

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 12, 2012

MASSES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2012

- 9:00 am Lucille Meirose (d)
11:00 am Maria Pham & Anthony Chieu Vu (d)
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2012

- 8:00 am Willard Prost (d)
9:00 am Elmer Brinker (d)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2012

Saints Cyril, monk, and Methodius, bishop

- 8:00 am Mary Alice Meyer (d)
9:00 am Ella Kizer (d)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2012

- 8:00 am Deacon George & Mil Kelly (d)
9:00 am Pilgrims

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2012

- 8:00 am Lucille Meirose (d)
9:00 am Betty Haass (d)
3pm – 5pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2012

- 8:00 am Ron & Helen Strack (living)
9:00 am Jim Niehaus (d)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2012

- 8:00 am Mary Vilaro (d)
3pm – 4pm CONFESSIONS
4:30 pm Roy Fife (d)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2012

- 9:00 am Lucille Meirose (d)
11:00 am Bob Bruns (d)
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

St. Lawrence is Thinking of You

MOUNTAINCREST NURSING CENTER:

Tommy Martino

WESTERN HILLS RETIREMENT VILLAGE:

Mary Catherine Dittrich, Donald Jostworth

ARCHBISHOP LEIBOLD HOME: Irma Hornback

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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

February 18/19

- 4:30 pm S Sunderman, B Rouse
9:00 am D Damico, M Damico
11:00 am D Miller, D Mittermeier
7:00 pm E Sweet, M Sweet

LECTORS

February 18/19

- 4:30 pm Sr. Helen Julia
9:00 am J Whaley
11:00 am C Lageman
7:00 pm A Backs

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

February 18/19

- 4:30 pm L Kreimer, C Hoffman,
J Mueller, N Rogers
9:00 am J Gonnella, M Bedel,
J Remke, S Remke
11:00 am J Mauntel, H Beischel,
T Phan, M Redrow
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

FEBRUARY 5, 2012

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Vocation View: The Psalmist calls to be glad rejoice and exult in the Lord. (Psalm 32:11) For many, the day of their marriage is the happiest day of their life. Continue to grow deeper in love with your spouse each day of your married life.

Thought for the Day: Help yourself during this troubled period by reading holy books. This reading provides excellent food for the soul and conduces to great progress along the path of perfection. By no means is it inferior to what we obtain through prayer and holy meditation. In prayer and meditation it is ourselves who speak to the Lord, while in holy reading it is God who speaks to us. Before beginning to read, raise your mind to the Lord and implore Him to guide your mind Himself, to speak to your heart and move your will.

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina

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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, FEBRUARY 12: C Owens, I Paxton, J Perry

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14: S Reuss, B Rouse, I Smith

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19: I Sally, E Stewart, R Thomas

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21: E Sweet, A Thompson, L Vu

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday (February 22) and Good Friday (April 6) are days of fast and abstinence. All other Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence only. The law of abstinence applies to everyone 14 years and up. Abstinence means no meat. The Law of Fasting pertains to all Catholics from 18 years of age to their 59th birthday. Fasting means one full meal a day or two lesser meals not to equal a full meal.

St. Lawrence Summer Festival: “Plans are getting underway for this year’s Summer Festival. The St. Lawrence Festival dates are July 6, 7, and 8, 2012. Mark your calendars for the big event!”

The teachers are getting an early start collecting the 600 items needed to stock the Variety Pull-Down Booth. Handcrafted items are great, as well as: afghans, plush animals, toys, figurines, small household items, etc. Be Creative! Items can be dropped off at the rectory or call 921-0328 to make arrangements for pick-ups.

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. This three-class course helps engaged and married couples to follow Jesus instead of the ways of the world. The course includes materials, instruction and follow-up. For registration call Sheila or John Kippley at 661-7396.

from the Pastors Desk

Religious Freedom-Standing Together! By way of follow-up to Archbishop Schnurr’s letter regarding the Federal Government’s forcing all of us to pay through Health Care Insurance for sterilizations, abortion-inducing drugs and contraceptives, please see below contact information for your Representatives in Congress. Please, let them know your opposition to this severe assault on your religious freedom and conscience. Moreover, you can insist that they support H.R. 1179 and S. 1467. These two bills, one in the House and one in Senate, will overturn the mandate.

In his letter, the Archbishop asks us to fast and pray. I was going to put prayer and fasting suggestions in this week but ran out of space, so, next week, perhaps. **(See fast and abstinence regulations for Lent on this page.)**

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Put some heat into your relationship! Take some time during this cold weather to warm up your marriage! Make your good marriage warmer and happier with a Marriage Encounter Weekend! The next Marriage Encounter weekends in this area are March 16-18, 2012 at the Wyndham Hotel in Dayton, OH, May 4-6, 2012, at the Crown Plaza Hotel in Blue Ash, OH, and July 20-22, 2012 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 Dave & Jan Stockleman at 1-800-547-1251 Code 00 or on the web at www.esharing.org.

