

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sunday, December 23 ♦ Fourth Sunday in Advent

9:00 a.m. Patricia Manley (Steven Dewars)

11:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross

Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Monday, December 24 ♦ Vigil of Christmas

4:00 p.m. Patrick & Martha Walsh

(Walsh & Burkey Families)

Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday, December 25 ♦ Nativity of the Lord

10:00 a.m. Msgr. James M. Berendt (Family)

Is 62:11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Wednesday, December 26 ♦ St. Stephen

11:30 a.m. Sari Asher [deceased] (James Wilfinger)

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22

Thursday, December 27 ♦ St. John

11:30 a.m. John Varley (Al Roehrenbeck III)

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1, 2-8

Friday, December 28 ♦ Holy Innocents

11:30 a.m. Intentions of Msgr. Corcoran –

Birthday (SND)

1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18

Saturday, December 29 ♦ Weekday

11:30 a.m. James Manley (Dick & Betty Morbitzer)

1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35

Sunday, December 30 ♦ Holy Family Sunday

9:00 a.m. Deceased of Cullinan Family

(Jeanne C. Brown)

11:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross

Sir 3:2-7, 12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

MASS SCHEDULING POLICY: In order to accommodate as many requests for specific dates as possible, we cannot schedule more than five at one time. Requests without a specific date are scheduled as openings permit. Please include the suggested offering of \$10.00 (for each Mass) when the request is made. Thank You!

+ **Please remember in your prayers** our homebound parishioners and those who are ill: Hilda Barrett, Charles “Sonny” Bellamy, Sara Fingerlin, Holly Gardner, Marianne Garrison, Chris Igel, Jestina Jones, Edith Kowalsky, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Mary Miller, Mary Scholl, Msgr. Francis Schweitzer, Marilyn Scott, Sheila Shirey, Margaret Trainor, Helen Violet, Elizabeth Wanamaker, Elizabeth Webster.

THANKS!

DECEMBER 16, 2007 OFFERINGS

Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offertory..... \$1,990.00
Relig. Retirement = \$546.00	Votives..... 62.00
Mass Attendance	Novena/1st Friday 0
9:00 a.m. = 74	Repair..... 172.00
11:00 a.m. = 70	Less Tax(111.20)
	Net to Parish.....\$2,112.80

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Special Christmas Blessings to our Holy Cross Family, Guests and Visitors from Fr. Jerry, Msgr. Corcoran, Sr. Pat & Mike

Congratulations!!

Prayerful best wishes to Michael Meshenko and Julie Kowalski, who will be married in our Parish Church this coming Saturday, December 29th.

Many Thanks!

God, who is never outdone in generosity, will certainly bless you for your generous response to our Christmas gift request. We were able to provide gifts for 6 families and 4 needy individuals, we offered \$1,260.00 in cash or gift certificates to J.O.I.N. for teen-age gifts and delivered over 50 pairs of gloves and socks to the Open Shelter. Sincere thanks to all of you and especially to John and Jen Drew for the gathering, tagging and delivery of the family gifts.

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.

Diocesan Charities Collection

A second collection will be taken for the Diocesan Charities during Christmas Masses.

Capital Campaign Update

The Campaign Committee is proud to announce that our parish has received its second distribution from the Diocese from this year’s portion of the Capital Campaign Drive. This distribution amounted to \$25,152.73, which brings our total year-to-date to \$70,847.23, which has been deposited into our Diocesan savings account to address the current capital improvements. We are very grateful to all those who have contributed to the campaign and we thank you for your generosity and follow-through to date.

Parking for Christmas Eve

Extra parking is available during the Christmas Eve Mass at PERS garage, just north of the Rectory. We have made arrangements for you to enter from the 5th Street entrance for your convenience.

