

Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2010

MASSES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2010

9:00 am Mary Helen Jackson
11:00 am Dao Family
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

MONDAY, APRIL 19, 2010

8:00 am Margaret Gorman
9:00 am Ruth Kluesener

TUESDAY, APRIL 20, 2010

8:00 am Marie Axt
9:00 am Kevin Loch – Special Intention

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 2010

8:00 am Alma Niehaus
9:00 am Jerry & Rose Marie Gutzwiller-Spec. Int.

THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 2010

8:00 am Carl Steigleiter
9:00 am Dr. Fran Repka
3pm – 5pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2010

8:00 am Sheehan Family-Living & Deceased
9:00 am Isabella Battle

SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2010

8:00 am Browne Family
3 – 4 pm CONFESSIONS
4:30 pm Joe E. Day

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2010

9:00 am Agnes Wilson
11:00 am Edward Tenkotte
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

St. Lawrence is Thinking of You

MOUNTAINCREST NURSING CENTER:

Betty Haass, Tommy Martino

LIBERTY NURSING HOME OF RIVERVIEW:

Robert Krupp, Sr.

THREE RIVERS NURSING CENTER:

Thelma Ruhstaller

PLEASE CONSIDER INCLUDING

ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

PLACE YOUR AD IN OUR BULLETIN AND
SUPPORT OUR PARISH!

DUWEL AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE

Complete Car Repair
4314 Glenway Avenue
471-5092

Modern & Antiques
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SERVERS

April 24/25

4:30 pm K Hoffman, R Hoffman
9:00 am S Perry, S Perry
11:00 am J Moses, J Moses
7:00 pm B Aufermann, S Brunner

LECTORS

April 24/25

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

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

April 24/25

4:30 pm *C Hornback*, E Hornback,
K Hornback, N Rogers
9:00 am *L Kessling*, J Gonnella,
K Brannon, J Brannon
11:00 am *M Guethlein*, R Weinheimer,
N Lageman, M Wagner
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!

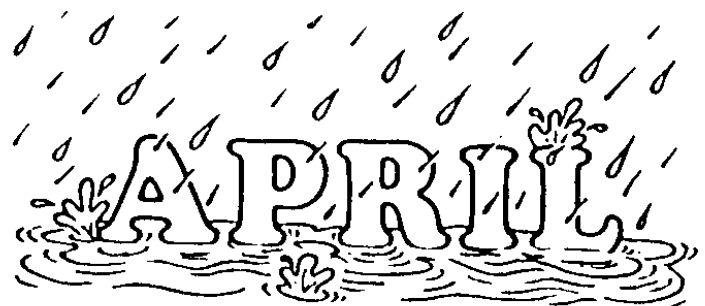
OFFERING

APRIL 11, 2010 \$7,961.13
Additional EASTER \$ 295.25

Thank You For Your Generosity

Vocation View: Jesus asks us, "Do you love me?" Show
your love for Jesus in the way that you live.
(John 21:1-19)

Thought for the Day: Live Simply, Love Generously,
Care Deeply, and Leave the Rest to God. Life isn't about
how to survive the storm, but how to dance in the rain.



The Laurentian

FINANCE COMMITTEE APPEAL TO THE PARISH

Over the last few weeks the Financial Committee of St. Lawrence Parish has tried to present to you the problems we are facing. In summary, Offertory collections continually remain about the same. Bingo receipts have dropped dramatically, and school enrollment did not meet expectations this year. This has resulted in financial losses of over \$100,000 per year in the last 4 years, eroding the Parish's savings account.

As we examine the budget for the current year (July 2009-June 2010), we forecast another loss of \$165,000! Plus the budget for next year does not look any better unless we take drastic action!

What can we do? Cut expenses and raise income. We are examining ways to cut expenses. Further reductions in staff may become necessary.

There are several ways you can help stem the tide and assist us in restoring the Parish to financial stability. The Finance Committee feels that, ultimately, it comes down to the collection basket. We have asked that a special "Education Fund" envelope be inserted in your monthly envelope packets. Along with envelopes in back of church, we will also take up a second collection for the Education Fund each week for the rest of the fiscal year ending June 30. At that point, we will see where we stand. And, if necessary, we will have to continue the second collection. If everyone could make a special Education Fund gift of \$10 per month for the future of St. Lawrence School, we could put a huge dent in the current deficit! (This is roughly only \$2.50 increase per week and is less than a cost of a gallon of gas, a pack of cigarettes or a six-pack of beer).

If you are a registered parishioner, you have received your Major Award chances for our summer festival. Each parishioner is asked to sell \$50.00 worth of tickets for the Major Award Raffle. There are approximately 600 families registered at St. Lawrence, and if we all sell our tickets, this would generate approximately \$30,000.

We have previously stated that our bingo is the largest contributor to the education of our children. We currently have a dedicated staff who works tirelessly but they need your help. They are in need of people to assist at the bingos on Sunday afternoons and Tuesday evenings. If you have a little time and would like to help, please call the rectory and give your name and telephone number so that someone can get back with you. Over the past few years, our bingos have dropped from roughly \$320,000 to its present level of \$170,000. If we could get our revenues back to near the previous level, we would be in a much better financial position.

