

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 21, 2014

MASSES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2014

- 9:00 am Carlos Garcia (d)
11:00 am Jack Vogeles (d)
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2014

- 8:30 am Scott Gausling (d)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2014

- 8:30 am Joyce Berning (d)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2014

VIGIL OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

- 8:30 am Rose Littner (d)
3:00 pm Kitty & Jack Kloepfer (d)
5:00 pm Bernie Geiser (d)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2014

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 Willard & Agnes Prost (d)
11:00 am Lisa Limerick (d)
7:00 pm NO MASS

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2014

SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

- 8:30 am Carol Louis (d)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2014

SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

- 8:30 am Matt James (d)
3pm-4pm CONFESSIONS
4:30 pm Bernard L. Motz (d)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2014

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

- 9:00 am Clayton Cornish (d)
11:00 am Marie Khiem Pham (d)
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

St. Lawrence is Thinking of You

ARCHBISHOP LEIBOLD HOME: Irma Hornback

BAYLEY PLACE: Rita Brinker

TRIPLE CREEK RETIREMENT COMMUNITY:

Mary Catherine Dittrich

WESTERN HILLS RETIREMENT VILLAGE:

Donald Jostworth, Mildred Weber

WEST PARK: Ernestine Huber

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SERVERS

December 27/28

- 4:30 pm O Hand
9:00 am B Kessling
11:00 am E Pitman, A Barkley
7:00 pm S Boyles

LECTORS

December 27/28

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

December 27/28

- 4:30 pm J Brehm, B Hornback,
C Hornback, C Sunderman
9:00 am K Brannon, B Kessling,
J Remke, S Remke
11:00 am S Blake, J Grimm,
J Hay, E Prater
7:00 pm E Sweet, M Thompson

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

OFFERING

DECEMBER 14, 2014

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Vocation View: Mary was called to be open to
the extraordinary. What do you need to say "let it be"
in response to God's call to you? Trust that the Lord
is with you and will guide you always.

(Luke 2:22, 39-40)

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



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, DECEMBER 21: S Wade, R Wallace, J Watkins

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23: A Wheelright-Soriano, Y Bail-Ramirez, M Berduo, Aguilar

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28: B Blair, L Brown, K Bushorn

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30: M Byrd, A Caudill, A Cheatham-Daniels

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 insert in the Laurentian.

Eucharistic Adoration will be cancelled on Thursday, December 25 and January 1. Eucharistic Adoration will resume on January 8.

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.



Knights of Columbus

St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus are having a Cornhole Tournament/Monte Carlo night on Saturday, January 3, 2015 from 6:30pm – 12am in the St. Lawrence School Gym. Pre-registration for teams is \$35 (\$45 at the door). Spectator's admission is \$5 and includes food and drink. You must be 18 years of age or older to attend. Anyone interested in registering a team can send a check and team name to St. Lawrence School at 1020 Carson Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45205. Please mark envelope "Cornhole Tourney". Any questions, please call Dave Haverbusch at 473-3982. The proceeds benefit the Fifth Grade trip to Camp Campbell Gard in the spring.

St. Lawrence Boy Scout Troop 302 is selling laser engraved wooden Christmas Tree ornaments. There are four different ones to choose from at \$5 each or the set of 4 for \$15. Cash or checks accepted. You may place orders for future delivery. Thanks for supporting this youth ministry. For more information call Bill at 921-8208.

Gift for the Baby Jesus: St. Lawrence will once again be collecting new and used baby items. The items will be donated to Pregnancy Center West who will in turn help those in need of the baby items. They are in need of diapers of all sizes, formula, baby food, new and gently used baby clothing, car seats, walkers, etc. Please put donations in the manger by the Nativity scene. Thank you for helping God's precious ones!