

Dear Parishioners,

Parishioners from Holy Cross in Pickens and St. Luke in Easley have led a local chapter of the St. Vincent de Paul Society to serve the poor in Pickens County with financial and food assistance. The leaders of St. Vincent de Paul at Holy Cross and St. Luke are committed to continue this corporal work of mercy, but have decided to end their membership in the St. Vincent de Paul Society. To facilitate this charitable work, I have approved their request to form an affiliate organization of Holy Cross -- Holy Cross Catholic Outreach.

We will continue designating 3% of the regular offertory toward assistance of the poor. You can add to this by placing money in the poor box. Please write "outreach" in the memo line of checks payable to "Saint Luke Catholic Church". Donations will be acknowledged on your parish donation statement.

Join me in thanking all who support this work, and praying that God bless them and their efforts.

Fr. Jim Dubrouillet

This Week in our Parish

Sun., 20 9:00 AM Mass
 Wed., 23 12:00 PM Office Closes for Holiday
 Thu., 24 4:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass
 7:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass @ Holy Cross
 Fri., 25 9:00 AM Christmas Day Mass
 11:15 AM Christmas Day Mass @ Holy Cross
 Sat., 26 3:30 PM Confession @ Holy Cross
 7:00 PM Mass
 Sun., 27 9:00 AM Mass

Readings for the Week

Sun Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19;
 Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45
 Mon Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12,
 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
 Tue 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd;
 Lk 1:46-56
 Wed Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10, and 14;
 Lk 1:57-66
 Thu 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27,
 and 29; Lk 1:67-79
 Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;
 Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
 Fri Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13;
 Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12;
 Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6;
 Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
 Sat Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab,
 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
 Sun Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5;
 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Lk 2:41-52

Mass Intentions

Thu., 24 4:00 PM Children of St. Luke Church
 Fri., 25 9:00 AM For the People
 Sat., 26 7:00 PM For the People
 Sun., 27 9:00 AM Joseph Kubiak, Sr. *by M/M Mike King*

Celebrating birthdays this week:

December 21-24 no known birthdays
 December 25 Joelle Bynum
 December 26 Edna Bouchard, Ethan Martin
 December 27 Katelyn Fandrich

May God bless you on your special day!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Parishioners: B.Ahearn, G. Amorosia, E. Bouchard, C. Carpenter, D. Clements, L. Currens, J. Dunn, I. Maziarz, J. Maziarz, P. Mitchell, B. Moll, R. Pavlick, J. Russell, J. Sewell, D. Sheridan, M. Tobon, A. Young

Friends and Relatives: D. Amorosia, K. Armstrong, B. Authement, Bolt Family, George Cohen, Jr., D. DeLise, S. DeLise, D. Doria, S. Drake, B. Elliott, M. Fernandez, J. Gniewek, Mr. & Mrs. E. Guderian, Jr., H. Hanahoe, A. Heredia, E. Kiesznoski, W. Kuell, D. Lovett, C. Maziarz, J. Merck, B. Metts, M. Nash, V. Navasnik, T. & M. Nicholson, C. O'Quinn, L. O'Quinn, L. Paradis, J. Pavlick, T. Quatrini, M. Reddy, J. Richeda, M. Rizzo, G. Roberts, C. Robinson, M. Sanchez, T. Shayne, J. Sheridan, P. Shoemaker, E. Swire, J. Taylor, S. Taylor, our homebound members, all current and former members of our military and those who have asked for our prayers.

Fourth Sunday of Advent

CHRISTIAN FORMATION NEWS

Elementary Grades 1-6 will resume classes on Wednesday, January 6.

Junior High Youth group will have their next meeting on Sunday, January 10 after the 9 AM Mass.

Senior High Youth group will resume meetings after the holidays on Sunday, January 10 after the 9 AM Mass.

Confirmation Class will resume on Sunday, January 17 after the 9 AM Mass.

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS



We wish everyone a very blessed and joyful Christmas. The office will be closing at noon on December 23rd. If you have an emergency and need to reach Father Jim, please call Holy Cross at 864-878-0574.

33 Days to Morning Glory: In case you missed the first presentation, there will be a second introductory video presentation of the retreat on Wednesday, December 30 at 7 PM in the new Annunciation Hall. This is a chance for you to understand the overall plan of the retreat and to pick up a book. If you have any questions, please contact Dave Young at dgyoung3@charter.net or 864-633-8578.

Respect Life: [Jesus] showed us the self-sacrificial nature of love when he laid down His life for us, and we are called to follow in his footsteps. We are called to be his hands and feet, caring for and loving others. USCCB 2015-16 Respect Life Program.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: As we continue to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ-child at Christmas let us live in his love in all we do, especially in our marriage relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are February 26-28 in Myrtle Beach SC and February 5-7 in Asheville, NC. For more info, please visit www.scmarragematters.org or call 803-810-9602.

Stewardship Report December 12-13, 2015

Weekly	\$4,729.46
YTD Collection.....	\$99,892.15
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$1,339.75

Thank you for your generosity!

Liturgical Ministry Schedule

December 24-25

See December Schedule

December 26-27, 2015

7:00 PM	Lector: S. Brooks Servers: E. Swire-Clark J. Swire-Clark M. Quittenton Greeters: B. Jacob D. Jacob
9:00 AM	Lector: P. Elliott Servers: J. LiBrizzi A. LiBrizzi J. Spence Greeters: T. Buff G. Pittman P. Stevenson D. Thurlow

Holy Cross Catholic Church
558 Hampton Ave Pickens, SC
Mass Schedule*

Saturday.....	5:00 PM
Sunday.....	11:15 AM
Monday.....	8:15 AM
Wednesday.....	12:15 PM
Friday.....	12:15 PM

**Check the website to confirm.*