

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2013

MASSES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2013

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:00 am Jeannette & Lewis Allen (d)
11:00 am Bill Leesman (d)
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2013

- 8:00 am Ray & Lucille Dickerson (d)
9:00 am Jerry & Jackie Schwager (d)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2013

VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

- 8:00 am Patricia Weide (d)
3:00 pm Kitty & Jack Kloepfer (d)
5:00 pm Bernie Geiser (d)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2013

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD – CHRISTMAS

- Midnight (Christmas Carols and Music-11:30pm)
For all in whose Memory or Honor
Flowers were donated.
9:00 am Lisa Limerick (d)
11:00 am Willard & Agnes Prost (d)
7:00 pm NO MASS

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2013

SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

- 8:00 am Joe & Rose Sowder (d)
9:00 am Michael Blessinger (d)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2013

SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

- 8:00 am Charles Delp (d)
9:00 am Matt James (d)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2013

THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYR

- 8:00 am Paul Huber (d)
3pm – 4pm CONFESSIONS
4:30 pm Helen Louis (d)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2013

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

- 9:00 am Walter Meirose-birthday (L)
11:00 am Herbert Bill family
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 28/29

- 4:30 pm E Stacy, M Niangane
9:00 am P Phan, B Rouse
11:00 am D Mittermeier, B Hornback
7:00 pm E Sweet, M Sweet

LECTORS

December 28/29

- 4:30 pm C Manegold
9:00 am J Gonnella
11:00 am C Lageman
7:00 pm A Backs

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

December 28/29

- 4:30 pm J Brehm, C Hornback,
L Kreimer, S Sunderman
9:00 am M Jones, S Jones,
J Remke, S Remke
11:00 am H Beischel, J Grimm,
J Hay, M Redrow
7:00 pm M Thompson

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

OFFERING

DECEMBER 15, 2013

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Vocation View: “When Joseph awoke, he did
as the angel had commanded him.” God’s invitation
demands a response. If He is calling you, pray for the
courage to respond wholeheartedly, as did St. Joseph.
(Matt 1:24)

Thought for the Day: The highest perfection
consists not in interior favors or in great raptures, but
in the bringing of our wills so closely into conformity
with the Will of God that, as soon as we realize that
he wills anything, we desire it ourselves with all our
might.

St. Teresa of Avila



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 22: E Pitman, I Hand, M Smith, M Gongora

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24: NO BINGO

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29: P Smith, P Tucker, R Kersey, K Figgs

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31: NO BINGO

The Candy Cane

The development of the candy cane took a few hundred years. Before the invention of the modern pacifier, parents used to give their babies unflavored white sugar sticks to suck on. During the 1670's, a German choirmaster had the sugar sticks bent into a shepherd's staff and passed out to children attending the Christmas services. This holiday custom spread throughout Europe and fancy canes, decorated with roses, were used as Christmas decorations in many homes. About 1900 the white candy cane received its traditional red stripes and peppermint flavoring. At the same time the legend of the candy cane came into being. According to this legend, a candy maker in Indiana designed the candy cane to tell the true story of Christmas—a story about a virgin giving birth to a shepherd who would give up His life for the sheep.

Legend of the candy cane as told by the Indiana candy maker:

It had to be special to be a gift for the King of Kings, thought the humble candy maker from Indiana. Not just any piece of candy would do. It had to be hard candy because the church is built on solid rock and God's promises are a firm foundation. It would be formed in the shape of the Good Shepherd's staff—a "J" that would also stand for the precious name of Jesus. But it had to say more. White stripes would symbolize the virgin birth and the sinless nature of Christ. Three small red stripes would represent the scourging Jesus suffered on His way to the cross. One large red stripe would be a reminder of the blood Jesus shed as payment for our sins. It would be a gift of love that would tell His story—the greatest story ever told.

from the Pastor's desk

A Blessed and Joyous Christmas to each and every one of you. God Bless you!

Christmas Masses: Please make sure you see the Christmas Mass schedule on the back of the Christmas Flower insert in the Laurentian.

Eucharistic Adoration is every Thursday afternoon from 3-5pm, during which I hear confessions from about 3:20pm-3:50pm.

A Gift for the Baby Jesus: St. Lawrence will once again collect for the Pregnancy Center West. The manger will be set up in front of the Nativity Scene in Church from December 21 to January 12. We will be collecting new and used baby items (baby clothes, diapers, blankets, bottles, food, etc.) that the Center will be giving to those in need. As always, thank you for helping God's little ones.

Save the Date! Mass in celebration of the 46th World Day of Peace will be on January 1, 2014, at 11:00am at Saint Peter in Chains Cathedral. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Dennis Schnurr. The Mass will be followed by a reception with light refreshments.

New Year's Eve Benefit Concert: Entertainer and Tribute Artist Mike Davis will be performing Tuesday, December 31 at the Mariner's Inn-West on the River, 7391 Forbes Road. Enjoy a buffet dinner, beverages, midnight champagne toast and award winning Vegas Style Show! Tickets are \$50, with partial proceeds benefiting The Little Sisters of the Poor and national Alzheimer's Research. For reservations call Sharon at 465-9037 or Joan at 941-8600.

St. Boniface Church is celebrating 150 years. On March 9, 2014 at 4:00pm we are having a Celtic concert with Tim Kendzia. He is an internationally known Catholic composer who will perform his songs. For more information call 741-1127 or e-mail at jwieghaus@hotmail.com.