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Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sunday, February 15 ♦ Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
 11:00 a.m. Mary Zita Domitrovich Fleming
 (Susan & Thom Cross)

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; 1 Cor 10:31-11:1; Mk 1:40-45

Monday, February 16 ♦ NO MASS

Tuesday, February 17 ♦ Weekday

11:30 a.m. Patty Groom (William Knoblauch)
 Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 18 ♦ Weekday

11:30 a.m. Gary M. Fox (Mary Lane Mills)
 Gn 8:6-13, 20-22; Mk 8:22-26

Thursday, February 19 ♦ Weekday

11:30 a.m. Dennis "Bubba" Channel (Patty Stover)
 Gn 9:1-13; Mk 8:27-33

Friday, February 20 ♦ Weekday

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

Gn 11:1-9; Mk 8:34-9:1

Saturday, February 21 ♦ Weekday

11:30 a.m. Intentions of Seminarians Dan Dury,
 Ty Tomson and Michael Connaughten
 (Jack Balogh & Veronica Wolfe)

Heb 11:1-7; Mk 9:2-13

Sunday, February 22 ♦

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Special Intention (Richard & Shirley Lumpe)
 11:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
 Is 43:18-19, 21-22, 24-25; 2 Cor 1:18-22; Mk 2:1-12

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, Rita Neff, Amanda Pilkington, Mary Scholl, Marilyn Scott, Sheila Shirey, Margaret Trainor, Helen Violet, Elizabeth Wanamaker.

THANKS!	
February 8, 2009 Offerings	
Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offering.....\$2,540.00
	Votives..... 29.00
	Novena/1st Friday 0.00
Mass Attendance	Repair..... 40.00
9:00 a.m. = 73	Less 5% Diocesan Tax.. (130.45)
11:00 a.m. = 107	Net to Parish \$2,478.55

Catholic Times

Thank you to all new and returning readers of the *Catholic Times*. Contact the Parish Office if you missed the special collection or place your (blue) envelope with **only \$15.00** (parish rate) into the next regular collection – checks should be made payable to Holy Cross Church. As an evangelization tool, Bishop Campbell encourages every Catholic household to receive and read our diocesan newspaper, the *Catholic Times*.

Repair Fund Collection – Today

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

Contribution Statements

You can contact the office at 224-3416 and request a copy of your contribution record to Holy Cross Church and Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2008 (2nd Year of Holy Cross' Campaign Drive).

Meeting for Eucharistic Ministers

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

Year of Paul – Bible Study

Sister Carolyn Thomas, retired Scripture professor at the Pontifical College Josephinum, will give 2 presentations on St. Paul; Sunday, March 1 at 2:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 8 at 10:00 a.m. All are encouraged to attend these interesting and informative sessions to be held in the Cum Christo Center (old school building).

Miscellaneous

So far this season, we have spent \$2,650.00 for ice and snow removal and ice melt for our parking lot and sidewalks. We appreciate any help you can give to help defray this extraordinary expense.

Catholic Women's Conference

THE ANNUAL COLUMBUS CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE is planned for Saturday, February 21, 2009, at the Lausche Building, Ohio Exposition Center. Immaculee Ilibagiza and Rosalind Moss will be the featured speakers. All women are encouraged to consider participating in this event. For more information on the event visit www.columbuscatholicwomen.com.

Catholic Men's Conference

12TH ANNUAL COLUMBUS CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE: Saturday, March 7, 2009, 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. at St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Cost for the day is Adults: \$20.00; Students: \$10.00 Priest/Deacon: Free. For more information, go to their web site at <http://www.columbuscatholicmen.com>.

THE WORD

Sickness tends to exclude a person from life. It can exclude us physically, when we do not feel well enough even to get out of bed; psychologically, when we find it hard to talk or even pay attention to others; and spiritually, when it leads us to wonder whether God cares or even if there is a God.

