

**MASSES OF THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2009**

- 9:00 am Paul Plagge
- 11:00 am Carl Ackerman
- 7:00 pm For the Parishioners

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2009**

- 8:00 am Steph Turner
- 9:00 am Robert (Bob) Bedel

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2009**

Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, martyr, and his companions

- 8:00 am Marilyn Bill
- 9:00 am Emily Ferrari

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 2009**

- 8:00 am Arthur Roeck
- 9:00 am William (Bill) Mueller

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2009**

**THANKSGIVING DAY**

- 8:00 am Valera & Raymond Wiest
- 9:00 am Ray & Charlotte Gels
- 3pm – 5pm **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2009**

- 8:00 am Charlie Catanzaro
- 9:00 am Mimi Wittich

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2009**

- 8:00 am Marcella Beckman
- 3 – 4 pm **CONFESSIONS**
- 4:30 pm Charles Iles

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2009**

- 9:00 am Mimi Wittich
- 11:00 am Josephine Griffin
- 7:00 pm For the Parishioners

**St. Lawrence is Thinking of You**

**WESTERN HILLS RETIREMENT VILLAGE:**

Mary Catherine Dittrich, Donald Jostworth

**ARCHBISHOP LIEBOLD HOME:** Irma Hornback

**BAYLEY PLACE:** Ruth Jean Boschert, Joan Kramer, Ted Saupe, William Weidner, Virginia Zwick

**PLACE YOUR AD IN OUR BULLETIN AND SUPPORT OUR PARISH!**

**ADAM'S CAR CARE**  
3614 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street  
921-0540

All Car repair – Oil Changes  
Brakes & Transmissions

**PLEASE CONSIDER INCLUDING ST. LAWRENCE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL**

**PLEASE NOTIFY THE RECTORY WHEN:** A family member is hospitalized or homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, the Sacrament of Penance and/or the Anointing of the Sick

**SERVERS**

**November 28/29**

- 4:30 pm M McGinnis, O Hand
- 9:00 am B Brannon, T Waters
- 11:00 am J Moses, J Moses
- 7:00 pm J Junker, J Junker

**LECTORS**

**November 28/29**

- 4:30 pm C Manegold
- 9:00 am J Gonnella
- 11:00 am E Prater
- 7:00 pm A Backs

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**November 28/29**

- 4:30 pm *R Strack*, N Hornback  
E Hornback, K Hornback
- 9:00 am *B Kessling*, L Kessling  
K Brannon, K Brannon
- 11:00 am *N Lageman*, S Hines  
J Grimm, H Beischel
- 7:00 pm *C Balz*, J Cassiere  
M Thompson, S Hoffman

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

**OFFERING**

**NOVEMBER 15, 2009**

**\$8,544.03**

*Thank You For Your Generosity*

**Vocation View:** Jesus claims, "Anyone committed to the truth hears my voice." Commit yourself to truth and heed the voice of God. (John 18:33-37)

**Thought for the Day:** The everlasting God has in His wisdom, foreseen from eternity the cross that He now presents to you as a gift from His inmost heart. This cross He now sends you, He has considered with His all-knowing eyes, understood with His Divine mind, tested with His wise justice, warmed with His loving arms and weighed with His own hands, to see that it be not one inch too large and not one ounce too heavy for you. He has blessed it with His holy Name, anointed it with His grace, perfumed it with His consolation, taken one last glance at you and your courage, and then sent it to you from heaven, a special greeting from God to you, an alms of the all-merciful love of God. Our business is to love what would have done. He wills our vocation as it is. Let us love that and not trifle away our time hankering after other people's vocations. *St. Francis de Sales*

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## Bingo

**Sunday workers: please report at 11:30 AM**

**Tuesday workers: please report at 5:30 PM**

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

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22:** C McAmis, C Moore, J Moses, J Phelps

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24:** H Rouse, B Studt, T Waters, I Kirksey

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29:** J Antoni, J Schlachter, S Perry

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1:** J Beard, J Blake, D Brown, B Browning

**Natural Family Planning (NFP):** Safe, healthy, morally right, and effective for both achieving and postponing pregnancy – that's the natural family planning method taught by NFP International. For more information or registration call Sheila or John Kippley at 661-7396.

**Eldermount Adult Day Program** is seeking volunteers to assist in setting tables, serving food, and cleaning up for members' lunches weekdays from 11:30am-1:30pm. Interested individuals should contact Jodi Mayhaus at 347-5535. Eldermount provides services for members, which promote holistic well being, through health services, social services, and activities.

**Cincinnati Good timers Senior Group** meets on the second Thursday of every month at Nathaniel Greene Lodge, 6934 Wesselman Rd. All are welcome for dancing and fun from 7:30-10pm. Cost is \$6 per person. Includes entertainment, soft drinks and snacks. Call Cathy or Bill Powers at 513-598-6196 for questions.

**Lost and Found:** There are 8 pairs of reading glasses, a couple of earrings, and other items. Please call the rectory at 921-0328.

