

# I WILL GIVE YOU THANKS, O LORD

Psalm 138:1

## Archbishop's Appeal 2010: A Time for Reflection

This week, you are asked to review the Archbishop's Appeal brochure and the tabloid that you will receive with your bulletin today. The theme of the campaign is: "I will give you thanks, O Lord." (Psalm 138:1)

The Archbishop's Appeal campaign is much different than a one time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift, payable over ten months.

**A significant gift to the Archbishop's Appeal will touch the lives of many others in a very positive way.** As you review the work enabled by your contribution, please reflect on God's gifts to you. He has given you all that you have. Your gifts to our parish, to the archdiocese and to the work of the Church throughout the world should be given in gratitude for the continuing gifts that God gives you.

Sometimes it is difficult to envision how one pledge can help an organization the size of our archdiocese, how it can make a real difference. But each pledge does make a difference because all parishes participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our archdiocese to deliver needed ministries and services.

Our combined gifts not only signify our gratitude to God, they glorify Him by enabling the work of our archdiocese and give Him thanks for all He has given us.

If you received your pledge form in the mail, please complete it and mail it back or bring it to Mass next weekend. For those of you that did not receive a mailing or have not had time to respond to it, we will conduct our in-pew pledge process at all Masses next weekend and the following weekend. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:** The Holy Cross Parish Retreat is coming on Saturday, March 20, at Georgetown Prep. Dominican Father John Davis will be the retreat master. Keep watching the bulletin for more information.



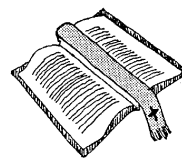
**HOLY CROSS CELEBRATES CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK January 31- February 5, 2010:** "Catholic Schools - Dividends for Life" is the theme selected for Catholic Schools Week 2010. This week focuses attention on the good work done by the nation's Catholic schools. For the Events schedule at Holy Cross, please see the previous bulletin.



*The Bible Timeline - Journey through the Bible* is a 24-part video learning system. This study designed and hosted by Jeff Cavins (seen on EWTN) will give us a compelling view of God's plan of salvation, from Genesis

through the resurrection of Christ and the establishment of the Catholic Church. You will find that Jeff Cavins is an engaging and enthusiastic speaker. You will learn how the 14 narrative books of the bible fit in with the other 59 books of the Bible and a practical plan for reading through the Bible in one year.

Our study will begin on Thursday, Feb 4 at 12:30 in the conference room in Quinn Hall. The cost for materials is \$40. Call Barbara for information or to register, 301- 933-7646.



**CAN YOU READ FOR US?** We are in need of **LECTORS** for the Sunday, Noon Mass. Interested? Please contact Cappy Capozzola at (301) 493-5365.



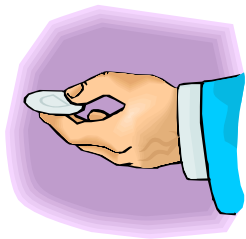
**A NOVENA OF ROSARIES** will be recited after the 8:30 Masses beginning Monday, February 1st, for **Msgr. Hill's intentions**. All are welcome to participate in this prayer which will conclude on February 11, the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

**Save the Date:** Fathers and Daughters in the Holy Cross School & Parish Community are cordially invited to The Holy Cross Father - Daughter Dance Saturday, March 27th in Lewis Hall.



**COFFEE AND DONUTS:** Please join us for coffee and donuts hosted by the Social Concerns Committee on Sunday, February 7 between 7:30 and 10:00 AM in our newly renovated Lewis Hall Community Center. There

will be no Coffee and Donut Service on Sunday, February 14 due to the Presidents Day Holiday. The Social Events Committee will host Coffee and Donuts on Sunday, February 21 between 7:30 and 10:00 AM in Lewis Hall



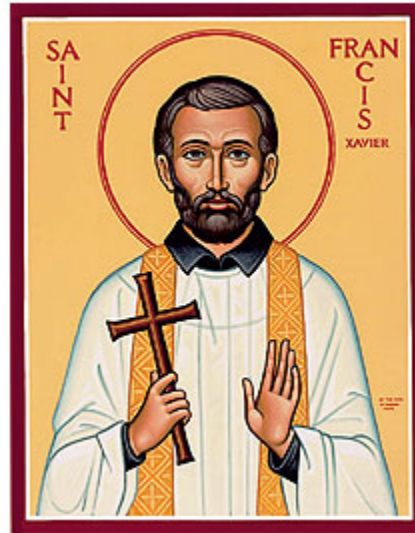
**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS** of Holy Communion Workshop is being offered by the Archdiocese on Saturday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> at St. John Neumann Parish, Gaithersburg, from 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Bring lunch; beverages will be provided.

