

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 2010

MASSES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2010

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

MONDAY, APRIL 26, 2010

8:00 am Tarr Family – Living & Deceased
9:00 am Maria Khiem Pham

TUESDAY, APRIL 27, 2010

8:00 am Dao Family
9:00 am Max & Angela Hofmeyer

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 2010

8:00 am Matt James
9:00 am Don Ruberg – Special Intention

THURSDAY, APRIL 29, 2010

Catherine of Siena, virgin, doctor of the church

8:00 am James Hollstegge
9:00 am Evelyn Creeden
3pm – 5pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

FRIDAY, APRIL 30, 2010

8:00 am George Koch
9:00 am Jerry & Jackie Schwager

SATURDAY, MAY 1, 2010

8:00 am Grace Keller
3 – 4 pm **CONFESSIONS**
4:30 pm Martha Krumpelbeck

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2010

9:00 am Rosary Altar Society
11:00 am Carroll & Voegel Families
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

St. Lawrence is Thinking of You

WESTERN HILLS RETIREMENT VILLAGE:

Mary Catherine Dittrich, Donald Jostworth

ARCHBISHOP LEIBOLD HOME: Irma Hornback

BAYLEY PLACE: Ruth Jean Boschert, Joan Kramer,
William Weidner, Virginia Zwick

PLEASE CONSIDER INCLUDING

ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

PLACE YOUR AD IN OUR BULLETIN AND
SUPPORT OUR PARISH!

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SERVERS

May 1/2

4:30 pm M McGinnis, M Rogers
9:00 am B Brannon, T Waters
11:00 am J Dunajcik, J Schlachter
7:00 pm C Feldman, C Ernst

LECTORS

May 1/2

4:30 pm G Rogers
9:00 am J Gonnella
11:00 am E Prater
7:00 pm A Backs

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

May 1/2

4:30 pm *L Kreimer*, N Rogers
J Mueller, R Strack
9:00 am *B Kessling*, L Kessling
J Remke, S Remke
11:00 am *J Hay*, R Weinheimer
H Beischel, M Redrow
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 18, 2010 \$7,328.57
EDUCATION FUND APPEAL \$4,971.01

Thank You For Your Generosity

Vocation View: Who will shepherd God's People? Pray
that good leaders, filled with joy and the Holy Spirit, will
serve our Church. (Acts 13:14, 43-52)

Thought for the Day: Our Savior says, if you have not
received the graces that you desire, do not complain to
me, but blame yourself, because you have neglected to
seek them from me.

-- St. Alphonsus Liguori



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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 25: I Blake, I Hand, H Mann, S Stewart
TUESDAY, APRIL 27: J Antoni, D Applegate, R Coy, J May
SUNDAY, MAY 2: S Davis, H Dolan, J Dunajcik, J Schlachter
TUESDAY, MAY 4: E Hand, B Studt, J Moses

Marriage Encounter: Better than May flowers! Want to make your marriage more beautiful than the spring season? Schedule a weekend away – just for the two of you to grow closer to each other and the Lord! Make your good marriage warmer and happier with a Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next Marriage Encounter weekends in this area are July 16th – 18th at the Holiday Inn Eastgate in Cincinnati, OH. and September 17th – 19th at the Cliffview Retreat Center in Danville, KY. 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.

Thank You: We would like to thank the St. Lawrence students, families, faculty, parishioners, and friends for their generous support of the Christopher Nguyen Memorial Scholarship Walk over the past five years. Contributions and individual donations, too numerous to mention, have made this event very successful. The participation and support from all of you is what helped us to remember Christopher. The scholarship that was formed, memorializing Christopher, will be around for a very long time. It will serve as a constant reminder to never forget one of our youngest family members, and it will help keep Christopher close to our hearts. Thank You for whatever your contribution was to help make this happen. Chris & Gina Hornback.



Thank You: I was personally touched and overwhelmed by your tremendous response to my appeal for the St. Lawrence School’s Education Fund. The collection last Sunday for the Education Fund totaled \$4,971.01. The amount collected each week for this Fund will be recorded underneath the weekly Sunday collection along with a running total of this appeal.

Again in this week’s Laurentian (page 2) is the appeal letter from the Finance Committee. Please read this for more complete details explaining the financial issues we are facing. Thank you for your continued support.



First Holy Communion: Congratulations!!!! to our sixteen 2nd graders who made their First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 24th. The Mass was beautiful and the kids were precious. May they stay as close to Jesus throughout their lifetimes as they are today. Special thanks to Miss Pat and Mrs. Mowery for the tremendous job they did in preparing the children.

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.

Paint and Pane Fund: To date, we have collected \$74,495.92 for the school windows. So, we are about halfway. That’s great! We will continue to replace the windows as the money comes in to do so.

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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 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

Congratulations to the students from St. Lawrence who made the third quarter Honor Roll at **Seton High School-First Honors:** Angela Studt, Shanna Hickey, Noelle Rogers, and Jennifer Nguyen
Second Honors: Kelsey Frey, Emily Hornback, Stephanie Prost, Kathleen Hornback, Nicole Rogers, Mary Wagner, Lam Pham, Jacqueline Bauer, and Emma Hand.

Congratulations to the students from St. Lawrence who made the third quarter Honor Roll at **Elder High School.** Jonathan Harris, Nathanael Hornback, Dillon Martini, Joel Moses, Ryan Murphy, and Alexander Sunderman.

Congratulations to the following student from St. Lawrence who made the third quarter Honor Roll at **Purcell Marian.** Anna "Colleen" Good.