We know that these are difficult economic times and everyone has cut back, but if we are not able to "stem the tide" we will be forced to make difficult choices leading to more cut backs. St. Lawrence Church has been the "BEACON ON THE HILL" for over a century and has educated thousands of wonderful children. Therefore, we are requesting that you assist us and in this way ensure that the "Beacon on the Hill" does not get extinguished. May God continue to bless all of you.

Finance Council: Jerry Volker, Bob Kessler, Jay Brannon, Arlene Reddington and Fr. Watkins

Bingo

Sunday workers: please report at 11:30
Tuesday workers: please report at 5:30
Parents of the students listed below are asked to work the following Bingo
SUNDAY, APRIL 18: S Haverbusch, J Behanan, C Scully, T Nguyen
TUESDAY, APRIL 20: L Bell, D Hicks, P Smith, Z Boggan, J Hsu
SUNDAY, APRIL 25: I Blake, I Hand, H Mann, S Stewart
TUESDAY, APRIL 27: J Antoni, D Applegate, R Coy, J May

Marriage Encounter He is Risen!! Schedule a weekend away – just for the two of you to grow closer to each other and the Lord! Attend a Marriage Encounter Weekend! Make your marriage GREAT with a Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next Marriage Encounter weekends in this area are April 30th –May 2nd at the Comfort Inn in Erlanger, KY and July 16-18 at the Holiday Inn Eastgate in Cincinnati, OH. Weekends fill up quickly, so a prompt response is encouraged to avoid the waiting list. For more details or reservations call Keith or Lori Maurmeier at 1-800-547-1251 Code 00 – or on the web at www.esharing.org.

Baptism Preparation Session: St Lawrence Parish is beginning a Baptism Preparation Session for all parents and Godparents seeking baptism for their children. The session will be after the 9am mass (approx. 9:45). It will be held in the rectory and will last about an hour. This session is **REQUIRED** for all parents. As usual please call the rectory to schedule both the baptism date and the preparation session.

Great American Cleanup: *Let's Make Price Hill Sparkle!* The East Price Hill Improvement Assn, Price Hill Civic Club and Price Hill Will will be partnering to make the Great American Cleanup of 2010 a Price Hill event. Mark your calendar for April 24th between 9am and 1pm. Litter collection sites are for East Price Hill at Elberon United Methodist Church (Elberon and Phillips) and West Price Hill at Elder's Schaeper Center parking lot.

from the Pastor's Desk

Please read the appeal from the Finance Committee on page two of today's Laurentian.

Festival Raffle Tickets: In regards to festival chances recently received in the mail: It seems that inadvertently an incorrect list was used for the festival raffle ticket mailing. If your family received more than one packet of chances and you are not able to sell them please drop them back in the collection basket.

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2010: Every gift matters, Thank You! We have received \$5,382.00. The goal for St. Lawrence is \$16,550.

Catholic Relief Services Collection: Today, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. The Catholic Relief Services Collection helps to fund programs that give hope to refugees, immigrants, and the impoverished, including victims of war, natural disaster, and drought. Please be generous in today's collection.

Elder High School Band Color Guard will hold an informational clinic on April 20th and April 22nd from 7pm to 8pm in the Band Room in the Elder Schaeper Center for all students currently in the 8th through 11th grades who will attend or now attend Seton, Mercy or Elder High School and are interested in the guard for the 2010-2011 marching season. NO experience is necessary. Come join the fun with the Elder Band at football games, parades and competitions. Everyone is welcome! For more information or any questions call Sonja Radziwon at 451-3714 or radziwonj@aol.com.

The Elder Alumni Association is sponsoring a free seminar "The Dilemma of Aging Parents" on Wednesday, April 21st at 7:00pm in the Elder Schaeper Center. Presentations will touch on the medical, legal and ethical aspects of aging; and information about local resources for the aging will be shared. For more information contact the Alumni Office at 921-3744.



ST. LAWRENCE SUMMER FESTIVAL

July 9th, 10th, and 11th

Volunteers: Plans are underway for the 2010 Summer Festival. Anyone interested in working please call Theresa Murphy at 921-0266 or e-mail 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 6th 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 9th. 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.

Theology on Tap is a group dedicated to helping young adults in their mid 20's and 30's discover how the Catholic faith can lead them to more fulfilling and purposeful lives. They will have an opportunity to reflect on their faith. Theology on Tap presents dynamic speakers who share the faith and its impact on their own journey in an enjoyable and relaxing atmosphere. Topics focus on faith and contemporary issues that directly affect the live of today's adults. You can meet others who have similar questions and interests. Join us at Tickets Sports Café, 100 West 6th St. in Covington, KY on Thursday nights, April 15th to May 20th. Drinks will be at 7:00pm and the speaker will follow from 7:30pm – 9:30pm.

April 22

Dr. David Rahner

Health Care: A Catholic Doctor's Perspective

April 29

Greg Baxley, Lt. Col USAFR

Afghanistan and the Just War Theory

May 6

Alicia Baehr

Choosing Chastity

May 13

Matt Swaim

The Eucharist and the Rosary

May 20

Steve Feldmann

ADOPTION: answering God's Call to Care for Orphans

