

**MASSES OF THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2009**

9:00 am Claire Hartling  
11:00 am Paul Louis  
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2009**

8:00 am Elmer Langenbrunner  
9:00 am Don Westendorf

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2009**

Elizabeth of Hungary

8:00 am Scott Gausling  
9:00 am Holscher & Hendley families

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2009**

8:00 am Joan Bedel  
9:00 am Barbara Dyer

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2009**

8:00 am Mary Steigleiter  
9:00 am Joe Oestreicher  
3pm – 5pm **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2009**

8:00 am James Corcoran  
9:00 am Mary Ann Bokenkotter Luckman

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2009**

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 am Lee Schmolt  
3 – 4 pm **CONFESSIONS**  
4:30 pm Mary Vilardo

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2009**

9:00 am Paul Plagge  
11:00 am Carl Ackerman  
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

**St. Lawrence is Thinking of You**

**MOUNTAINCREST NURSING CENTER:**

Liz Donovan, Betty Haass, Tommy Martino

**RIVERVIEW RETIREMENT COMMUNITY:**

Martha Krumpelbeck, Robert Krupp, Sr.

**THREE RIVERS NURSING CENTER:**

Anna Mae Jostworth, Thelma Ruhstaller

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ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL**

**SERVERS**

**November 21/22**

4:30 pm C Sunderman, S Sunderman  
9:00 am S Perry, S Perry  
11:00 am A Moorman, S McEntush  
7:00 pm C Ernst, C Feldman

**LECTORS**

**November 21/22**

4:30 pm G Rogers  
9:00 am B Mittermeier  
11:00 am R Becker  
7:00 pm S Aufermann

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**November 21/22**

4:30 pm *C Hornback*, N Rogers  
J Mueller, R Mueller  
9:00 am *J Gonnella*, M Bedel  
J Brannon, M Brannon  
11:00 am *J Mauntel*, T Phan  
J Bauer, J Hartfiel  
7:00 pm *C Balz*, J Cassiere  
M Thompson, S Hoffman

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

**OFFERING**

**NOVEMBER 8, 2009**

**\$8,068.18**

***Thank You For Your Generosity!***

**Vocation View:** When the end time comes, the wise and those who work for justice will shine forever. Dedicate your life to furthering the reign of God. (Daniel 12:1-3)

**Thought for the Day:** But a soul that does not live by the love of God suffers in a different way. It is not happy because it does not correspond generously enough to divine love; it hears a call and feels an attraction to which it does not respond. God punishes it by preventing it from being at peace in the quiet of laziness which it creates for itself. How many times is God sent away in this manner!

*-- St. Peter Emyard*

**PLEASE NOTIFY THE RECTORY WHEN: A family member is hospitalized or homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, the Sacrament of Penance and/or the Anointing of the Sick.**

## 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, NOVEMBER 15:** R Coy, D Applegate, J Dunajcik, J May

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17:** A Calvopina, E Hand, S Davis, Hayley Dolan,

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22:** C McAmis, C Moore, J Moses, J Phelps

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24:** H Rouse, B Studt, T Waters, I Kirksey

## *from the Pastor's Desk*

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Eucharistic Adoration is 3–5pm on Thursday afternoon. During part of the time, I will hear confessions. This is a great way to prepare for Christmas. I hope you make it for some part of the time even if it's only a minute.

**Remembering the Dead:** Traditionally, November is the month in which we remember in special and practical ways the deceased members of our families, our deceased friends and all of the faithful departed.

I want to take this opportunity to correct a popular misconception of Church teaching about when a person dies. Too many people believe that when a loved one dies he or she somehow automatically goes to heaven. Well, maybe yes, maybe no. That they are in heaven is our hope, of course. But we do not know the state of a person's soul when he or she dies, only God knows that. We are not the judge, only God is. When a person dies in a state of grace but their soul is not completely prepared to enter heaven, then he or she is placed in Purgatory for purification. (God forbid that a person should die outside of the state of grace, that is, with unconfessed, unrepented mortal sins on their soul.) So, what we should be doing for the deceased is praying that our hope of salvation and eternal life with the Lord will be realized in them. Hence, we ought to pray for them, and offer our sufferings for the repose of their souls.

