

First Sunday of Advent

December 2, 2012

MASSES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2012

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:00 am Rosary Altar Society
11:00 am Rolfes family (living & deceased),
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2012

Saint Francis Xavier, priest

- 8:00 am Florence "Babe" Lott (d)
9:00 am Anne Geiger (d)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2012

- 8:00 am Schmolt & Sanzere families
9:00 am Dan Liming (L)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2012

- 8:00 am Deacon George Kelly (d)
9:00 am Elder Class of 1948

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2012

- 8:00 am Betty McNamee (d)
9:00 am Charles Faeth (d)
3pm - 5pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2012

Saint Ambrose, bishop, doctor of the church

- 8:00 am Martha Panko (d)
9:00 am Marcella Pessler (d)
3:00 pm Martha Krumpelbeck (d)
7:00 pm William Weidner (d)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2012

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- 8:00 am Mary Vilardo (d)
11:00 am Michael Blessinger (d)
3pm - 4pm CONFESSIONS
4:30 pm Noelle Loch (L)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2012

- 9:00 am Jake Wittich (d)
11:00 am Carolyn Herrmann Bush (d)
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

St. Lawrence is Thinking of You

ARCHBISHOP LEIBOLD HOME: Irma Hornback

BAYLEY PLACE: Ruth Jean Boschert

MERCY FRANCISCAN AT WEST PARK:

Eileen Meyers

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SERVERS

December 8/9

- 4:30 pm R Hoffman, S Blake
9:00 am A Hines, O Hand
11:00 am P Phan, T Dao
7:00 pm T Swis, N Mirick

LECTORS

December 8/9

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

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

December 8/9

- 4:30 pm N Hornback, L Kreimer,
C Sunderman, S Sunderman
9:00 am J Remke, S Remke,
R Tierney, T Tierney
11:00 am H Beischel, J Grimm,
M Redrow, M Wagner
7:00 pm S Hoffman, M Thompson

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

OFFERING

NOVEMBER 18, 2012	\$9,528.03
NOVEMBER 25, 2012	\$12,710.46
BOILER FUND-WEEK 11/14-11/18	\$50.00
BOLIER FUND TOTAL	\$48,879.68

Thank you for your generosity!

Vocation View: To prepare for the coming of the Messiah, we must increase our love for one another, so that our Lord will find a welcome guest when He comes to visit. (1 Thess. 3:13)

Thought for the Day: Go forth in peace, for you have followed the good road. Go forth without fear, for he who created you has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Blessed be you, my God, for having created me.

St Clare of Assisi

Rest in Peace: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Joseph Meyer who died recently.

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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 2: A Berduo, V Brockman, T Richard, J Wooldridge

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4 T Cecil, Z Conway, U Dao, A Petty

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9: J Hart, J Howard, E Lageman, S Knollman

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11: M Vu, J Terrell, N Durbin, A Morales-Borrallas

Cincinnati Catholic (Singles) Alumni Club

will be having their First Friday celebration on Friday, December 7 at 7:30pm at 4072 Race Road. For more information and reservations call Larry at 574-7161.

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.

Advent/Christmas Calendar: The Institute for Christian Formation has once again created an online Advent/Christmas calendar for each day of the Advent and Christmas seasons for the 2013 Liturgical Year, December 2, 2012 – January 13, 2013. This calendar is a go to source for information and resources about seasons and saints, scripture, church teaching, prayer, traditional activities and recipes, and much more! Geared to a wide-based audience, there is something for everyone: families, parishes, individuals, children, teens, adults, catechists and school teachers, colleges and youth ministry. Visit our website at www.instituteforchristianformation.org and click on the Advent/Christmas calendar link.



Thank you for your prayers: On Monday, November 26, I had surgery for an umbilical hernia repair. Everything went well and I seem to be recovering nicely. I attribute that to your many prayers. Thank you very, very much.

2013 Calendars are in the back of church. Please take one per family. Thank you to the St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus whose generous donation made it possible for us to have the calendars again this year.

Sister Helen Julia's Christmas holiday collection of food and monetary donations for families in need is underway. I know that our St. Lawrence parishioners and friends will be generous so that Sister will be able to assist all those families who are in need. This collection continues through December. Sister has placed her Ministry envelopes in the back of church and the food barrels are placed at the break (next to the pillars) for your food donations. By the way, I would like to thank Sister for doing this wonderful work of charity for St. Lawrence, and I thank you for your efforts in helping to provide a wonderful Thanksgiving for those in need. God bless you!!

