



## Notes from the Pastor

I share my loss with yours at the death of Fr. Larry Reitmeyer last Sunday. And I extend our condolences to Sandra Clark and Fr. Larry's children and grandchildren. All of us, especially those who knew Fr. Larry from the daily 7:30 am mass and the Sunday 8 am will testify to his love for and compassion with the poor and neglected. May God grant him eternal rest and peace. If you wish to make a lasting gift in his name, consider a gift to the Foundation in his name.

With the death of two priest friends, Fr. Ed Herrera and Fr. Larry, I have had to take a good look at my mortality. In whatever time the Lord gives me to serve Him here, I know that I can (1) plan for my own funeral arrangements (2) make plans to dispose of my material goods so that they will benefit other retired priests, and (3) practice better what I preach on Sunday. To that end I am updating my own will and making plans for my funeral. I have my plot next to my mother's at Mt. Carmel Cemetery in El Paso.

What about you? Are you planning to let someone else take care of it for you? Please consider at least filling in one of the "My Funeral Plans" forms at the Office and completing an "Advanced Care Directive" and naming your power of attorney. Parents with small children should already have a document covering the care of their minor children with their power of attorney named. Married couples at least should discuss drawing up their will and making sure legal documents, check signers, etc. have the proper names in order for the bills to be paid and financial security benefits go to the remaining family. Members of the Knights of Columbus have a wonderful insurance policy for survivors, as well as health plans for care for the elderly. Ask a Knight. He can tell you about it.

Today's gospel reflection: The more Jesus tells the people he cures not to tell anyone, of course, they do. And what about us? Every Sunday we are healed; our sins are forgiven – do we tell anybody? What keeps us from telling people that the reason we go to Mass is precisely that we hurt, we are sinners, and we need help and that Jesus is there to hear us and heal us? If people really knew what goes on at a Catholic Mass do you think there would be room in our churches for all the people who would want to come? Do YOU really know what goes on at Mass? Why keep it a secret?

Hugs and prayers for all you Valentines this week. And remember, Lent is just 10 days away!

*Shalom, Fr. John*

*Bienvenidos a Holy Cross  
Welcome to Holy Cross*

Please Pray for the members of our parish who are facing illness.

### Oren por los enfermos de nuestra Parroquia

Merciful Jesus, have compassion on all those who are sick or in pain. Grant them a healing of mind and body and restore their strength and spirit.



*Jesús Misericordioso, ten compasión de todos aquellos que están enfermos o en dolor. Concédeles su curación mental y corporal y renueve su fuerza y espíritu.*

John Allen ~ Javier Pacheco ~ Guillermo Pacheco ~ Melissa Pincomb \* Aaliyah Angel Meraz ~ Steven McGrew ~ Fr. Joshe Dupliessey ~ William Boeglin ~ Wally Eaton ~ Encarnacio Lopez \* Lawrence Lara ~ William Atts ~ Josephine Loucks ~ Manuel Martínez ~ Tammy Martínez ~ Priscilla Manuel ~ Elizabeth Vargas \* Billie Sullivan \* Cheryl Essex ~ Joselyn Meraz



*For the Repose of the Soul of  
Corina Fierro*



*Fr. Larry Reitmeyer  
And for the consolation of her  
family and friends.*

## STEWARDSHIP



### CORRESPONSABILIDAD

#### First Collection/Building Maintenance

Needed weekly .....	\$12,692.31
Received this week .....	\$14,039.15
Needed for this fiscal year "11-12" .....	\$660,000.00
Budget to date .....	(61.54%) \$406,153.85
Received to date .....	(59.30%) \$391,391.00

Next week "St. Vincent de Paul"

"Building Maintenance".....\$2,031.67

"Thank you all for your prayers, time, talent, and generosity."

## 2012 United In Ministry Kick Off February 12, 2012

"United In Ministry".....\$75,000.00



## PALMS NEEDED

If you have any palms from last year, please bring them to the parish office during the week or to the church during the daily or weekend Masses. You may drop them in the basket located at the back of the church.

**Ash Wednesday is February 22, 2012**

## Proclaimer/Commentator Training



His words are meant to teach, inspire and move us all. They are filled with meaning, love and passion. This is why those that have the privilege of proclaiming God's Word should be

skillfully trained and coached to bring forth these emotions and plant the seeds of God's message into the hearts of His people.

**Saturday, February 18, 2012 2011**  
**9:00 a.m. in the Church.**

## Eucharist Training

Eucharistic Ministers serve as extraordinary ministers in the celebration of the Eucharist by assisting the priests in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ. The ministers are trained in the rubrics of the mass and are directed by the parish priests of any liturgical changes affecting the distribution of the Eucharistic. Through training they are able to administer with confidence, respect and reverence the Eucharist under both species.



**Saturday, February 18, 2012 2011**  
**10:00 a.m. in the Church.**

If you are unable to join the Proclaimer/Commentator or Eucharistic Ministry programs, please pray that other parishioners will hear the call to assist at Sunday mass.

## 8th Annual Holy Cross Flea Market

Date: Saturday April 14, 2011 Time: 7:00 am to 12:00 PM Place: Holy Cross Catholic Church. Have your spring-cleaning garage sale at Holy Cross-Church. All are welcome. Reserve your space early. Spaces Sizes are one 10 X 15 at \$15.00, 25 X 20 feet at \$25.00 35 X 35 at \$40.00. For space sales or more information contact the parish office 523-0167 or Joe Fleming at 993-9916

### Prayer for World Peace – Rosary Rally – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each Month

Please join us in praying the rosary at the park in front of the Branigan Library. We will begin praying at 12:00 noon.

Come be a "Consoler of Jesus"

Las Próximas Clases de Bautismo serán el Próximo Jueves, febrero 16 de las 6:30pm a las 8:00pm en el salón de música.

**Knights of Columbus**  
**Annual Enchilada Dinner**

Benefitting the Las Cruces Catholic School

**Sunday, February 12, 2012**  
**10:30 a.m. ~ 6:00 p.m.**

**Knights of Columbus Hall**  
**2755 E. Idaho Ave**

**\$6.00 A plate**  
Please make checks payable to Knights of Columbus

## ASH WEDNESDAY

**February 22, 2012**

Masses: 8:15 a.m., 12:10 p.m.  
& 5:30 p.m.



## MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA

**Febrero 22, 2012**

Distribución de Ceniza: 7:30 p.m.



**BEFRIENDER**  
**MINISTRY**

*A Listening Presence*

### **BEFRIENDER MINISTRY**

BeFriender Ministers offer a compassionate, supportive and listening presence to fellow parishioners who are experiencing a loss, an illness or another major life transition. If you would like to know more about this ministry or would like to have a BeFriender visit you or someone you know, please call the church office at 523-0167.

