

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

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

Monday, February 19 ♦ NO MASS

Tuesday, February 20 ♦ Lenten Weekday

6:15 p.m. Elsie Haninger (John & Kellie Erwin)
 -Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, February 21 * Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Bill & Erwin Endres (Betty Morbitzer)
 Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, February 22 ♦ Chair of St. Peter the Apostle

11:30 a.m. Yola Rossi (Tom & Norma Eviston)
 1 Pt 5:1-4; Mt 16:13-19

Friday, February 23 ♦ Lenten Weekday

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

Saturday, February 24 ♦ Lenten Weekday

11:30 a.m. Hubert Froesch
 Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday, February 25 ♦ Second Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. Cris Morbitzer (Betty Morbitzer)
 11:00 a.m. Living/Deceased of the Holy Cross Family
 Gn 22:1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10

+ Please remember in your prayers our home-bound 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 11, 2018**

Designated Collections
 (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)
Catholic Times = \$254.00
 9:00 a.m. = 81
 11:00 a.m. = 101

Offertory.....	\$ 3,078.95
Mail-In	\$ 1,455.00
Repair Collection	\$ 0.00
Mail-in Repair.....	\$ 10.00
Less 6% Diocese Tax	(\$ 272.64)
Net To Parish	\$ 4,271.31



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 Two

“Jesus doesn’t just want followers. He wants disciples. To be a Christian disciple begins by sitting at the feet of Christ to learn. We all sit at the feet of someone to learn. Whose feet do you sit at? For some it is a talk show host and for others it is a politician; for others still it is a musician, an artist, a pastor, or a business leader. But none of these is a substitute for Jesus. ...he is seen as a friend, coach, mentor, and Savior.” (You have an ongoing invitation to spend some time with Jesus at a Holy Hour on Tuesdays at 5:00 p.m. – Fr. Dwayne)



RE-SCHEDULE Women’s Group MEETING

The women’s group will now be meeting a week later. So that’s Wednesday, February 28, at The Crest on Parsons at 6:00 p.m. 621 Parsons Avenue, Columbus, 43206. Please contact Jan Kustron to RSVP at jan@photoj.com or 614-443-5271. Thank you!



Black and Indian Collection – Today!

Today, 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.

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 once saw a beautiful double rainbow break through dark storm clouds. Seeing that rainbow comforted me. I sensed the presence of a recently deceased friend and I felt the nearness of God. Rainbows remind me to look for calm after a storm and find God near.

God promised: "When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings" (Genesis 9:14-15a). The rainbow reminds God, and us, of that promise. In Baptism we enter into a relationship with God. In baptism we put to death whatever is not of God, "the flesh" in St. Paul. In baptism we promise to live by the Spirit. Lent is a rainbow of renewal, wherein God reminds us of the promise never again to destroy all mortal beings. During Lent we enter the desert with Jesus to hear him say to us: "This is time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel" (Mark1:15).

Repent! Reflect on the floodwaters of sin that keep you from believing God is here. Repent! Renew your baptismal promise to live Jesus. Repent! Name your storms that cloud over God's unconditional, merciful love. Ask Jesus for help to find the rainbows of forgiveness and new life that often follow those storms. Our example will give hope to those preparing for Baptism at the Easter Vigil. St. Francis de Sales taught that life happens. Whatever happens, God is with us. Look for God's rainbows that proclaim: God is here! God will not destroy you! Repent! Turn away from sin and believe in the Gospel.

- *When have you experienced a rainbow of hope after a stormy time in your life?*
- *Name one way you can repent to reorient your life to live the gospel this Lent.*

"Living the Word"

First Communion and Confirmation

Julia Turley, daughter of Carrie Turley, is preparing to receive the sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time on Sunday, April 22 during the 11:00 a.m. Mass here at Holy Cross. Megan McKinney, daughter of Bob and Kim McKinney, along with Owen Mayzum, son of Jeff and Sarah Mayzum, are preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, April 28 at 1:30 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc Church in Powell, OH. Please keep these children in your prayers.

Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) **February 21, 2018, Wednesday, Parish Council Meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the Rectory**

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.* 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.**

Ash Wednesday Collections – Results

\$1,050.00 was contributed on Ash Wednesday for the Joint Organization for Inner-city Needs (J.O.I.N.). Thanks for supporting this cause.

Sunday School Volunteers Needed

Adult volunteers are needed to staff the Children's Religious Education program which meets from 10:00-10:45 a.m. on the 2nd and 3rd floors of Holy Cross Church most Sunday mornings during the school year. Volunteers must be fingerprinted and attend a three hour session on Protecting Our Children. It is not necessary for the volunteer to be an expert in theology, but a willingness to share your faith with children and allow them to experience Jesus in their own lives is priceless. For more information, please contact Debi Matthews, at 614-861-1746 or matthews9244@sbcglobal.net.



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