

MASSES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, APRIL 11 2010

9:00 am Carol Moertle
11:00 am Steven Amason
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2010

8:00 am Maria Adelaide Moreira
9:00 am Martha Krumpelbeck

TUESDAY, APRIL, 13 2010

8:00 am Grace Keller
9:00 am Bertha Gavin

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2010

8:00 am George Koch
9:00 am Tom Reilly

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 2010

8:00 am Kimberly Jo Renken
9:00 am Max & Angela Hofmeyer
3pm – 5pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

FRIDAY, APRIL 16, 2010

8:00 am Scott Gausling
9:00 am Hoffman family

SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 2010

8:00 am Larry Weinheimer
3 – 4 pm CONFESSIONS
4:30 pm Rita Brinker-Special Intention

SUNDAY, APRIL 18, 2010

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

St. Lawrence is Thinking of You

ARCHBISHOP LEIBOLD HOME:

Irma Hornback

BAYLEY PLACE: Ruth Jean Boschert,

Joan Kramer, William Weidner, Virginia Zwick

MERCY FRANCISCAN AT WEST PARK:

Clara Eichhold, Alice Helton, Eileen & Don Meyers

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SERVERS

April 17/18

4:30 pm B Hornback, N Hornback
9:00 am M Rogers, C Moore
11:00 am V Nguyen, A Hines
7:00 pm C Ernst, C Feldman

LECTORS

April 17/18

4:30 pm J Mueller
9:00 am B Mittermeier
11:00 am E Prater
7:00 pm A Backs

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

April 17/18

4:30 pm *L Kreimer*, R Strack
R Mueller, C Hoffman
9:00 am *J Gonnella*, J Brannon
J Remke, S Remke
11:00 am *J Mauntel*, S Hoffman
M Redrow, H Beischel
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 4, 2010 \$17,451.50
HOLY LAND-APRIL 2, 2010 \$ 635.00

Thank You For Your Generosity

Vocation View: Are you like Thomas? Do you need to see to believe? Pray for faith and trust.

Thought for the Day: "Let nothing disturb you; nothing frighten you. All things are passing. God never changes. Patience obtains all things. Nothing is wanting to him who possesses God. God alone suffices."

St. Teresa of Avila

Rest in Peace: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Regina Steinbeck



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NOTES FROM THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

This is the 2nd of a series of notes about the financial status of the Parish and School. In the prior note, the Finance Committee mentioned that for the last few years St. Lawrence Parish has lost over \$100,000 per year on the operation of the school. We also stated that receipts from the Bingo have dropped substantially the last few years.

WHERE WE ARE: OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

Support of the Church has always been based on the weekly Offertory collection. Any excess beyond the operation of the parish has gone to the school, to keep tuition as low as possible.

History

Year	Collections	Votive Candles	Parish Expenses & Assessments	Available for School
2004-05	\$ 442,250	6,833	267,707	181,376
2005-06	\$ 439,389	6,265	284,591	161,063
2006-07	\$ 412,818	6,661	310,705	108,774
2007-08	\$ 447,390	7,673	351,759	103,304
2008-09	\$ 444,320	8,396	336,263	116,453

As you see from the table above, Offertory Collections have remained constant over the last few years while parish expenses continue to increase. As an example, utility costs for the Church and Parish Rectory have gone from \$29,159 in 2005 up to \$37,651 in 2009 – an increase of 29%. The addition of police security for evening masses cost \$7,000 each year in 2008 and 2009. Also in those years, we transferred the cost of a secretary from the school to the rectory. Maintenance, office supplies and candles/altar expenses also only go up. Non-reimbursed repairs for the lighting strike in 2008 and wind damage in 2009 explain some more of the jump in expenses.

The result is the amount of contributions available for the school has decreased, which further adds to the pressures of trying to break even on school operations.

Other sources of funds for the school have been stagnant. The summer festival is down about \$12,000 from 5 years ago. Bequests from wills and donations to the Education Fund have varied markedly from year to year; they cannot be depended upon when we plan the church and school budgets.

Father George Rutler
Pastor, Church of our Saviour (www.OurSaviourNYC.org)
New York City March 28, 2010

As Christ moved day by day toward the Cross, the Palm Sunday crowds thinned out. So it is in every generation when the Holy Church takes stands inhospitable to the regnant conceits of the age. There were no fair-weather friends on Calvary. By tracing our Savior's footsteps in this Holy Week, we sign up with Him and against His foes. Some crucified Him out of ignorance and others out of malice, but the motives did not mitigate the suffering.