Registration is required. Cost is \$5. 301-853-4594. The workshop is for those who assist at liturgies and for those who visit the homebound and healthcare facilities.

**16<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CHRISTIAN UNITY SERVICE:** The Social Concerns Committee would like to thank the Holy Cross Parishioners who participated in the Christian Unity Service on January 24<sup>th</sup> at Saint Jane de Chantal Church. Ten churches were represented at this special service. The readings, petitions and speakers were very inspiring and the music was exceptional. This is a very special way to build community.

**THE WORK CENTER** is a nonprofit association of friends who volunteer to support people who are currently unemployed and under-employed. WorkCenter meetings occur each 1st Saturday of every month at Our Lady of Lourdes, at 7500 Pearl Street, in Bethesda, MD, at 9:30 AM. If you are interested in participating -- as either a job seeker or someone who can help mentoring other job seekers -- please e-mail Monica ([gianolinim@niaid.nih.gov](mailto:gianolinim@niaid.nih.gov))

**CHARITY: Is it Possible to Live this Way?** Discussion on **Charity** on the occasion of the publication in the United States of Volume 3 of Msgr. Luigi Giussani's *Is It Possible to Live This Way?* Presented by Fr. Antonio López, FSCB on Tuesday, **February 2nd** at Catholic University of America, Pryzbyla Center Great Room B, at 7:00 PM. **Sponsored by Radius.** Metro: Red line, Brookland/CUA; also, Ample parking is available



Founded in 1900, the Xavier Society for the Blind has been providing religious material and spiritual reading at no charge to clients all over the United States. Materials are in Braille, large-print and audio CD's, and include periodicals like *St. Anthony Messenger*, *America*, *Our Sunday Visitor* and

the *Catholic Digest*.

The Xavier Society for the Blind is also the home of the Catholic Lending Library, with volumes that can be borrowed in all three formats. If you can read this, you probably don't need their services, but you may know someone who does. Please share this information with your friends, and with local agencies who provide help for the visually-impaired.

Since the services are all provided at no charge, contributions to continue this work are always welcome, are completely tax-deductible, and may be sent to: Xavier Society for the Blind, 154 East 23<sup>rd</sup> St., New York, NY 10010. (Holy Cross Church donates at least one Poor Box per year to the Xavier Society for the Blind.

To register and get a free catalogue of books and periodicals and other items available, call (212) 473-7800 or (800) 637-9193. There is a web site at [www.xaviersocietyfortheblind.org](http://www.xaviersocietyfortheblind.org). Email: [info@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org](mailto:info@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org). (It may be long but it's really easy to remember.)



**The Devotion Of First Saturdays**, as requested by Our Lady of Fatima, will take place after the 8:30 AM Mass on August 1st. The rosary will be recited for world peace. Please join us!

**This Thursday is the Thursday before the First Friday of the month**, so the

Blessed Sacrament will be exposed in the Church from 1:15 to 5:45 PM. Then the Sacred Heart Novena will be prayed, followed by Benediction. All are welcome.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Holy Cross has an "Over 50" Club that meets every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month (THAT IS THIS FRIDAY). We attend the 8:30 AM Mass, and then go to breakfast. It is a good opportunity to visit with fellow parishioners for a nice meal and conversation. We are a warm and friendly group, and would like to have you join us. If interested, call Charlene Hubbard at 301-942-1522.



When a person insults or hurts you, it is tempting to respond in kind -- tempting, but not helpful to

your marriage. Consider the scripture "Do not return evil for evil, or insult for insult." (1 Peter 3:9) \*\*\*\*\* Listening is not the same as being quiet. After the quiet comes the effort to show your spouse you understand. [www.foryourmarriage.org](http://www.foryourmarriage.org)

**CATHOLIC STANDARD SURVEY:** Please take five minutes and participate in a survey of newspaper readership and trends toward use of internet, Facebook, Twitter, smart phones and other so-called "new media" for getting news and information. The Catholic Standard is pondering operational changes and needs your input to decide what delivery tools will best serve its diverse Catholic audience. Even if you don't read the Standard – in fact, especially if you don't read the Standard – your participation will be most humbly and gratefully appreciated. Go to [www.cathstan.org](http://www.cathstan.org) and look for the "Take our survey" link in the upper right portion of the home page. (The Survey will be available until February 1.)

