

MASSES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2009

- 9:00 am Joseph & Ann Wagner
11:00 am Edward Tenkotte
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2009

- 8:00 am Bunny Weingartner
9:00 am Anthony Dao

TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2009

- 8:00 am Jean Loftus
9:00 am Phil Tibey

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2009

- 8:00 am Mary Ann Bokenkotter Luckman
9:00 am Jerry & Rose Marie Gutzwiller (Spec. Int.)

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2009

- 8:00 am Mary Steigleiter
9:00 am Hahn Family
4 – 6 pm **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2009

- 8:00 am Elmer Langenbrunner
9:00 am St. Lawrence faculty, staff & students

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2009

- 8:00 am Mary Alice Meyer
3 – 4 pm **CONFESSIONS**
4:30 pm Angela Herrmann

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2009

- 9:00 am Rosary Altar Society
11:00 am Herbert & Rita Bill
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

St. Lawrence is Thinking of You

RIVERVIEW RETIREMENT COMMUNITY:

Martha Krumpelbeck

THREE RIVERS NURSING CENTER:

Anna Mae Jostworth, Thelma Ruhstaller

WESTERN HILLS RETIREMENT VILLAGE:

Mary Catherine Dittrich, Donald Jostworth, Mary Vilardo

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SUPPORT OUR PARISH!

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SERVERS

May 2/3

- 4:30 pm B Brannon, J Handorf
9:00 am M Becker, T Waters
11:00 am K Hoffman, B Browning
7:00 pm C Feldman, C Ernst

LECTORS

May 2/3

- 4:30 pm E Prater
9:00 am J Gonnella
11:00 am C Lageman
7:00 pm A Backs

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

May 2/3

- 4:30 pm *R Strack*, J Mueller, R Mueller,
L Kreimer
9:00 am *L Kessling*, B Kessling, J Remke,
S Remke
11:00 am *N Lageman*, J Hay, K Brannon,
K Brannon
7:00 pm *C Bauer*, C Balz, T Aufermann, D Shore

*Please be sure to stop in the sacristy before Mass to let Father know you are present. Thank you!

OFFERING

EASTER \$14,216.96
APRIL 19, 2009 \$7,541.51

Thank You For Your Generosity!

Vocation View: Jesus opened the minds of His followers to understanding of scripture. He pronounced them as His witnesses. Be the hands and feet of Jesus today.

Thought for the Day: Be careful to give no credit to yourself for anything; if you do, you are stealing from God, to whom alone every good thing is due.

St. Vincent de Paul

Rest in Peace: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Larry Weinheimer who died last week.

St. Joseph New Cemetery will hold a Candlelight Prayer Service on Wednesday, April 29th at 7pm. The service will be held in the St Joseph Mausoleum at the corner of Rapid Run and Nebraska. Fr. Jim Meade will be the celebrant. Please call 251-3110 if you plan to attend.

PRAYER

THE LAURENTIAN

BINGO

Sunday workers: please report at 11:30 AM

Tuesday workers: please report at 5:30 PM

Parents of the students listed below are asked to work the following Bingo

SUNDAY, APRIL 26: C Hall, J Hickey, C Hicks, R Hicks

TUESDAY, APRIL 28: M Bryant, D Dudley, S Hall, J Hein

SUNDAY, MAY 3: B Portillo-Curry, M Rinear, T Swis, A Whyte, T Wenhold

TUESDAY, MAY 5: J Haverbusch, B Hickey, X Hicks, Z Keeton

High School Discernment Day: Many young men who feel some aspect of a call to the priesthood need more information on what it takes to be a priest in the world today. Saturday, May 16th at Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati, will focus on the questions that high school men have regarding the priesthood of today, as well as offering a chance to get to know seminarians, and other young men who are exploring the call to the priesthood or religious life. For more information please visit www.cincinnati vocations.org/frm051609.php

Elder High School Color Guard will have sign ups, on May 4th and May 11th at 7pm in the Band Room in Elder's Schaeper Center, for students who will be attending high school in 2009/2010 and are interested in joining the Elder Color Guard. Interested students and their parent/s can attend either day. **No experience is necessary.** Any questions, please call Mariann Grove at 941-8494

Family Rosary Rally will be held on Sunday, May 17th, 2:00pm at Elder High School Stadium (The Pit). Fall weekends often fill The Elder Pit with cheering fans. This spring we are hoping to find it filled with praying faithful. The Rally brings hundreds of people together in a public place to praise God and honor His Mother. The program consists of music, recitation of the Rosary and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Participating in the program will be local Priests, Deacons and Associates, First Communicants, Grade School and High School students, Knights of Columbus, Members of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and choirs from area churches and schools. Free parking with handicap access.



from the Pastor

Major Award Raffle Tickets: The first Early Bird drawing is Mother's Day, Sunday, May 10th. So, please turn in your sold tickets. The Major Award Raffle is the largest source of income for the festival. Its success is vital. Please buy/sell as many tickets as you can.

