

First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2013

MASSES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2013

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:00 am Paul Meyer (d)
11:00 am Ron Hilvers (d)
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2013

- 8:00 am Dr. Bill Westendorf (L)
9:00 am Hahn Family (L)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2013

St. Francis Xavier, priest

- 8:00 am Kristy Westendorf (L)
9:00 am Dan Liming (d)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2013

- 8:00 am Phillip Kelly (d)
9:00 am Thomas Tierney (d)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2013

- 8:00 am Robert Bedel (d)
9:00 am Paul Louis (d)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2013

- 8:00 am Mary Vilardo (d)
9:00 am Lucile Watkins (d)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2013

Saint Ambrose, bishop, doctor of the Church

- 8:00 am Gresham Family
3pm – 4pm **CONFESSIONS**
4:30 pm John Griffin (d)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2013

- 9:00 am Joan Bedel (d)
11:00 am Victor F. Guethlein (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

TRIPLE CREEK RETIREMENT COMMUNITY:

Mary Catherine Dittrich

WESTERN HILLS RETIREMENT VILLAGE:

Donald Jostworth, Mildred Weber

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SERVERS

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- 4:30 pm S Schulz, M Young
9:00 am J Perry, A Barkley
11:00 am T Dao, B Rouse
7:00 pm M Clayton, A Lorenzo-Hernandez

LECTORS

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- 4:30 pm C Manegold
9:00 am J Gonnella
11:00 am C Lageman
7:00 pm S Aufermann

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

December 7/8

- 4:30 pm C Hoffman, L Kreimer,
M Rogers, S Sunderman
9:00 am M A Bedel, K Brannon,
C Schneider, M Schneider
11:00 am T Buttelwerth, N Lageman,
E Prater, C Sunderman
7:00 pm S Hoffman, M Thompson

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

OFFERING

NOVEMBER 24, 2013 – NOT AVAILABLE AT TIME OF PUBLICATION

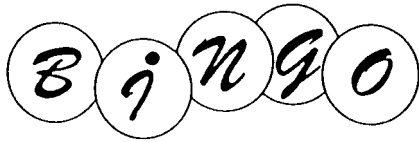
Vocation View: “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” The repentant thief begs forgiveness for his crimes and is promised a share of the Kingdom. Seek the healing and strength that comes from Christ alone! (Luke 23:43)

Thought for the Day: If you have done nothing, or if what you have done has been fruitless because it was done for a human motive, begin immediately to do good works so that at death you will be able to offer something to Jesus Christ in order that He may give you eternal life.

St John Vianney



The Laurentian



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 24: K Lee, H Paxton, Y Morales, J Strawder, R Smith

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26: A Lopez-Nolasco, T Thomas, G Sickman, N Youngblood

SUNDAY: DECEMBER 1: J Behanan, I Harper, K Broadnax, A Landers

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3: A Nolasco, M Stewart, L Rodriguez, I Blake

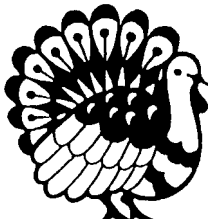
Congratulations to all of the St. Lawrence Students who made the HONOR ROLL at Elder High School for the first quarter:

First Honors: R Hoffman, N Hornback, D Stein

Second Honors: S Blake, W Browning, A Harrison, K Hoffman, M Rogers, A Weingartner.

Mary's Soldier's Needed: If you are interested in helping the Church by praying, visiting nursing homes and visiting shut-ins, please call Gayle Doyle at 471-9400 to find out more about joining the Legion of Mary.

Cincinnati Catholic Alumni Club invites single Catholics to its monthly first Friday home Mass and dinner celebration, on Friday, December, 6, 2013 at 7:30pm at 4072 Race Road, Cincinnati. For more information call Larry at 574-7161 or 520-1323.



from the
Pastor's desk 

**A HAPPY AND BLESSED
THANKSGIVING TO ALL OF YOU!**

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

2014 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 Thanksgiving/Christmas holiday collection of food and monetary donations for families is now 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 will continue through December. Sister's Ministry envelopes are in the back of church and the food barrels are 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 and Christmas for all those who request our help.

Father Angelo Caserta will celebrate his "95th" birthday on Thursday, December 5. Father was pastor here at St. Lawrence from 1970-1984 and is well known and loved by many of you and those parishioners who were members of St. Lawrence during his tenure as pastor. Father is still very active assisting at St. Boniface and St. Mary Parishes in Piqua, Ohio. He is the oldest priest in the Cincinnati Archdiocese.

Let's surprise Father Caserta with a "shower of birthday cards" from all of us who are so blessed to know him. Cards can be mailed to:

Father Angelo Caserta
P. O. Box 1636
Piqua, Ohio 45356-1636

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Pregnancy Center West cordially invites you to a special preview performance of “A Christmas Carol” at the Covedale Theatre (located at 4900 Glenway Ave.) on Wednesday, November 27, 2013 at 7:30pm. Tickets are \$20. Half of all proceeds from our ticket sales will go directly to Pregnancy Center West. Call Pregnancy Center West at 244-5700 or e-mail pcwest@fuse.net to reserve seats. Please help us by telling your family, friends and co-workers about this holiday musical event!

