

First Sunday of Advent

November 27, 2016

MASSES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2016

- 9:00 am Charles Iles (d)
11:00 am Doris Brandstetter (d)
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2016

- 8:30 am Mimi Wittich (d)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2016

- 8:30 am Kitty & Jack Kloepfer (d)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 2016

SAINT ANDREW, APOSTLE

- 8:30 am Dan Liming (d)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2016

- 8:30 am Henry Clay Beekley (d)

3pm-5pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2016

- 8:30 am Elsie Beekley (d)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016

Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

- 8:30 am Joseph Dieterman (d)

3pm - 4pm CONFESSIONS

- 4:30 pm Brossart family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016

- 9:00 am Rosary Altar Society
11:00 am Phillip Kelly (d)
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

St. Lawrence is Thinking of You

ARCHBISHOP LEIBOLD HOME:

Loretta (Bo) Bacon

BAYLEY: Margie Frommeyer

HILLEBRAND: Ed Kramer

THE HOME AT HEARTHSTONE:

Mary First

PRISTINE OF RIVERSIDE:

Rose Marie St. Clair

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SUPPORT OUR PARISH!

MARY'S KIDS
Child Care Center
3711 Warsaw Avenue
922-6279
Mary Walker, Owner/Director
Maryskidschildcare1@yahoo.com

SERVERS

December 3/4

- 4:30 pm Ben Hornback
9:00 am Jay Brannon
11:00 am Angelia Blake, Isabella Blake
7:00 pm Jayonna Beamon

LECTORS

December 3/4

- 4:30 pm Cathy Manegold
9:00 am Lois Kessling
11:00 am Cathy Lageman
7:00 pm Matt Thompson

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

December 3/4

- 4:30 pm Clete Hoffman, Chris Hornback,
Nate Hornback, Noah Hornback
9:00 am Mary Ann Bedel, Brianna Brannon,
Melissa Jones, Skip Jones
11:00 am Holly Beischel, Shaun Blake,
Nick Lageman, Mary Wagner
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!

OFFERING

NOVEMBER 20, 2016 NOT AVAILABLE
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Thank You for your Generosity!

Thought for the Day: The spirit flows to you
and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Savior
of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more
completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the
foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest
intimacy and community of family life and work.
Thus if you wish to be close to Christ, we again today
repeat, "Go to Joseph." (Gen 41:44)

Pope Pius XII

Rest in Peace: Please pray for the repose of
the souls of Madelyne Voss and Maureen Gallagher
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 27 Andrew Long, Belsi Lopez-Marroquin, Abner Mendez-Morales

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29: Alexis Ousley, Andry Perez-Vasquez, De'Angelo Petty

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 Keyli Ramirez, Yifry Reynoso, Kristy Roblero

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6: Stacey Stewart, Ayla Thompson, Kinberly Wilke, Bradin Young

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"In Loving Memory Spaces": In January, 2017, a section on the back of the bulletin will be available to list the name of a deceased loved one. The cost is \$52 per name and their name will remain on the bulletin for one year. Or now, you can purchase a small space on the back for just your loved one or ones and insert their picture and birthday and have your own space to remember your loved ones. One space is \$220 per year and two spaces are \$440 per 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.

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Loved One's Name _____

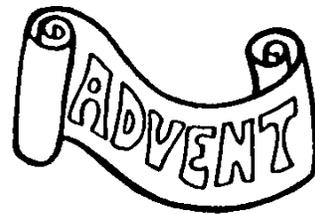
Your Name _____

Phone Number _____



Eucharistic Adoration will be on Thursday, December 1, from 3pm-5pm. During Eucharistic Adoration, I hear confessions from about 3:15pm-3:45pm. By the way, an excellent help in your preparation for Christmas is to make a good confession and spend some time in Eucharistic Adoration.

2017 Calendars are in back of church this weekend. Please take one per family.



Advent Books: Meditation books for the Advent season are in the back of church. Each book contains readings for each day of Advent. Please take one per family.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception: Thursday, December 8 is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception. It **IS** a **Holy Day of Obligation** and is the Patronal Feast Day of the United States. The obligation may be fulfilled by participating in Mass on Wednesday, December 7 at 3:00pm or Thursday, December 8 at 8:30am, 11:00am or 7:00pm.



The Athenaeum of Ohio lay tuition reduction continues for Spring Semester. There has never been a better time to learn about your Church and grow in faith, knowledge and skills! The Athenaeum's 50% tuition reduction scholarship is available to all lay students and will include spring semester courses taken for graduate or non-degreed certificate credit. We offer a Master of Arts in Pastoral Ministry, Theology, Biblical Studies and Catholic Studies, a graduate certificate in lay ministry and a non-degreed certificate in lay ministry. Works towards a degree or certificate or simply take a class in an area of interest. We offer daytime, evening and Saturday classes at the main campus on Beechmont Avenue and at St. Ignatius Church in Montfort Heights. Classes begin January 9, 2017 and registration is available via the website, www.athenaeum.edu. For more information contact Fr. David Endres at 231-2223 or Dr. Susan McGurgan at 231-1200.

Sacred Heart Radio: For good catholic radio listening, tune into Sacred Heart Radio on 740 AM or log on to www.sacredheartradio.com. For good catholic TV, tune into EWTN. These media outlets promote excellent material about your Catholic faith and how to live your faith in the world today.

The Symbolism of the Advent Wreath

During the time of Advent, many people have an Advent wreath in their homes. While these decorations are certainly festive and add to the holiday spirit, there is also much symbolism in the wreath that people may not recognize.

First, the wreath is always in the form of a circle. Since a circle has no beginning and no end, it is a symbol of God, who is eternal and without beginning or end.

