

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, February 21 ♦ Second Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m. Blalock Family (Glenn Haninger)
 11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of Holy Cross Church
 Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1; Lk 9:28-36

Monday, February 22 ♦ NO MASS

Tuesday, February 23 ♦ Lenten Weekday

6:15 p.m. Patty Stover (Robert Carter)
 Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, February 24 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Mary Paris (Sr. Carmen Paris, OSF)
 Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28

Thursday, February 25 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Mary Ellen Ficocella (Marcia Strall)
 Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31

Friday, February 26 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Cullinan Family
 (Jeanne C. Brown)
 Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday, February 27 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Bonnie J. Henry (Brian & Lisa Henry)
 Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday, February 28 ♦ Third Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of Holy Cross Church
 11:00 a.m. William O'Reilly (O'Reilly Family)
 Ex 3:1-8, 13-15; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

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

St. Lawrence Haven – March 13th

Attention, all our “Lil Larry” sandwich makers. The next opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven is Sunday, March 13, 2016, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Cum Christo Center.

THANKS!

FEBRUARY 14, 2016 OFFERINGS

Designated Collections

(Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)
 Black & Indian = \$579.65

Mass Attendance

9:00 a.m. = 84
 11:00 a.m. = 104

Offertory.....	\$2,419.00
Mail-in.....	\$ 375.00
Repair Collection	\$ 0.00
Mail-in Repair	\$ 60.00
Less 6% Diocese tax	(\$ 349.74)
Net to Parish:	\$2,682.81

Black and Indian Collection – Results

\$579.65 was contributed last weekend for the Black and Indian collection. Thanks for supporting this cause.

Rice Bowls Available

We urge every family to take a Rice Bowl for this Lenten Season and return it on Palm Sunday. Thank You!



Catholic Times – Still Time to Order

Thank you to all new and returning readers of the *Catholic Times*. Contact the parish office, if you missed the special collection and learn how to sign-up for the upcoming year for a minimum donation of only \$17.00 (parish rate). As an evangelization tool, Bishop Campbell encourages all Catholic households in the diocese to receive and read our diocesan newspaper, the *Catholic Times*. Checks should be made payable to Holy Cross.

Altar Easter Flowers

Donations toward the altar flowers (envelopes provided) for the Easter Season in the memory of deceased family members or friends can be put in the Sunday collections with the person’s name you wish to remember. A donation of \$10.00 is suggested.

Lenten Opportunities

Fr. Dwayne will lead a Book Study of *THE SHACK* on the following Sundays: February 28th and March 6th. Since there is a conflict with choir practice the final session will be held on April 10th.

Every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m.: Holy Hour and Stations of the Cross.

Every Friday: Stations of the Cross after 11:30 a.m. Mass and 6:00 p.m. (**Sorrowful Mother Devotion will resume on First Fridays after Easter.**) Day of abstinence (no meat for those over 14 years of age).

Deanery Reconciliation Service – February 28th at 4:00 p.m. at St. Dominic, 453 N. 20th Street.

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday: Day of fast and abstinence.*

3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy & Holy Communion

Holy Saturday: 8:00 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Masses

***Fast = One main meal, 2 lesser meals, no food between meals for 21-59 years. Abstinence = no meat for over 14 years old.**

THE WORD

A cantor friend was practicing today's psalm response with her daughter: "The Lord is kind and merciful." She heard her daughter sing: "The Lord is kind of merciful." There is a big difference between being kind *and* merciful and kind *of* merciful. Which wording reflects your experience of God?

Moses was in exile because he murdered an Egyptian who abused a Hebrew slave. When he meets God in a burning bush, God asks this murderer to lead the people. Talk about mercy and a mercy that is constant, for God is "I am who am," that is, constant being.

The ever-living God took flesh in Jesus. The parable about the fig tree is a statement about God's desire to save us. Through Jesus the ever-living God cultivates us and fertilizes us with mercy. When we repent, we reorient our lives to live Jesus' values and teaching. The same God who asked a murderer to lead the Israelites forgives and empowers us to bear fruit. Talk about mercy!

The Corinthians thought they were better than anyone else. But they were sinners like everyone else. Paul advises them to learn from their ancestors who complained in the desert; many of them were saved, though not all. Some chose not to repent. Paul is the gardener who offers the Corinthians another chance to know God as kind *and* merciful.

None of us is perfect. All of us need the gift of God's unconditional love and mercy. Turn to the Lord. Learn from our ancestors. Repent. God is kind *and* merciful. Believe and live the kindness and mercy of God.

– *When have you experienced God's kindness and mercy in your life?*

– *How can you share that love and mercy in ways that help others know God's forgiveness?*

from "Living the Word"

Choir Practice – Continues!

Continuing this Sunday, all interested singers are invited to gather in the balcony for the choir practice in preparation for Holy Week and Easter. We will rehearse for one hour immediately following the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

ALL are invited to deepen their Lenten experience through singing with the choir. Contact David Brattain for more information at dbrattain42@gmail.com.

Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) **Sunday, February 21, 2016, Confirmation for our CGS students (Grade 6 or older) will be held at St. Timothy Church at 12:00 noon.**
- 2) **Sunday, February 28, 2016, Deanery Reconciliation Service at St. Dominic at 4:00 p.m.**
- 3) **Holy Thursday, March 24, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m.**
- 4) **Holy Saturday, March 26, Solemn Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m.**

NO PSR Today!

This Sunday, Bishop Campbell will confirm four candidates from Holy Cross during the 12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Timothy Church. These young people are **Anne Federer, Luke Fenker, Molly Mayzum, and Claire O'Shaughnessy**. Please keep them in prayer as they make their final preparation to receive the fullness of the Spirit and complete their initiation in the Catholic faith.

Due to the timing of the Confirmation Mass, there will be NO Sunday School this Sunday. We look forward to seeing you on the following Sunday, February 28.

Day of Reflection – St. Matthew-Gahanna

The Christ Child Society of Columbus invites you to a Day of Reflection on Wednesday, March 2, 2016, with Catholic speaker Elizabeth Ficocelli, talking about *Discovering, Living, and Sharing our Mission*. The day will begin with a Continental Breakfast at 9:00 a.m. at St. Matthew the Apostle Church, St. Anthony Room, 795 Havens Corner Road, Gahanna, OH 43230. Small group discussion will follow Ms. Ficocelli's talk. Mass will be at 11:30 and lunch will be provided. The cost is \$25.00 per person. Checks can be made out to Christ Child Society of Columbus and mailed to *Day of Reflection, 1835 Hickory Hill drive, Columbus, OH 43228* or register online at www.christchildssociety.org.

St. Brendan Parish Mission on March 7, 8 and 9, beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

The Mission is **RESTORED!** With Fr Glenn Sudano and the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal. Please join us for three nights of inspiration, adoration, reconciliation and healing! Plus we will have a special "mini-mission" for children (Grades 1-5) which will be held in the school. All are welcome to attend!