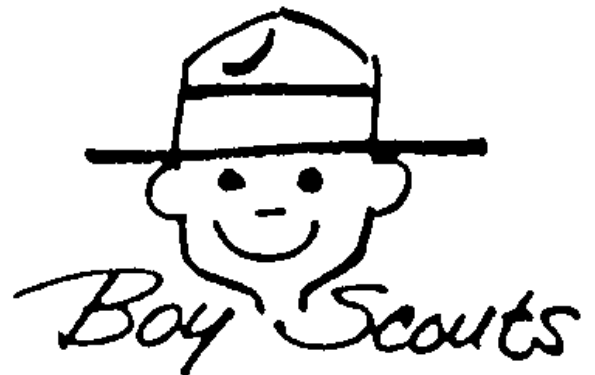
Alert! Free tax preparation for low to moderate income. Santa Maria Community Services and Elder High School and other various organizations have teamed up to reach out to our neighbors, offering FREE tax preparation and, if families qualify, an Earned Income Tax Credit. A west side FREE tax preparation site is at Elder High School, 4005 Glenway Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45205. Elder is also handicap accessible. Don't pay to get your own money back. We will prepare your taxes for free. If you qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit, you will receive additional cash back. Your return will be e-filed and you can expect your money back in 10-15 days. To make an appointment, (appointments strongly encouraged!) call Santa Maria Community Services at 557-2710 ext. 512 or visit us at www.freetaxprep@santamaria-cincy.org and send your phone number and the best times to reach you. The free tax preparation dates for 2011 tax returns at Elder High School site will occur on the following Saturdays in 2012: February 18, 25, and March 10, from 9:00am until 12:00pm.

Elder Travel Group...Thinking Ahead: Join members of the Elder Family on exciting excursions to out-of-town Reds games: tour Kentucky's Bourbon Trail: enjoy the Grand Ole Opry, or cruise to Bermuda! There are five exciting trips planned for 2012! Elder Travel Group trips are open to Elder Alumni and friends, and they benefit the Elder High School Scholarship Endowment. Visit the Elder Travel Group's page at www.elderhs.org for more information or call Norb Guetle at 513-451-1227.

Archdiocesan Lay Ministry Formation: The Archdiocesan Lay Ministry Formation Program will help you to grow in faith, discipleship and knowledge and it is accessible, affordable and can be integrated into an active lifestyle. The Athenaeum of Ohio Lay Pastoral Ministry Program offers classes in scripture, doctrine, theology and history at the MA and non-degree level. Join us for Open House on Sunday, February 26 from 3-5pm in the Westerfield Room. The meeting takes place on the first floor of the Athenaeum main building, 6616 Beechmont Avenue. For more information or to set up an interview call 231-1200.



St. Lawrence Boy Scout Troop 302 is searching for a young man to serve as assistant Scoutmaster. You must be 21 years of age with good maturity and common sense. Love of the outdoors is essential. Full training will be provided. Having a trailer hitch is a plus. Troop 302 has over 20 boys and is a strong youth ministry of our church. The troop meets on Tuesday nights in Heritage Hall from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. If you are willing to answer the call or would like to recommend an individual, please call Bill Aufermann, Scoutmaster, at 921-8208. "It is better to build boys than mend men."



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Seton High School: It's time to Celebrate Seton! Spend the day at Seton High School on Sunday, March 4. This family friendly event features games, a fashion show and special recognition for the Class of 2016. All girls will receive a special gift from Seton. Schedule of events: 12pm – Opening Prayer, 12:30pm – Fashion Show, Class of 2016 recognition, 1:15pm – Dance Teams perform, 2:15pm – Seton Vocalists and Chorus Perform, 3:30pm – Varsity Highlighters perform, Senior and Parent recognition, 5:00pm – Chance drive winners announced.



EDUCATING IN THE SPIRIT OF ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

Congratulations to all of the St. Lawrence students who made the HONOR ROLL at Seton High School!

First Honors: N Rogers, P Phan

Second Honors: J Goines, S Hickey, E Hand, J Nguyen, J Frey, J Moses, and B Studt.

Lenten Lunch with the Lord: The Lenten series of Lunch with the Lord takes place on six Mondays, February 20, 27; March 5, 12, 19 and 26 following the 11:00am Mass at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral to contemplate the upcoming Sunday readings with Fr. Mark Burger, who will be accompanied by musicians. They meet in the Cathedral Synod Hall from noon until about 1:00pm. Bring your lunch if you like and feed on God's word. Soft drinks and water will be available for purchase. Coffee and tea are provided. All sessions are free and open to the public

CELEBRATING 100 BEAUTIFUL YEARS OF LIFE!

CLARA EICHHOLD, one of our parishioners will celebrate her 100th birthday on Sunday, February 26. As far as we know, she is our oldest parishioner! We would like to honor her by sending her many, many birthday cards for her special day. Please send to:

**CLARA EICHHOLD
2950 West Park Drive
Cincinnati, Ohio 45238**

What a happy surprise this will be for her! God has blessed her and we pray that her birthday will hold many more beautiful blessings from the Lord.



St. Lawrence School Class of 1962 would like to know if you would be interested in helping to plan their 50th reunion. Come with your help and ideas for the reunion. If interested, please contact Marlene Mollner at 922-1130 or e-mail her at marlene2948@fuse.net

Super Charge your Soul Sunday: For all young adults in their 20's and 30's seeking something deeper in their lives, by attending Super Charge your soul Sunday at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood, Ohio on February 26, from 9:00am – 5:00pm. Father Nathan Cromly, from the Community of St. John will be leading this retreat by inviting you to a deeper relationship with Christ and Mary, as well as shedding light on every person's true vocation. Continental breakfast. Eucharistic Adoration will be in the chapel from 8:00 – 9:00am. Talks with Father Nathan & reflection time from 9:00am – 12:00pm. Lunch – 12:00pm – 1:00pm. Break-Out Sessions, Adoration, Confession at 1:00pm – 3:30pm. Holy Mass at 4:00pm. Conclude at 5:00pm. Donation: \$15 for the day. Reservations are a must: call Marie Howe at 513-227-0003 or e-mail her at mariedurb@yahoo.com