

CHRISTMAS

December 25, 2011

MASSES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2011

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)

9:00 am Marcia Owens (d)

11:00 am Lisa Limerick (d)

7:00 pm NO MASS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2011

SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

8:00 am Reddington & Ruther family - deceased

9:00 am Bernard Motz (d)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2011

SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

8:00 am Robert Crone (d)

9:00 am Matt James (d)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2011

THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

8:00 am Maria Khiem Pham (d)

9:00 am Pilgrims

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2011

8:00 am Charles Delp (d)

9:00 am Jerry & Jackie Schwager (d)

3pm – 5pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2011

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, JOSEPH

8:00 am Rosalie Lemkuhl (d)

9:00 am Charlie Voss (d)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2011

8:00 am Ralph Ruscher (d)

3pm – 4pm CONFESSIONS

4:30 pm Larry Weinheimer (d)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1, 2012

THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD:

MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

9:00 am John & Jo Griffin (d)

11:00 am Joan Williams (d)

7:00 pm NO MASS

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, Ida Krupp,

Florence (Babe) Lott, William Weidner

**PLACE YOUR AD IN OUR BULLETIN AND
SUPPORT OUR PARISH!**

Price Hill Chili

Coneys – Chili – Sandwiches - Breakfast

4920 Glenway Avenue

471-9507

SERVERS

December 31/January 1

4:30 pm N Hornback, B Hornback

9:00 am B Brannon, A Hines

11:00 am P Phan, T Dao

7:00 pm NO MASS

LECTORS

December 31/January 1

4:30 pm C Manegold

9:00 am J Gonnella

11:00 am J Whaley

7:00 pm NO MASS

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

December 31/January 1

4:30 pm *R Strack*, E Hornback,

L Kreimer, J Mueller

9:00 am *M A Bedel*, J Brannon,

K Brannon, M Brannon

11:00 am *J Cassiere*, S Hines,

N Lageman, R Murphy

7:00 pm NO MASS

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

OFFERING

DECEMBER 18, 2011

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Vocation View: God speaks to us through His Son, the Heir of all things. To be a priest or religious is to be drawn into a deeper relationship with the Son, so that we might also draw others closer to Christ. (Heb 1:1-6)

Thought for the Day: A light shall shine upon us this day: for the Lord is born to us: and He shall be called Wonderful, God, the Prince of Peace, the Father of the world to come: of whose reign there shall be no end. (Is. ix. 2, 6)

Rest In Peace: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Robert Bruns

Christmas Blessings

The Laurentian

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: DECEMBER 25: NO BINGO

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27: D Nguyen, T Piper, J Schlachter, I Swis

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1: S Britton, D Byrd, A Griffin

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3: T Jones, J McAfee.

J Rinear

St. Lawrence School will host a Cornhole Tournament and Monte Carlo Night on Saturday, January 7, 2012, from 6:00pm to midnight. The event benefits the fifth grade class trip to YMCA Camp Campbell Gard. Team registration is \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door. Cash prizes, free admission for spectators and Monte Carlo players. For more information or to register contact Bill Aufermann at 260-8762. Tables can be reserved for your group at no charge. Must be 18 to attend.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: The search for longest married couple continues. In addition to the longest married couple for the entire United States, recognition will also be given to a couple from each state and territories who has achieved that distinction. In the case of the United States couple, appropriate gifts will be presented to them at a ceremony to be held at their location during Valentine's week. The state winners will receive personal recognition and a special certificate of achievement from the Worldwide Marriage Encounter movement. For more information go to www.wwme.org. The next Marriage Encounter weekends in this area are February 10-12, 2012, at the Holy Spirit Center and March 23-25, 2012, (location TBD). Call Dave & Jan Stockleman at 1-800-547-1251 Code 00 or www.esharing.org.



from the Pastor's Desk

A Blessed and Joyous Christmas to each and every one of you. God Bless you!

New Years Masses: Next Sunday, is The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord: Mary the Holy Mother of God. Masses are at the regular weekend Mass times: 4:30pm, 9am and 11am. However, there will be **NO 7pm Mass** on Sunday, January 1.

New Mass Prayers: I think we are doing pretty well with the new Mass prayers. I know it is sort of disorienting and irritating. But, I'm sure that over time it will all feel quite natural again. So, keep up the good work.

Christmas Memorial Flowers:

In Memory Of: Rosemary & Andy Ament, Charles Balz, Sr., Christine Balz, Eloise Balz, Larry Becker, Philip & Henrietta Becker, Mary Jo Bell, Bonno & Myers families, John & Rhea Buttlewerth, Charlie Catanzaro, "Beanie" & Betty Ciampone, Gerald Day, Bernard Espelage, Kathryn Espelage, Winifred Espelage, Kenny & Henry Estes, Butch Farner, Esther M. Florian, John J. Florian, John S. Florian, Charles Galinari, Chip Galinari, Garcia family, Nick & Marie Henz, Frank Hoffman family, Issler family, John W. Kinnemeyer family, Carl & Betty Kloepfer, Herman & Mary Kloepfer, Kitty & Jack Kloepfer, Bobby & Betty Lovelace, Kenneth & Lucille Lovelace, Catherine & Harry Luegering, Sr. Marie Stella, RSM, Fr. Chuck Wenstrup, Marie & Charles Meyer, Peggy Ann Osterman, Barney & Winnie Prinzbach, Rev. James Rachford, Lindsey Ratliff, Ed & Ann Sowers, Robert T. Stevens, Ruth C. Stevens, Fr. Dominic Wachtel, OFM, Walpole & Ramey families, Mary & Joe Williams, Lee & Marie Witwer

