

MASSES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 18, 2012

- 9:00 am Karches & Dee families
11:00 am Deacon George & Mil Kelly (d)
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2012

- 8:00 am Agnes Prost-Wilson (d)
9:00 am Dorothy Cassiere (d)

TUESDAY, MARCH 20, 2012

- 8:00 am Bill Leesman (d)
9:00 am Dan Liming (living)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2012

- 8:00 am Edward Grueter (d)
9:00 am Pilgrims

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2012

- 8:00 am Gutzwiller-Spec. Int.
9:00 am Robert Bill (d)
3pm – 5pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2012

- 8:00 am Ada Iles (d)
9:00 am Robert Hoffman (d)
5:00 pm Jerry & Jackie Schwager (d)

SATURDAY MARCH 24, 2012

- 8:00 am Charles Balz, Sr. (d)
3pm – 4pm CONFESSIONS
4:30 pm Rita Brinker (living)

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2012

- 9:00 am Helen Louis (d)
11:00 am Urvalina Matos (d)
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

St. Lawrence is Thinking of You

MOUNTAINCREST NURSING HOME:

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

March 24/25

- 4:30 pm N Hornback, B Hornback
9:00 am O Hand, D Miller
11:00 am T Swis, D Mittermeier
7:00 pm D Weingartner, B Aufermann

LECTORS

March 24/25

- 4:30 pm C Manegold
9:00 am T Tierney
11:00 am J Whaley
7:00 pm S Aufermann

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

March 24/25

- 4:30 pm R Strack, L Kreimer,
J Mueller, N Rogers
9:00 am J Remke, S Remke,
R Tierney, T Tierney
11:00 am N Lageman, H Beischel,
S Hines, 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

MARCH 11, 2012

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Vocation View: To be cut off from the treasures of the Church is to be cast away from life itself. As the Israelites longed to rebuild the Temple of Jerusalem, so must we long to continue to build up the Church today. (Psalm 137)

Thought for the Day: The Father willed that his blessed and glorious Son, whom he gave to us and who was born for us, should through his own blood offer himself as a sacrificial victim on the altar of the cross. This was to be done not for himself through whom all things were made, but for our sins. It was intended to leave us an example of how to follow in his footsteps. Furthermore, let us produce worthy fruits of penance. Let us also love our neighbors as ourselves. Let us have charity and humility. Let us give alms because these cleanse our souls from the stains of sin.

St. Francis of Assisi

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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, MARCH 18: A Thomas, A Thomas, N Varin

TUESDAY, MARCH 20 M Clayton, D Dudley,
M Foreman

SUNDAY, MARCH 25: E Gatewood, M Griffin, D Hines

TUESDAY, MARCH 27: S Hsu, C McGinnis,
A Lorenzo-Hernandez

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.

The “Baskets For All Occasions” booth is in need of your help. This booth consists of baskets filled with items categorized by themes. Examples of baskets for this booth are: Sports, Jewelry, Household Items, or Services, Games, Corn Hole Sets, School Supplies, Gardening, Weekend Packages, Tickets to Sporting Events, Dinner Gift Cards, Family Fun Packages, Gift Certificates, Gas Cards, or any number of other great items. Please send donations to the rectory, to the attention of the Basket Booth.

from the Pastors Desk

Fish Fry: Our Lenten Fish Fry is held on all the Fridays of Lent, from 4 to 7pm in Heritage Hall. You can dine in, drive-thru or carry out. Our Fish Fry is one of the best on the Westside! So, don’t miss it!

Mass and the Way of the Cross: On the Friday afternoons of Lent we will have the Way of the Cross beginning at 5:00pm followed immediately by Holy Mass. Please remember, too, that Eucharistic Adoration is every Thursday afternoon from 3:00pm to 5:00pm. Father hears confessions during part of the first hour of adoration. Of course, confessions are regularly scheduled on Saturday afternoons from 3:00pm to 4:00pm as well. Confessions, the Way of the Cross, Holy Mass and Eucharistic Adoration are excellent ways to prepare our souls to celebrate the Lord’s resurrection at Easter.

Confirmation Please pray for our St. Lawrence students who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, March 21.

Freedom-Standing Together! As you know, the Federal Government is forcing all of us to pay for sterilizations, abortion-inducing drugs and contraceptives through Health Care Insurance premiums. Let your Congressional Representatives know of your opposition to this assault on your freedom, religious freedom and conscience. You can contact your Representative by calling the U.S. Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121.

CMA: This weekend, is Commitment Weekend for the 2012 Catholic Ministries Appeal throughout the Archdiocese. You should have received a mailing from Archbishop Schnurr with an invitation to make your pledge. If you did not receive a mailing, please take a pledge envelope from the CMA poster display. We invite all parishioners to respond generously to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please put your completed pledge card in the reply envelope and place it in the offertory collection. Thank You!

CONGRATULATIONS!!! to the St. Lawrence High School junior/senior boy's basketball team! These young men came in 3rd place overall for the state of Ohio in the Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) High School Boys basketball Tournament in Akron, Ohio this past weekend. They had a combined record of 14-3 overall. Team members included: Zack Codling, Kyle Brannon, Kyle Fricke, Nate Hornback, Max Keeney, Ben Klayer, Dillon Martini, and Tony Smith. **Way to go guys!!!**

Elder Travel Group...Thinking Ahead: Join members of the Elder Family on exciting excursions to out-of-town Reds games, a tour of Kentucky's Bourbon Trail, 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.