Since the Passion was the mystery of God's love beyond human comprehension, Jesus said from the Cross that even those who acted viciously for their own ends did not know what they were doing. And there were those who like the daydreams of Adam, would try to make themselves God, in an exercise of what Newman called "those giants, the passion and pride of man.

Christ was crucified by some who invoked religion to justify themselves. It was not like the politician who recently said she was praying to St. Joseph to pass a healthcare bill that the Catholic bishops have said violates the sanctity of life and the freedom of conscience. That legislation is the most recent reminder that the Passion of Christ, victorious once and for all, is nonetheless relived in every spiritual struggle. This is why Pascal said that Christ is in agony until the end of the world. He said that because Christ Himself said: "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me" (Matt. 25:40).

Pontius Pilate and Herod struck a deal so that Christ might die. By their very compromise, they "became friends with each other that very day" (Luke 23:12). Christ did not bring them together, their rejection of Christ did. Any legislation that denies Constitutional rights will be subject to judicial review, and the present health bill, which will impose an estimated half a trillion dollars in new taxes, will be answerable in the next election, but any legislation that achieves its ends by canceling Christ out of the social equation will be answerable to a loftier judgment. Pilate and Herod claimed they were acting for the good of the people. Pilate seems to have acted out of a lack of wisdom, and Herod out of a lack of intelligence. The compromise they reached was the alchemy of disaster. Likewise, those in our day who think that the promise of an executive order will prevent taxpayer funding of abortion are sadly mistaken. They may think they have secured "peace for our time," and may even say to their friends, as Chamberlain told the British people in 1938: "And now I recommend you to go home and sleep quietly in your beds." And, whether naïve or dense, they will give thanks that Poland was never invaded, and unborn life is safe.

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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 11: R Wallace, N Thomas, E Pitman, M Petty

TUESDAY, APRIL 13: A Gilroy, C Groppenbecker, G Higgins, K Loveless

SUNDAY, APRIL 18: S Haverbusch, J Behanan, C Scully, T Nguyen

TUESDAY, APRIL 20: L Bell, D Hicks, P Smith, Z Boggan, J Hsu

Thank You: to all of those who helped make St. Lawrence look so beautiful for Easter. Those who decorated the church: Theresa Murphy, Carletta Claxton, Cindy Schneider, Paul & Betty Wagner, Beth Shore and to Jerry Schaedle, Becky Rogers and all the members of the choir for the beautiful music.

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.

Seton High School: The administration of Seton High School cordially invites you to join us in a magical evening to benefit our students. Setonsation, *A Storybook Evening*, will be held, Saturday, April 17th at Seton High School. The evening begins with Mass at 4:45 p.m. followed by cocktails at 5:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. The evening features a spectacular live and silent auction, games of chance and a grand prize raffle, \$10,000 cash! The cost is \$85 a person or \$170 a couple. For reservations, raffle tickets or more information, visit www.setoncincinnati.org or call 471-2600 ext. 108.

from the Pastor's Desk

Welcome to St. Lawrence Parish all who were baptized and confirmed at this Year's Easter Vigil. We had thirteen baptisms, one received into the church and 14 confirmations. Alleluia!

Divine Mercy Sunday: Today, Sunday, April 11th is Divine Mercy Sunday. To honor this Solemnity we will have Divine Mercy Prayers and Benediction beginning about five minutes after the 11am Mass. I encourage you to remain for this devotion. It will take about fifteen minutes.

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2010: Our appreciation goes out to all parishioners here at St. Lawrence who have made a gift to the 2010 Catholic Ministries Appeal. We have received \$5,192.00. Please consider making a gift if you have not done so already. The goal for St. Lawrence is \$16,550. You can pick up a pledge packet from the poster display in the back of the church. For more information, please visit www.CatholicAppeal.info.

Catholic Relief Services Collection: Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Please be charitable next week in this collection.

Festival: St. Lawrence Summer Festival will be July 9th, 10th, and 11th. Please make plans to attend.

St. Lawrence Drama Club: Hey there all you cowpokes and gals, ya'll need to giddy-up on down to the best spot in the "wild" west side – The Pony Express. You'll get a healthy welcome from the friendly folks of Waterpit, who will entertain you with a tale of love and intrigue and a hot cup of java! The 7th and 8th grade Drama Club presents their spring melodrama, Thursday, April 15th and Friday, April 16th at 7:30 pm in Father Westerhoff Hall (old gym). Tickets are just \$3 in advance and \$5 at the door. For more information and for reservations call Becky at 481-7819. Don't horse around or you'll miss the stagecoach!



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.

Elder High School is sponsoring an Alumni Alaskan Cruise, a 7-day trip to Alaska, leaving on June 25th. There will be an optional 4 nights pre-package to Denali Park. For more information, call Dave Martini at Cruise Holidays, 481-3700 for details. Proceeds will benefit Elder's financial aid program.

