

MASSES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, MAY 2, 2010

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

MONDAY, MAY 3, 2010

PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

- 8:00 am Donna Reeves
9:00 am Ed & Steve Hammons

TUESDAY, MAY 4, 2010

- 8:00 am Sheehan Family Living/Deceased
9:00 am Margaret Gorman

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2010

- 8:00 am Lucille Hollstegge
9:00 am Jerry Krekeler

THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2010

- 8:00 am Tarr Family Living/Deceased
9:00 am Wedding Jubilarians
3pm - 5pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

FRIDAY, MAY 7, 2010

- 8:00 am Mary Ann Gausling
9:00 am Greg Schriewer

SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2010

- 8:00 am Charles (Bud) Meyer
3-4 pm **CONFESSIONS**
4:30 pm Gus & Tony Rizzo

SUNDAY, MAY 9, 2010

- 9:00 am Janet Kramer
11:00 am Charlotte Gels
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

St. Lawrence is Thinking of You

MERCY FRANCISCAN AT WEST PARK:

Clara Eichhold, Alice Helton, Don & Eileen Meyers

MOUNTAINCREST NURSING HOME: Betty Haass,

Tommy Martino

LIBERTY NURSING HOME OF RIVERVIEW:

Robert Krupp, Sr.

PLEASE CONSIDER INCLUDING

ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

PLACE YOUR AD IN OUR BULLETIN AND
SUPPORT OUR PARISH!

BRAFFORD'S BODY SHOP
1006 Woodlawn Ave. at Warsaw
30 Years Experience
921-5902

SERVERS

May 8/9

- 4:30 pm K Hoffman, N Hornback
9:00 am C Moore, M Wagner
11:00 am D Brown, C Miller
7:00 pm J Junker, J Junker

LECTORS

May 8/9

- 4:30 pm E Prater
9:00 am T Tierney
11:00 am R Becker
7:00 pm N Thompson

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

May 8/9

- 4:30 pm *R Strack*, J Mueller,
R Mueller, S Hoffman
9:00 am *T Tierney*, R Tierney,
K Brannon, M Bedel
11:00 am *M Guethlein*, J Hartfiel,
J Grimm, S Hines
7:00 pm *C Balz*, J Cassiere,
M Thompson

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

OFFERING

APRIL 25, 2010	\$8306.48
EDUCATION FUND APPEAL-4/25/10-	\$4051.32
APPEAL FUND TOTAL	\$9022.33

Thank You For Your Generosity

Vocation View: God has chosen to dwell with us. Share
your gifts with others to reveal His presence.
(Revelations 21: 1-5)

Thought for the Day: We do not have to talk very much
in order to pray well. We know that God is there in His
holy tabernacle; let us open our hearts to Him; let us
rejoice in His Presence: This is the best prayer.

Rest in Peace: Please pray for the repose of the soul of
Don Ruberg.

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, MAY 2: S Davis, H Dolan, J Dunajcik, J Schlachter

TUESDAY, MAY 4: E Hand, B Studt, J Moses

SUNDAY, MAY 9: S Perry, H Rouse, T Waters, J Moses

TUESDAY, MAY 11: C Moore, J Phelps, C McAmis

ST. LAWRENCE MONTHLY SOCIAL

Come! Join us for our monthly Social, which will be held on WEDNESDAY, MAY 5th! May is such a glorious month and it's wonderful to get out in the warm weather and sunshine and plan to spend some time with friends. You can do just this by attending our St. Lawrence Social. Our dinner menu is:

MEAT LOAF with GRAVY

MASHED POTATOES

CALIFORNIA MEDLEY

COTTAGE CHEESE

ROLLS/BUTTER

DESSERT

COFFEE / ICED TEA/ SOFT DRINKS

We serve dinner at NOON and this is followed by games of bingo and/or cards, instants, share-the-pot, a raffle, door prizes and birthday treats for those who will be celebrating a May birthday.

Our faithful "Cincinnati Belles" will telephone all of our "Regulars" to verify your attendance at the May 5th Social. Those who are not "Regulars" and wish to come are also welcomed. You only need to make dinner reservations. All dinner counts for our "Regulars" and for those making reservations should be telephoned to Sister Helen Julia at 244-7376 NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MAY 3RD, so that an accurate dinner count can be given to our caterer, A Taste of Class. We have such a great group of people who attend the Social! We welcome new faces so that you can experience for yourselves what a wonderful time we have. Let's all come together on WEDNESDAY, MAY 5TH. Come early and stay for a grand afternoon



Major Award Raffle Tickets: The first Early Bird drawing will be next Sunday, Mother's Day, May 9th. 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.

Thank You: Again, I have been overwhelmed by your tremendous response to the appeal for the St. Lawrence School's Education Fund. The collection last Sunday for the Education Fund totaled \$4,050.32. So far, we have a total of \$9022.33. 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.

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2010: Every gift matters, Thank You! We have received \$6051.00. The goal for St. Lawrence is \$16,550.

Paint and Pane Fund: As of last week, 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.

St. Joseph Cemetery will have a Candlelight Prayer Service on Monday, May 10th at 7pm in the St. Joseph Mausoleum at the corner of Rapid Run and Nebraska. Fr. Terry Hamilton will be the celebrant. Please call 251-3110 if you plan on attending. Families are invited to bring a small photo of your loved one to the service. The picture will be included in a framed collage and displayed at the cemetery for at least one year. (Pictures will not be returned).

Angelo's Angels and Pinochle For Fun will meet on Monday, May 3rd. at 7:30pm in the Parish Center. For more information call Paul at 921-8583.



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. Drinks will be at 7:00pm and the speaker will follow from 7:30pm – 9:30pm.

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

Rosary Rally: The Elder Pit will come alive with the sound of music and prayer on Sunday, May 16th at 2:00pm! Mark your calendars now and please plan to attend.

Altar Servers Appreciation Party: An altar server's appreciation party is planned for Tuesday night, May 18th at General Custer's Miniature Golf on Westbourne Drive. The evening fun will be from 6pm – 8pm with food and drinks being provided. Thanks to St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus there is no charge for the server's of the parish. Guests pay \$5.00 and non-golfers are free. For information call Bill Aufermann at 921-8208 or 260-8762

Attention Veterans: You are cordially invited to the Thirteenth Annual Dater High School Memorial Day Ceremony on Wednesday, May 19th. The ceremony begins at 8:30am with coffee and donuts and ends with a picnic lunch. Dater High School is located on the campus of Western Hills School. If you can attend, please register with Don Dapper at 513-363-7270.