

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

- 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
3pm – 5pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2012

- 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

- 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
9:00 am
11:00 am
7:00 pm

LECTORS

December 8/9

- 4:30 pm
9:00 am
11:00 am
7:00 pm

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

December 8/9

- 4:30 pm
9:00 am
11:00 am
7:00 pm Shirley Hoffman, Matt Thompson

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

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Thank you for your generosity!

Thought for the Day: Let us not forget this truth: the moment a man, by the help of God, succeeds in overcoming his own will, that is, in freeing himself from every inordinate affection and care, to cast himself and **all his miseries** unreservedly into the bosom of God, that moment he becomes so pleasing to God that he receives the gift of grace. Grace brings love, and love drives out all fear and hesitation, and fills the soul with confidence and hope. What is more blessed than to cast all our care on him who cannot fail?

Saint Albert the Great

Rest in Peace: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Florence (Babe) Lott 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, NOVEMBER 25: A Rodriguez, S Stewart, A PickerIII, E Soloman

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27: N Terrell, N Thomas, J Williams, I Velasquez-Solis

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

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



Remembering the Dead: Traditionally, November is the month in which we remember in special and practical ways the deceased members of our families, our deceased friends, and all of the faithful departed.

I want to take this opportunity to correct a popular misconception about what happens after a person dies. Too many people believe that when a loved one dies the soul automatically goes to heaven. Well, maybe yes, and maybe no. That a loved one is in heaven is our hope, of course. But we do not know the state of a person's soul when he or she dies, only God knows. No matter what we think or want, we are not "the Judge," only God is.

When a person dies in a state of grace but the soul is not completely prepared to enter heaven, then he or she is placed in Purgatory for purification. (God forbid that a person should die outside of the state of grace, that is, with unconfessed, unrepented mortal sin on their soul.) So, what we should be doing for the deceased is praying that our hope of salvation and eternal life with the Lord will be realized in them. Hence, each and every day, we ought to pray for and offer our sufferings for the repose of all souls.

2013 Calendars are in the back of church this weekend. 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 this year, again. Thank you, St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus.

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!!



Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: In 2012, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception falls on Saturday, December 8. Because it is the patronal feast for the United States, this is always a holyday of obligation. The obligation may be fulfilled by participating in a vigil Mass Friday evening, December 7 or Mass during the day on Saturday morning. The Saturday evening Mass should be celebrated as the Vigil Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent. So, the schedule of Masses for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception are as follows: Friday, December 7 at 3pm, as usual, and this time only the 7pm Mass will also be on Friday evening. The last two Masses will be on Saturday morning at 8am and 11am.

Eucharistic Adoration: Eucharistic Adoration will resume on Thursday, November 29 from 3pm – 5pm.

Advent: An excellent help in your preparation for Christmas is to make a good confession and spend some time in Eucharistic Adoration. Eucharistic Adoration is on Thursdays from 3-5pm, during which I hear confessions from about 3:30- 4pm

Knights of Columbus and St. Lawrence

School will be presenting awards to the winners of the St. Lawrence Elementary School essay contest on November 30, at the 9:00 am Mass. Students in the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades were asked to write essays on "What is Freedom of Religion and what does it mean to me?". The Knights will award the three winners with a prize of \$25.

Also, the Corn hole 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 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.

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.

Learning more about your faith: With all the attention given by the media to the Catholic Church in recent months, has this sparked your interest to learn more about the faith? Fr. Watkins is conducting a faith series between the 9am and 11am Masses each Sunday and would love to see you. Enjoy coffee and donuts while doing so. For more information, call the parish office at 921-0328.

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*.

"Friends of CISE" will be having their 32nd annual raffle. Grand prize will be \$10,000 and other cash awards and prizes. Tickets are \$100 each (only 1200 sold). Archbishop Dennis Schnurr will draw the winning tickets at a reception to be held on December

1, 2012 at St. Peters in Chains Cathedral. This raffle provides tuition aid to low income students attending nine urban Catholic elementary schools. For additional information contact Peter Bushelman at 821-7125 or the CISE Office at 421-3131, ext. 2752.



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 _____

(DEADLINE: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2)

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Holiday on the Hill 2012! Join us to begin the holidays at Seton high School's front lawn for Light the Hill on Friday, November 30 at 6pm. There will be entertainment by Seton and Elder Singers for the lighting of the tree. Afterwards, join us inside for cookies, hot chocolate and a My Cincinnati concert Performance. For more information contact Ann Andriacco at aandriacco@fuse.net or 471-7741 ext. 481 or beth@pricehillwill.org if needed.

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. To apply to the Honors Program, students must submit the following by November 30, 2012: Honors Program application, Two scholarship recommendations. 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.

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.wme.org or www.esharing.org. For more details or reservations, call Dave & Jan Stockleman at 1-800-547-1251 Code 00.

Pregnancy Center West cordially invites you to a special preview performance of "Cinderella" at the Covedale Theatre, (4990 Glenway Avenue) Wednesday, November 28 at 8pm. Tickets are \$20. Half of all proceeds from ticket sales will go directly to Pregnancy Center West. To reserve seats call Pregnancy Center West at 244-5700 or e-mail at pcwest@fuse.net. Please help us by telling your family, friends, and coworkers about this holiday musical event!

Theology on Tap welcomes people in their 20's and 30's to "Beer Talk" on Thursday, November 29 from 7-9pm at the Centennial Barn, 110 Compton, Cincinnati, Ohio 45215. Brother Tim Sucher, OFM and Greg Hardman, President and CEO of the Christian Moerlien Brewing Co. will speak on the history of beer in Cincinnati and the spirituality of beer. BEER will be served (to those over 21 yrs. old). Please help us plan for refreshments by RSVPing to our facebook event page at "Theology on Tap: Beer Talk"

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.

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.