PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, December 13 ◆ Third Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m. Ann Wollenberg & Rita Alberico (David & Dee Strawser)
11:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
Zep 3:14-18; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18
Monday, December 14 ◆ No Mass
Tuesday, December 15 ◆ Advent Weekday
11:30 a.m. Elsie Haninger (Glenn Haninger)
Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday, December 16 ◆ Advent Weekday
11:30 a.m. Msgr. Lawrence Corcoran (Jean Finn)
Is 45:6-8, 18, 21-25; Lk 7:18-23
Thursday, December 17 ◆ Late Advent Weekday
11:30 a.m. Jay & Marie Wishau Anniversary (Jack & Jan Kustron)
Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17
Friday, December 18 ◆ Late Advent Weekday
11:30 a.m. Helen & Joseph Boldizsar (John & Rosalie Jahn)
Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25
Saturday, December 19 ◆ Late Advent Weekday
11:30 a.m. Fr. Stluka and Family
Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25; Lk 1:5-25
Sunday, December 20 ◆ Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of Cramer and Kessler Families (Agnes Cramer)
11:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
Mi 5:1-4; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

+ Please remember in your prayers our homebound parishioners, and those who are ill: Mary Cordesco, Sara Fingerlin, Marianne Garrison, Dorothy Gaus, Sally Groom, Mary Kay Keefer, Mary Knapp, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Cathy Miller, Rita Neff, Jim Scanlon, Mary Scholl, Marilyn Scott, Margaret Trainor, Helen Violet, Elizabeth Wanamaker.

FLU ! ! !

Due to the national H1N1 emergency, we have temporarily discontinued the optional handshake sign of peace and communion from the cup during both Sunday and Weekday Masses. We will continue this precautionary measure until the virus season is over.

Please pray for the sick and their caregivers.

THANKS!
December 6, 2009 Offerings

Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)

Mass Attendance
9:00 a.m. = 80
11:00 a.m. = 87

Offering	$1,933.60
Votives	49.55
Eucharistic Vigil	20.13
Repair	694.00
Less 5% Tax	(134.86)
Net to Parish	**$2,562.42**

Sympathy and Prayers

Elsie Haninger, parishioner and wife of Dr. Glenn Haninger, died last week. Please keep her, Glenn and their family in your prayers.

Holy Cross Christmas Project

Your response to Christmas Project with J.O.I.N. has been wonderful. Additional names/gift suggestions are available in the vestibule of the church.

Repair Fund Collection Results

Thank you for the generosity and support of the Repair Fund collection last week. $694.00 was contributed.

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.

Advent and Christmas Music Preparation

Choir practice continues today following the 11:00 a.m. Mass in preparation for Advent and Christmas. We will be learning a new Mass setting, Missa Emmanuel, for the season of Advent. Please know that all are welcome each Sunday around 12:00 noon through December 20th as we meet to prepare our voices and our hearts for the coming of our Savior's birth.

Please contact Kelly Doman, choir director (keladom@insight.rr.com or 920-4443), if you would like to participate or if you have any other questions.

Religious Retirement Collection Today!

The second collection this week will be for Retirement Fund for Religious. There are more than 11,000 Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests that need skilled care or help with tasks of daily living. Please be generous.

WELCOME

If you are not yet registered in our parish, please drop this form in the collection basket:

Yes, I would like to register in Holy Cross Parish

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

E-mail: _____

THE WORD

Years ago, Father Joe Champlin, a priest of the diocese of Syracuse, presented at a workshop for clergy a wedding homily that offered three words of advice to the couple: Share. Care. Be fair. I wonder now if he got this message from John the Baptist. John gives pretty much this same advice to the people who come to him. He calls the crowds to share their clothing. He tells the tax collectors to care about those whom they were known to overtax. And he urges soldiers not to abuse their power, but to act fairly toward an oppressed people who had little recourse against Roman military might.

These three words of good advice can speak today to our own lives, as individuals and as a nation. They offer a profile of reform, of living in a way that looks beyond oneself to others. Luke's John is very much in line with Luke's call to care for the poor and lowly, the oppressed and the downtrodden.

John knew who he was and who he was not. He preached that "one mightier than I is coming…who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire" (Luke 3:16). John expected someone who would bring judgment and separate the wheat from the chaff, tossing the worthless into the fire. But the one who came was first of all a "Savior," as Luke emphasizes, and as we will hear on Christmas night, Jesus was even better news than John expected. Which is great news for us.

– from *"Living the Word"*

✞ December 13, 2009 ✞
Third Sunday of Advent

❖ Hymns are not announced ❖
The first reading begins on page 35.
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. – Kelly Doman, organist
"Missa Emmanuel"

Gathering Hymn	*Savior of the Nations, Come (#469)*
Responsorial Psalm	*Cry out with joy and gladness; for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel. (Misselette p. 36, #19)*
Gospel Acclamation	*Advent Christmas Acclamation*
Offertory Hymn	*The King Shall Come (#468 verses 1, 3, and 4)*
Communion Hymn	*O Lord of Light (#472)*
Closing Hymn	*Lift Up Your Heads (#944)*

Special Parish Dates

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

1) **Sunday, December 13, 2009 – 4:00 p.m. – Deanery Reconciliation Service at St. Dominic Church, 453 N. 20th Street (north of Broad Street).**
2) **Thursday, December 24, 2009 – Christmas Eve Mass at 4:00 p.m.**
3) **Friday, December 25, 2009 – Christmas Day Mass at 10:00 a.m.**
4) **Sunday, December 27, 2009 – Feast of the Holy Family – Rectory Open House after both Masses.**
5) **Friday, January 1, 2010 – Mary, Mother of God – Holyday of Obligation, Mass will be at 10:00 a.m.**

Deanery Reconciliation Service

You are encouraged to participate in our Deanery Reconciliation/Penance Service at St. Dominic Church, 453 N. 20th Street, today at 4:00 p.m. Fr. Jerry will join the priests from our Deanery Churches to hear confessions. This is a good opportunity for us to pray together as a Deanery community.

Nominations for Catholic Man of the Year Now Being Accepted

The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club is accepting nominations for the 2010 Columbus Diocese Catholic Man of the Year. The winner will have the honor of Bishop Campbell presenting the award to him at Columbus St. Patrick Church on Friday, February 5, 2010, following the 11:45 a.m. Mass during the CMLC meeting. Any additional information or questions, please contact Chad Wilson via e-mail: cewcbus@gmail.com.

13th Annual Catholic Men's Conference

Reserve March 6, 2010 for the next Columbus Catholic Men's Conference titled "*Becoming the Man God Wants Us To Be!"* The event will be held at Lausche Building at Ohio State Expo Center in Columbus.

Catholic Alumni Dance

All Single Catholics are cordially invited to the Columbus Catholic Alumni Club's Christmas Singles Dance on Saturday, December 19, 2009, from 8:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. at St. Michael Church, 5750 N. High Street in Worthington. $7.00 admission includes music, soda, and snacks. Deejay. BYO Alcohol. For information, call Peggy Schano at 614-575-0518.

Catholic Veterans Meet January 5th

The Greater Columbus Post of the Catholic Veterans will meet Tuesday, January 5th at 7:00 p.m., at St. Peter Church located on Smoky Row Road near Snouffer Road. Any Catholic person honorably discharged with 90 days either peace or wartime active duty U.S. military experience, or on active duty now, is eligible to join. Please call John Francis at 614-395-8529 for more information.