

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

- Sunday, September 17 ♦ Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
 10:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family
 – Sir 27:30–28:7; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35
- Monday, September 18 ♦ No Mass**
- Tuesday, September 19 ♦ Weekday**
 5:00 p.m. Holy Hour – Divine Mercy Chaplet
 6:15 p.m. Betty Burnett (George Joseph Paesano)
 – 1 Tm 3:1-13; Lk 7:11-17
- Wednesday, September 20 ♦**
Sts. Andrew Kim, Paul Chong & Companions
 11:30 a.m. Joseph MacKinnon
 – 1 Tm 3:14-16; Lk 7:31-35
- Thursday, September 21 ♦**
St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
 11:30 a.m. Bishop Rudolf Deng Majak
 (Robert C. Carter)
 – Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mt 9:9-13
- Friday, September 22 ♦ Weekday**
 11:30 a.m. Anthony Kozlowski (Michael Kozlowski)
 – 1 Tm 6:2-12; Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday, September 23 ♦ St. Padre Pio**
 11:30 a.m. Darlene M. Manley (Don Manley)
 – 1 Tm 6:13-16; Lk 8:4-15
- Sunday, September 24 ♦**
Twenty-fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
 9:00 a.m. Janet Joffre (Annrose Reichert)
 11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family
 – Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-16

+ Please remember in your prayers our home-bound parishioners, and those who are ill: Michael Baker, Betty Cockran, Richard Deneski, Ann Froesch, Bernadette Froesch, Herbert Froesch, Sr. Sally Groom, Robert Hackett, Ted Igel, Louise Knapp, Julie Litsinberger, Susan Luck, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Helen Meers, Vicki Meyer, Andy Piaskowy, Marilyn Scott.

St. Lawrence Haven – September 24, 2017

Attention all our “Lil Larry” sandwich makers. Next Sunday, September 24, is our next opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Holy Cross School.

FEAST OF THE HOLY CROSS

In today’s world, everybody wants to make it big. Although there are exceptions, many people dream about getting a good job and making lots of money to provide for their family.

The Feast of the Holy Cross is about sacrifice and giving of oneself for the sake of others. This really is a new perspective for many people who go off to college to take interesting courses; but I know of many young college students who are preparing for a future to serve others. One young lady, who I’ve known since she was in grade school, is studying at St. Mary’s College in Florida, working toward a degree in both Theology and Psychology. There are so many young people who are inspirations in our world because they are preparing to serve the needs of others rather than their own needs.

Unfortunately, many in our world have a privileged-status attitude so unlike Jesus. Not only did Jesus reject His privileged status, He decided to humble Himself by accepting death on a cross. Jesus’s self-giving and death did not go unrewarded. God accepted the self-giving of His Son, and exulted Him for all ages.

Naturally, we want to be happy and have a good life. There’s nothing wrong with being recognized as truly successful people. On a worldly level, this may lead us to disregard our responsibilities toward others, and see them as ing-stones in our upward climb. Hurricane Harvey revealed that people can and do step out of their comfort zones – many left their own homes and cities to rescue others in need. The “Cajun Navy” raced to Texas, using boats in their rescue efforts to pay it forward.

In Christianity, the cross is the most powerful symbol of giving oneself in service to others. Ultimately, those who give of themselves make it in this world and the next. The triumph of the cross shows that giving oneself in service to others is truly the way God has called each of us to live.

LECTOR MEETING AND TRAINING!



All individuals currently serving as Lectors, and all who wish to join or have any interest in knowing more about becoming Proclaimers of the Word, are invited, asked and welcome to attend a meeting in the church at

10:00 a.m. (between the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Masses) on Sunday, September 24th. Training will be offered for all who are interested; and this meeting will provide an opportunity for everyone to ask any questions, and share comments, ideas, and suggestions that you may have to make our ministry even more joyful and service-friendly.

THANKS!

