



**Exploring Holy Cross-Immaculata Church Shrine Status**

The parish Renaissance project produced an exciting vision for our parish, including HCI becoming a national shrine. To explore this particular item, a Shrine Committee was assembled to investigate the process, requirements and ramifications of Holy Cross-Immaculata Church obtaining national shrine status. As part of this process, Archbishop Dennis Schnurr was contacted to seek his support and guidance for this venture. We were advised to contact Monsignor Richard Hilgartner, Secretariat for Divine Worship for USCCB. During our discussions with Msgr. Hilgartner, he agreed to visit our parish while in Cincinnati to discuss shrine status for our parish.

To include all parishioners in this process, a meeting has been scheduled during Msgr. Hilgartner's visit to the parish. I would like to extend an invitation to all our parishioners to attend a this meeting on **February 15th at 7:00 p.m.** in the parish center. This is an opportunity to ask questions, voice concerns and find out more about what becoming a shrine entails. This is an amazing opportunity to become part of this initiative that could culminate in a new chapter in our parish history.

**World Day for Consecrated Life**

On February 5th, we celebrate World Day for Consecrated Life instituted by Blessed John Paul II in 1997. This celebration is attached to the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord on February 2 (transferred to February 5). This feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all peoples.

As we thank God for the wonderful work done by so many religious men and women throughout the world, we continue to pray for courage and strength for those whom He is calling to follow Him through this committed way of life. We pray to renew their knowledge and love of Him, and send the Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will.

**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.

Blessings on your week, Fr. Marty

**Just Married!**

Congratulations to parishioner **Lauren McGee and Andrew Fahey** who were married here Saturday, February 4th. We wish you many blessing in your married life.

*Thank you Lauren and Andrew for sharing your beautiful altar flowers with the parish.*

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, February 4 - Anticipation - 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
4:30 p.m. DR. JOSE PERALTA & MS. M. EUGENIA CARRAJAL  
Grandparents of Dr. Marina Galvez

**Sunday, February 5 - Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
8:00 a.m. PAUL LYNCH (A & S Sieder & Family)  
11:00 a.m. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**Monday, February 6 - St. Paul Miki And Companions**  
7:30 p.m. MARK TIERNEY, JR. (Anita Grote)

**Tuesday, February 7 - St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita**  
8:00 a.m. MELVA DONOVAN (Wm. & Mary Moran)

**Wednesday, February 8**  
8:00 a.m. DONALD WILLIAMS (Williams Family)

**Thursday, February 9**  
*No Mass*

**Friday, February 10 - St. Scholastica**  
8:00 a.m. MARCELLA ELFERS (Paul & Sally Simon)

**Saturday, February 11- Anticipation - 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
4:30 p.m. TIM TIEMAN (Tom & Georgia Curran)

**Sunday, February 12 - Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
8:00 a.m. JOAN & AUGUST SCHROER  
11:00 a.m. PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**Next Sunday Readings - Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
First Reading: *Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46*  
Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1* Gospel: *Mark 1:40-45*



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

Our heartfelt sympathy to parishioner **Elaine Goldschmidt** and her family for the recent loss of her brother, **Jay Jacob**. May knowledge of the prayer of friends comfort you.



Our condolences to Bruce Rippe and his family at the recent loss of his father-in-law, **Bernard L. Downey** of Chicago, IL. Our prayers of comfort to the Rippe and Downey families.

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

**Welcome New Parishioners This Sunday!**

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 Struewing; Doug & Melissa Vincent; Andrew & Jessica Woods; Kelly Zilli.*

We hope parishioners will attend to welcome the newest members of our parish family.

**Gifts of Financial Participation**  
**January 29, 2012**

Envelopes (104)	
Sunday Collection	\$2,339.88
Votive	\$110.05
Other Revenue	\$1,215.00
<b>Total Regular Revenue</b>	<b>\$3,664.93</b>
Weekly Average	\$5,717.96

2/5 Rita Cohen	2/12 Gordon Menninger
Kayla Robinson	Kelly Postlewaite
2/6 Mark Morrison	Bob Schroer
2/7 Mary Moran	Stephanie Robinson
Abigail Ranz	2/14 Tony Bagshaw
2/8 Brandy Uhlenbrock	Raymond Farwick
2/9 Colleen Rielley	Danny Frost
2/10 Christopher Froman	2/15 Jackie Bilines
Katherine Griffith	2/16 Art Ranz
Mark Zilli	2/17 Eric Soper

**Celebration of World Marriage Day at HCI**

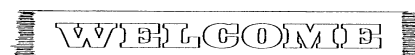
We would like to invite all married couples to receive a blessing at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on **Sunday, February 12th, World Marriage Day**. A reception will follow in the parish center.

**HILLTOPPERS**  
Day of Reflection—OPEN TO ALL!

Join us **Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>** for a 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 of the Sisters of Charity. Mass will be at 11:30 a.m. and lunch following Mass. The event will last until 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$8. For information contact Nancy Feldman at 513 621-9152. Need transportation? We can help just let us know

**Thank You!**

Our Outreach Ministry provided dinner at Nast Trinity Church last Sunday. Thank you to those that prepared or served food - because of you the dinner was a success. We also want to thank those that participated by supporting the dinner through monetary donations.



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.

**Hope Emergency** is collecting personal care items during the during January, especially bath soap and deodorant. Place donations in basket on the table near the side exit.



**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.

Date: February 7,  
**"The Sacraments of Healing:  
Reconciliation & Anointing of the Sick"**  
Presenter: Fr. Eric



All parishioners are welcome to attend RCIA sessions!

**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.

**Festival Co-Chair And Booth Chair Meeting**

There will be a Festival Meeting for all co-chairs and booth chairs or anyone that would like to help in a leadership role for the festival on **Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>** from **9:30-10:30** in the parish center.

**Old, Blessed Palms For Ash Wednesday**

In preparation for this Lenten season, we ask parishioners to bring their palms and place them in the basket in front of the church by the side exit. These palms will be prepared to be used as ashes for the upcoming Ash Wednesday.

**Bells Of Holy Cross-Immaculata Church**

*When the bells ring in our tower, may they be a reminder to all 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.*

**Ringling of the Bells This Week:**

- February 5 - In Memory of Betty Gallagher
- February 6 - In Memory of Christine Dinan
- February 7 - The Special Intentions of Jenny Graff
- February 8 - In Memory of Robert McIntosh - 1st Anniversary
- February 9 - In Memory of Hilda Gray
- February 10 - In Memory of Louise Zippen - 1st Anniversary
- February 11 - In Memory of Bernard Downey Jr.

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

**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](mailto: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.