**Healthcare Legislation:** With the passing of House Bill 3962 regarding so-called healthcare

reform, we must now, more than ever, re-double our efforts to stop this proposed healthcare bill. The United States Catholic Conference of Bishops have said that genuine healthcare reform should protect the life and dignity of all people from the moment of conception to natural death as well as protect the conscience rights of all health care workers and institutions.

While we understand that the Stupak/Pitts Amendment was included in the current legislation and is "supposed" to prevent the public funding of some abortions, the amendment is in itself unclear. Furthermore, other grave issues were not addressed at all, such as, the specific exclusion of euthanasia and assisted suicide, the exclusion of end of life councils, restrictions on chronic care, and denial of medical treatment based on quality of life.

As it stands now, the bill still has government bureaucrats making end of life decision instead of families. Moreover, you can be fined and jailed for not buying health insurance. These kinds of things, and others like them, make this legislation insupportable. This legislation needs to be resisted and stopped. I invite you to join me in praying the rosary daily to stop this legislative travesty called healthcare reform. Also, contact your Senators.

Information regarding the issues surrounding the current Healthcare debate can be accessed from our St. Lawrence website at [www.stlawrenceparish.org](http://www.stlawrenceparish.org).

**Helpers of God's Precious Infants Prayer Vigil for Life** has accepted the invitation of Fr. Thomas Bolte, pastor of St. Teresa of Avila Parish, 1175 Overlook Ave., Price Hill, to sponsor the Holy sacrifice of the Mass every second Saturday of the month at 8:30am. The Mass will be followed by a rosary procession to the nearby Planned Parenthood facility. Archbishop Dennis Schnurr will celebrate Mass on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Remember, on the first, third, and fourth Saturdays of each month we will continue our 13-year prayer vigil at Holy Name Church, 2448 Auburn Ave., Cincinnati, with an 8am Mass, Rosary, and Benediction.

**PRAY TO END ABORTION!**

**Natural Family Planning (NFP):** Safe, healthy, morally right, and effective for both achieving and postponing pregnancy – that's the natural family planning method taught by NFP International. For more information or registration call Sheila or John Kippley at 661-7396.

**Eldermount Adult Day Program** is seeking volunteers to assist in setting tables, serving food, and cleaning up for members' lunches weekdays from 11:30am-1:30pm. Interested individuals should contact Jodi Mayhaus at 347-5535. Eldermount provides services for members, which promote holistic well being, through health services, social services, and activities.

**Bayley Place:** Bernens Medical will be hosting a Diabetes information session on November 17<sup>th</sup> from 3:00pm – 4:30pm at the Community Wellness Center at Bayley Place located at 401 Farrell Court, Cincinnati, Ohio 45233. The event is co-sponsored by Sanofi-Aventis and will feature a certified diabetes educator who will cover all topics vital to those living with diabetes or caregivers for someone with diabetes. There is no cost for this event but it does require a reservation. Please call 513-347-1450 to make a reservation or for additional information.

**Cincinnati Good timers Senior Group** meets on the second Thursday of every month at Nathaniel Greene Lodge, 6934 Wesselman Rd. All are welcome for dancing and fun from 7:30-10pm. Cost is \$6 per person. Includes entertainment, soft drinks and snacks. Call Cathy or Bill Powers at 513-598-6196 for questions.

**Lost and Found:** There are 8 pairs of reading glasses, a couple of earrings, and other items. Please call the rectory at 921-0328.

**Catholic Cruise to the Exotic Western Caribbean:** Come and sail away on a 7-night Catholic Exotic Western Caribbean Cruise with Father Michael Sullivan on the Carnival Glory out of Miami, Florida on February 21-28, 2010. Ports of call: Grand Cayman, Cayman Island, Isla Roatan, Belize, and Cozumel (Mexico) Prices begin at \$1153 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass and Rosary offered. Deposits of only \$50 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further information or to register contact Doug or Eileen at 960-399-1785 or [dpaytc@aol.com](mailto:dpaytc@aol.com).

**Learn more about your Catholic faith:** While driving your car tune your radio to 740AM, Sacred Heart Radio. Listen to call-in and talk shows that examine your faith. Hear the rosary and daily Mass! Also, visit the following website [www.sacredheartradio.com](http://www.sacredheartradio.com).  
**Sacred Heart Radio, 740 AM.**



Here is George Washington's Proclamation, which established the Thanksgiving holiday.

