

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH DECEMBER 26, 2021

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, December 26, 2021

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND
JOSEPH

- 9:00 am** Pat Vettel (d)
11:00 am Herbert L. Bill Family
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

MONDAY, December 27, 2021

ST. JOHN, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

- 8:30 am** Lisa Prater Limerick (d)

TUESDAY, December 28, 2021

THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

- 8:30 am** Barb Prater (d)

WEDNESDAY, December 29, 2021

FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD, *St. Thomas*
Beckett, bishop, martyr

- 8:30 am** Connie Zimmerman (d)

THURSDAY, December 30, 2021

SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE
NATIVITY OF THE LORD

- 8:30 am** Jeanne Leesman (d)

3:00 pm–5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

FRIDAY, December 31, 2021

SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE
NATIVITY OF THE LORD, *St. Sylvester I, pope*

- 8:30 a.m.** Carl Martini (d)

SATURDAY, January 1, 2022

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER
OF GOD

- 8:30 am** Ruth Tierney (d)

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

- 4:30 pm** Nancy Spraul (d)

SUNDAY, January 2, 2022

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

- 9:00 am** Carl Armbruster (d)

- 11:00 am** Brenda Beerman (d)

- 7:00 pm** For the Parishioners

PLEASE NOTIFY US AT THE RECTORY when a family member is hospitalized or homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion and/or the Sacrament of Penance.

**Cincy Tool Rental
Propane Tanks Refilled
3741 Warsaw Avenue**

513-921-7227

SERVERS

January 1/2

No Servers Scheduled

LECTORS

January 1/2

No Lectors Scheduled

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

January 1/2

To Be Determined

December 19, 2021

\$ 8,003.00

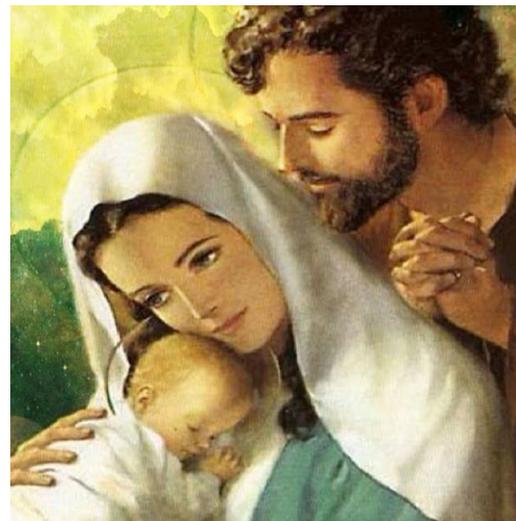
Thank You for your Generosity!

Gift for the Baby Jesus: St. Lawrence will once again be collecting new and used baby items through Jan. 10th. The items will be donated to Pregnancy Center West who will in turn help those in need of the baby items. **They are limiting the collection this year to diapers/pull ups, wipes, formula, onesies/sleepers, and blankets.** Thank you for helping God's precious ones!

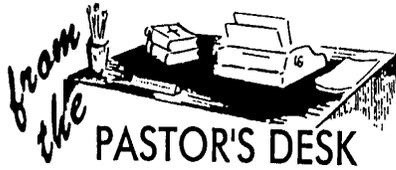
Memorial Flowers :

In memory of Steven M. Grace and Edward Walpole.

In honor of Michael & Marty Grace, Larry Whalen, Jim & Laurie Bauer, The Walpole Family and Father Watkins.



The Laurentian



Eucharistic Adoration: Eucharistic Adoration will be on Thursdays from 3:00-5:00pm. During Eucharistic Adoration, I hear confessions from about 3:15pm-3:45pm.

Beacons of Light: The final version of the breakdown of parishes of families can be viewed on the Archdiocese website at www.beaconsoflight.org.

Installation of the church tile floor will begin on Monday, January 3, 2022. It will take 4-5 weeks to complete the project. In order for the project to go as quickly and smoothly as possible, we will move weekend and daily Masses and confessions into the Parish Center beginning Monday, January 3. In case of a funeral, the funeral home will call St. Lawrence as usual. I will determine whether the funeral Mass will be held at St. Teresa or St. William. The funeral will be planned here at St. Lawrence and we will use our own St. Lawrence musicians, servers and bereavement.

Just to be clear, all Christmas Masses and all the Masses of the season through Epiphany (January 2) are in church. You can enjoy the Christmas decorations in church until January 3.

