

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!**

**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*

**Monday, February 1 ♦ NO MASS**

**Tuesday, February 2 ♦ Presentation of the Lord**

6:15 p.m. Msgr. James M. Berendt (Family)

*Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2: 22-32*

**Wednesday, February 3 ♦ St. Blaise**

11:30 a.m. Richard Bellomy

(Joyce Lewandowski & Susan Bailey)

*2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Mk 6:1-6*

**Thursday, February 4 ♦ Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Sr. Mary Ann Creely (Family)

*1 Kg 2:1-4, 10-12; Mk 6:7-13*

**Friday, February 5 ♦ St. Agatha**

11:30 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Cullinan Family

(Jeanne C. Brown)

*Sir 47:2-11; Mk 6:14-29*

**Saturday, February 6 ♦ St. Paul Miki and Companions**

11:30 a.m. Patty Stover (Elliott Family)

*1 Kgs 3:4-13; Mk 6:30-34*

**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*

**+ 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. Next 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.

**THANKS!**

**JANUARY 24, 2016 OFFERINGS**

<b>Designated Collections</b>	Offertory.....	\$2,421.00
(Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Mail-in.....	\$ 333.00
	Repair Collection .....	\$ 0.00
<b>Mass Attendance</b>	Mail-in Repair .....	\$ 105.00
4:00 p.m. = 90	Less 6% Diocese tax .....	(\$ 171.54)
11:00 a.m. = 75	<b>Net to Parish: .....</b>	<b>\$2,687.46</b>

**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 614-224-3416 or just come on the seventh!

**WOMEN’S GROUP**

The Holy Cross Womens Group will be meeting on February 2, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Location will be determined.

**LENTEN BOOK STUDY – FULL!**

Fr. Dwayne wants to thank those who signed up for this special lenten Book Study of *THE SHACK* on the following Sundays: **Febuary 28th, March 6th and March 13th** from 12:00 noon until 2:00 p.m.

**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.

**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.



**ANNUAL ST. CHARLES SPAGHETTI DINNER; SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7TH**

The St. Charles Alumni Association, with the expert assistance of Berwick Party House, is hosting the school’s annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, February 7th, in the school’s Robert C. Walter Student Commons. Dinner will be served from 12:00-7:00 p.m. Come early or order carry-out and you won’t miss a second of the Super Bowl. Dinner The is a great bargain! It includes spaghetti, meat ball, salad, rolls, ice cream and a beverage. \$10.00 for adults; \$8.00 for senior citizens; \$5.00 for children 4-12; Free for those 3 and under; and \$40.00 for a special family rate (dine-in and immediate family up to six members only, please). Carry out orders will also be available.

## THE WORD

How often have you said “I know him” or “I can tell you stories about her.” How often has fear of what people might think or say about you kept you from speaking out in faith or on behalf of something or someone in whom you believe? We can be prisoners to how we think people will respond. We can imprison others by thinking we really know them.

Jesus’ hearers think they know him and they think they know what fidelity to the Covenant means. So when he speaks boldly, using examples that stretch their preconceived understanding about God, it is too much for them. Rather than listen, they drive him out, hoping to kill him. He does not give them power by keeping silent or lashing out. He simply “passed through the midst of them and went away,” living the love described in Paul’s Letter to the Corinthians.

Jeremiah spoke in the face of great odds, too. He was too young. His message, God’s message, challenged the preconceptions of his day. He was tempted to throw in the towel. But God’s promise to strengthen and be with him freed him to speak out, no matter the cost.

We only know partially. None of us has the big, much less the complete, picture. God’s love described in today’s second reading can free us from partial understandings and the prisons of fear that keep us from living our beliefs. It can free us from misconceptions about what we think we know. Step out in faith like Jeremiah. Speak with confidence like Jesus. Turn to God’s love today and be free.

-- Describe times when you have had the courage of Jesus and Jeremiah to speak out in faith.

-- How has God surprised you when you thought you knew someone or learned how the love of God transformed them?  
– from “Living the Word”

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 (614) 476-0739 or at htm@ejhlaw.com.

*Maximilian: Saint of Auschwitz*, the moving, live production performed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at St. Catharine Catholic Church in Columbus on Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00 p.m.

Experience firsthand the story of this heroic priest, Fr. Maximilian Kolbe, who courageously fought the forces of evil, and offered his life for a family man in the concentration camp of Auschwitz during World War II. The program is filled with all the elements of professional theater, runs 90 minutes, and is suitable for ages 10 and up. Admission is \$10.00 each, or \$30.00 for families. For tickets, visit [www.stcatharine.com](http://www.stcatharine.com). For additional information, contact St. Catharine Parish Office at 614-231-4509 or [info@stcatharine.com](mailto:info@stcatharine.com).

### Catholic Times

Next week is our parish collection for the *Catholic Times* weekly newspaper. This donation helps our parish to provide *Catholic Times* to you and many of our parishioners. For a minimum donation of ONLY \$17.00 per year (parish rate), readers receive a Catholic perspective on the world around us: local, national, worldwide, and Vatican news, diocesan, parish, and school stories and events are delivered right to your home. Come enjoy “A journal of catholic life in Ohio.” Donation envelopes for this collection are included in your January/February collection packet.