

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, January 24 ♦ Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:00 a.m. Maergaret & Elsie Haninger (Glenn Haninger)
 11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of Holy Cross Church
 Neh 8:2-4, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27;
 Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21

Monday, January 25 ♦ NO MASS

Tuesday, January 26 ♦ Sts. Timothy & Titus
 6:15 p.m. Patty Stover (Bonnie & Frank Tripp)
 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 27 ♦ Weekday
 11:30 a.m. Mary Ellen Ficocella (Marcia Strall)
 2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, January 28 ♦ St. Thomas Aquinas
 11:30 a.m. Msgr. Lawrence Corcoran (Robert Carter)
 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Mk 4:21-25

Friday, January 29 ♦ Weekday
 11:30 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Cullinan Family
 (Jeanne C. Brown)
 2 Sm 11:1-4, 5-10, 13-17; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, January 30 ♦ Weekday
 11:30 a.m. Bernard Jouzean (Genevieve Schulkers)
 2 Sm 12:1-7, 10-17; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday, January 31 ♦ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of Holy Cross Church
 11:00 a.m. Darlene Manley (Don Manley)
 Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30

+ 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 – February 7th

Attention, all our “Lil Larry” sandwich makers. Sunday, February 7, 2016, is our next opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Cum Christo Center.

Interested?....

...In serving the parish as a Lector, Eucharistic Minister or Greeter? Sister Anne will lead a training session for new Liturgical Ministers on Sunday, February 7th at 10:00 a.m. We will meet in Church. If interested, call Sr. Anne at 614-224-3416 or just come on the seventh!

Propagation of Faith – Results

Thank you for the generosity and support of the Propagation of Faith collection last week. \$634.00 was contributed.



Lenten Book Study

Fr. Dwayne will be leading the 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. A light lunch will be provided. If you are interested, please fill out the sign-up sheet in the church.

2015 Contributions

You can call the office at 224-3416, email Mike at admmike@columbus.rr.com or drop a note in the collection basket and request a copy of your contribution record to Holy Cross Church and Bishop’s Annual Appeal for 2015. You can expect this report within a week.

Reminder

Starting in January, we will not have a Tuesday morning Mass. Every Tuesday, there will be a 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour, ending with Benediction at 6:00 p.m. and Mass at 6:15. Fr. Dwayne will hear confessions during the Holy Hour.



**World Marriage Day Celebration:
 Sunday, February 14th**

Love, Marriage, and the Meaning of Life

All married couples are invited to the Diocesan Celebration of World Marriage Day, Sunday, February 14th, from 1:30-4:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, 414 E. North Broadway, Columbus. Dr. Andrew Sodergren, a Catholic psychologist with Ruah Woods in Cincinnati will discuss ways to strengthen your marriage relationship, blending Catholic theology and insights from psychology. This will be followed by a Holy Hour for Marriage. There is no charge for the event but space is limited. **Kindly RSVP by February 10th at <http://familylife.colsdioc.org> or 614-241-2560.**

THANKS!

JANUARY 17, 2016 OFFERINGS

Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese) Prop of Faith = \$634.00	Offertory.....\$1,768.00 Mail-in.....\$ 375.00 Repair Collection\$ 0.00 Mail-in Repair.....\$ 0.00 Less 6% Diocese tax(\$ 128.58)
Mass Attendance 4:00 p.m. = 92 11:00 a.m. = 66	Net to Parish:.....\$2,014.42

THE WORD

How do you pray? At times I pray as Jesus taught: your kingdom come, give us what we need, forgive us, help us forgive, do not test us. However, in all honesty, my prayer often focuses mostly on me. On other days I have the consciousness of Abraham. I am persistent in asking God to live up to the divine promise of mercy towards others. When my focus is on me, my vision narrows and I tend to give up when I don't get what I want. When my focus is on God and openness to the good that God offers, I often find God present even when the answer is not what I'd asked. A spiritual director used to remind me, "God always answers our prayers. Sometimes the answer looks different than what we ask and sometimes the answer is no."

Jesus says ask, seek, and knock. Then we will receive, find God present in every situation and doors will be opened. He doesn't say that we will receive what we asked, unless we ask for the Holy Spirit. Nor that we will find what we seek, unless we seek to do God's will. Nor that the door on which we knock will be opened unless that door is the heart of Christ. In his 2015 Lenten letter, Pope Francis asked the Church to pray to the Lord, "Make our hearts like yours." If that is our prayer, we will find God with us in every life circumstance. We will have Abraham's courage to be persistent before God. We will find God's power alive in us. Buried with Christ in baptism, we were also raised with him. Pray as he taught. Ask, seek, and knock today.

– *How would you describe your prayer life to a close friend?*
 – *Do you focus on gratifying your own will, finding and living God's will, or some of both?*

from "Living the Word"

Annual Catholic Man of the Year Luncheon

The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club – together with Bishop Frederick F. Campbell – will recognize Mr. Jeff Bernard of Gahanna St. Matthew parish as Catholic Man of the Year for the Diocese of Columbus on Friday, February 5th! Mark your calendar and plan to participate in this popular and inspiring luncheon event to be held at St. Patrick church in downtown Columbus! Mass (optional) at 11:45 a.m.; luncheon begins 12:15 p.m.; adjournment around 1:15 p.m. Reservations not needed, but please bring \$10.00 to cover the lunch and meeting costs. Questions? Contact Tim Merkle at (614) 476-0739 or at htm@ejhlaw.com.

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.**

Rite of Sending and Election – February 14th

On 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.

TIME FOR A HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECT?

It's not just hammers and nails: It's relationships too. Enrich your marriage by taking a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend! The next two weekends are February 19-21 and April 22-24, both in Central Ohio. For more information or to register, contact Paul and Marilou Clouse at 614-834-6880 or visit our website at www.wwmecolumbus.org.

Bethesda Healing Ministry

Sometimes memories can keep us from experiencing the fullness of new life even following the reception and graced forgiveness from the Sacrament of Penance. If you have experienced abortion in your life and the memory continues to haunt you, perhaps inviting Jesus often into that memory will open your spirit to the peace only He can give. Begin by praying "Jesus, I don't want to be chained any longer to the memories of my abortion. Please come and heal me." To share the graces of this journey with those who have been there, contact Bethesda Healing Ministry confidential lines are 614-309-0157 or 614-309-2651 or visit our website at bethesdahealing.org.

Repair Fund Collection – February 7th

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