

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Sunday, December 6 ♦ Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 a.m. Msgr. Lawrence Corcoran
(Kyle & Toni O'Reilly)

11:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Monday, December 7 ♦ No Mass

Tuesday, December 8 ♦ Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

11:30 a.m. Unbaptized Child of Gould Family –
Vadim (William & Ina Gould)
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday, December 9 ♦ Advent Weekday

11:30 a.m. Intentions of Elsie Haninger
(Glenn Haninger)

Is 40:25-31; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday, December 10 ♦ Advent Weekday

11:30 a.m. Emil & Johanna Heider
(Sr. Ruth Ann Heider)

Is 41:13-20; Mt 11:11-15

Friday, December 11 ♦ Advent Weekday

11:30 a.m. Toni Marko (Fr. Jerry Stluka)
Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday, December 12 ♦ Our Lady of Guadalupe

11:30 a.m. Helen & Joseph Boldizar
(John & Rosalie Jahn)
Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19, 12:1-6, 10; Lk 1:26-38 or 1:39-47

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

+ Please remember in your prayers our home-bound parishioners, and those who are ill: Mary Cordesco, Sara Fingerlin, Marianne Garrison, Dorothy Gaus, Sally Groom, Elsie Haninger, 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.

Monthly Financial Target

Average Monthly Budgeted Expense: \$18,118.71
November 2009 Net Offerings = \$11,487.92
Other Parish Income = \$ 1,810.50
Total November 2009 Income \$13,298.42
Monthly Results (shortfall) (\$ 4,820.29)

THANKS!

November 29, 2009 Offerings

Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offering \$1,582.10 Votives 55.00 Eucharistic Vigil 0.00 Repair 19.00 Less 5% Tax (82.81) Net to Parish \$1,573.29
Mass Attendance 9:00 a.m. = 76 11:00 a.m. = 99	

Sympathy and Prayers

- Timothy Boldizar, brother of parishioners Rosalie Jahn and Diane Huston, died last week.
- Anita Kerr, mother of deceased parishioner Robert Domigan, died last week.
- James Darrell Simpson, grandfather of Deacon Dan Dury, died last week.

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Holy Cross Christmas Project

Holy Cross, through J.O.I.N. (Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs), will be sponsoring families in need during this Christmas season. Announcements will be made at Mass and information will be posted on the bulletin board at the front church entrance with further details to follow. Thank you in advance for your support of this important project!

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. All those interested in singing are invited to join us as we meet in the balcony to rehearse music for the Nativity of our Lord for approximately one hour. We will also 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.

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

“The word of God came to John...in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance” (Luke 3:2, 3). The word of God came to John, who then went out and proclaimed it. The important people were doing what they thought were the important things: governing, “tetrarching,” high priesting. But who now remembers Philip, the tetrarch of Ituraea and Trachonitis, or Lysanias, tetrarch of Abilene? And who remembers Herod and Pilate, apart from their connection with John and Jesus?

But we continue to remember John each year at this time. He stands before us so we can hear and heed his call: “Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths”(3:4). He is the morning star of the Christmas season, the cock that signals the dawn of a new age then and a new Church year now. And he calls to us now, we who live near the close of the first year of the presidency of Barack Obama, with Adrian Fenty as mayor of Washington, D.C., and Tim Kaine as Governor of Virginia, and Martin O'Malley, as Governor of Maryland, and during the pontificate of Benedict XVI and the episcopacy of Donald Wuerl, as Archbishop of Washington, D.C. Now in our day, John continues to speak a word to us.

One could hear his message as the “same old same old.” We heard it last year and the year before and the year before, and on and on, and a worthwhile question could be what did it mean then, and what did we do then? But Advent is a time to look forward, so we ask ourselves, what does it mean now, and what are we going to do now? What needs changing?

– from “*Living the Word*”

**✠ December 6, 2009 ✠
Second Sunday of Advent**

**❖ Hymns are not announced ❖
The first reading begins on page 26.
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. – Kelly Doman, organist
“Missa Emmanuel”**

Gathering Hymn *On Jordan's Bank*
(# 467)

Responsorial Psalm The Lord, the Lord has done great things for us, we are filled with joy.
(Misselette p. 27, #13)

Gospel Acclamation

Offertory Hymn *Come, O long-Awaited Savior*
(# 455)

Communion Hymn *Take and Eat*
(# 648)

Closing Hymn: **Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*
(#814)

Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) **Sunday, December 6, 2009 – following 11:00 a.m. Mass – “Lil Larry” sandwich making – Cum Christo Center.**
- 2) **Tuesday, December 8, 2009 – Immaculate Conception – Holy Day – Mass at 11:30 a.m.**
- 3) **Sunday, December 13, 2009 – 4:00 p.m. – Deanery Reconciliation Service at St. Dominic Church.**

Immaculate Conception – Holy Day!

The Immaculate Conception of Mary is a Holy Day with obligation to attend Mass. Holy Cross will have one Mass on Tuesday, December 8, at 11:30 a.m.

Deanery Reconciliation Service

You are encouraged to participate in our Deanery Reconciliation/Penance Service at St. Dominic Church on Sunday, December 13th, 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.

Advent Booklets

Booklets for Advent reflection and prayer are available at the door – one per household.

Repair Fund Collection – Today!

A second collection will be taken for the repairs on the church and Rectory today. We thank you in advance for your continuous support of this program.

Volunteer Tutors Are Needed

The Dominican Learning Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, provides one-to-one tutoring in: English As a Second Language, Adult Basic Education, GED Preparation, and Conversation & Citizenship. We are in need of volunteer tutors who could teach one person an hour each week. Please call Sr. Shawn Fitzpatrick, Director of the Dominican Learning Center, at 444-7330.

Play Auditions

The St. Charles Preparatory School Drama Department will hold high school women's auditions for the Central Ohio premiere of *The Government Inspector* by Jeffrey Hatcher, Tuesday and Wednesday, December 8 and 9, at 4:00 p.m., at the St. Charles Campus Theatre, 2010 E. Broad Street. For more information, e-mail Doug Montgomery at sdramadirector@aol.com or call at 252-6714.

**Religious Retirement Collection –
December 13th**

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