

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, February 11 ♦ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Arthur Duncan (Tom & Kim Duncan)
 11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family
 Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mt 1:40-45

Monday, February 12 ♦ NO MASS

Tuesday, February 13 ♦ Weekday

6:15 p.m. Walter Kokernot (Barbara Chairez)
 Jas 1:12-18; Mk 8: 14-21

Wednesday, February 14 ♦ Ash Wednesday

11:30 a.m. Dr. Glenn Haninger (John & Kellie Erwin)
 Jl 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, February 15 ♦ NO MASS

Friday, February 16 ♦ Friday after Ash Wednesday

11:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of Cullinan Family
 (Jeanne C. Brown)
 Is 58:1-9; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday, February 17 ♦ Saturday after Ash Wednesday

11:30 a.m. Polisen Family (Ben Casuccio)
 Is 58:9-14; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday, February 18 ♦ First Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family
 11:00 a.m. William O'Reilly (O'Reilly Family)
 Gn 9:8-15; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

+ Please remember in your prayers our homebound parishioners, and those who are ill: Michael Baker, Betty Cockran, Richard Deneski, Ann Froesch, Bernadette Froesch, Sr. Sally Groom, Robert Hackett, Louise Knapp, Julie Litsinberger, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Andy Piaskowy, Marilyn Scott, Baby Dylan Thomas Stock.

St. Lawrence Haven – March 11, 2018

Attention, all our “Lil Larry” sandwich makers. The next opportunity to support St. Lawrence Haven is March 11, 2018 following the 9:00 a.m. Mass at the Holy Cross School.

**THANKS!
 FEBRUARY 4, 2018**

Designated Collections
 (Funds forwarded
 directly to the Diocese)

9:00 a.m. = 78
 11:00 a.m. = 72

Offertory.....	\$2,046.50
Mail-In	\$1,202.00
Repair Collection	\$ 808.00
Mail-in Repair.....	\$ 10.00
Less 6% Diocese Tax	(\$ 243.99)
Net To Parish	\$3,822.51

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

During this season of Lent, the reflections you will be reading in our weekly bulletin are excerpts from Matthew Kelly’s book, *The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic*. These bite-size excerpts are intended to be appetizers for your soul. Hopefully, these little morsels will inspire you to consider the book as a possible main course.

Week One

“Every time you become a-better-version-of-yourself, the consequences of your transformation echo through your marriage, family, parish, nation, and beyond to people and places in the future. It is God who does the transforming, but only to the extent that we cooperate... So our cooperation with God’s desire to transform us is essential; it is the variable. Are you willing to let God transform you?”



Catholic Times – Today

This 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 (cash or check to Holy Cross), 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.

**WOMEN'S
 GROUP**

~ Invitation to all Women of Holy Cross ~

The Women’s Group will be meeting next on Wednesday, February 21, at The Crest on Parsons at 6:00 p.m. Please contact Jan Kustron to RSVP (jan@photoj.com or 614-443-5271). Thank you!

2017 Contributions

You can call the office at 614-224-3416, 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 2017. You can expect this report within a week.

THE WORD

I was privileged to minister to and with people living with HIV/AIDS early in the pandemic. Fear of infection was great. After a woman hugged me and then learned about my ministry, she asked, "Can I get AIDS from hugging you?" Of course she couldn't, but it took a number of years before that type of fear was overcome by understanding and compassion.

Leprosy provoked fear. The Levitical law sought to help people be compassionate for those living with leprosy while protecting others from infection. Lepers were unclean, so when a leper approached Jesus and Jesus touched him, they both broke the law. Jesus' interpretation of the law sought to reveal God's desire to touch us where we need cleansing. He asked the healed person to be quiet in order to invite people to come to him to deepen their relationship with God, and not for miracles alone. God became one with us that we might become one with God. That deeper union is more important than external healing, because it is ours in good times and in bad. Yet we often seem to want external healing more than that deeper connection, which requires a willingness to risk being totally honest. Honesty means that we admit our need for healing, which can leave us feeling very vulnerable and open to being judged.

Only by turning to God at all times and speaking our whole truth can we hear Jesus say, "Be made clean." That kind of vulnerability can help us discover that God loves us as we are. God wants to make us whole. We need not be clean first. We begin Lent on Wednesday. Bring your whole self to God as you are. Let Jesus touch you throughout the Lenten season. Deepen your connection with God and let Jesus' healing touch help you give glory to God.

- *When have you experienced Jesus' compassion in your life?*
- *What is it that cries out for his healing touch as we approach the season of Lent?*

"Living the Word"

Ash Wednesday Collection – February 14th

The proceeds of Ash Wednesday collection will be contributed to The Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs (JOIN). JOIN is a Diocesan agency which provides emergency assistance to the poor in the form of food, clothing, prescription help, utility help, infant formula and ensure, eyeglasses, bus transportation, burial assistance, senior items and referrals to other public and private service providers.

Special Parish Dates

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

1) **Wednesday, February 14, 2018, Ash Wednesday Mass at 11:30 a.m.**

Repair Collection – Results

Thank you for the generosity and support of the Repair Fund collection held last week. \$808.00 was contributed.

Lenten Opportunities

Ash Wednesday – February 14: Ashes will be distributed during the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Day of Fast and abstinence.*

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.*
7:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy & 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 18-59 years. Abstinence = no meat for over 14 years old.**

Mass Intentions

One of the greatest acts of charity is to pray for the living and the dead, and the greatest and most powerful prayer we have is the Mass since the fruits of the Mass are the very fruits of Jesus' redemption. Mass stipends (offerings) are \$10.00 each; only one offering per Mass. All Mass intentions will be listed in the bulletin. We are in need of daily Mass intentions. Please utilize the envelopes in church or contact Mike Agriesti by regular mail, or drop a note into the collection basket on Sundays or email admmike@columbus.rr.com to schedule a Mass.