The Advent wreath is always made from evergreens. These branches, as the name indicates, are "ever green" – ever alive. They are symbolic of Christ, who died, but who is alive, never to die again. The evergreen branches also symbolize our soul's immortality. Christ came into the world to give us never-ending life. Entwined around the circle of evergreens are red berries. They look like large red drops of blood, and symbolize the bloodshed by Christ for mankind. They remind us that Christ came into this world to die for us and redeem us. It is through the shedding of His blood that we have eternal life.

The wreath has four candles, three violet ones and one rose colored candle. These symbolize the four weeks of the Advent season, our time of preparation for Christmas. Each day, the Liturgy tells us of the Hebrew expectation of the Messiah in the Old Testament reading, and the Gospels begin to introduce us to the characters of the Christmas story. At the beginning of Advent a single candle is lit, but each week another candle is lit. As the light from the wreath increases each week as more candles are lit, the wreath reminds us that the birth of the Light of the World is coming closer. So may our souls grow brighter in their love for, and anticipation of, the Christ Child as this season of grace continues.

The color of the four candles also has significance. The violet candles have a penitential appearance, much as we find violet in the church during the penitential season of Lent. The violet is to remind us that Advent is a season of preparation in which we should be spiritually preparing our souls to receive Christ on Christmas. The single rose-colored candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent, which is called "Gaudete" Sunday. "Gaudete" is the Latin word for "rejoice" and symbolizes an element of rejoicing in the midst of our penitential preparation, for the joy of Christmas is almost here. Mixing violet with white makes the rose color. It is almost as if the joy we celebrate at Christmas (symbolized by bright white) cannot contain itself during this penitential season (violet) and burst forth a bit into the Advent season. On Christmas, the four candles are replaced with a white one – our time of preparation is over and we enter a time of great joy.

The Advent wreath should be placed in a prominent place in our church. Many families have a smaller Advent wreath in their homes. This both reminds families of the wreath in their church and serves as a reminder of their link to the parish church. The candles are lit the main meal of the day, with the new candlelit preferably at the main meal on Sunday, the first day of the week. Joining around the table for a meal should remind the family of the table of the Lord around which they gather each week to celebrate the Eucharistic – the meal of the Lord that nourishes our soul.

So, the next time you see or display an Advent wreath, don't just think of it as a nice decoration. Remember all the symbolism it has for us as it reminds us of the need for spiritual preparation to fully share in the great joy of the birth of Christ, the Son of God who gave His life for us so that we might have eternal life.

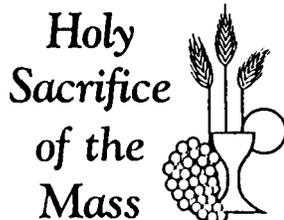
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Friends of CISE: The 36th annual “Friends of CISE” Raffle will be held on December 3, 2016. The grand prize will be \$10,000, plus other cash awards and prizes. Cash prize tickets are \$100 each. Gift card basket chances are \$36 or 5/\$100. For more information or to purchase tickets call Pete Bushelman at 821-7125 or the CISE office at 421-3131 ext 2752. Winners will be drawn by Archbishop Dennis Schnurr at the Cathedral reception on Saturday, December 3. Proceeds provide tuition aid to low income students attending eight urban Catholic elementary schools in Cincinnati. The schools supported by CISE are St. Boniface, Corryville Catholic, St. Francis de Sales, St. Francis Seraph, Holy Family, St. Joseph, St. Lawrence and Resurrection.

Mother of Mercy: Spend Christmas on campus at Mother of Mercy High School. Eighth grade girls are invited to Mother of Mercy’s most popular future Bobcat event, Christmas on Campus on Friday, December 9, 2016 from 6pm-11pm. Have a blast doing fun, holiday activities – from dancing, to crafts, to baking. And kick off the holiday season with a pizza party! Dress in your most creative Christmas ensemble for gifts and prizes. RSVP at www.motherofmercy.org/christmasoncampus. Admission is \$5.

Healing Service with Mass will be on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 7:30pm in St. Ignatius of Loyola Church, 5222 North Bend Road, Montfort Heights.

Healing includes the physical, spiritual, emotional, psychological and relational aspects of our lives; it is not limited to a physical cure. You can receive prayer for yourself or any of your loved ones. God wants to give us far more than we can dream or imagine, so come and experience Jesus’ healing power! This is sponsored by Lighthouse Renewal Center. For more information call 471-5483. You can also visit our website at www.LRC1.org.



Athenaeum of Cincinnati: Advent Lessons and Carols at the Athenaeum will be held on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 7:30pm, in the Chapel of St. Gregory the Great at Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, 6616 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45230. This inspiring annual service, on the eve of the feast of the Immaculate Conception, includes the reading of seven scriptures Lessons with Advent Carols and Marian hymns sung by the Athenaeum Chorale and the Mount St. Mary’s Seminary Schola. All are welcome and admission is free. Standing room only audiences are anticipated so guests are encouraged to arrive early. Doors to the chapel open at 7pm.

Pregnancy Center West cordially invites you to a special preview performance of “The Nights before Christmas” on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 7:30pm at the Covedale Theater (4990 Glenway Avenue). Filled with romance, heartbreak and mystery, The Nights Before Christmas reveals the dramatic life of Clement C. Moore and the writing of the poem he gave to the world, “A Visit from St. Nicholas”. It’s a love story, a literary mystery, an ode to Christmases gone by – wrapped up in beautiful songs like “Christmas Belongs to Her”, “Summers at Chelsea”. “Tonight, My Lullaby”, “Santa Claus is a Friend of Mine” and an inspiring musical version of “T’was the Night Before Christmas”. Half of all proceeds benefit the Pregnancy Center West. What an enjoyable way to support a good cause! For more information call Karen Mueller at 244-5700 or email her at pcwest@fuse.net.