THE WORD

Today’s Gospel highlights three titles of Christ. The first, “Son of David,” Jesus owes to Joseph, son of David (Matthew 1:20). After the formal engagement to Mary, the first part of the marriage process, Joseph becomes aware of Mary’s pregnancy. Being a just man, he has concern for the law and compassion for Mary. The angel solves his dilemma by revealing to him the virginal conception of Mary’s Son. Joseph then takes Mary into his home, the second part of the marriage process. Following the guidance of the angel, he adopts the child legally, giving Him the name Jesus. Jesus is indeed the “Son of David,” as Matthew says at the beginning of his Gospel, “The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham” (1:1).

The name “Jesus” is the second important title. The Hebrew means “Yahweh saves.” The basic reason for the Son of God becoming human was to save us from our sins. At the Last Supper, Jesus will take the cup of wine and say, “This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed on behalf of many for the forgiveness of sins” (Matthew 26:27-28). Jesus is truly our Savior; He sheds His blood to save us from our sins.

“Emmanuel” is the third title given to the Messiah. Matthew uses a fulfillment quotation for the first time to show that Jesus is the continuation, the perfection of the Old Testament (1:22-23). The prophet Isaiah in today’s first reading tells Ahaz, “The virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel” (Isaiah 7:14). Matthew quotes this text of Isaiah, adding that Emmanuel means “God is with us” (1:23). Mary’s son, the Son of David, the Savior, is also the Son of God.

–from “Living the Word”

✠ 23 December 2007 ✠
Fourth Sunday of Advent

❖ Hymns are not announced ❖
The first reading begins on page 34
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. – Dan DiSanto, organist

Gathering Hymn	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i> (#462)
Responsorial Psalm	<i>Let the Lord enter, he is king of glory.</i> (#21, page 34)
Gospel Acclamation	(#22, page 35)
Offertory Hymn	<i>O Lord of Light</i> (#472)
Communion Hymn	<i>Emmanuel</i> (#460)
Closing Hymn	<i>Come, O Long-Awaited Savior</i> (#455)

Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) Monday, December 24, 2007 – Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 p.m. Incense will be used during the Mass.
NOTE: There will be no 11:30 a.m. Mass this day.
- 2) Tuesday, December 25, 2007 – Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 a.m. Incense will *not* be used during Mass.
- 3) Sunday, December 30, 2007 – Holy Family Sunday – Open House (Rectory) after each Mass.
- 4) Parish Mission – Sunday, April 20, 2008, through Tuesday, April 22, 2008.

Feast of the Holy Family

Appropriately, the Church places the **Feast of the Holy Family** on the weekend following Christmas. Let us pray for our families:

Father, help us to live as the Holy Family, united in respect and love. Teach us the sanctity of human love, show us the value of family life, and help us to live in peace. We are united with Jesus, Mary and Joseph because in Your great love for us You sent Your son to live in this world and to share our human experience. Help us to love each other as You love us, and to be more aware of those families in the world who struggle with poverty, war and disease. Bring us all to the joy and peace of Your eternal home. Amen

Rectory Open House – December 30th

Be sure to stop over at the Rectory after Masses next week to celebrate the Holy Family Sunday.

Catholic War Veterans

The Greater Columbus Post of the Catholic Veterans will meet Tuesday, January 8th, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Michael Church in Worthington. Any Catholic person honorably discharged with 90 days either peace or wartime active duty US military experience, or on active duty now, is eligible to join. Contact John Francis at 614-395-8529 for more info.

Mark Your Calendars!!

On Saturday, February 16, 2008, St. Mary in Delaware will present “*MARRIAGE MATTERS: LIFE and LOVE UNLIMITED*” with featured speaker Sr. Renee Mirkes, OSF, PhD. This will be a day of reflection and renewal for young married and engaged couples. To register for this event, visit the St. Mary web site at www.delawarestmary.org.

BIRTHRIGHT OF COLUMBUS, a pregnancy support service, needs women volunteers for their two offices at 35 E. Gay Street and 4768 N. High Street. There is a short training period for a once a week commitment. Call E. Gay at 221-0844 or High Street at 263-2514 for more information.