

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 20, 2015

MASSES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2015

- 9:00 am Jack & Helen Vogeles (d)
11:00 am William Leesman (d)
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2015

- 8:30 am Hazel Nesselhuf (d)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2015

- 8:30 am Helen Hand (d)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2015

- 8:30 am Marie Rizzo (d)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2015

CHRISTMAS EVE

- 8:30 am Tran Nguyen Family (L)
3:00 pm Kitty & Jack Kloepfer (d)
5:00 pm Bernie Geiser (d)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2015

CHRISTMAS DAY

- Midnight (Christmas Carols and Music--11:30pm)
For all in whose Memory or Honor
Flowers were donated
9:00 am Comarata & Miller Family (d)
11:00 pm Prost Family (d)
7:00 pm NO MASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2015

SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

- 8:30 am Matt James (d)
3pm-4pm CONFESSIONS
4:30 pm Dorothy Bourgholtzer (d)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2015

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

- 9:00 am Walter Meirose (L)-95th birthday
11:00 am Herbert L Bill Family
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

St. Lawrence is Thinking of You

BAYLEY PLACE: Rita Brinker

WESTERN HILLS RETIREMENT VILLAGE:

Donald Jostworth, Mildred Weber

WEST PARK: Ernestine Huber

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SUPPORT OUR PARISH!

BROGAN-HESKETH
Formal Wear
244-2800

SERVERS

December 26/27

- 4:30 pm B Hornback
9:00 am D Mittermeier, O Hand
11:00 am T Wenhold, M Young
7:00 pm U Dao

LECTORS

December 26/27

- 4:30 pm C Manegold
9:00 am J Gonnella
11:00 am C Lageman
7:00 pm M Thompson

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

December 26/27

- 4:30 pm J Brehm, C Hoffman,
C Hornback, N Hornback
9:00 am B Brannon, J Brannon,
C Schneider, M Schneider
11:00 am H Beischel, S Blake,
N Lageman, M Wagner
7:00 pm K Hicks, M Thompson

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

OFFERING

DECEMBER 8, 2015	\$1,066.00
DECEMBER 13, 2015	\$8,462.08
RELIGIOUS RETIREMENT FUND	\$2,094.75

Thank You for your Generosity!

Vocation View: "Mary trusted that the Lord's words to her would be fulfilled. Step out in faith and God will be there to guide you. (Luke 1:39-45)

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 11:30am

Tuesday workers: please report at 5:30pm

Parents of the students listed below are asked to work the following Bingo:

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20: D Thomas, J Taylor, S Saylor

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22: A Rodriquez, L Reynoso DeLeon, D Ramirez-Ambrocio

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27: E Phelps, Jenifer Perez-Perez, V Nguyen

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29: J Ngoie, M Nettles, R Joachin-Aguilar



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 Pastors 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 24 and Thursday, December 31. Eucharistic Adoration will resume on Thursday, January 7.

Catholic Alumni Club invites single Catholics to dinner on Sunday, December 27, 5:30pm at Maury's Tiny Cove, 3908 Harrison Ave., Cheviot. For more information call Larry at 520-1323.

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!

"In Loving Memory" In January, 2016, 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 27