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory..... \$2,011.25
Mass Attendance	Mail-In \$1,476.00
9:00 a.m. = 81	Repair Collection \$ 0.00
11:00 a.m. = 82	Mail-in Repair..... \$ 70.00
	Less 6% Diocese Tax ..(\$ 213.44)
	Net To Parish \$3,343.81

THE WORD

I agree with the saying “Reconciliation is a gift we give to someone else, but forgiveness is a gift we give ourselves.” It takes more energy to hold on to hurt than it does to try to be free of it. Try this. Make as tight a fist as you can. Feel how much energy that takes, and if your nails need trimming, how they cut into your palms. Now open your hands. Energy is released and you make room for new possibilities. Hugging wrath and anger, holding hurt and pain are like holding our fists tight. They take a lot of energy and often only hurt us. Releasing these feelings can open us to experience the forgiveness and peace that God has already offered us and opens the door to future reconciliation, if that becomes possible.

Holding on to anger dissipates any forgiveness given to us, as it did for the forgiven servant who refused to forgive the servant who owed a lesser debt. The first servant’s refusal to forgive was viewed by his peers as a great injustice and so he lost everything, including respectability. That servant lived only for himself. Our call is to live for the Lord by loving one another as God loves and forgives us, not seven or seventy-seven times, but infinitely. The way we do or do not forgive is the measure for how we experience God’s presence in our lives. Vengeance can seem sweet at the time, but it only opens the door to the Lord’s vengeance, as Sirach notes. Not because God is vengeful, but because our hands are so full, they cannot receive the kindness of our merciful God. Open your hands and your heart. Receive the mercy of God and do unto others as God does to us. Forgive.

- *What benefit has releasing hurt and pain given you?*
- *What has holding on to them done in the long run?*

“Living the Word”

Tuesdays with God

September 19th: **Come at 5:00 p.m. to spend a Holy Hour and pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, then stay for Mass at 6:15.**

September 26th: *At 5:00 p.m., bring your Bible and enjoy a Holy Hour of silent prayer with Jesus, and stay for our 6:15 Mass.*

SPECIAL PARISH DATES

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

- 1) *September 24, 2017: The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (PSR) begins for children ages 3-12+ from 10:00-10:45 a.m.*

SPECIAL COLLECTION TO ASSIST THOSE DEVASTATED BY HURRICANE HARVEY – TODAY!

With the devastation from Hurricane Harvey in mind, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has requested, and Bishop Campbell has approved, a special collection from the Diocese of Columbus for those affected by Hurricane Harvey. These funds will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA and other Catholic agencies as they reach out to provide humanitarian aid in Texas and other affected parts of the Gulf Coast region.

GOOD NEWS!

Our parish received its first refund of \$7,018.45 from the Diocese for exceeding the BAA pledges paid goal. Fr. Dwayne thanks you for your continued support to this year’s campaign and pledge payments. FYI – The refund will go towards the air conditioning of our beautiful church building.

IN NEED OF A MINI RETREAT???

Please join us for the 6th Annual Sacred Heart Congress, Saturday, October 14, 2017, from 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Christ the King Catholic Church located at 2777 East Livingston Avenue. Registration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will begin at 7:00 a.m. The Congress begins with Fatima Rosary and Litany of the Sacred Heart. Confessions will be heard throughout the day. Keynote Speakers this year are Sister Joseph Andrew, O.P., a foundress of the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Father John Paul Mary, EWTN, Director of Pilgrimages and Father Stash Dailey, Spiritual Director of Sacred Heart Columbus. The Mass Celebrant will be Father David Schalk, Pastor of Christ the King Church. There is no cost for the Congress and there will be a freewill offering. Visit www.sacredheartcolumbus.org to register or call Scott Williamson at 614-798-1792.

Sunday Morning, September 24, 2017, Holy Cross Parish School of Religion (PSR) utilizes the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children ages 3-12+, from 10:00-10:45 a.m. See today’s insert page.