PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sunday, February 1 ◆ Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
11:00 a.m. Mary Fleming (Ida Rappich)
Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28
Monday, February 2 ◆ NO MASS
Tuesday, February 3 ◆ St. Blaise
11:30 a.m. Patty Groom (Rebecca & Luke Thomas)
Heb 12:1-4; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday, February 4 ◆ Weekday
11:30 a.m. Msgr. James M. Berendt (His Family)
Heb 12:4-7, 11-15; Mk 6:1-6
Thursday, February 5 ◆ St. Agatha
11:30 a.m. Cecillia Dury (Bob & Joan Breckenridge)
Heb 12:18-19, 21-24; Mk 6:7-13
Friday, February 6 ◆ St. Paul Miki and his companions
11:30a.m. Kathy Lavitchka (Patty Jones)
Heb 13:1-8; Mk 6:14-29
12:00 p.m. Novena to Our Sorrowful Mother
7:30 p.m. All-Night Eucharistic Vigil
(Intention of Presider)
Saturday, February 7 ◆ Weekday
7:30 a.m. All-Night Eucharistic Vigil
Closes with Benediction
11:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of Cullinan Family
(Jeanne Cullinan Brown)
Heb 13:15-17, 20-21; Mk 6:30-34
Sunday,February 8 ◆ Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
11:00 a.m. Intentions of Elsie Haninger
(Dale & Olivia Dean,
Ginger & Glenn Dartez & Peggy Hopson)
Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

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 home-bound parishioners and those who are ill: Mary Cordesco, Sara Fingerlin, Marianne Garrison, Elsie Haninger, Theresa Hyle, Mary Kay Keefer, Mary Knapp, Edith Kowalsky, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Cathy Miller, Rita Neff, Mary Scholl, Marilyn Scott, Sheila Shirey, Margaret Trainor, Helen Violet, Elizabeth Wanamaker.

THANKS!
January 25, 2009 Offerings

Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)

Mass Attendance
9:00 a.m. = 81
11:00 a.m. = 91

Offering	**$1,970.00**
Votives	**35.00**
Novena/1st Friday	**0.00**
Repair	**65.00**
Less Tax	**(103.50)**
Net to Parish	**$1,966.50**

Sympathy and Prayers

Robert Hunt, father of Brian Hunt, died last week. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Renewal of Religious Vows

In observance of Consecrated Life Day, all religious sisters, brothers and priests are invited to renew their vows during the 11:00 a.m. Mass today:

Almighty and eternal God, I _____, renew and confirm the vows I made at my profession. With trust in the God who called me to this life and relying on the strength and support of the Holy Spirit, my community and God's people, I pledge myself to live out this witness to God and the mission of Jesus. AMEN.

Rescheduling of Update and Follow-up on Self-Study

Due to inclement weather last Sunday and the approach of the Lenten Season, Sunday, May 17, 2009, 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., has been designated for the update and follow-up on the Parish Self-Study. Many thanks to those who attempted to and/or planned to attend last Sunday's event. We hope to see you at May's meeting!

Thanks Again!

Thanks to the generosity of so many who contribute to our poor basket. We were able to send a $300.00 donation towards coats and blankets to the OPEN SHELTER for their OUTREACH to those folks living on the land.

Threat to Human Life

We are facing the most serious threat to pro-life policies ever – the "Freedom of Choice Act" or FOCA. This bill in the U.S. Congress would create a right to abortion the government could not limit and bring about a national abortion policy far worse than the U.S. Supreme Court's *Roe v. Wade* decision. For the first time, abortion would become an *entitlement* the government must fund and promote. FOCA would:

- Eliminate regulations that protect women from unsafe clinics and unscrupulous abortionists
- Force American taxpayers to fund abortions
- Force every state to allow partial-birth abortions
- Run roughshod over the conscience rights of physicians, nurses and hospitals that oppose abortions
- Strip parents of their right and responsibility to be involved in their minor daughter's abortion decision.

What can you do? Send a postcard to your U.S. Senators or Representative – cards available in the vestibule!

THE WORD

In Jesus' day, demonic possession was not uncommon. Mark presents Jesus as One who takes on the evil spirits, overturning their possession of this man. Jesus has declared war against the kingdom of Satan. Its hour of ascendancy is coming to an end.

The unclean spirit recognizes Jesus as One with greater power, for it asks, "Have you come to destroy us?" Then it confesses Jesus as the "Holy One of God" (1:24). Jesus will battle the forces of evil to the death, His death. But what looks like defeat for Jesus will be changed to victory, because the power of God is at work in Him.

In the first reading from Deuteronomy, Moses is speaking to the people before they enter the Promised Land. The entire book is his farewell speech to them. He will not go with them. He consoles them, saying that God promises to raise up a prophet like Moses and will speak through him: "I…will put my words into his mouth" (Deuteronomy 18:18).

Jesus is presented to us today as the prophet like Moses, who teaches with the authority of God and whose words are obeyed even by unclean spirits. There is no power on earth or beyond it greater than the power of God at work in Him.

– from "Living the Word"

✞ 1 February 2009 ✞
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

❖ Hymns are <u>not</u> announced ❖

The first reading begins on page 74.

9:00 and 11:00 a.m. – Sarita Zaffini, organist

Gathering Hymn	*Come, Holy Ghost* (#728)
Responsorial Psalm	*If today you hear His voice, if today you hear His voice, harden not your hearts, harden not your hearts.* (#47, page 74)
Gospel Acclamation	*Alleluia* (#48, page 75)
Offertory Hymn	*I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light* (#781)
Communion Hymn	*Christ, Be Our Light* (#924)
Closing Hymn	*Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You* (#905)

Special Parish Dates

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

1) **Sunday, February 8, 2009 – World Marriage Day – exchange of wedding vows at each Mass.**
2) **Sunday, February 22, 2009 – Burning of Palms and Pancake Breakfast after each Mass.**
3) **Wednesday, February 25, 2009 – Ash Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. Mass only.**
4) **Tuesday, March 17, 2009 – St. Patrick's Feast Day – Bishop Campbell celebrating Mass at 9:30 a.m. No 11:30 a.m. Mass.**

Renewal of Wedding Vows February 8th

World Marriage Day is next week. All married couples will have an opportunity to renew your Marriage Vows during Mass.

World Marriage Day – St. Elizabeth

The Marriage and Family Life Office invites married couples to celebrate this special day at St. Elizabeth Pastors' Hall, 2:00-4:30 p.m. Dr. Kevin Anderson, author of *The 7 Spiritual Practices of Marriage,* will share insights on "The Surprising #1 Secret to Your Best Marriage." Contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at 614-241-2560 to register or for additional information.

Welcome Rachel A. Martin Black Catholic Ministries

Ms. Rachelle Alice Martin, a native of Columbus, has been named the new Executive Director of Black Catholic Ministries. She replaces Willie Moore, Jr., the previous Director, who passed away on December 27, 2008. She is a lifelong member of St. Dominic Parish and graduate of Hartley High School. She received her B.S. in Gerontology from Madonna University in Livonia, Michigan. Welcome to our parish campus!

Meeting for Readers – February 8th

Sr. Pat invites all readers to a 10:00 a.m. meeting next Sunday in the Rectory.

Meeting for Eucharistic Ministers

Sr. Pat invites all Eucharistic Ministers to a 10:00 a.m. meeting on Sunday, **February 15th,** in the Rectory.

Catholic Times – February 8th

Catholic Times Subscription Sunday starts next week. Please use your special **blue envelope** to begin or renew your subscription to our diocesan weekly newspaper at the special parish rate of $15.00. We encourage everyone to particpate as possible.