**JUMP ROPE FOR HEART:** Holy Cross Elementary is underway in getting donations for this year's Jump Rope for Heart on Feb. 10 and 11 in the new Lewis Hall! Did you know that if you register on-line at [www.americanheart.org/jump](http://www.americanheart.org/jump) that you will be entered into a prize drawing for a \$25 Target Gift Card from the American Heart Association? Donations will be accepted through Feb. 11. Please help us reach our Goal of \$3000, and register today. Thanks for helping those who suffer from heart disease.

**PARENTAL AND SPOUSAL BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:** St. Elizabeth Bereavement Ministry will offer an eight-week bereavement support group series for adults who have experienced the death of a parent, spouse or significant other. The winter morning series will meet at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church, Montrose Road in Rockville on **Wednesday mornings, 10–11:30 AM, from Feb. 3 – Mar. 24, 2010.** There is no fee but registration is required. Space is strictly limited so call early. To register, call Deacon Kevin Byrne (301-279-5962), Claudia McAuliffe (301-881-1457) or Nancy Lorentz (301-897-0795). *An evening series will be offered later in the spring.*

**THE MONTHLY FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE** WILL START AGAIN IN THE RENOVATED LEWIS HALL next weekend, **February 6 & 7th**, after all masses. Non-perishable foods, seasonal clothing, and small household items are gratefully accepted in Lewis Hall. Please label bags of clothing as to type and size (e.g. Ladies, medium). Merchandise Certificates are welcome in lieu of food. These may be placed in the box on the table where the certificates are sold. Thank you for your ongoing generosity to this monthly project.

<u>WEEKLY SCHEDULE</u>	
<b>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	
31 SUNDAY	10:15 AM -- 11:30 AM: SOR Classes (school)
<b>1 MONDAY</b>	
7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	St. John Bible Study (Quinn Hall)
<b>2 TUESDAY</b>	
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	<b>Presentation of the Lord</b> Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	Catholic Book Group (School Library)
<b>3 WEDNESDAY</b>	
9:00 AM -- 11:00 PM:	<b>St. Blasé &amp; St. Ansgar</b> Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
7:00 PM -- 8:30 PM:	RCIA
<b>4 THURSDAY</b>	
9:00 AM -- 1:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
1:15 PM -- 6:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Church)
6:15 PM -- 11:00 PM:	Eucharistic Adoration (Quinn Hall)
<b>5 FRIDAY</b>	
<b>St. Agatha, First Friday</b>	
<b>6 SATURDAY</b>	
9:00 AM:	St. Paul Miki and companions Confessions
<b>7 SUNDAY</b>	
<b>5th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	

<u>MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK</u>			
<u>Monday, February 1, 2010</u>			
6:45 AM	Geneveive Ann Deikel	8:30 AM	Gloria Tappero Lepak
<u>Tuesday, February 2, 2010</u>			
6:45 AM	Marianne Joly	8:30 AM	Elizabeth & Edward O'Donnell
<u>Wednesday, February 3, 2010</u>			
6:45 AM	E. Michael O'Donnell	8:30 AM	Joseph Choi
<u>Thursday, February 4, 2010</u>			
6:45 AM	Randolf Hoffman	8:30 AM	Jack Mulvey (Living)
<u>Friday, February 5, 2010</u>			
6:45 AM	William Healy	8:30 AM	Emil Haut
<u>Saturday, February 6, 2010</u>			
8:30 AM	In Reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary		
5:00 PM	Franklin Burch		Msgr. Hill
<u>Sunday, February 7, 2010</u>			
7:30 AM	Msgr. Cary Hill (Living)		Fr. Yaga
9:00 AM	Guadalupe Espinosa		Fr. Yaga
10:30 AM	People of Holy Cross		Msgr. Hill
12:00 PM	Jim Billerbeck & Barbara Proctor		Fr. Perkins

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Virginia Burch; M. Carrio; Thomas & Young Choi; Michael Downey; J. Anthony English; Michael Gouzoulis; Arline Hart; Msgr. Hill; Renee Lucas; Anthony Paige; Bill Quinlan; Bonnie Riddenhower; Maxine Saur; Gregory Sexton; Mary Smith; Judith Winslow; Edward Wright

<u>COLLECTIONS:</u>	
Offertory 4th Sunday of January 2010	\$ 10,799.51
Offertory 4th Sunday of January 2009	\$ 6,402.14
HAITI RELIEF (Total)	\$ 8,852.95
Poor Box: 1/31 Christ House; 2/7 Social Concerns; 2/14 Prison Outreach	