

PLEASE TAKE THIS BULLETIN HOME!

Mass Schedule and Intentions

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
 Dartz, and Peggy Hopson)

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23; Mk 1:29-39

Monday, February 9 ♦ NO MASS

Tuesday, February 10 ♦ St. Scholastica

11:30 a.m. Sr. Patrick (Joanne Green)
 Gn 1:20-2:4; Mk 7:1-3

Wednesday, February 11 ♦ Weekday

11:30 a.m. Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Scott Brown
 (Joan Gerhard)

Gn 2:4-9, 15-17; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday, February 12 ♦ Weekday

11:30 a.m. Rosemary Fee (Anna Reinhardt)
 Gn 2:18-25; Mk 7:24-30

Friday, February 13 ♦ Weekday

11:30 a.m. Gary M. Fox (Norma O'Neill)
 Gn 3:1-8; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday, February 14 ♦ Sts. Cyril & Methodius

11:30 a.m. Charles Collura (Mary Collura)
 Gn 3:9-24; Mk 8:1-10

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

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: Mary Cordesco, Sara Fingerlin, Marianne Garrison, Elsie Haninger, Theresa Hyle, Mary Kay Keefer, Mary Knapp, Edith Kowalsky, Ellen McMillen, Mary McNellis, Rita Neff, Mary Scholl, Marilyn Scott, Sheila Shirey, Margaret Trainor, Helen Violet, Elizabeth Wanamaker.

THANKS!	
February 1, 2009 Offerings	
Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese)	Offering..... \$1,965.00
	Votives..... 119.00
	Novena/1st Friday 0.00
Mass Attendance	Repair..... 150.00
9:00 a.m. = 85	Less Tax (111.70)
11:00 a.m. = 87	Net to Parish \$2,122.30

Renewal of Wedding Vows

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

World Marriage Day – Special

The Marriage and Family Life Office and Marriage Ministries Leadership Council call your attention to World Marriage Day, today. Plan to celebrate this special day at St. Elizabeth Pastors' Hall from 2:00-5:00 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." Light refreshments will follow. Contact the Family Life Office at 614-241-2560 or FLOmailbox@colsdio.org to register or for additional information.

Catholic Times

For a Catholic perspective, the *Catholic Times* weekly newspaper features insightful and informative news from around our diocese, our country, and the world. Sign up TODAY for, or continue receiving, the *Catholic Times* for another year, by placing your (blue) envelope with **only \$15.00** (parish rate) into the regular collection. Checks should be made payable to Holy Cross Church. As an evangelization tool, Bishop Campbell encourages every Catholic household to receive the *Catholic Times*. Sign up TODAY!

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.

Repair Fund Collection – February 15th

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.

2008 Contributions

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

Meeting for Readers – Today!

Sr. Pat invites all readers to a 10:00 a.m. meeting today 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.

THE WORD

In his first chapter, Mark gives us a day in the life of Jesus. The day begins with Jesus entering the synagogue and teaching, then casting out an unclean spirit (this was last week's Gospel). Jesus immediately goes into the house of Simon and heals his mother-in-law of a fever. She gets up and waits on them – which indicates perhaps that they took time for a meal – then in the evening Jesus is back with the people, who "brought to Him all who were ill or possessed by demons" (1:32). This apparently was not a small group: "The whole town was gathered at the door" (1:33). And Jesus healed "many who were sick...and He drove out many demons" (1:34).

The ministry of Jesus was not a few hours now and then. It was an all-day affair, going into the night. He took on the suffering of the world. How did He find the strength to keep up such a pace? The key is in the second part of today's Gospel: "Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed" (1:35). Luke presents Jesus at prayer more than any of the other Gospel writers. Perhaps Mark figured that he only had to say it once or twice (see also Mark 6:46).

Mark doesn't tell us what or how He prayed. Matthew and Luke give us the prayer He taught His disciples. All we know is that He prayed at the beginning of this day in His life, and it seems safe to assume, given His relationship with God, that this was not an isolated occasion. Mark also tells us that Jesus prayed in Gethsemane the night before He died. And He encouraged His disciples to do the same. Jesus' openness to the driving force of the Spirit and the strength of His resolve in confronting demonic powers can be attributed to His persistence in prayer. Perhaps that is the best hint for getting through the day, any day, every day – and getting through a very dark night.

– from "Living the Word"

✠ 8 February 2009 ✠	
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
❖ Hymns are <u>not</u> announced ❖	
The first reading begins on page 76.	
9:00 and 11:00 a.m. – Sarita Zaffini, organist	
Gathering Hymn	<i>God, We Praise You</i> (Hymnal #896)
Responsorial Psalm	<i>Praise the Lord; praise the Lord; praise the Lord who heals the broken hearted.</i> (Missalette, page 77, #49)
Gospel Acclamation	(Missalette, page 77, #50)
Offertory Hymn	<i>The King of Love</i> (Hymnal #815)
Communion Hymn	<i>Be Not Afraid</i> (Hymnal #839)
Closing Hymn	<i>O God, Our Help in Ages Past</i> (Hymnal #829)

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.

Annual Diocesan Respect Life Conference

The Annual Diocesan Respect Life Conference will be at St. Andrew Catholic Church, 1899 McCoy Road, Columbus, on Saturday, February 14, 2009. Fr. Tom Euteneuer, President of Human Life International, will lead the conference, and Dr. Brian Clowes will be a guest speaker. The day starts at 8:30 a.m. with Mass and will end at 3:00 p.m. with the Rosary. Lunch will be a catered buffet. Registration fee is \$15.00. To register, please contact the diocesan Office for Social Concerns at 614-241-2540 or e-mail at socmailbox@colsdio.org.

Hunger in the Catholic Diocese of Columbus

The diocesan Office for Social Concerns will be sponsoring a canned food drive at the start of Lent (details will follow). Each parish will be asked to participate by challenging parishioners to clean out their cupboards on "Fat" Tuesday and donate the food on Ash Wednesday. We are working with diocesan deacons to designate a collection point in each deanery. The donated food will be delivered to the food bank that serves your local food pantries. For more information, contact the diocesan Office for Social Concerns at 614-241-2540.