

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, February 7 ♦ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Haninger Family (Glenn Haninger)
 11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of Holy Cross Church
 Is 6:1-2, 3-8; 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11; Lk 5:1-11

Monday, February 8 ♦ NO MASS

Tuesday, February 9 ♦ Weekday

6:15 p.m. Patty Stover (Robert Carter)
 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 10 ♦ Ash Wednesday

11:30 a.m. Mary Ellen Ficocella (Marcia Strall)
 Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6; 2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, February 11 ♦

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

11:30 a.m. Clyde Sheline (The Klausman Family)
 Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

Friday, February 12 ♦ Friday After Ash Wednesday

11:30 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Cullinan Family
 (Jeanne C. Brown)
 Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday, February 13 ♦

Saturday After Ash Wednesday

11:30 a.m. Richard Bellomy (The Klausman Family)
 Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday, February 14 ♦ First Sunday in Lent

9:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of Holy Cross Church
 11:00 a.m. Domenic & Mafalda Conte (Don Manley)
 Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

+ Please remember in your prayers our homebound parishioners, and those who are ill: Sr. Sally Groom, 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 our opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Cum Christo Center.

Repair Fund Collection – Today!

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

Ash Wednesday Collection – February 13th

The proceeds of Ash Wednesday collection will be contributed to The Joint Organization for Inner City Needs (JOIN). JOIN is a Diocesan agency which provides emergency assistance to the poor in the form of food, clothing, prescription help, utility help, infant formula and ensure, eyeglasses, bus transportation, burial assistance, senior items and referrals to other public and private service providers.

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Lenten Opportunities

Fr. Dwayne will lead a Book Study of THE SHACK on the following Sundays: February 28th, March 6th and March 13th from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday, February 10: Ashes will be distributed during the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Day of fast and abstinence*. 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 & 6:00 p.m. [**Sorrowful Mother Novena 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.**

THANKS!

JANUARY 31, 2016 OFFERINGS

Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory.....\$1,635.05
	Mail-in.....\$ 352.00
	Repair Collection\$ 0.00
Mass Attendance	Mail-in Repair\$ 0.00
9:00 a.m. = 82	Less 6% Diocese tax(\$ 119.22)
11:00 a.m. = 76	Net to Parish:\$1,867.83

THE WORD

Common to today's readings is an admission that we are sinful, unworthy, unclean people. Isaiah calls himself "a man of unclean lips." Peter says, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." Paul identifies himself as "the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle." Also common to our readings is the power of God's mercy. Touching Isaiah's mouth the angel says, "Your wickedness is removed, your sin is purged." Isaiah is freed to proclaim God's presence, responding to God's call. Jesus tells Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now you will be catching" people. Paul proclaims, "By the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me has not been ineffective."

We respond to the invitation to Communion, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof." We proclaim our sinfulness. "Only say the word and my soul shall be healed." We proclaim our trust in God's mercy. This coming Wednesday we begin Lent, a springtime retreat to renew the life of Christ we promised to live at Baptism. We name our sinfulness. We invite God's healing touch. We walk with sisters and brothers preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. We witness that God can take away whatever is sinful and defective in our lives in order to bring out what is upright, strong and good.

These last days of Ordinary Time, name your sinfulness like Isaiah, Peter and Paul. Thank God for marvelous, merciful love as they did, too. Hear God's invitation: "Whom shall I send?" Respond like Isaiah, "Here I am, send me." Fish for people, casting wide your net as Christ casts wide the net of God's mercy.
 – *Name the ways in which you have felt unworthy, unfit to be called a faithful follower of Jesus Christ.*
 – *How has God brought out what is upright, strong, and good in you?*

– from "Living the Word"



Stand Up 4 Life – March 8th

Come out for a fun night to support the life-saving work of Pregnancy Decision Health Centers (PDHC) on March 8 at the Funny Bone comedy club at Easton. Laugh with stand up comedians Kerri Pomarolli, Jeff Robinson and magician David McCreary. Visit SupportPDHC.org for tickets.

Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) Ash Wednesday, February 10, 2016. Ashes will be distributed at the 11:30 a.m. Mass.
- 2) Sunday, February 14, 2016, Rite of Sending – 11:00 a.m. Mass
- 3) Sunday, February 21, 2016, Confirmation for our CGS students (Grade 6 or older) will be held at St. Timothy Church at 12:00 noon.
- 4) Sunday, February 28, 2016, Deanery Reconciliation Service at St. Dominic at 4:00 p.m.
- 5) Holy Thursday, March 24, Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m.
- 6) Holy Saturday, March 26, Solemn Easter Vigil at 8:00 p.m.

Rite of Sending and Election – February 14th

Next Sunday, February 14, one of the Rites that is part of the RCIA process, the Rite of Sending, will be celebrated here at Holy Cross at 11:00 a.m. Mass. This rite offers us, members of Holy Cross, the opportunity to express our approval and support of the catechumens (those who will be baptized) and candidates, (those who have been baptized and will receive Eucharist and Confirmation). In the afternoon these catechumens and candidates will then be presented to the Bishop during the Rite of Election, which will be celebrated this year at St. Paul Church in Westerville.

ST. MICHAEL LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS AND DRIVE THRU SERVICE

Fridays, 5:00-8:00 p.m. at St. Michael Church, 5750 North High Street, Worthington, from February 12 to March 18; Fish Dinner Cost: Regular – \$8.00, Small – \$6.00; Macaroni & Cheese Dinner also available at \$6.00. All dinners include fries, Cole slaw or apple sauce, roll and beverage. Clam chowder and desserts are available for \$1.00 each. DRIVE THRU SERVICE and Carryout are also available. Sponsored by St. Michael Council 11445 Knights of Columbus. For more information, call 614-885-7814.

Respect Life Conference

The diocesan Respect Life Conference is Saturday, March 5, 2016, at St. Joseph Church, Plain City. The theme is Being Pro-Life in the Year of Mercy. The keynote speaker is Fr. Kevin Lutz. Other speakers will cover the spectrum of care and concern promoting the dignity of human life. The conference runs 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Registration is \$20.00, which includes lunch. To register, send a check payable to the Office for Social Concerns, 197 E. Gay Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. For details, call 614-241-2540 or email at socmailbox@colsdio.org.