

**PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!**

**Sunday, November 27 ♦ First Sunday of Advent**

9:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family  
 11:00 a.m. In memory of Robert L. Janes, Jr. (Rob Janes)  
 – Is 2:1-5; Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

**Monday, November 28 ♦ NO MASS**

**Tuesday, November 29 ♦ Advent Weekday**

6:15 p.m. Mary O'Brien (Al Roehrenbeck)  
 – Is 11:1-10; Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday, November 30 ♦ St. Andrew**

11:30 a.m. Martin Klunk (Al Roehrenbeck)  
 – Rom 10:9-18; Mt 4:18-22

**Thursday, December 1 ♦ Advent Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Living/Deceased Members of the Frank Scholl Family (Scholl Family)  
 – Is 26:1-6; Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday, December 2 ♦ Advent Weekday**

11:30 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Cullinan Family (Jeanne C. Brown)  
 – Is 29:17-24; Mt 9:27-31  
 12:05 p.m. Sorrowful Mother Devotion  
 7:30 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Intention of Presider)  
 11:30 p.m. Benediction & Devotion Prayers

**Saturday, December 3 ♦ St. Francis Xavier**

11:30 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family  
 – Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Mt 9:35–10:1, 5, 6-8

**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

**St. Lawrence Haven – December 4th**

Attention, all our “Lil Larry” sandwich makers. Sunday, December 4, 2016 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 homebound 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.



*In Our Thoughts and Prayers*

**Sympathy and Prayers**

Kathleen Albert, resident of Nazareth Towers, died last week. Please keep her and her family members in your prayers.

**Do You Want to become Catholic or Study about the Catholic Church?**

The process has just started and you can still join. We meet almost every Thursday at the Martin De Porres Center from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. The address is 2330 Airport Drive. No need to call just show up and let them know you are interested and come from Holy Cross. You don't have to make any commitment till early next year. Just come and check us out.

**Be a Child's Christmas Angel**

*“For it is in giving that we receive.” (St. Francis)*

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.

**CCHD Results**

Thank you for your generosity and support of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) which was collected on November 20. \$235.50 was contributed.

**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.

**THANKS!**

**NOVEMBER 20, 2016 OFFERINGS**

<b>Designated Collections</b> (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory.....\$2,724.00
Camp Human Dev = \$235.50	Mail-in .....\$ 368.00
<b>Mass Attendance</b>	Repair Collection .....\$ 0.00
9:00 a.m. = 67	Mail-in Repair.....\$ 20.00
11:00 a.m. = 72	less 6% Diocese tax .. (\$ 186.72)
	<b>Net To Parish .....\$2,925.28</b>

# THE WORD

Though Advent is a time of joyful expectation and not a “mini-Lent” in which we focus on repentance and reform, it is natural for us to use the closing of the calendar year and the opening of the liturgical year as a opportunity for taking stock. How do I prepare to recall in faith Christ’s birth in Bethlehem, to welcome in love his daily arrival in my life, and to anticipate in hope his future coming in judgment? Though not a season of self-denial. Advent does invite us to self-scrutiny and preparation.

This Sunday’s second reading suggests that perhaps the main thing we need to do is to wake up: “it is the hour now for you to awake from sleep.” The twentieth-century Protestant theologian Karl Barth suggested that sin, rather than always being a “heroic” act of pride, often takes “the quite unheroic and trivial form of sloth.” Many times we stumble into our sins; we acquire patterns of bad behavior through inattention and carelessness; we follow the allure of what seems to be the easier path. If we think of Lent as the season in which we turn away from the actions that keep us from God, perhaps Advent is the season in which we stir ourselves out of our spiritual lethargy and begin, as the first reading says, “to walk in the light of the Lord.”

In our newly awakened state, we are not simply alert to the return of Jesus in the future; we are also attentive to the tasks to which he calls us in the here and now: the task of listening to the word of instruction that comes forth from God, the task of turning weapons of war into instruments of cultivation, the task of casting off the works of darkness and donning the armor of light.

*“Living the Word”*

## 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



## Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) **Wednesday, November 30, 2016, Parish Council meets in the Rectory at 6:00 p.m.**
- 2) **Thursday, December 8, 2016 – Immaculate Conception – Holy Day – Mass at 10:15 and 11:30 a.m.**
- 3) **Saturday, December 24, 2016, Christmas Eve, 3:30 p.m. – Carols/Mass at 4:00 p.m.**
- 4) **Sunday, December 25, 2016, Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 a.m.**

## Congratulations!

St. Charles Preparatory School recently announced its First Quarter Honor and Merit Rolls for the 2016-2017 school year. Vincent Manley is listed on the Merit Roll having achieved a grade point average between 3.00 and 3.49.

## 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.

## St. Francis Center – Donations and Volunteers Needed.

The Center in McArthur, serves as a Catholic presence in the southeastern part of the Diocese by assisting impoverished families in meeting their most basic necessities of food and clothing. Items needed include: food pantry items, new toys, clothing, and monetary donations. Volunteers needed on December 11, 13, and 14. Call for details at 740-596-5820.

## From St. Gabriel Catholic Radio AM 820

From the Chair with Bishop Campbell on AM 820 Tuesday, December 6th. Bishop Campbell takes your questions from 5:00-6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 6th during his LIVE monthly call-in show. Call St. Gabriel Catholic Radio at 614-459-4820 to ask your question about the Catholic faith and growing in holiness.