

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!**

**Sunday, December 4 ♦ Second Sunday of Advent**

9:00 a.m. Living/Deceased Members of the Frank Scholl Family (Scholl Family)  
 11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family  
 Is 2: 1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24: 37-44

**Monday, December 5 ♦ NO MASS**

**Tuesday, December 6 ♦ Advent Weekday**

6:15 p.m. Anne Bess (Al Roehrenbeck)  
 Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

**Wednesday, December 7 ♦ St. Ambrose**

11:30 a.m. Mary Ann McGinty (Jo Ann McGinty)  
 Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday, December 8 ♦**

**Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary**

10:15 a.m. Cristo Rey  
 11:30 a.m. Living/Deceased Members of the Janes Family (Rob Janes)  
 Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

**Friday, December 9 ♦ Advent Weekday**

11:30 a.m. John (Dick) Hovance (Al Roehrenbeck)  
 Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday, December 10 ♦ Advent Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family  
 Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Mt 17:9, 10-13

**Sunday, December 11 ♦ Third Sunday of Advent**

9:00 a.m. Brian Loe (Rob Janes)  
 11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family  
 Is 35:1-6, 10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

**St. Lawrence Haven – Today!**

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

**+ Please remember in your prayers** our home-bound parishioners, and those who are ill: Michael Baker, Betty Cockran, Richard Deneski, Herbert Froesch, Sr. Sally Groom, Robert Hackett, Dr. Glenn Haninger, Julie Litsinberger, Susan Luck, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Marilyn Scott.



**Be a Child’s Christmas Angel**

Let the light of Christ’s love shine out from you this season. Be one of His angels and make a child’s wish come true. Each tag on our Angel Tree in the back of church contains the Christmas wish of a child (ages 12 and under) whose name we received from J.O.I.N. (Joint Organization for Inner-city Needs). Take a tag from a branch of the Angel Tree, record your name, the number on the tag, and the item to be purchased in the notebook provided. Purchase the item written on the tag, then bring the unwrapped item with the tag attached to it back to church with you on or before Sunday, December 18th.

**Immaculate Conception – Holy Day!**

The Immaculate Conception of Mary is a Holy Day with obligation to attend Mass. Holy Cross will have two Masses on Thursday, December 8 at 10:15 a.m. (Cristo Rey) and 11:30 a.m.



**We need YOU this Christmas!**

Singing in the choir is easy, the time commitment minimal and the rewards are many. We begin after the 11:00 a.m. Mass and will continue to do so through December 18th. Please grant yourself the benefit of choral singing this coming Advent/Christmas season. Contact David Brattain for more information.

**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.

**Mass Intentions**

One of the greatest acts of charity is to pray for the living and the dead, and the greatest and most powerful prayer we have is the Mass since the fruits of the Mass are the very fruits of Jesus’ redemption. Mass stipends (offerings) are \$10.00 each; only one offering per Mass. All Mass Intentions will be listed in the bulletin. We are in need of daily Mass Intentions. Please contact Mike Agriesti by regular mail, or drop a note into the collection basket on Sundays or email [admmike@columbus.rr.com](mailto:admmike@columbus.rr.com) to schedule a Mass.

**THANKS!**

**NOVEMBER 27, 2016 OFFERINGS**

**Designated Collections**  
 (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)

**Mass Attendance**  
 9:00 a.m. = 71  
 11:00 a.m. = 68

Offertory.....	\$2,073.00
Mail-in .....	\$ 190.00
Repair Collection .....	\$ 0.00
Mail-in Repair.....	\$ 32.00
less 6% Diocese tax ..	(\$ 137.76)
<b>Net To Parish .....</b>	<b>\$2,158.21</b>

# THE WORD

In the prophet Isaiah, we read of the blossoming forth of King David's lineage is the one who is endowed with God's Spirit. We also hear of all the good things that will come from this blossoming forth: righteous judgment, the restoration of the peace and integrity of creation, the restoration of true knowledge of God to all the world's peoples. It is passages such as this that Paul probably has in mind when he speaks of the encouragement, provided by scripture, that allows our hope to endure. Having some vision of the goal of one's journey is necessary to sustain us as we endure the hardships of the journey. It is because we trust in God's promise of a glorious future for all creation that we can continue our journey toward God's kingdom.

But John the Baptist, in our Gospel reading, takes a somewhat different approach. It is as if he wants to warn his listeners that hope in the promise of a glorious future is not sufficient if we want to be part of God's kingdom. It seems that some of his listeners, having heard the encouragement of scripture, were presuming that simply being descendants of Abraham was sufficient to ensure them a place in God's kingdom. Rather than being sustained by the promises of scripture, they had become over-stuffed and self-satisfied. To them, John issues a stern warning, and it is one that we ought hear as well. We must repent so that our lives might be like trees bearing good fruit.

Along with this stern warning, however, John also issues a promise, the promise of a mighty one who will baptize us with the Holy Spirit and fire. This promise might sound at first like a threat, since fire can be destructive. But fire is also purifying, and the promise John makes is that the fire of God's Spirit will purify our hope, free us from self-satisfaction and complacency, and endow us with the gifts Isaiah speaks about: wisdom and understanding, counsel and strength, knowledge and reverence and fear of the Lord. Guided by the Spirit, we seek to walk that fine line between confidence and complacency, trusting in the promise of Christ while also heeding the demands of the Gospel.

*"Living the Word"*

## Invitation to Women of Holy Cross!

The women's group will be meeting very soon, this Tuesday Dec. the 6th, at Barcelona in German Village. Please join us for good food/spirits and fellowship. Tuesday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m. Barcelona, 263 E. Whittier Street, Columbus 43206. Feel free to bring a friend! Please contact Jan Kustron at [jan@photoj.com](mailto:jan@photoj.com) with any questions or comments.

## Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) Thursday, December 8, 2016 – Immaculate Conception – Holy Day – Mass at 10:15 and 11:30 a.m.
- 2) Saturday, December 24, 2016, Christmas Eve 3:30 p.m. – Carols/Mass at 4:00 p.m.
- 3) Sunday, December 25, 2016, Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 a.m.

## Pastor's Christmas Wish List

It was a tradition at my past parishes to always put a wish list of things needed in the parish because many people wanted to give a gift that was something needed and used at the parish. If you would like to help with anything on the list, please contact the office or call Fr. Dwayne (614-499-7019).

- 1) An additional hand rail going up to the choir loft
- 2) Altar Server Processional candles
- 3) Benediction Set: Cope and Humeral veil
- 4) New Sinks for the church bathrooms



## Religious Retirement Collection – December 11th

The special collection next week will be for Retirement Fund for Religious. There are more than 11,000 Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests that need skilled care or help with tasks of daily living. Please be generous.

## The Catholic Record Society

Founded in 1974, is dedicated to preserving the history and bringing into better light the heroism of those who laid the foundation of today's Diocese of Columbus. The accomplishments of those early pioneers, despite tremendous hardships, is an inspiring and encouraging story for today's Catholic. Meetings are held quarterly. Society members receive a calendar year subscription to the monthly Bulletin, the "Barquilla de la Santa Maria," which contains records, accounts and illuminations of the people and events of the historic Diocese of Columbus. Basic membership is \$12.00 with digital Bulletin, \$25.00 with paper Bulletin, and an Institutional Subscription is \$35.00. Please send check or money order before December 31, 2016, to the Catholic Record Society, 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. For further information, contact Chairman Mike Finn at [fcoolavin@aol.com](mailto:fcoolavin@aol.com) or 268-4166. <http://www.colsdioc.org/Offices/CatholicRecordSociety.aspx>.