In Honor Of: Larry & Della Ciampone & family, Frieda (Sis) Estes, The Galinari family, Garcia & Sunderman families, Frank Hoffman family, Kloepfer family, Sr. Rose Marie McCann, OSF, John Osterman & family, Wally Sabin, Don & Trish Witwer,

The Candy Cane

The development of the candy cane took a few hundred years. Before the invention of the modern pacifier, parents used to give their babies unflavored white sugar sticks to suck on. During the 1670's, a German choirmaster had the sugar sticks bent into a shepherd's staff and passed out to children attending the Christmas services. This holiday custom spread throughout Europe and fancy canes, decorated with roses, were used as Christmas decorations in many homes. About 1900 the white candy cane received its traditional red stripes and peppermint flavoring. At the same time the legend of the candy cane came into being. According to this legend, a candy maker in Indiana designed the candy cane to tell the true story of Christmas—a story about a virgin giving birth to a shepherd who would give up His life for the sheep.

Legend of the candy cane as told by the Indiana candy maker:

It had to be special to be a gift for the King of Kings, thought the humble candy maker from Indiana. Not just any piece of candy would do. It had to be hard candy because the church is built on solid rock and God's promises are a firm foundation. It would be formed in the shape of the Good Shepherd's staff—a "J" that would also stand for the precious name of Jesus. But it had to say more. White stripes would symbolize the virgin birth and the sinless nature of Christ. Three small red stripes would represent the scourging Jesus suffered on His way to the cross. One large red stripe would be a reminder of the blood Jesus shed as payment for our sins. It would be a gift of love that would tell His story—the greatest story ever told.



Our Display Sign for Hymn & Response

Numbers: As you know, we have an electronic red sign at the left front of church for displaying hymn numbers. Because of the new music settings for the Mass, Mr. Schaedle, our organist, is going to try the following procedure for the time being:

If you see numerical digits in the right hand segment of the display, and nothing else, it refers to the hymn number in the red "We Celebrate" hymnal.

If you see numerical digits in the right hand segment of the display plus the letter "G" in the left hand segment, it refers to the hymn number in the green "Gather" hymnal.

If you see two numerical digits in the left hand segment of the display, it refers to the PAGE number in the new, small, red "Revised Order of Mass" booklets.

Seton High School Winter Theatre Camp:

This winter Seton High School will present *Aladdin, Jr.* Rehearsals on Saturday mornings beginning January 14 thru March 10 from 10am-noon. Dress rehearsal will be held Friday, March 9 from 4:30pm to 7:30pm. The performance will take place on Saturday, March 10 at 7pm. \$5.00 tickets will be available the week of the show. The camp is open to all girls and boys in grades 3-9. Every student who attends Theatre Camp will be in the show. \$100 camp fee includes a t-shirt. Questions, call Lori 471-2600, ext. 136.

Retrouvaille is a Catholic sponsored, confidential program open to all faiths. It offers a chance to rediscover yourself, and your spouse. It is for couples who have experienced a breakdown in communications, become unloving and uncaring, thinking of separation or divorce or who are separated.

Retrouvaille presents techniques of communication that enable a couple to take a good look at most areas of their relationship.

The next program in Cincinnati will begin the weekend of January 20, 21, and 22, 2012. For further information and registration call 793-6777 or outside Cincinnati/Dayton area call 800-470-2230 or visit the website at www.retrouvaille.org and request a brochure to be mailed to you.

The Laurentian

Gift for the Baby Jesus: St. Lawrence will once again be collecting new and used baby items. The items will be donated to Pregnancy Center West, who will in turn help those in need of the baby items. They are in need of diapers of all sizes, formula, baby food, new and gently used baby clothing, car seats, walkers, etc. Please put donations in the manger area in the main vestibule. Thank you for helping God's precious ones!



Christ The Savior is Born



Natural Family Planning (NFP) is safe, healthy, morally right, and effective for both achieving and postponing pregnancy – that is the natural family planning method taught by NFP International. We are pleased to recommend the NFP course. For more information and registration call Sheila or John Kippley at 661-7396.



The College of Mount St. Joseph will be hosting a *Winter Baseball Camp* on Tuesday, December 27, Wednesday, December 28, and Thursday, December 29, for boys in grades 2-8. For more information or any further questions please call Chuck Murray, Head Baseball Coach, at 244-4402.



St. William Church: Join the St. William Choir, Soloists and CMO Chamber Orchestra on Wednesday, January 4, 2012 at 7:30pm for a performance of Sections I and III of Handel's Messiah, under the direction of Music Director David F. Allen. There is no charge for the performance; a free will offering will be taken at the door. For more information, please contact St. William Church at 921-0247 or visit their website at www.saintwilliam.com.

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