God Knocking Daily At Our Door

FROM THE PASTOR

It's hard to think of God being loyal to me. I'm used to thinking that I'm the one that should be loyal -- that it is somehow my allegiance to God's cause that makes a difference.

But, as the scriptures say, over and over again, it is God who first loved us. We discover that reality at some point in our lives, and we think we invented it. But God knows our human loyalty is as changeable as the weather. One day we will be energized and ready to give up everything for God, and the next day we'll forget God altogether.

You could get discouraged about this, but it's actually the greatest Good News there is. We don't have to depend on our own reliability or performance to connect us to God. God is always there, always reaching out, always trying to find a new way into our hearts. If we can let go of the feeling that it's up to us, anything can happen.

PLEASE TAKE ACTION ON PROPOSED CHANGES IN EMPLOYEES HEALTH CARE COVERAGE

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services announced last week that almost all employers, *including Catholic employers,* will be *forced* to offer their employees' health coverage that includes sterilization, abortion-inducing drugs, and contraception. The majority of health insurers will be *forced* to include those "services" in the health policies they write. And almost all individuals will be *forced* to buy that coverage as a part of their policies.

We must pray that religious liberty will be restored. Please write to tell Congress to pass legislation that would reverse the HHS mandate. Thank you for recognizing the seriousness of this situation and urging all to take action by contacting our representatives in Congress. *Please see the insert in this weekend's bulletin.*

Holy Cross-Immaculata Outreach Ministry- 2nd Collection

Thank you to those that participated in the 2nd Collection for the Outreach Ministry. Through your generosity **$787.00** was collected to support our partner agencies: Tender Mercies, Old St. Mary's Pregnancy Center, Nast Trinity, Hope Emergency and the sick and homebound of our parish. Let us not forget to thank those that contribute to this Ministry throughout the year with donations of their time, money and needed items.

Whatever you do for one of the least of mine, you do for me… Matthew 25:40

Blessings on your week, Fr. Marty

HILLTOPPERS

Day of Reflection—OPEN TO ALL!

Join us **Tuesday, February 14th** for our annual Day of Reflection. The day will begin with coffee and rolls at 9:15 a.m. followed by a talk led by Sr. Mary Humbert from the Sisters of Charity. We will have Mass at 11:30 a.m. and, of course, lunch. The event will last until 1:30 p.m. Cost is $8. For information or to sign up, please contact Nancy Feldman at 513 621-9152 or call the parish office. We can help with transportation, just let us know.

Celebration of World Marriage Day at HCI

We would like to invite all married couples to receive a blessing at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on **Sunday, February 12th**, **World Marriage Day**. A reception will follow in the parish center.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, *January 28* *- Anticipation - 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time*
4:30 p.m. IN MEMORY:JEN SWEENEY (Tom & MaryAnn Sweeney)
Sunday, *January 29 - Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time*
8:00 a.m. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
11:00 a.m. THE INTENTIONS OF PEARL LEE MARSHALL
Monday, *January 30*
7:30 p.m. IN MEMORY: MARK TIERNEY, JR (Anita Grote)
Tuesday, *January 31*
8:00 a.m. MARION HAEN (Larry & Lainie Boberschmidt)
Wednesday, *February 1*
8:00 a.m. IN MEMORY:HONEY MOUSHEY(A Kelly & K Krumm)
Thursday, *February 2* *- The Presentation of the Lord*
No Mass
Friday, *February 3* *- St. Blaise, St. Ansgar First Friday*
8:00 a.m. MARGARET "PEG" CONNOLLY (Kohrman Family)
Saturday, *February 4* *- Anticipation - 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time*
4:30 p.m. IN MEMORY OF DR. JOSE PERALTA & MS. M. EUGENIA CARRAJAL Grandparents of Dr, Marina Galvez
Sunday, *February 5 - Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time*
8:00 a.m. IN MEMORY: PAUL LYNCH (A & S Sieder & Family)
11:00 a.m. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

Next Sunday Readings - Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time
First Reading: *Job 7:1-4, 6-7*
Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23* Gospel: *Mark 1:29-39*

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

We will have the Blessing of the Throats after Mass on Friday, February 3rd (8:00 a.m.). Saturday, February 4th (4:30 p.m.) and Sunday, February 6th (8:00 & 11:00 a.m.). Blessed candles will be available for a suggested donation of $5.00.

Ash Wednesday

Mass on Ash Wednesday
February 22nd
6:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Our Condolences to parishioner **Jan Borgman** and family for the recent loss of her father, **Norbert Borgman**. May his soul, and all of the faithful departed, rest in peace.

Bells Of Holy Cross-Immaculata Church

When the bells ring in our tower, may they be a reminder to all in our neighborhood of your unconditional love and ever-abiding presence in every moment of our lives. May they ring to celebrate the faith you inspire within us. May they ring to call all of us to discipleship in Christ.