Retrouvaille: Is your marriage hurting in any way? Has your marriage grown cold, distant, unloving or uncaring? Then, please consider Retrouvaille (Ret'ro-vi) – a program designed to help heal and renew marriages. Retrouvaille is for marriages that have lost some of their spark, for marriages having difficulties in communication and even those marriages on the edge of separation or divorce. The next program begins April 16th, 17th, and 18th, 2010. For more information call 922-6045 or Internet address is www.retrouvaille.org. Other weekends and locations are available – call for details.

St. Peter in Chains Cathedral young adult ministry, will gather on Sunday, April 11th after the 6:00pm Mass. The quest speaker will be Mike Trimpe. He will speak on *The Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist*. He graduated from the Athenaeum of Ohio with his Masters in Pastoral Ministry. Washington Platform Restaurant & Saloon has agreed to sponsor this event and they are graciously providing the meal. If you are a young adult, single or married, please join them in the Undercroft South immediately following the Mass. For more information call Stephanie at 421-5354.

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 15th

Fr. Kyle Schnippel

Men in Black: A Biblical Perspective on the Priesthood

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

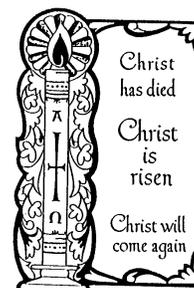
Matt Swaim

The Eucharist and the Rosary

May 20

Steve Feldmann

ADOPTION: answering God's Call to Care for Orphans



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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.

St. Antoninus 6th Grade Girl Scouts Toy and clothing Sale, Saturday, April 24th from 9am to 12 noon in the church undercroft, cash only. Become a seller at our sale. Bring your gently worn kids clothes, toys, movies, books, furniture and accessories. We offer a 60/40 split with 60% going to you the seller. Just drop off your tagged items and we do the rest! Make \$\$\$ and support our Girl Scouts. To register call Patty at 226-0649 or online at www.saintantoninus.org.

College of Mount St. Joseph presents the award winning musical “Bye Bye Birdie” on April 15th – April 17th at 7:30pm and April 18th at 2pm, in the College Theatre. Tickets for the event are \$10 for adults and \$7 for seniors, children and students with school identification. Free parking is available on campus. Tickets can be purchased online at www.msj.edu or www.ticketalternative.com. For more information call the Department of Music at 244-4863.

The Family Life Office, the Office of Religious, and the Social Action Offices of the Archdiocese as well as many other organizations are co-sponsoring a “Conference on Violence Against Women” on Saturday, April 24th, from 8:30am – 4:30pm at Seton High School, 3901 Glenway Avenue. There will be a keynote presentation, panel, 12 workshop sessions (some in Spanish) Cost of \$65, and reservations include breakfast, lunch, and concluding entertainment by MUSE. Co-chairs are Louise Akers, S.C. and Mary Jo Gasdorf, S.C. Online registration, www.srcharitycinti.org/opjic.htm, via mail, Sisters of Charity, Office of Peace, Justice, & Integrity of Creation, 310 Neeb Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45233, or call 451-9444.

As President of the St. Lawrence PTO, and on behalf of all the Board Members, we would personally like to thank all the wonderful volunteers and teachers who gave up their valuable time to come and help us during the Lenten season to help make St. Lawrence Fish Fry a success. Without your thoughtfulness and dedication this would never have happened. We hope that you will come back and join us again next year. Thanks to all we netted a little over \$9,000 for the PTO.

St. Dominic Festival Major Award: Don't lose out on this opportunity to win \$25,000. The tickets are \$25 and **ONLY 2500** will be sold. Your odds of winning are 1 in 2500! Buy more than one ticket they get even better! You may purchase tickets in St. Dominic Parish Center during regular business hours (9a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday) or by contacting Jenny Berndsen at 921-6366. The drawing takes place on May 30th. The second prize is \$1,000 and the third prize is \$500, no matter how many tickets are sold. Please note that if less than 1500 tickets are sold the first prize will be \$12,500.

Dan Schutte, Composer – CONCERT AND WORKSHOP – St. Joseph Church in North Bend, Ohio is celebrating their 150th anniversary. As part of their activities, Dan Schutte will be in concert on Friday April 16th at 7pm and the Workshop, “Here I am Lord, Liturgical Ministry at the Service of the Community” is on Saturday, April 17th from 9am – Noon. Everyone is welcome to come. There will be no cost to you for the workshop or the concert. A basket will be available for donations. For more information call Mary Jo Ressel, DRE at 941-3661.

