday, January 2 ♦ Sts. Basil and Gregory

11:30 a.m. Charles & Florence Palmer (Robert Carter)
 1 Jn 2:22-28; Jn 1:19-28

Sunday, January 3 ♦ The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00 a.m. Alice Medlin (Glenn Haninger)
 11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of Holy Cross Church
 Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

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

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 12, 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 at 443-5271.

THANKS!

DECEMBER 20, 2015 OFFERINGS

Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory.....\$ 2,365.62
	Mail-in.....\$ 713.00
	Immaculate Concept\$ 92.00
Mass Attendance	Mail-in Repair.....\$ 2.00
	Less 6% Diocese tax\$ (190.36)
9:00 a.m. = 70	Net to Parish:.....\$ 2,982.26
11:00 a.m. = 74	

**Thank You and Blessings On All
 Rectory Open House – January 3rd**

A heartfelt thank-you to all who helped make our Christmas celebration so beautiful and memorable: Claire Miller, Bill Hueckel, David Brattain and all who assisted them in cleaning and decorating the church, all Greeters, Ushers, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers, musicians, Choir members, Servers, and all who came to celebrate Christmas here at Holy Cross.

In addition, all of us thank you sincerely for your many and varied expressions of holiday greetings and remembrances. **Please come to the Rectory and join us in celebrating each other at our Open House after 11:00 a.m. Mass on January 3rd.**

Finally, as this New Year of grace begins, we pray that you and your families will grow in faith, hope, and love each day. May God, who has begun this good work in you, bring it to fulfillment. Prayerfully,

Your Pastoral Staff



**LOVED ONES
 REMEMBERED BY
 POINSETTIAS DONATIONS**



(as of December 18, 2015)

- Joseph & Irene Adamusko
- Living/Deceased of Altman, Gordon & Pallay Families
- Angelo-Noesner Family
- John Balogh
- Ron Barna
- Charles Bellamy
- Freda Bellomy
- Donna Jean Sloan Bickel
- Blalock Family
- Living/Deceased of Blaser & Lumpe Families
- The Casuccio Family
- Christina Chalmers
- Judy Creedon
- Deceased of Crum Family
- Deceased of Cullinan Family
- Albina Cykowski
- Rodney Dillon
- Leah Drollinger
- Art & Vicki Duncan
- Edwards Family
- Clyde & Jeff Elliott
- Bill & Teresa Endres & Bill, Jr.
- Msgr. Paul Enke & Living/Deceased of Enke Family
- Erwin Family
- Ginny Farrell
- Jack Federer
- Jack Finn
- Fox Families
- Froesch Family
- Fruin Families
- Jack Fuerst
- Helen & Austn Grady
- Michael E. Grady
- Paul E. Griffith
- Debbie & Patric Grove
- Haninger Families
- Heider Family
- Bonnie J. Henry
- Igel Family
- Charlotte & Ray Kiersh
- Jim Klausman
- Kral Family
- John & Ellen Kustron
- Deceased of Lane Family
- Living/Deceased of Lang, Coffman & First Families
- Bill & Edna Leitch
- Lucas Family

THE WORD

What does family look like? Single parents or a couple with one or more children, belonging by birth or adoption, an extended family or friends, all of the above? The Holy Family consisted of Jesus, his birth mother and his birth mother's husband. Our Gospel offers us one of the few glimpses we have into their life together. The teenage Jesus gives Mary and Joseph a scare. Their response is typical of many frightened parents: they retrace their steps and, filled with anxiety, scurry to find him. Mary's frustration is clear: "Why have you done this to us?" Jesus answers like many teens who wonder why their parents worry. Their family was complicated. Jesus' parents were not only human. He was the Son of God. Jesus is learning to respect His situation.

Hannah's prayers for a child were answered, unlike others who pray and do not conceive. Remember those families today. Such pain paralyzes some. Others find life through adoption, friendship, or outreach. Not all family relationships give life. Healing only comes through time.

Whatever our experience of human family, we are all children of God, called to love one another with love that makes our belonging to the human family visible. Healing, life-giving, unconditional love takes a lifetime to learn. So we too need to advance in wisdom, age, and favor before God and others.

What does your family look like? Thank those who make your experience life-giving. Seek healing where your family has brought pain. Grow in love, however you can, so others can know the light of hope we celebrate at Christmas. Dedicated to the Lord by baptism, may we advance in wisdom, age, and love.

from "Living the Word"

Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) **Sunday, January 3, 2016 – Open House after 11:00 a.m. Mass.**
- 2) **Sunday, February 21, 2016 – Confirmation for our CGS students (Grade 6 or older) will be held at St. Timothy Church at 12:00 noon.**

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.



LOVED ONES REMEMBERED BY POINSETTIAS DONATIONS (CONTINUED)



Lukens Families
 In Memory of Fr. Wuilliam Lynn, S.J.
 Living/Deceased of Mackessy Family
 Mary Maki
 James & Patricia Manley
 Clem & Mary Jane Mazza
 Dan McGarvey
 Living/Deceased of McGovern & MacKinnon Families
 Elizabeth Moore
 Dan & Mildred Morris
 Dick, Cris, Luke & Ryan Morbitzer
 Don & Sybilla Murnane
 Gina Murraya
 Deceased of Naumauski Family
 Fred & Josephine Newton
 Charles & Louise O'Neil
 William O'Reilly
 Pfistor Family
 Mary Elizabeth Plank
 Liz Plank
 Living/Deceased of Plank & Kelly Families
 Polisenio Family
 Living/Deceased of Polletta Family
 Living/Deceased Priests of Diocese of Columbus
 Delores Probasco
 Roberts Family
 Roberts Family Past
 Brunhilda Ross
 Julie Ross
 Raymond Ross
 Raymond Ross, Jr.
 Ethel & Ross Roush
 In Memory of Msgr. James Ruef
 Living/Deceased of Ryan & Placin Families
 Living/Deceased of St. Charles Class of 1978
 Catalina "Alicia" Saracho
 In Memory of Fr. Harold Schneider
 In Memory of Msgr. Robert Schneider
 Bill & Rose Scholl
 Bobby & Carol Scholl
 Frank & Katie Scholl
 Frank & Edna Shirey
 Msgr. David Sorohan & Living/Deceased of Sorohan Family
 Living/Deceased of Stein Family
 Paul & Patty Stover
 Paul F. Susie Stover
 Deceased of Szymkoviak Family
 In Memory of Fr. Richard Tomasek, S. J.
 Deceased Members of Visocan & Fabianski Families
 Weber Families
 Jack & Wilma Weilbacher
 Widmar Family
 Peregrine & Rita White
 Mr. Jay Wishau
 Tom & Rose Wolfe