40 Days for Life will be held from now until Sunday, April 20, 2012. Greater Cincinnati will again unite with hundreds of other locations throughout the United States, and beyond for the Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign, to pray for an end to the abortion holocaust. Vigils will be conducted at Planned Parenthood's abortion headquarters on Auburn Avenue and the Women's Medical Center abortion mill in Sharonville. Contact the Planned Parenthood vigils: Mary Clark at 791-4039 or visit cincinnati40@live.com, or www.40daysforlife.com/cincinnati. Contact for Women's Med Center vigils: Mary Jo Suer at maryjos1@fuse.net.

Lenten Lunch with the Lord: The Lenten series of Lunch with the Lord takes place on Mondays, March 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 at the same time, 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.

St. Lawrence couples who will be celebrating 75, 70, 60, 50 or 25 years of marriage in 2012 are asked to call the rectory at 921-0328 **by Monday, March 19**, Saturday, May 12, 2012 at 1:00pm, Most Reverend Joseph R. Binzer, Bishop, will be the principal celebrant of the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral. Invitations will be mailed to each couple celebrating 50 years of marriage.

St. Lawrence PTO Annual Fish Fry is selling chances to raffle an I-pod Touch with accessories. This is over a \$200 value. Chances may be purchased one chance for \$1 or six chances for \$5. The raffle will be held on Good Friday, April 6. You need not be present to win. Chances may be bought at the Fish Fry, which is held on all Fridays of Lent, in Heritage Hall, from 4-7pm.



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."

A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT Seminar will be held on Wednesday evenings from now until April 25, from 7:00pm to 9:00pm in St. Ignatius Church's Hilvert Center (I-74 & North Bend Road). Listen to dynamic teachings that will help you to encounter Jesus personally and experience the powerful love of the Holy Spirit. Suggested donation: \$5 for materials. For more information and to register call Sue & Tom (513) 923-1662 or Lighthouse Community at (513)-471-LITE.

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Elder & Seton High Schools: Mark your calendars! On Sunday, March 25 at 3:00pm in the Seton Performance Hall, the Cincinnati Metropolitan Orchestra will present its free winter concert, "Stormy Seas". This performance will feature music with a nautical or weather theme. Classical pieces include Beethoven's 6th Symphony ("Pastoral") and Grieg's Peer Gynt Suite. You will also hear melodies from the movies, with selections from Titanic, Pirates of the Caribbean, and The Sea Hawk. For concert information, visit www.gocmo.org or call the CMO hotline at 941-8956.

In addition, the Elder High School Glee Club will sponsor its annual Italian Dinner from 4:00pm – 7:00pm in Elder's cafeteria (carryout is available). For information about the dinner, contact Diane Laiveling at 451-7460.



Elder Tennis Team: Are you interested in the game of tennis? Thinking about playing in high school? The Elder tennis team is hosting a tennis night at the Western Tennis & Fitness Club located on Muddy Creek on Friday, March 23, from 7pm to 10pm. Admission is free and includes snacks. Come meet the 2012 Elder tennis team and watch them scrimmage against Elder tennis alumni as well as some future tennis stars. Don't miss out on the fun as the team prepares for an exciting season! For more information call Kim at 607-9435.

Elder Bowling: Students in grades 6 and higher are invited to participate in a youth Spring Bowling League. It begins Sunday, March 18 and lasts 10 weeks. The league takes place at S & S Western Bowl. Cost is \$12/night and you can earn scholarships toward college. This is an excellent opportunity to sharpen your bowling skills; meet with members of Elder, Seton & Oak Hills bowling teams; and get coaching from Elder & Seton coaches. Contact Elder head varsity coach, Dave Sievers at elderbowlingcoach@yahoo.com or for more information, visit www.elderhs.org

St. Lawrence Athletic Association is hosting its annual Monte Carlo Night (Ham Dinger) on Saturday, March 24 from 8:00pm to 12:00am in the St. Lawrence Parish Center (Bingo Hall). Join us for a fun-filled evening of basket raffles, poker, instants, cart of cheer and split the pot raffles and much more! You can even win a ham for your Easter dinner! Cost is \$5, which includes beer, pop, and chips/pretzels. All proceeds DIRECTLY benefit our student athletes!

Lenten Series at St. William ; St. William Lenten Series proudly presents: "Christ Call to Forgiveness and Reconciliation." Fr. John Amankwah, Associate Professor of Communication Studies at the College of Mount St. Joseph, will explore the call of Jesus to forgiveness and reconciliation. The series is on Wednesday, March 21st at 7:00pm in Father Reardon Hall (beneath St. William Church). There is no cost and all are welcome.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: God's grace comes in big and small packages. Even in a Marriage Encounter Weekend! Make your good marriage GREAT with a Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Marriage Encounter weekends in this area are May 4-6, 2012, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Blue Ash, OH, July 20-22, 2012 at the Holiday Inn Eastgate in Cincinnati, OH and September 21-23, 2012 at the Cliffview Retreat Center in Danville, KY. 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.

The Sisters of Charity Spirituality Center is offering Creator, Reshape My Heart, God Steady My Spirit, a weekend retreat during Lent. Led by S. Wanda Smith, RSM, this retreat begins on Friday evening, March 23 at 7:00pm and concludes on Saturday, March 24 at 3:00pm. Participants are welcome to stay overnight or commute for the retreat. The program will be held at the Sisters of Charity Motherhouse. For registration information or questions please contact us at 347-5449 or spiritualitycenter@scharitycinti.org.