Holiday Food Baskets



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: This year, the solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, which is celebrated on December 8, falls on Saturday. Because it is the patronal feast for the U. S., this is always a holyday of obligation. Your obligation to participate at Mass for this holyday can be fulfilled by attending one of the following Masses: Friday, December 7 at 3pm or 7pm or on Saturday, December 8 at 8am or 11am. The Saturday, December 8, Mass celebrated at 4:30pm fulfills your obligation only for Sunday, as always.

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 instant prizes 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.

Retrouvaille means “rediscovery”. It is for couples who 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.

Elder High School is having their *tech-reach* classes during the month of December on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-8pm in the Schaeper Center. Each course costs from \$35 - \$40. Send payment with completed registration form, which can be found at www.tech-reach.org, to 3900 Vincent Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45205 or call 921-3744 ext. 3636. Make checks payable to *tech-reach*.

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.

“1st Annual Elder Hockey Military Night”:

Please join the Elder High School Ice Hockey Community in honoring all past and present United States Military and Veterans at the Elder vs. St. Xavier hockey game on Sunday, December, 2, 2012 at Cincinnati Gardens. Puck drops at 4:30pm. All military personnel will be honored and will enjoy free admission with Military ID. Elder Military Hockey Alums are invited to take part in a special ceremonial puck drop. Bring your family and friends and we’ll see you there! The Elder Ice Hockey Community thanks you – GOD BLESS AMERICA!

Track & Field Sign Ups: If you’re interested in running, long jump, high jump, softball, shotput, or discus, and like being part of a fun team, consider track this spring! All kids in grades K-8 are welcome. Practices are Mondays and Wednesdays at Elder’s PAC facility. There are seven track meets beginning at the end of March and running through mid May. Sign-ups & registration end February 10th. If you are interested and/or have questions, please call **Chris Hornback at 471-5157**. Last year we had nearly 100 participants from nine west side parishes!

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 _____

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Worldwide Marriage Encounter: 2013 is just around the corner! Schedule time NOW for your relationship! 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.wwme.org or www.esharing.org. For more details or reservations, call Dave & Jan Stockleman at 1-800-547-1251 Code 00.

Pregnancy Center West gladly accepts baby items to give to young mothers in need. We can always use diapers and infant formula, onesies, wipes, baby outfits (sizes newborn-3T), car seats (no more than 8 years old), pack-n-plays, swings, and just about anything else for babies! Items may be used, but must be in good condition. Please call us at 244-5700 or e-mail pcwest@fuse.net to arrange a convenient donation drop-off time. Your gifts make it easier for struggling moms to choose life!

Elder High School Honors Program: The Honors Program is for students who are at the top of their class academically. Admission to the program is by application and a limited number of students are selected each year. This unique program focuses on academic excellence, leadership development and community outreach. Honors Program application, and Two scholarship recommendations are available. The two recommendations fulfill any and all scholarships at Elder. Honors Program information and applications are available online at www.elderhs.org. Students admitted to the Honors Program are awarded an Honors Program Scholarship. For more information contact J P Owens, Director of Admissions and Marketing, Elder High School, 3900 Vincent Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio 45205 or call 921-3744 Ext. 3417.

ST. LAWRENCE MONTHLY SOCIAL

Our December Social will be held on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5th**! "This is our special **CHRISTMAS SOCIAL.**" Why not dress up in all of your Christmas finery and join us on this day? You are guaranteed a wonderful afternoon beginning with a delicious dinner. Our menu is:

**FRIED CHICKEN
MASHED POTATOES/GRAVY
CALIFORNIA MEDLEY
TOSSES SALAD/DRESSINGS
ROLLS/BUTTER
CHRISTMAS DESSERT
COFFEE/ ICEDTEA/ SOFT DRINKS
TREATS FROM SANTA**

After our **NOON** dinner, you will enjoy games of bingo and/or cards, split-the-pot, instant, and a beautiful Christmas raffle. Door prizes will be given and those who celebrate a birthday in December receive a special treat.

The "Cincinnati Belles" will be calling all of our "Regulars" to verify that you will be attending the December 5th Social. Those who do not come regularly to the Social are very welcome to attend. It is only necessary to contact Sister Helen Julia to make a dinner reservation. Dinner counts for Regulars and for those making reservations should be telephoned to Sister at **244-7376 BY MONDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 3rd** SO THAT AN **ACCURATE DINNER COUNT CAN BE GIVEN TO OUR CATERER, A TASTE OF CLASS.** Santa will pay a visit to the Social and he and all of the staff will be happy to see all of you on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5th**.



St Aloysius Gonzaga, Bridgetown, presents Lessons & Carols, Sunday, December 9 at 7:30pm. Come enjoy the Christmas story of the season featuring our 45-member choir and 10-piece orchestra. This concert is free and all are welcome