First Holy Communion: Please join me in congratulating our St. Lawrence children who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday. May God bless them and their families with His infinite love and kindness.

Eucharistic Adoration: Please remember that we have Eucharistic Adoration in church from 4 – 6 every Thursday afternoon. By adoring our Eucharistic Lord you receive many graces and blessing and are strengthened in virtue. I encourage you to come for some part – even if only a minute or two.

Rosary Rally: The Pit will come alive with the sound of music and prayer on Sunday, May 17th at 2pm! Mark your calendars now and check our bulletin each week for additional details.

Fatima Statue: The Fatima statue is back in church at Mary's altar for now. The statue will stay in church until we have successfully completed the Paint and Pane Fund Campaign. Totals, so far: paint - \$46,418.46, windows - \$50,941.56, grand total- \$97,360.02. Goals: paint-\$51,000 windows-\$151,000, total \$202,000. We're gettin' there!

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2009: Our parish goal this year is **\$15,617.00**. This year, all parishes were required by Archbishop Pilarczyk to give their parishioner lists to him so that he could contact everyone personally. Also, you should have received a letter from me appealing to you to be generous this year in your contribution to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Your donation goes to support six very important regional church ministries. One hundred percent of your contribution goes to St. Rita School for the Deaf, support of our retired priests, chaplains for our hospitals and prisons, campus ministries, lay and ordained ministries education, and Catholic Social Services. For more information please visit www.catholicappeal.info. Please make your pledge today. Thank you for your generosity.

The Sunset Players at Dunham Recreation Center are performing a play titled 'Over the Tavern'. The play is being held on May 1st & 2nd, May 8th & 9th, and May 15th & 16th. All shows will begin at 8pm. Tickets are \$9. Opening Weekend Special: May 1st & 2nd only, one lucky audience member will receive a pair of 2009-2010 season tickets. Dunham is located at 1945 Dunham Way

Fourth Annual Christopher Nguyen Memorial

Scholarship Walk: Christopher was a student at St. Lawrence until he lost his battle with cancer 3-1/2 years ago. This 2-mile walk will serve as a way to help honor the memory of this courageous boy while raising money to contribute to a scholarship in his name. Registration is \$20 for adults and \$10 for students. Join us in the Parish Center after the walk for food, drink, music, memories and a **Silent Auction**. If you cannot do the walk, but would like to attend the after walk activities, the cost is \$5 per person. The walk will take place at St. Joseph Cemetery on Rapid Run and Covedale, **May 2, 2009**. Registration will be at 6pm and the walk at 7pm. A free shuttle from St. Lawrence will begin at 5:45pm. For more information call Gina or Chris Hornback at 471-5157 or visit www.stlawrenceparish.org/nguyen.htm.

Learn more about Scripture, Catholic doctrine and theology:

Become more effective at serving your community and parish. Learn ways to bring your Catholic faith into the marketplace and boardroom. Come and see what the Athenaeum can offer you! Lay Ministry Formation classes are forming now for Fall 2009, with locations in Delhi and Mount Washington. For more information call 513-231-1200

Elder and Seton High School students demonstrate their musical talents at two spring concerts. The Instrumental Concert will be held at 3 pm on Sunday, May 3rd.

On Sunday, May 17th at 3pm the Elder Glee Club and Seton Choral students will present the Choral Concert. Both events will be held in the Seton Performance Hall. For more details or ticket reservation forms, visit Elder's website at www.elderhs.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: The weather is warmer. How about your relationship with your spouse? Schedule a weekend away – just for the two of you to grow closer to each other and the Lord! The next Marriage Encounter weekends in this area are May 15th – 17th at the Holy Spirit Center, 5440 Moeller Ave., Norwood, Ohio and July 17th – 19th at the Comfort Inn in Erlanger, KY. For more details or for reservations call Keith or Lori Maurmeier at 1-800-547-1251 code 00 or on the web at www.esharing.org

Special Mother's Day Celebration: EWTN's Johnnette Benkovic will share her insights on Spiritual Motherhood. Bring your Mother or friend on Saturday, May 9th to Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, 5440 Moeller Ave., Norwood, Ohio. Donation: \$40 for the day. For more information call 351-9800 or visit www.olhsc.org

St. Lawrence School ESAP financial aid awards are available to families with students entering the fifth through eighth grade at the parish school next year. Awards range from \$100-\$500 and are based on need as assessed by PSAS. The application can be accessed via Elder's website at www.elderhs.org. Once there, click "Parents" on the top banner and then on the Parents page, click "ESAP" on the left side. There is a \$21 application fee. If you have completed the PSAS form for another school, you will automatically be considered for ESAP awards. There is nothing further you need to do. Aid applications are due to PSAS by May 1, 2009. See www.elderhs.org for more details or contact Maureen Regan at Elder at 921-3744 ext. 3417. If you are unable to download the PSAS form, please contact the St. Lawrence school office at 921-4996.

