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## Mass Schedule and Intentions

**Sunday, March 8 ◆ Second Sunday of Lent**
9:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
11:00 a.m. Mary Fleming (Tom & Leslie Fleming & Family)
Gn 22:1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31-34; Mk 9:2-10
**Monday, March 9 ◆ NO MASS**
**Tuesday, March 10 ◆ Lenten Weekday**
11:30 a.m. Barbara J. Heckman (James P. Wilfinger)
Is 1:10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12
**Wednesday, March 11 ◆ Lenten Weekday**
11:30 a.m. Living and Deceased of Cullinan Brown (Jeanne Cullinan Brown)
Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28
**Thursday, March 12 ◆ Lenten Weekday**
11:30 a.m. Hilda A. Baumert (Eugene Baumert)
Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31
**Friday, March 13 ◆ Lenten Weekday**
11:30 a.m. Chris Stluka (His Family)
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
**Saturday, March 14 ◆ Lenten Weekday**
11:30 a.m. Intentions of Joe Sax (Sister Lorna Helter, OSF)
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
**Sunday, March 15 ◆ Third Sunday of Lent**
9:00 a.m. Lester & Rita Strawser (David & Dee Strawser)
11:00 a.m. Parishioners of Holy Cross
Ex 20:1-17 or 20: 1-3, 7-8, 12-17; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

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

### THANKS!
### March 1, 2009 Offerings

**Designated Collections (Funds forwarded directly to the Diocese) Black and Indian = $428.00**

**Mass Attendance**
9:00 a.m. = 78
11:00 a.m. = 103

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| **Offering** | **$1,975.00** |
| **Votives** | **39.00** |
| **Novena/1st Friday** | **0.00** |
| **Repair** | **20.00** |
| **Less 5% Diocesan Tax** | **(101.70)** |
| **Net to Parish** | **$1,932.30** |

## Welcome, New Parishioners

We are pleased to announce the following who have recently registered in the Parish:

Michael Barrett
Lori Ann Cantu
Betty Marie Friedlinghaus
Nancy Pascale
Roberta Ryherd
Carrie Turley

## Choir Practice at Holy Cross

Holy Cross Choir is now practicing for Lent, Holy Week and Easter. **New choir members are welcomed!** These rehearsals will be held on Sundays, following the 11:00 a.m. Mass.

## Spiritual Stimulus Plan – 10:00 a.m.

Many people are talking about the stimulus plan and all the money that will be spent! Will it work? Is it too much? How about a spiritual stimulus plan? **Today at 10:00 a.m. in the Cum Christo Center**, come and hear Sister Carolyn Thomas, SCN, Ph.D., present St. Paul's spiritual stimulus plan based on his letter to the Romans, a plan that promises eternal results if you invest.

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LENT

## Lenten Opportunities at Holy Cross

*Every Friday*: Stations of the Cross after 11:30 a.m. Mass. **[Sorrowful Mother Novena will resume on First Fridays after Easter.]** Day of abstinence (no meat for those over 14 years of age).

*Deanery Reconciliation Service:* March 8th at 4:00 p.m., at Holy Rosary/St. John, 648 S. Ohio Avenue.

*Holy Thursday*: Mass of the Lord's Supper, 5:30 p.m.

*Good Friday*: Day of fast and abstinence.
1:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
2:00 p.m. Good Friday Liturgy and Holy Communion

*Holy Saturday:* 8:30 p.m. Solemn Easter Vigil

***Fast = One main meal, two lesser meals, no food between meals for those 21-59 years. Abstinence = no meat for those over 14 years old.**



## THE WORD

Moriah means "the place of seeing." God tells Abraham: "Take your son Isaac …and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust"(Genesis 22:2). Abraham listens and obeys. He takes his son and goes to Moriah, prepares the altar of sacrifice, and lays his son upon it. As he lifts the knife, an angel grasps his arm. A ram replaces Isaac.

Isaac had asked, "Where is the sheep for the holocaust?" Abraham answered: "God himself will provide" (22:7, 8). God will see to it. In the end, God not only provides the victim; God sees "how devoted you are to [me]" (22:12). Until then, God did not know, God had not seen. Because Abraham saw God as one who would provide and trusted in God, there is blessing and new life.

Jesus also goes up a mountain, where He is transfigured, allowing His three disciples to see a glimpse of the glory to come, divinity shining through. They see Jesus with Elijah and Moses. Then a voice speaks, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him" (Mark 9:7). Another story that requires seeing and listening. Jesus then speaks of His coming death, calling them to take up the cross and follow. Whoever hears and obeys will know blessing and new life – resurrection life.

Lent is a time to see: to see what God is calling us to, to see God at work every time we come here – in the bread and in the cup – to see Jesus as one who has given His life for us and calls us to go forth and give our lives for others.

**– from "Living the Word"**

**✞ 8 March 2009 ✞**
**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**❖ Hymns are not announced ❖**
**The first reading begins on page 89.**

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| **Gathering Hymn** | *'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here (#535)* |
| **Responsorial Psalm** | *I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living. (#59, page 90)* |
| **Gospel Acclamation** | *Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! (#60, page 91)* |
| **Offertory Hymn** | *From Ashes to the Living Font (#522)* |
| **Communion Hymn** | *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (#647)* |
| ***Closing Hymn*** | *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (#900)* |

## Special Parish Dates

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

1) **Sunday, March 8, 2009 – Deanery Reconciliation Service at Holy Rosary/St. John at 4:00 p.m.**
2) **Tuesday, March 17, 2009 – St. Patrick Feast Day – Bishop Campbell celebrating Mass at 9:30 a.m. No 11:30 a.m. Mass.**

## Thank You

For all those who contributed cans of food for the Food Bank.

## Black and Indian Collection – Results

$428.00 was contributed last weekend for the Black and Indian collection. Thanks for supporting this cause.

## Repair Fund Collection

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.

## Request from Sr. Pat

Though Lent has just begun, it is not too soon for planning the Holy Week services. I would so appreciate anyone willing to be a part of the foot washing service on Holy Thursday to let me know. This is not a podiatrist appointment but the reverent, humble reminder of Jesus' action at the Last Supper and what He calls us to do for each other.

## Easter Basket Project

Once again, the Holy Cross Young Adult Group will be putting together Easter baskets to be distributed to underpriviledged children through J.O.I.N (Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs). Beginning this Sunday through Palm Sunday, containers will be available in the back of the church to collect donations for the baskets. Needed items include baskets, grass, small books, crayons, coloring books, stuffed animals, toys appropriate for preschool and elementary school-age children, plastic eggs and candy. The Young Adult Group will be assembling the baskets in the Cum Christo Center on April 5, Palm Sunday, after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. All donations and any help are much appreciated! For more information, please contact Rachel Walsh at rachelkwalsh@gmail.com or 846-3754.

## Special Occasions

Any special event, celebration or newsworthy item you would like to share with our parish family in the upcoming newsletter, please let Sr. Pat know this week.