St. Lawrence Bulletin Advertisements:

Jim Mazza represents the Diocesan (our Bulletin Publisher). He will be renewing present advertisements and seeking new ones. If interested, please call the parish office. Or you may contact Jim directly at 748-3007 or jmazza@diocesan.com. We feel this is an excellent service and that the sponsors get good coverage with their ads. Thanks to you and Diocesan, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish.

St. Lawrence in Loving Memory:

Starting January 2022, a section of the back of the bulletin will be available to list a deceased loved one's name. The cost is \$55.00 per name and all names will remain in the bulletin for one year. This helps 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 the Parish Office, 3680 Warsaw Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45205.

Loved One's Name

Your
Name

Billing Address

Phone Number

Email Address

(Enclose check payable to Diocesan)



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 them 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 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 a 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.

From Trustful Surrender to Divine Providence

It is related of Blessed Stephanie of Soncino, a Dominican nun, that she was one day carried in spirit to Heaven to see the happiness of the Saints. She saw their souls mingling with the choirs of angels according to each one's degree of merit, and noticed among the Seraphim several persons she had known before their deaths. Having asked why these souls were raised to such a high degree of glory, she was told it was because of the conformity and perfect union of their will's with God's while they lived on earth. Now, if this conformity to the will of God raises souls to the highest degree of glory in Heaven among the Seraphim, it must be concluded that it raises them on earth to the highest degree of grace and on it is founded the highest perfection man can attain.

Since it is the most perfect act of charity and the most pleasing and acceptable sacrifice that is given to man to offer to God, there can be no doubt that whoever practices entire submission to His Will lays up inestimable treasures at every moment and amasses more riches in a few days than others are able to acquire in many years and with great labor. To remain indifferent to good fortune or to adversity by accepting it all from the hand of God without questioning, not to ask for things to be done as we would like them but as God wishes, to make the intention of all our prayers that God's will should be perfectly accomplished in ourselves and in all creatures is to find the secret of happiness and content. *He fulfills the desire of those who fear him, says the Psalmist, He hears their cry and saves them. The Lord keeps all who love him.* And again: We know that for those who love God all things work together unto good.

by Fr. Jean Baptists Saint-Jure, S.J.



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Awake, mankind! For your sake God has become man. *Awake, you who sleep, rise up from the dead, and Christ will enlighten you.* I tell you again: for your sake, God became man.

You would have suffered eternal death, had he not been born in time. Never would you have been freed from sinful flesh, had he not taken on himself the likeness of sinful flesh. You would have suffered everlasting unhappiness, had it not been for his mercy. You would never have returned to life, had he not shared your death. You would have been lost if he had not hastened to your aid. You would have perished, had he not come.

Let us then joyfully celebrate the coming our salvation and redemption. Let us celebrate the festive day on which he, who is the great and eternal day, came from the great and endless day of eternity into our own short day of time.

He has become our justice, our sanctification, our redemption, so that, as it is written: Let him who glories glory in the Lord.

Truth, then, has arisen from the earth: Christ who said, I am the Truth, was born of a virgin. And justice looked down from heaven: because believing in this new-born child, man is justified not by himself but by God.

Truth has arisen from the earth: because the Word was made flesh. And justice looked down from heaven: because every good gift and every perfect gift is from above.

Truth has arisen from the earth: flesh from Mary. And justice looked down from heaven: for man can receive nothing unless it has been given him from heaven.

Justified by faith, let us be at peace with God: for justice and peace have embraced one another. Through our Lord Jesus Christ: For truth has arisen from the earth. Through whom we have access to that grace in which we stand, and our boast is in our hope of God's glory. He does not say: "of our glory," but of God's glory: for justice has not preceded from us but has looked down from heaven. Therefore, he who glories, let him glory, not in himself, but in the Lord.

For this reason, when our Lord was born of the virgin, the message of the angelic voices was: *Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.*

For how could there be peace on earth unless *Truth has arisen from the earth*, that is, unless Christ was born of our flesh? And *he is our peace who made the two into one*: that we might be men of good will, sweetly linked by the bond of unity.'

Let us then rejoice in this grace, so that our glorying may bear witness to our good conscience by which we glory, not in ourselves, but in the Lord. That is why Scripture says: *He is my glory, the one who lifts up my head.* For what greater grace could God have made to dawn on us than to make his only Son become the son of man, so that a son of man might in his turn become son of God?

Ask if this were merited; ask for its reason, for its justification, and see whether you will find any other answer but sheer grace.

by St. Augustine, bishop