Congratulations to all of the students from St. Lawrence who made the third quarter Honor Roll at **Seton High School**. **First Honors:** N Rogers, A Studt and J Wethington. **Second Honors:** B Bedel, J Davis, K Frey, J Goines, T Hoang, S Hickey, E Hornback, K Hornback, J Kinne and L Pham.

Congratulations to all of the students from St. Lawrence who made the third quarter Honor Roll at **Elder High School**. **Grade 12:** P Murphy and J Cooke, **Grade 11:** J Nguyen and **Grade 9:** J Harrison.

St. Lawrence Reunion News!!! We are planning the biggest reunion in the history of St. Lawrence. It will be a reunion spanning the classes of 1970-1995. The reunion will take place on Saturday, October 3rd in the St. Lawrence Parish Center. We need your help to get started because this is a huge undertaking. We have broken things down into several committees and we need committee team leaders for each. If you are interested in being a team leader or being a part of a committee please visit our reunion website at www.stlawrencereunion.com or e-mail Steve Bailey at wb26bailey@aol.com. Let the party begin!!!



ST. LAWRENCE SUMMER FESTIVAL

July 10th, 11th and 12th

Volunteers: Plans are underway for the 2009 Summer Festival. Anyone interested in working please call Theresa Murphy at 921-0266 or email festival@stlawrenceparish.org

Variety Pull-Down Booth. We welcome all craft items, afghans, plush animals, toys, figurines, and household items, etc. This was a very successful booth last summer and your generous donations greatly benefit St. Lawrence. Items can be dropped off at the rectory or call 921-0328 to make arrangements for pick-ups.

A Tisket a Tasket, the Festival needs your Basket! The 5th annual Basket Bonanza Booth is accepting donations of theme baskets, or items, which may be put together to make a theme basket for the summer festival. This booth has been very successful in the past and with your help we hope to carry on that tradition. If you would like to donate any items, gift certificates or monetary gifts, please bring them to the Rectory or call Enid Sunderman at 921-6102. Thank you for your generosity!

Major Award Tickets: The first Early Bird Drawing is Mother's Day, May 10th. If you have not received any tickets, please let us know. Remember, tickets may be returned at any time. You may mail them back, drop them in the collection basket or deliver them in person to the rectory. Tickets are \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00. If you have any questions please contact Major Award Chairpersons: Anne Feldman at 921-3609 or Beth Shore at 244-7635

St. Catherine School is having a delicious spaghetti dinner, May 2nd in the school cafeteria at 3324 Wunder Ave., Westwood from 5pm – 8pm. Proceeds benefit Boy Scout Troop #177 and Pack #188. For more information or any questions call Mary Herbers at 661-0985

Remember the SON is always shining!

Why Go To Church?

A church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. I've gone for 30 years now, he wrote, and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons to all.

This started a real controversy in the 'Letters to the Editor' column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time, my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this; they all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today! When you are DOWN to nothing...God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical and our spiritual nourishment!

When Satan is knocking at your door, simply say, 'Jesus, could you get that for me?'

Baby Bottle Campaign 2009 supports the work of the Pregnancy Center West. The money collected in the baby bottles will go to support all facets of this ministry, including supplying baby items (formula, diapers, clothing, etc.) to needy mothers, parenting classes to new parents, and abstinence education in our local Catholic schools. The baby bottles will be distributed next weekend May 2nd & 3rd after all Masses. Please fill the bottle with your pocket money during the next two weeks. Return the baby bottle back to church during the weekend of May 16th & 17th. If you miss these turn-in dates, you can return bottles to the parish office or call Julie Niehoff at 451-9973. Thank you in advance for your generosity

Xavier University is offering **SUMMER GIRLS BASKETBALL CAMP**. Girls Basketball Day Camp is for girls entering grades K – 8. This 4-day camp runs Monday – Thursday, June 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th. Camp begins at 9am and finishes up at 4pm. Cost is \$185.

SUMMER BOYS BASKETBALL CAMP. Boys Basketball Day Camp is for boys entering grades 2 – 9. The Chris Mack Boys Basketball Camp has four different sessions: June 15th – 18th, June 22nd – 25th, June 29th – July 2nd, and July 13th – 16th. Camp begins at 9am – and ends at 4:30pm, Monday – Thursday. Cost is \$220. For more information call 745-3414 or www.goxavier.com