

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, March 5 ♦ First Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family
 11:00 a.m. Mary Endres (Rosalie John Jahn)
 – Gn 2:7-9, 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

Monday, March 6 ♦ NO MASS

Tuesday, March 7 ♦ Lenten Weekday

6:15 a.m. Deceased Vienes Family Members
 (Ruth & Wendell McNew)
 – Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, March 8 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Dr. Glenn J. Haninger (Joan H. Fruin)
 – Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, March 9 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Deceased McNew Family Members
 (Ruth & Wendell McNew)
 – Est C: 12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12

Friday, March 10 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Cullinan Family
 (Jeanne C. Brown)
 – Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, March 11 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Dr. Glenn J. Haninger (Joan Weber)
 – Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday, March 12 ♦ Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Judge John C. Duffy (Tom Duffy)
 11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family
 – Gn 12:1-4; 2 Tim 1:8-10; Mt 17:1-9

+ 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, Julie Litsinberger, Susan Luck, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Marilyn Scott.

St. Lawrence Haven – Today!

Attention, all our “Lil Larry” sandwich makers: This Sunday, is our opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven following the 9:00 a.m Mass at the Holy Cross School.

THANKS!

FEBRUARY 26, 2017 OFFERINGS

Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory..... \$2,277.27
	Mail-in..... \$ 260.00
	Repair Collection \$ 0.00
Mass Attendance	Mail-in Repair..... \$ 10.00
9:00 p.m. = 89	less 6% Diocese tax ..(\$ 152.84)
11:00 a.m. = 101	Net To Parish \$2,394.43

Pastors Notes

- 1) There are a few free copies of *The Word Among Us* and little black books remaining for your Lenten reading. Please do not take any of the song missals home. We were missing 30 copies and we need all of them for Mass.
- 2) I also have coffee cups with lids for your charitable giving this Lent. The monies collected will go to St. Lawrence Haven food kitchen that feeds those who need help during the week.
- 3) Don't forget Tuesday night has a holy hour from 5:00-6:00 p.m. ending with Benediction. Mass is Tuesday at 6:15 p.m.; and with Daylight Saving coming on March 12, it will be light after 7:00 p.m. I am also going to be doing the Stations of the Cross on Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. during the holy hour and on Friday after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. ***Thank you all for your great support and have a holy and blessed Lenten Season.***

WEDDING BANNS

Prayerful best wishes to Mike Johnston and Claire Parker who will be married in our Parish Church on Saturday, March 18.

Ash Wednesday Collection – Results

\$413.55 was contributed on Ash Wednesday for the Joint Organization for Inner-city Needs (J.O.I.N.). Thanks for supporting this cause.

Black and Indian Collection – Today!

This Sunday, the Annual National Collection for the Black and Indian evangelization will be taken at Mass. It is an important National Collection, vital to the Church today, as it is used to support current and new evangelization programs. Your support will help the many programs begun in the parishes and schools to continue. Our own deanery RCIA is funded by this collection.

Good News!

Recently, one of our parishioners has named Holy Cross as a beneficiary to an insurance policy. Please consider naming Holy Cross in your will or life insurance policy.

We have had several parishioners who have done this over the years which has allowed Holy Cross to keep up or improve the physical status of its buildings along with our monthly Repair Collection.

Choir Practice – Today!

Starting 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.

THE WORD

The tree in the middle of the garden was enticing, “good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom” (Genesis 3:8). Adam and Eve only wanted the good. How many people wish that we were gods at times? They ate and their eyes were opened. They were creatures, not gods, nor God. Trying to be something other than who they were filled them with shame, feeling bad about who we are. Healthy guilt, on the other hand, means feeling bad about what we did. Shame is destructive. Guilt can give life. We can learn what is truly good, pleasing, and desirable, rather than what only appears to be.

Satan tempts Jesus by offering what the Evil One cannot deliver: true food, ultimate authority, and true worship. At first sight what is offered appears to be good. However, only God can satisfy our deepest hungers. That is why we are to trust and not test God. Only God is worthy of our worship. Jesus saw through these offers because he knew the One who alone can satisfy us and is worthy of our worship and trust. Forty days and nights of fasting deepened his understanding of who he and God are. That knowledge freed him to accept death on the cross, where we receive the gift of justification.

Lent asks, “Have we put our trust in what only appears to be good, pleasing, and desirable, or in the One who alone can satisfy our hungry hearts?” Open your eyes to see who we are, children of God who belong to Jesus Christ. May our Lenten journey renew our identity so that we can discover what is really good, desirable, and life-giving.

- *Where do you place trust in people, things, or ways of being other than God?*
- *Where has admitting your sin opened your eyes to let God's mercy fill you, free you, and change you?*

– “*Living the Word*”

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 March 3 to April 7; Fish Dinner Cost: Regular – \$9.00, Small – \$7.00; Macaroni and Cheese Dinner also available at \$7.00. 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.

Special Parish Dates

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

Lenten Opportunities

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' [**Sorrowful Mother Novena will resume on First Fridays after Easter.**] Day of abstinence (no meat for those over 14 years of age).

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 and Holy Communion

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

Easter Sunday: 9:00 a.m and 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.**

Bishop Campbell Presentation

All are invited to Bishop Campbell's presentation, “God's Creation, Our Common Home,” where he will reflect on the encyclical *Laudato Si*, which speaks of our relationship with God through creation. He will discuss the social, environmental, and moral issues facing all creatures of God, and will speak about the great suffering caused by the opiate addiction crisis. Join with Bishop in exploring, embracing, and acting on the true beauty and grandeur of God's gift to us! Presentations will be held:

- Monday, March 13, 7:00-9:00 p.m.,
St. Francis de Sales Parish, Newark
- Tuesday, March 14, 7:00-9:00 p.m.,
St. Peter Parish, Columbus
- Thursday, March 16, 7:00-9:00 p.m.,
Bishop Ready High School, Columbus
- Saturday, March 18, 9:30-11:30 a.m.,
Notre Dame High School, Portsmouth

All are invited to attend! For additional information, contact Ellen at the Office of Development and Planning at 614-241-2550 or eweilbacher@columbuscatholic.org.