

Second Sunday of Lent

March 4, 2012

MASSES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 4, 2012

- 9:00 am Paul Haverbusch (d)
11:00 am David J. Spencer (d)
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2012

- 8:00 am Mary Vilardo (d)
9:00 am Jerry & Jackie Schwager (d)

TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 2012

- 8:00 am Schmolt & Sanzere families
9:00 am Mary Rose Bestfelt (d)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2012

- 8:00 am Grace Bell (d)
9:00 am Mimi & Maria Finnegan (living)

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 2012

- 8:00 am Bill Perry (d)
9:00 am Lois Sullivan (d)
3pm – 5pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 2012

- 8:00 am Ron & Helen Strack (living)
9:00 am Lucille Meirose (d)
5:00 pm Rosemary Hartling

SATURDAY MARCH 10, 2012

- 8:00 am Ray & Lucille Dickerson
3pm – 4pm CONFESSIONS
4:30 pm Carol Louis (d)

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 2012

- 9:00 am Ginny Emmrich (d)
11:00 am Paul & Carolyn Sunderhaus (d)
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

St. Lawrence is Thinking of You

MERCY FRANCISCAN AT WEST PARK:

Clara Eichhold, Eileen Meyers

MOUNTAINCREST NURSING CENTER:

Tommy Martino

WESTERN HILLS RETIREMENT VILLAGE:

Mary Catherine Dittrich, Donald Jostworth

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SERVERS

March 10/11

- 4:30 pm R Hoffman, S Blake
9:00 am D Damico, M Damico
11:00 am A Himes, M Ledonne
7:00 pm J Junker, J Junker

LECTORS

March 10/11

- 4:30 pm G Rogers
9:00 am T Tierney
11:00 am C Lageman
7:00 pm S Aufermann

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

March 10/11

- 4:30 pm J Mueller, E Hornback,
N Hornback, R Strack
9:00 am J Remke, S Remke
R Tierney, T Tierney
11:00 am J Mauntel, H Beischel
M Redrow, R Weinheimer
7:00 pm M Thompson, S Hoffman

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

OFFERING

FEBRUARY 26, 2012

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Vocation View: God calls Abraham to be willing to sacrifice all that is dear to him, even his own son, Isaac. In order to respond to a priestly or religious vocation, the same call to sacrifice is heard. Are you willing? (Gen. 22:1-2)

Thought for the Day: Our Savior says, if you have not received the graces that you desire, do not complain to me, but blame yourself, because you have neglected to seek them from me.

St. Alphonsus Liguori

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, MARCH 4: J Hickey, R Hicks, O Wu

TUESDAY, MARCH 6 I Hollopeter, C James, T Jones

SUNDAY, MARCH 11: E Long, A Sanders, T Smith,
D Weber-Walker

TUESDAY, MARCH 13: Y Sopapia, K Stewart,
M Sweet

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 Pastor's 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. There are prayer cards in the back of church with a student’s first name on the back, which you can take and pray for them specifically. Please keep them in your prayers

Freedom-Standing Together! Regarding the Federal Government’s forcing all of us to pay through Health Care Insurance for sterilizations, abortion-inducing drugs and contraceptives, please see the insert in today’s bulletin from the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. You can contact your Representative by calling the U.S. Capitol switchboard at 202-224-3121. Please, let them know your opposition to this severe assault on your freedom, religious freedom and conscience. At the bottom of the insert from the conference of bishops there is an already formulated message you can give to your representative.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Want to keep the romance going after Valentine's Day? Schedule a weekend away – just for the two of you! 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 date for 2011 tax returns at Elder High School site is Saturday, 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.

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, cincinnati40@live.com, www.40daysforlife.com/cincinnati or call at 791-4039. Contact for Women's Med Center vigils: Mary Jo Suer at maryjos1

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. For more information or to set up an interview call 231-1200.

Lenten Lunch with the Lord: The Lenten series of Lunch with the Lord takes place on Mondays, 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

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.

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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.”

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 921-1130 or e-mail her at marlene2948@fuse.net.



A LIFE IN THE SPIRIT Seminar will be held on seven consecutive Wednesday evenings starting March 14 – April 25, from 7:00pm to 9:00pm in St. Ignatius Church in 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).

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.