Elder High School invites ALL grade school boys to march with Elder’s marching band in the Price Hill Thanksgiving Day Parade. Special Elder gifts will be given away to the first 300 boys who pre-register at www.elderhs.org. To participate, boys and a parent or guardian should meet in front of Western Hills High School by 9:30am on Thanksgiving morning. School representatives will be on hand. For information, call JP Owens at 921-3744 ext. 3417 or owensjp@elderhs.net.

Elder High School Shadow Program: Choosing the right high school can be a challenging process. Elder’s shadow program allows a young man to go directly to the heart of the high school experience spending a day on campus and in our classrooms. The Elder High School Shadow Program provides an opportunity for prospective students to ask questions of our students and teachers, to sample the ambiance of the school, and to determine if Elder is a place where he will personally be comfortable. To schedule a shadow day, parents should contact J. P. Owens, Director of Admissions and Marketing at 921-3744 ext. 3417 or owensjp@elderhs.net for details.

The Athenaeum of Ohio: Registration for the spring semester which starts Monday, January 6, 2014 and ends on Saturday May 10, 2014 is now being accepted. It is suggested that students register as early as possible in order to have book orders place and books available for the first day of class. Registrations received after Friday, December 13, 2013, for courses starting the week of January 6 to January 11 must be accompanied by a late registration fee of \$40. A list of courses is available at www.athenaeum.edu/classschedule.

Baptism or Confirmation: If you have a child that you would like to have baptized or received into the Catholic Faith, or if you know of a Catholic adult or older child who would like to receive the sacrament of Confirmation this coming March with the 7th and 8th graders, please contact Mrs. Aufermann at 921-4996 or aufermann@stlawrenceparish.org, or contact the rectory at 921-0328.

Cincinnati Catholic Alumni Club invites single Catholics to join them for dinner on Sunday, November 24, 2013 at 5:30pm at Sorrento’s Italian Restaurant, 8794 Reading Road in Reading, Ohio. For more information call Andi at 821-2440.

Sacred Heart Radio: “It is fit and proper that we should consecrate ourselves to His most Sacred Heart an act which is nothing else than an offering and a binding of oneself to Jesus Christ, seeing that whatever honor, veneration and love is given to this divine Heart is really and truly given to Christ Himself.” Pope Leo XIII.

Be more in tune with your Catholic faith by tuning into Sacred Heart Radio every day – 740AM or 89.5FM and online at www.sacredheartradio.com.

Neidhard-Minges Funeral Home is presenting a program designed for all our grieving friends who may need encouragement and insight as the holiday season approaches. Suggestions and resources will be offered for working through the difficult times surrounding the holidays following a death. Together, we will explore the possibilities of healing with hope, honesty and even humor. The program will be held on Sunday, November 24, 2013 from 1pm-3pm at Neidhard-Minges Funeral Home, 3155 Harrison Ave., Westwood. There is no charge for the program. Reservations are appreciated, but not necessary. For questions or reservations call 661-3022.

Diocesan Publications: Jim Mazza, representing Diocesan Publications (our bulletin publisher), is renewing present advertisements and seeking new ones for 2014. If interested please call the parish office at 921-0328 or you may contact Jim directly at 748-3007 or jmazza@diocesan.com. Thanks to you and Diocesan Publications, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish.

The Laurentian

Here is George Washington's Proclamation, which established the Thanksgiving holiday.

A PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION

Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection and favor; and Whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint committee, requested me to "*recommend to the people of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many and signal favors of Almighty God, especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness:*"

Now, therefore, I do recommend and assign Thursday, the 26th day of November next, to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be; that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of this country previous to their becoming a nation; for the signal and manifold mercies and the favorable interpositions of His providence in the course and conclusion of the late war; for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty which we have since enjoyed; for the peaceable and rational manner in which we have been able to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and, in general, for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech Him to pardon our national and other transgressions; to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually; to render our National Government a blessing to all the people by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed; to protect and guide all sovereigns and nations (especially such as have shown kindness to us), and to bless them with good governments, peace, and concord; to promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the increase of science among them and us; and, generally to grant unto all mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as He alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand, at the city of New York, the 3d day of October, A.D. 1789.

George Washington

Celebrate the Season with Glenmary Home Missioners. A holiday concert will be performed by the Fillmore Wind Band featuring Nancy James on Sunday, December 8, 2013, at St. Monica-St. George Catholic Church, Clifton, to benefit the home mission ministry of Glenmary Home Missioners. The 2pm concert, featuring holiday music, is open to music lovers, young and old.

Glenmary Home Missioners is a Cincinnati based religious society of priests and brothers who, along with lay coworkers, establish a Catholic Church presence in Appalachia and the South. Concert-goers will have the opportunity to support the society's mission and ministry through a freewill offering. For more information contact Jennifer Snedigar at 881-7498 or jsnedigar@glenmary.org.

Online Advent/Christmas Calendar The Institute for Christian Formation has once again created an online Advent/Christmas Calendar for each day from December 1, 2013-January 12, 2014. 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. Visit our website at www.instituteforchristianformation.org and click on the Advent/Christmas Calendar link. You can follow the Institute on Facebook for regular updates and more resources.

"In Loving Memory" In January, 2014, a section on the **back of the bulletin** will be available to list a deceased love one's name. The cost is \$52.00 per name and the name will remain on the bulletin for one year. This will 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 29)