

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018

MASSES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23, 2018

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

- 9:00 am** Helen & Jack Voegel (d)
11:00 am Tau Nguyen (d)
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2018

- 8:30 am** John and Lucile Watkins (d)
VIGIL OF CHRISTMAS

- 3:00 pm** Kitty & Jack Kloepfer (d)
5:00 pm Bernie Geiser (d)
Midnight In Memory & Honor for whom
flowers were donated

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2018

CHRISTMAS DAY

- 9:00 am** Comarata & Miller Families
11:00 am Prost Family (d)
7:00 pm NO MASS

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2018

SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

- 8:30 am** Matt James (d)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2018

SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

- 8:30 am** George Claxton (d)
3pm-5pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2018

THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

- 8:30 am** Rita Brinker (d)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2018

- 8:30 am** Tom Shappelle (d)
4:30 pm Connie Zimmerman (d)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2018

THE HOLY FAMILY

- 9:00 am** Tom Nieders (L)
11:00 am Herb Bill Family
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

St. Lawrence is thinking of you!

BAYLEY PLACE: Anne Morman

WELLINGTON: Margie Frommeyer

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SERVERS

December 29/30

- 4:30 pm** Blake Dugan
9:00 am Jerry Gonnella
11:00 am Emma Pitman
7:00 pm Josh Huiet

LECTORS

December 29/30

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

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

December 29/30

- 4:30 pm** Clete Hoffman, Larry Kreimer
TBD, TBD
9:00 am Brianna Brannon, Jay Brannon
Melissa Jones, Skip Jones
11:00 am Isabella Blake, Shaun Blake
Chris Hornback, Ken Thiergartner
7:00 pm Drake Hicks, Matt Thompson
TBD, TBD

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

OFFERING

DECEMBER 16, 2018 \$8,496.76
Thank You for your Generosity!

Vocation View: "Mary trusted 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: "Now that we are reborn, as I have said, in the likeness of our Lord, and have indeed been adopted by God as His children, let us put on the complete image of Our Creator so as to be wholly like Him, not in the glory that He alone possesses, but in innocence, simplicity, gentleness, patience, humility mercy and harmony; those qualities in which He chose to become, and to be, one with us.

St. Peter Chrysologus

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 23: Lawrence Brown,
Jeffrey Calles Angel, Huyden Dao

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25: NO
CHRISTMAS BINGO

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30: Ishmail
Henderson, Leah Lageman, Carli Long

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1: Nevaeh Mann,
Clair Martin, Nayeli Mendez 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 the 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 His 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 a 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 crucifixion. 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.



Next weekend's Masses and New Year's:

Please be sure to see the Christmas and New Year's Mass schedule on the enclosed insert in the Laurentian!

Gift for the Baby Jesus: St. Lawrence will

once again be collecting new and used baby items through January 13th. These items will assist those in need of baby items and they are donated to Pregnancy Center West. They appreciate baby formula and food, diapers for all sizes, as well as gently used baby clothing, car seats, etc. Please place donations in the manger in church near the crib. Thank you for helping God's precious ones!