## **A PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION**

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor, and Whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint committee requested me to "recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanks-giving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many single favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness."

Now, therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the Service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be. That we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks, for His kind care and protection of the People of this country previous to their becoming a Nation, for the single and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of His providence, which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war, for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed, for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted, of the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have to acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge and in general for all the great and various favors which He hath been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humble offering our prayers and supplications to the Great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions, to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually, to render our national government a blessing to all people, by constantly being a government wise, just and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed, to protect and guide all Sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace and concord. To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us, and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree and temporal prosperity as He alone know to be best.

George Washington

**Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center:** Come and experience Jesus' healing power in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Wednesday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Prayers for healing will be available after Mass, followed with Benediction. Come join us as we give thanks and praise to God for all our spiritual blessings as we continue to ask for healing, conversion, peace and unity for our lives, as well as for our families, communities, and our nation.

**Sisters of Notre Dame** invite you to join them for their pre-Advent retreat, on Mary, to be held on Saturday morning, November 21, 2009, from 9:30am until noon at St. Joseph Heights, 1601 Dixie Highway, Covington, KY. You are also welcome to come to Mass at 8:30am and lunch at noon. The presenter will be Deacon David Flynn. Please RSVP by Thursday, November 12, 2009 to JoAnn McQueen at 859-359-5193 regarding the morning and the lunch. Free will donations will be accepted.

**Attention St. Martin of Tours Alumni:** On Sunday, November 15, 2009, at 11:30am St. Martin of Tours invites you and your guests to attend our Alumni Mass. A reception will follow in Fr. Mick Hall (church basement). Our Pastor, Fr. Terry Hamilton (Class of 1961) will be our celebrant. Please invite former classmates, relatives, and friends who attended St. Martin of Tours grade school for this opportunity to reminisce. For more information call 661-2000.

**Mark your Calendars:** The second annual St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus New Year's Eve Dance is quickly approaching. Further details will be forthcoming. Plan on ringing in the New Year with your friends here at St. Lawrence.

**Advent Lessons & Carols** will be held on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Chapel of Mount St. Mary's Seminary, 6616 Beechmont Ave., Cincinnati. The annual service includes the reading of seven scriptures Lessons with Advent Carols sung by the Athenaeum Chorale & the Mount St. Mary's Seminary Schola Cantorum. Admission is free. The doors to the chapel will open at 7pm.



## SCHOOL NEWS



**Volunteers Needed:** Tutor a child or adult with low level literacy skills. Locations and times to fit various schedules. For more information on upcoming training sessions call 513-621-READ (7323). Change a life through literacy!

**Catholic High School Placement Test** for eight graders wanting to attend a Catholic high school next year need to take the High School Placement Test. Pre registration is required. The test will be offered at: **Elder** – November 21<sup>st</sup>, register at [www.elderhs.org](http://www.elderhs.org) or call 921-3744.

**Purcell-Marian** - November 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:30am. Register at [www.purcellmarian.org](http://www.purcellmarian.org). **Seton** – November 21<sup>st</sup>, 9am-1pm. Register at [www.setoncincinnati.org](http://www.setoncincinnati.org) or call 471-2600. **Mercy** – November 21<sup>st</sup>. Register at [www.motherofmercy.org](http://www.motherofmercy.org).

**Enjoy the City:** St. Lawrence School wants you to Enjoy the City! We are selling coupon books to raise money to buy classroom chairs. Each coupon book costs \$20 and has over \$1,500 in valuable offers for dining, recreation, services, and entertainment. Stop in the back of church after Mass next weekend, November 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> to purchase your book.

**Scrap Paper Request:** The school office is in need of scrap paper. There is very much paperwork involved in educating our students and keeping our parents up-to-date. The price of paper has gone up along with everything else and we could use your help to conserve. If you know of anyone that may have one-sided scrap paper available, please have them contact the school office at 921-4996. Thank You!

**Boy Scout Troop 302** will be selling Christmas trees here at St. Lawrence, Thanksgiving weekend, Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> from 12pm-6pm & Sunday November 29<sup>th</sup> from 9am-8pm. The cost will be \$20 per tree. For more information or for pre-sale call Ned Hand at 919-4846.