The disease of leprosy in Jesus' time was devastating. Leprosy cast one out from the community: from one's home, one's family, one's village – in short, from all that was cherished. A person had to wander the land.

Today's Gospel gives us a hint of a leper's desperation. The man with leprosy kneels, begging Jesus: "If you wish, you can make me clean" (Mark 1:40). Jesus is "moved with pity." He reaches out and touches him, saying, "I do will it. Be made clean" (1:41). And immediately the man is made clean.

It can be puzzling, then, to hear Jesus "warning him sternly" (1:43) that he is to tell no one, but must go and do what the law of Moses requires by showing himself to the priest and offering what Moses prescribed. Why wouldn't the man be jumping for joy and wanting to tell everyone – family, friends, total strangers, even enemies – what this healer Jesus had done for him?

Which is precisely why Jesus enjoins him not to tell – Jesus did not come to be merely the Healer. Healings were only a sign of the coming of the kingdom. The deepest healing that Jesus came to bring was not skin deep, but on the level of our relationship with God. Jesus came to heal the breach, to gather all God's children to know the God whom Jesus called Father. That remains His purpose.

– From "Living the Word"

✠ 15 February 2009 ✠	
SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
❖ Hymns are <u>not</u> announced ❖	
The first reading begins on page 79.	
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. – Sarita Zaffini, organist	
Entrance Hymn	<i>We Gather Together</i> (Hymnal #876)
Responsorial Psalm	<i>I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation</i> (Missalette, page 70, #51)
Gospel Acclamation	(Missalette, page 80, #52)
Offertory Hymn	<i>Amazing Grace</i> (Hymnal #662)
Communion Hymn	<i>Christ, Be Our Light</i> (Hymnal #924)
Closing Hymn	<i>Rejoice, the Lord is King</i> (Hymnal #720)

Special Parish Dates

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

- 1) **Sunday, February 22, 2009 – Burning of Palms and Pancake Breakfast after each Mass.**
- 2) **Wednesday, February 25, 2009 – Ash Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. Mass.**
- 3) **Sunday, March 1, 2009 – Sr. Carolyn Thomas, SCN, presentation at 2:00 p.m. on St. Paul, the Apostle**
- 4) **Sunday, March 8, 2009 – Sr. Carolyn Thomas, SCN, presentation at 10:00 a.m. on St. Paul, the Apostle**
- 5) **Sunday, March 8, 2009 – Deanery Reconciliation Service at Holy Rosary/St. John at 4:00 p.m.**
- 6) **Tuesday, March 17, 2009 – St. Patrick's Feast Day – Bishop Campbell celebrating Mass at 9:30 a.m. No 11:30 a.m. Mass.**

Wedding Hostess Needed

To assist the bride and groom and families for one hour before weddings. See Fr. Jerry for details.

Mardi Gras

Next Sunday, February 22, two unique parish events will occur. First is the special ceremony to burn the old palms from last year to prepare ashes for Ash Wednesday. Second is the annual Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale after each Mass. We are in need of volunteers to set up and serve. Please help us by signing up today at the doors of the Church. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Cum Christo Weekend

You are invited to participate in a Cum Christo Weekend. Cum Christo is a Lay Catholic Renewal Movement which brings Christians together in an ecumenical three-day Spiritual Renewal Weekend to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and to motivate them to persevere, to live authentic Christian lives, and to grow as servant-leaders of Jesus in their churches and many environments. Upcoming Cum Christo weekends are Men's, March 12-15, and Women's, April 23-26. Contact Peter Garrett at (614) 224-6810 to learn more about the Cum Christo method of Piety, Study, Action and Group Reunion.

CLEARING OUT THE CLUTTER

Just like cleaning out your closets, a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend will help you discern what's most important in your relationship. The next Marriage Encounter weekend is April 24-26. Please let us know that you're interested as soon as you can! For more information or to register, contact Paul and Marilou Clouse at 740-746-9003 or visit our web site at www.wvmecolumbus.org.