Ringing of the Bells This Week:

January 29 - In Memory: Nobert Borgman, Jan Borgman's Father
January 30 - The Intentions Of The Monday Morning Prayer Group
January 31 - In Celebration of Catholic School Week
February 1 - For The Healing of Mike Wiethe
February 2 - The Success of Reversing HHS Health Care Mandates And Restoring Our Religious Liberty
February 3 - For The Parish Homebound And Sick
February 4 - For Pilgrim Chapel - In Honor of Christian Unity Week

To schedule a special bell ringing date or gift sponsorship opportunities email bells@hciparish.org or call (513)721-6544.
Weekday-$10.00, Weekend-$15.00, Holy Day-$25.00

Gifts of Financial Participation
January 22, 2012

Envelopes (81)	
Sunday Collection	$1,918.00
Votive	$99.16
Other Revenue	$40.00
Total Regular Revenue	$2,057.16
Weekly Average	$5,786.39

BIRTHDAYS

1/28	Kurt Hornschemeier	2/5	Rita Cohen
	Robin Ranz		Kayla Robinson
1/29	Louis Albers	2/6	Mark Morrison
	Patrick Quinn	2/7	Mary Moran
	William Thompson		Abigail Ranz
1/30	Rick DeAngelis	2/8	Brandy Uhlenbrock
2/1	Delores Hudepohl	2/9	Colleen Rielley
	Joe Kaczmarek	2/10	Christopher Froman
	Sally Simon		Katherine Griffith
2/2	Robert Uhlenbrock		Mark Zilli

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This Sunday, January 29th - NAST Trinity Church

The Outreach Ministry continues the tradition of providing dinner to our neighbors in Over The Rhine. We will need 25 volunteers to serve dinner to an estimated 250 people, including children at **NAST Trinity Church**, in Over The Rhine from **4 p.m. until 6 p.m.**

If you cannot attend you can still help! **Make a monetary donation** to support the dinner and other Outreach events. Envelopes are located at the side of the church. Just drop the envelope in the Mass collection basket.

We invite all to meet in HCI parking lot at 3 p.m. to drive down together. Attendance & Dessert sign-up sheets are located in Church next to side exit. For more info contact: Stella Ludovicy, 859.468.2202.

Hope Emergency is collecting personal care items during the month of January, especially bath soap and deodorant. Please place your donations in the basket on the table near the side exit.

WELCOME

We again welcome the Ancient Order of Hibernians on **February 19th** with a special Mass at 2:00 p.m. Their return continues the tradition of "stealing of St. Patrick" that began to soften the transition of merging Holy Cross Church and Immaculata Church.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Are You Celebrating
25, 50, 60, 70 or 75 Year Anniversary?

We are gathering information for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati ***2012 Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass***. If you are celebrating 25, 50, 60, 70 or 75 years of marriage, please contact the parish office by **February 28, 2012.**

UPCOMING RCIA SESSIONS
Location: St. Xavier Church, 607 Sycamore St, (513) 721-4045
Time: 7:00 p.m.

RCIA

Date: January 31, 2012
"The Eucharist: Theology of Mass"
Presenter: Michael Johnson

All parishioners are welcome to attend RCIA sessions!

Votive Candle Donations

Due to cost increases of votive candles over the year we are now asking for a suggested donation of $3.00 for our large votive candles. The small votive candle suggested donation will

Homebound Outreach

As the new year begins, please consider giving your time to support those among us in nursing homes or homebound. A visit from a fellow parishioner may take only a few moments of your time, but deeply appreciated by those we visit. If interested, please contact Elaine Fuell at 513.721.6544, ext. 11.

Welcome New Parishioners!

Please join us in welcoming new parishioners at a brunch after **11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, February 5th**.

Barbara Bell & Brian Bell; Mick Bryson & Braylon Bryson; Paul & Megan Budzynski; Taryn Butler; Patrick Dinan; Cara Frericks; Kyle, Ashley & Rose Gallagher; Amanda Galloway; Nicole Galloway; Katherine Hammer; Matthew Kiernan; Eric, Ava & Natalie Koren, Eric Oelgoetz; Don & Kathryn Mayer; Dave & Sandy Meyer; Tim & Sue McNerney; Colleen Rielley; Kyle Sanna; Kevin & Sharon Schuitema; Kerry, Alexis, Hali & Jenavive Stamper; Ian Stuewing; Doug & Melissa Vincent; Andrew & Jessica Woods; Kelly Zilli.

We look forward to meeting you, your family and others who have recently joined our church. We hope you can attend.

For those of you that have been wondering what you can do to become more involved in parish activities we will have representatives from our various ministries on hand to answer your questions about ways you can become active in parish life.

2012 Holy Cross-Immaculata Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions for 2012 are now being accepted. To schedule a Mass Intention, please contact Letty Hater Schroer at the parish office at 513.721-6544 or email at holymac30@fuse.net. Mass Intentions remain $5.00.

Sponsor Lenten Daily Reflections

It has been a long tradition at Holy Cross-Immaculata Church during Lent to make available copies of a small booklet of daily meditations and reflections for the season. If you would like to help sponsor this effort, please contact Michael Johnson at the parish office or email at *hcimusicdirector@fuse.net.*

2011 Contribution Statements have been mailed to those that contributed to HCI in 2011. If you contributed to Holy Cross-Immaculata Church in 2011 and have not received your statement or if you have questions regarding your statement, please contact Paul Roell at the parish office.