

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2012

MASSES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2012

- 9:00 am Kitty & Jack Kloepfer (d)
11:00 am Bill Leesman (d)
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2012

VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

- 8:00 am Ann Buenger (d)
3:00 pm Bernie Geiser (d)
5:00 pm Tom & Marian Loch & family (L)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2012

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

- MIDNIGHT (Christmas Carols and Music-11:30pm)
For all in whose Memory or Honor
Flowers were donated
9:00 am Willard & Agnes Prost (d)
11:00 am Lisa Limerick (d)
7:00 pm NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2012

SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

- 8:00 am Betty McNamee (d)
9:00 am Pilgrims

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2012

SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

- 8:00 am Mildred Kelly (d)
9:00 am Bauer family (d)
3pm – 5pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2012

THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

- 8:00 am Jerry Schwager (d)
9:00 am Maria Khiem Phan (d)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2012

- 8:00 am Frank Maltry (d)
3pm – 4pm CONFESSIONS
4:30 pm Charlie Voss (d)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2012

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

- 9:00 am Erwin “Butch” Menner (d)
11:00 am Herbert Bill family
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

St. Lawrence is Thinking of You

MOUNTAINCREST NURSING CENTER:

Tommy Martino

WESTERN HILLS RETIREMENT VILLAGE:

Donald Jostworth, Mildred Weber

TRIPLE CREEK RETIREMENT COMMUNITY:

Mary Catherine Dittrich

PLEASE NOTIFY US AT THE RECTORY

when a family member is hospitalized or homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion and/or the Sacrament of Penance.

SERVERS

December 29/30

- 4:30 pm N Hornback, B Hornback
9:00 am O Hand, J Perry
11:00 am E Stacy, S Schulz
7:00 pm J Junker, J Junker

LECTORS

December 29/30

- 4:30 pm C Manegold
9:00 am J Gonnella
11:00 am C Lageman
7:00 pm A Backs

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

December 29/30

- 4:30 pm C Hornback, N Hornback,
L Kreimer, S Sunderman
9:00 am M A Bedel, K Brannon,
C Schneider, M Schneider
11:00 am J Hay, P Phan,
E Prater, R Weinheimer
7:00 pm M Thompson

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

OFFERING

DECEMBER 16, 2012

\$13,261.57

Thank you for your generosity!

Vocation View: The Call to carry Christ to the world can only be fulfilled in imitation of Mary: moving the self aside and saying 'yes' to God.
(Luke 1:39-44)

Thought for the Day: Now that we are reborn, as I have said, in the likeness of our Lord, and have indeed been adopted by God as his children, let us put on the complete image of our Creator so as to be wholly like him, not in the glory that he alone possesses, but in innocence, simplicity, gentleness, patience, humility, mercy, harmony, those qualities in which he chose to become, and to be, one with us.

St Peter Chrysologus

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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, DECEMBER 23: D Petty, J Schlachter,
A Mendez-Morales

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25: NO BINGO

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30: S Stewart, I Swis,
T Thrasher, J Thompson

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1: NO BINGO



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

Christmas Masses: Please make sure you see the Christmas Mass Schedule on the back of the Christmas Flower insert in the Laurentian.

Eucharistic Adoration is on Thursdays from 3-5pm, during which I hear confessions from about 3:20pm-3:45pm. Remember, confessions are also on Saturday afternoons from 3-4pm.

A Gift for Baby Jesus: St. Lawrence will once again collect for the Pregnancy Center West. The manger will be set up in front of the Nativity Scene in Church from now until January 13. We will be collecting new and used baby items (baby clothes, diapers, blankets, bottles, food, etc.) that the Center will be giving to those in need. As always, thank you for helping God's little ones.

Knights of Columbus: The Cornhole Tournament/Monte Carlo 2013 will be held on Saturday, January 5, 2013. Cost is \$30 per team and \$5 per spectator. Evening includes Bud Light beer, pop, and food. Doors open at 6:30pm. Monte Carlo will be held in the old gym and the cornhole will be in the new gym. Cash prizes for tournament winner. Poker, games, raffles and instants too! The proceeds will send the fifth grade students to YMCA Camp Campbell Gard for a spring retreat. Register your team or reserve a table by contacting Bill Aufermann at 260-8762. You must be 21.



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.

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 tells His story – the greatest story ever told.



Retrouvaille means “rediscovery”. It is for couples that have experienced a breakdown in communication, whose marriage has become unloving and uncaring and those who are thinking of separation or divorce, or who are separated, but want to try again. Retrouvaille is a Catholic sponsored program open to all faiths. The next program will be January 11, 12, 13, 2013. To register write to Retrouvaille, 2338 Upland Place, Cincinnati, Ohio 45206, call 793-6777 or visit www.retrouvaille.org. Family Life Offices of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, OH and the Diocese of Covington, KY endorse this program.

