

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!**

**Sunday, December 6 ♦ Second Sunday in Advent**

9:00 a.m. Patty Stover  
(June Byrd & Denise & John Muren)  
11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of Holy Cross Church  
Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

**Monday, December 7 ♦ NO MASS**

**Tuesday, December 8 ♦ Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

11:30 a.m. Bill Breeze(Mary Pulsinelli)  
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-19; Lk 1:26-38

**Wednesday, December 9 ♦ Advent Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Mr. Mrs. Robert Staley (Vincent Staley)  
Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday, December 10 ♦ Advent Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Mary Ellen Ficocella (Marcia Strall)  
Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

**Friday, December 11 ♦ Advent Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Living/Deceased of Cullinan Family  
(Jeanne C. Brown)  
Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday, December 12 ♦ Our Lady of Guadalupe**

11:30 a.m. Mary Staley (Vincent Staley)  
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19, 12:1-6, 10;  
Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

**Sunday, December 13 ♦ Third Sunday in Advent**

9:00 a.m. Patty Stover (Betty Morbitzer)  
11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of Holy Cross Church  
Zep 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

**+ 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 – Today!!**

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

**Pope Francis’ Prayer for Jubilee Year of Mercy**

(Vatican Radio) Pope Francis has composed a special prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy which will run from December 8, 2015 to November 20, 2016. In the prayer, the Holy Father entreats the Lord to make the Jubilee of Mercy a year of grace so that the Church, “with renewal enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.”

*Lord Jesus Christ,*

*You have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father and have told us that whoever sees You sees Him.*

*Show us Your face and we will be saved. Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.*

*Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: “If you knew the gift of God!”*

*You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests His power above all by forgiveness and mercy; let the Church be Your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.*

*You willed that Your ministers would also clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.*

*Send Your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.*

*We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.*

*Amen.*

**Simbang Gabi**

A Filipino Christmas tradition, featuring celebration of Mass for nine consecutive days, starts on Tuesday, December 15 (Holy Cross – first eight days), and closes on Wednesday, December 23, at St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus, followed by a potluck in the Cathedral Undercroft.

**ANGEL TREE/CHRISTMAS GIVING**

This year, we, in conjunction with JOIN, are collecting gifts for children of needy families. If you would like to participate in this Christmas giving, please



take a tag off the tree located in the back of church and purchase the item that is written on the tag. Please return the gift to church on or before Sunday, December 13th, with the tag on top of the gift. In advance, thank you for your generosity and spirit of giving.

**THANKS!**

**NOVEMBER 29, 2015 OFFERINGS**

**Designated Collections**

(Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)

**Mass Attendance**

9:00 a.m. = 90  
11:00 a.m. = 65

Offertory .....	\$2,377.00
Mail-in .....	193.00
Repair Fund .....	0.00
Mail-in Repair .....	0.00
Less 6% Diocese tax .....	(154.20)
<b>Net to Parish: .....</b>	<b>\$2,415.80</b>

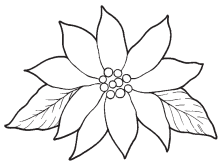
## THE WORD

Do you notice how specific Luke is about when John the Baptist received the word of God? Luke's list of political and religious leaders makes clear that John ministered at a specific time and place, just as Jesus was born during a specific historical time. God seeks us out in various times and situations. Baruch offers consolation and hope to a people in exile. Paul writes to a generous Philippian community, which joins him in living the Good News of Jesus Christ. Our readings make clear that God constantly seeks to be with us and will come again to bring mercy and justice, knowledge and light, and offer saving love to all flesh. The timeless One becomes human in time, making us witnesses in every time, every now of our life.

Life could be described as a series of consecutive nows. Any now could be our last. I recently learned about a friend who had a massive heart attack while taking his nightly walk. He died a few days ago at age 55. So I ask myself, how can God's love increase more and more in me today? What do I really value? How can my faith in Jesus Christ make a concrete difference today to all those people who are in my life now? Do I prepare the way of the Lord by means of a willingness to face hurt in ways that offer mercy, injustice in ways that seek God's economy, and darkness and sin in ways that shine with the light of God's consolation, hope, and peace? Pick one of these questions. Allow the Holy Spirit to do great things for you so that we can be filled with joy today.

from "Living the Word"

### 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.

### Looking For Some Help

We are looking for volunteers to join a small committee to assist Father Dwayne maintain the Holy Cross property by helping him detect possible prevention measures for our historic church buildings and grounds. If interested, please call Ann at 237-1379.

### Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) **Sunday, December 13th – Advent Penance Service at St. Augustine/Gabriel – 4:00 p.m.**
- 2) **Thursday, December 24th – Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 p.m.**
- 3) **Friday, December 25th – Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 a.m.**
- 4) **Sunday, February 21, 2016, Confirmation for Our CGS Students (Grade 6 or older) will be held at St. Timothy Church at 12:00 noon.**

### Survey Results

First, thank you all for taking the time to answer our parish survey. Normally, it is a good idea not to change anything until being in a parish for a year, but there has been so much transition, I thought I would listen to the voices in the pews and see what is happening in the life of the parish. We are also celebrating the "Jubilee Year of Mercy," so I wanted to see what more we can do.

Next, most surveys were filled out with extensive notes and I thank you for all your words and blessings to you all. I have learned how much everyone loves Holy Cross and find it to be such a beautiful treasure in our midst. We received 35 surveys that has helped me make a few decisions toward evangelization, a key component of the Church and all of our lives. Starting January we will not have a Tuesday morning Mass. On Tuesday, January 5th, there will be a 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour ending with Benediction at 6:00 p.m., and Mass at 6:15 p.m. I will hear Confessions during the Holy Hour. The Saturday Mass will remain at 11:30 a.m., and I will try to get coverage in the future if I need to be away.

Finally, in January, we will begin using our own music program, as we separate from the Cathedral. Please be patient as we try new things and I will surprise you with some beautiful liturgical styles of music that will enhance our worship and liturgical cycle. My ideas come from the Monastic traditions of the Benedictine Monks of St. Vincent Archabbey where I studied to be a priest.

### Repair Fund Collection – Today!

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