

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!**

**Sunday, November 29 ♦ First Sunday in Advent**

9:00 a.m. Elsie Haninger (John & Kellie Erwin)  
 11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of Holy Cross Church  
 Jer 33:14-16; 1 Thes 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

**Monday, November 30 ♦ NO MASS**

**Tuesday, December 1 ♦ Advent Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Msgr. James M. Berendt (Family)  
 Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday, December 2 ♦ Advent Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Sr. Mary Ann Creely (Family)  
 Is 25:6-10; Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday, December 3 ♦ St. Francis Xavier**

11:30 a.m. Patty Stiover (Mr. & Mrs. Donald Bellomy)  
 Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday, December 4 ♦ Advent Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Living/Deceased of Cullinan Family  
 (Jeanne C. Brown)

**Saturday, December 5 ♦ Advent Weekday**

11:30 a.m. The Souls in Purgatory (Vincent Staley)  
 Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35-10: 1, 5, 6-8

**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

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

**St. Lawrence Haven – Next Sunday**

Attention, all our “Lil Larry” sandwich makers. Our next opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven is on December 6, 2015 (following the 9:00 a.m. Mass) in the Cum Christo Center.



**PASTOR’S CORNER:** Every year things get worse as the preparation for Christmas slowly creeps back in time. It used to be that things did not kick off until Thanksgiving and even then it was not in full swing for another week. This year I was hearing Christmas music while shopping at

Halloween. The world needs to just slow down and wait. We could all use some Holy Waiting! At the Beginning of a new liturgical year, we look back on the months that have passed, remembering the highs and the lows, becoming aware of how the world has changed, and how we have changed with it. At the same time, we look to the new year that lies ahead, and no matter how many firsts of January we have lived through, we cannot help but make a new year’s resolution or two.

Next week begins the JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY, that Pope Francis wants us to celebrate. I will have a few events throughout the year and some thematic homilies highlighting God’s love and mercy.

The season of Advent has a “twofold character.” It looks to the future – the Parousia, the second Coming of Christ – and to the past – the first coming of Christ at Christmas – cue the Christmas music. No not yet at the end of Advent.

The Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy Characterizes Advent as a season of “waiting, conversion and hope (page 96).” This waiting is defined in an intriguing way. There is the “waiting – memory of the first humble, coming of the Lord in our mortal flesh,” and the “waiting - supplication” for his final, glorious coming as Lord of History and universal Judge. These two major themes – waiting-memory and waiting – supplication – intertwine with the prayers and readings of the Advent season. As we get busier and busier with shopping, cooking, entertaining, and decorating, the Church tells us to slow down and take time to do nothing – nothing but wait! There are many things to do while we wait. Bake cookies for neighbors or St. Lawrence Haven. Take an Angel tree tag. Pray Advent prayers with your Advent wreath before dinner. Finally, don’t forget the most important thing to do is schedule some quality family time.



**CCHD Results**

Thank you for your generosity and support of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) which was collected on November 22; \$418.00 was contributed.

**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!**

**NOVEMBER 22, 2015 OFFERINGS**

<b>Designated Collections</b> (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese) CCHD = \$418.00	Offertory .....	\$2,187.00
	Mail-in .....	400.00
	Repair Fund .....	0.00
	Mail-in Repair .....	105.00
<b>Mass Attendance</b> 9:00 a.m. = 90 11:00 a.m. = 80	Less 6% Diocese tax .....	(161.52)
	<b>Net to Parish: .....</b>	<b>\$2,530.48</b>

## THE WORD

St. Francis de Sales advises us to live each day as if it were our last, to which I add, because it might be! Too many people focus their energy on when the end will come, whether of the world, the universe, life as we know it, or one's own life. However, Matthew 24:36 and Mark 13:32 make clear that no one knows the exact time or hour, not even the Son, only God knows. Following de Sales' advice to live each day as if were our last can make us ready and vigilant at all times (Luke 21:36).

During Advent we remember that God became one with us through Jesus in order that we might become one with God and give birth to the divine through our words, deeds, and attitudes. Following the instructions Jesus gave through his words and the example of his life, death, and resurrection will help us grow in right relationship with God and one another. That is one definition of biblical justice. At the beginning of our liturgical new year, take time to reflect upon God's love for us. Name how you experience God's love and the light Christ in concrete ways. Thank God by letting that light shine on others by the way we love one another and all creation (1 Thessalonians 3:12). Let it shine as brightly as the candle on the Advent wreath that we light today or the lights that decorate our homes. Reflect on any darkness in your life. Invite God's hope and peace to lessen that darkness. Pray with today's psalm, "To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul." In this way we will be ready, for the Lord's return and ever-vigilant because we give flesh to "The Lord our justice" each and every day.

– Where do I see God's justice shatter the injustice that sometimes seems to overwhelm our world?

– How can I live each day in ways that reduce anxiety in my life and make me ready for the Lord's return?

– from "Living the Word"

### Jewelry Sale Fundraiser at the Josephinum

'Tis the season for the annual jewelry sale sponsored by the Friends of the Josephinum! Elegant fine and costume jewelry priced below wholesale offer holiday savings for you and a gift for our future priests – all proceeds benefit Josephinum seminarians. Join us Friday, December 4 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Jessing Center at the Josephinum, 7625 North High Street.



### Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) **November 29th, 11:00 a.m. – Rite of Welcome**
- 2) **Sunday, December 13th – Advent Penance Service at St. Augustine/Gabriel – 4:00 p.m.**
- 3) **Thursday, December 24th – Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 p.m.**
- 4) **Friday, December 25th – Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 a.m.**
- 5) **Sunday, February 21, 2016, Confirmation for our CGS students (Grade 6 or older) will be held at St. Timothy Church at 12:00 noon.**

### 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 tag on top of the gift. In advance, thank you for your generosity and spirit of giving.

### ATTENTION, ALL MALE SINGERS!

The Catholic Men's Conference is looking for a few good men to sing in the Men's Conference Choir at the annual Catholic Men's Conference on February 27, 2016 at the Voinovich Building on the Ohio State Fairgrounds. We will hold one or two rehearsals prior to the event at a date, time, and location to be determined. Please consider attending the Men's Conference and singing with us at this exciting event! Contact Christopher Walsh at [cwalsh5358@gmail.com](mailto:cwalsh5358@gmail.com) or at 614-464-2392 to sign up or for more information.

### Repair Fund Collection – December 6

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.