March for Life Pilgrimage: The west side parishes will once again take a bus pilgrimage to the March for Life in Washington D. C. The dates are January 24-26, 2013. This will be the 40th anniversary of the tragic Roe v Wade decision that legalized abortion. For more information or to sign up, call Janet at 451-0331.

College of Mount St. Joseph will be hosting a **Winter Baseball Camp** on December 27 and 28 for boys in grades 2-8. For more information, please visit www.MSJSports.com/baseball or call 244-4402.

EWTN will surprise you this Christmas! We’ve have music specials with singers like country superstar Colin Raye and Grammy winner Jose Feliciano, a musical journey to the Holy Land with popular Catholic singer Marilla Ness, live choral meditations on the Nativity from the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and much more! We’ve also have animated children’s specials, movies, cooking shows and, of course, spectacular live Masses from Rome, Washington, D.C. and Irondale, Alabama. Don’t miss Advent and Christmas on EWTN! To find us in your area go to www.ewtn.com/channelfinder and enter your zip code.

Catholic Charities is offering a four-week parenting workshop – Growing Us Again – that will help parents learn a variety of ways to reach their children and balance love with limits. It will be held on Thursday nights from January 3rd – 24th at Mercy Hospital in Western Hills. All sessions run from 7:00-9:30pm. Fee is \$60 per person. For more information contact Sandy Keiser at 241-7745 or skeiser@catholiccharitiesswo.org.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Advent is a time of waiting. But you don’t have to wait to schedule time to get away together NOW. Make a great change in your marriage! Make time just for the two of you! Take your marriage and make it GREAT with a Marriage Encounter Weekend! Rekindle those feelings of yesterday. The mission of Worldwide Marriage Encounter is to proclaim the value of Marriage and Holy Orders in the Church and in the world. The next Marriage Encounter weekends in this area for 2013 are February 15-17, at the Holiday Inn, Eastgate, March 15-17 in Dayton, Ohio (location TBD), and April 12-14 at the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood, Ohio. Weekends fill up quickly, so a prompt response is encouraged to avoid a waiting list. Look for other upcoming weekends in 2013 at www.wvme.org or www.essharing.org. For more details or reservations, call Dave & Jan Stockleman at 1-800-547-1251 Code 00.



Volunteers Needed: We are looking for caring and compassionate individuals with a desire to provide women with a message of hope. Volunteers must be committed to Catholic Church teaching regarding the gifts of life, sexuality, marriage and family. Our team of volunteers includes college students to retirees. You do not need prior experience in counseling or social work. Training is provided. For more information contact Pregnancy Center West at pcwest@fuse.net or call 244-5700. The center is located at 4900 Glenway Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Western Hills Bridal Fair will be on Sunday, February 10, 2013 at The Meadows from noon – 4pm. There will be refreshments & door prizes. No charge for admission.



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Sacred Heart Radio: For good Catholic radio listening, tune into Sacred Heart Radio on 740 AM or log on to www.sacredheartradio.com. For good Catholic TV, tune into EWTN. These media outlets promote excellent material about your Catholic faith and how to live your faith in the world today.



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.

Elder High School: The "Spotlight on College and Career" events are workshops designed for parents and students to help you navigate the sometimes confusing pathway to college and/or career. They are typically designed to address the concerns particular to a grade level.

At our next workshop on January 16th, Senior/Junior Parents/students are invited to join us for **College Financial Aid Night**. A college financial aid professional will talk about the financial aid process. Forms, deadlines, tricky questions and what to expect are all covered in this workshop.



St. Antoninus Pro-Life/Pro-Family Commission and St. Teresa Respect Life Group will host nationally acclaimed speaker, Jenn Giroux, and her ministry "Speaking of Motherhood" on Monday, January 7, 2013, at 7:30pm in the St. Antoninus undercroft. The topic for the evening will be "Pure Love: Raising a New Generation to Say 'Yes' to God." The event is free, but a free-will offering will be taken. For more information, contact Mariellen Rehtin at 513-467-1616.

Respect LIFE

Ten Commandments and Catholicism: For the Year of Faith, Deacon Gerry Flamm will give a five part series discussing the Catechism of the Catholic Church's teaching on the Ten Commandments, with pertinent highlights from Fr. Robert Barron's Catholicism Series as illustration for us. Join us for any or all of the series: Monday evenings at 7:00pm in the library of Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center, 5440 Moeller Ave., Norwood. Free will donation. For more information call 351-9800.

New section on the bulletin: "In Loving Memory"
In January 2013, a section on the back of the bulletin will be available to list a deceased loved one's name. The cost is \$50.00 per name and their name will remain on the bulletin for a year. This will help defray the cost of printing our bulletin for the entire year. If interested, please clip and fill out the slip below and put it in the collection basket or mail to: St. Lawrence Church, 3680 Warsaw Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45205. (Diocesan Publications will bill you.)

Loved One's Name _____
Your Name _____
Phone Number _____