**Catholic Cruise to the Exotic Western Caribbean:** Come and sail away on a 7-night Catholic Exotic Western Caribbean Cruise with Father Michael Sullivan on the Carnival Glory out of Miami, Florida on February 21-28, 2010. Ports of call: Grand Cayman, Cayman Island, Isla Roatan, Belize, and Cozumel (Mexico) Prices begin at \$1153 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass and Rosary offered. Deposits of only \$50 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further information or to register contact Doug or Eileen at 960-399-1785 or [dpaytc@aol.com](mailto:dpaytc@aol.com).

## from the *Pastor's Desk*

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

Also, for Advent, I have for you some daily meditation Advent prayer books. They are available in the back of Church. And, please remember, that the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday December 8<sup>th</sup> is a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

**Remembering the Dead:** Traditionally, November is the month in which we remember in special and practical ways the deceased members of our families, our deceased friends and all of the faithful departed.

I want to take this opportunity to correct a popular misconception of Church teaching about when a person dies. Too many people believe that when a loved one dies he or she somehow automatically goes to heaven. Well, maybe yes, maybe no. That they are in heaven is our hope, of course. But we do not know the state of a person's soul when he or she dies, only God knows that. We are not the judge, only God is. When a person dies in a state of grace but their soul is not completely prepared to enter heaven, then he or she is placed in Purgatory for purification. (God forbid that a person should die outside of the state of grace, that is, with unconfessed, unrepented mortal sins on their soul.) So, what we should be doing for the deceased is praying that our hope of salvation and eternal life with the Lord will be realized in them. Hence, we ought to pray for them, and offer our sufferings for the repose of their souls.

**Healthcare Legislation:** Information regarding the issues surrounding the current Healthcare debate can be accessed from our St. Lawrence website at [www.stlawrenceparish.org](http://www.stlawrenceparish.org).

**Helpers of God's Precious Infants Prayer Vigil for Life** has accepted the invitation of Fr. Thomas Bolte, pastor of St. Teresa of Avila Parish, 1175 Overlook Ave., Price Hill, to sponsor the Holy sacrifice of the Mass every second Saturday of the month at 8:30am. The Mass will be followed by a rosary procession to the nearby Planned Parenthood facility. Archbishop Dennis Schnurr will celebrate Mass on Saturday, December 12<sup>th</sup>. Remember, on the first, third, and fourth Saturdays of each month we will continue our 13-year prayer vigil at Holy Name Church, 2448 Auburn Ave., Cincinnati, with an 8am Mass, Rosary, and Benediction.  
**PRAY TO END ABORTION!**

**Learn more about your Catholic faith:** While driving your car tune your radio to 740AM, Sacred Heart Radio. Listen to call-in and talk shows that examine your faith. Hear the rosary and daily Mass! Also, visit the following website [www.sacredheartradio.com](http://www.sacredheartradio.com).  
**Sacred Heart Radio, 740 AM.**



### **19<sup>th</sup> Annual Price Hill Thanksgiving Day Parade!!**

Thanksgiving Day Parade begins at 10am Thursday, November 26<sup>th</sup> at Western Hills High School, Glenway Ave. & Ferguson Road and proceeds east on Glenway Ave. to Warsaw Ave. and concludes at St. Lawrence Church. Jack Kahny, owner of Kahny Printing, and Darlene Mullens, manager of Skyline Chili on Warsaw, have been named king and queen of the parade. Tom Otten, Elder High principal is grand marshal. Festivities at the St. Lawrence Parish Center will include the following: pictures with Santa, a petting zoo, clowns, and refreshments. Festivities start at 10am and continue until 1:00pm. This year the parade will be televised on Cincinnati cable channel 4 at 8pm, Thursday, 10am, Friday, 3pm, and 9pm Saturday and 1:30pm on Sunday. Come and experience this Wonderful Family Event!!



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 thanks-giving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many single 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 single and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of His providence, which we experienced 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 enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted, of the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed, and the means we have to acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge and in general for all the great and various favors which He hath been pleased to confer upon us.

And also that we may then unite in most humble 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 people, by constantly being a government 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 unto us) and to bless them with good government, 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 and temporal prosperity as He alone know to be best.

George Washington

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**Mark your Calendars:** The second annual St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus New Year's Eve Dance is quickly approaching. Further details will be forthcoming. Plan on ringing in the New Year with your friends here at St. Lawrence.

**Advent Lessons & Carols** will be held on Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the Chapel of Mount St. Mary's Seminary, 6616 Beechmont Ave., Cincinnati. The annual service includes the reading of seven scriptures Lessons with Advent Carols sung by the Athenaeum Chorale & the Mount St. Mary's Seminary Schola Cantorum. Admission is free. The doors to the chapel will open at 7pm.



**Book Signing:** Father Mark Burger will be autographing copies of his new book, "Hearing God's Voice" from 1:30pm to 3:30pm, Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, at Inner Visions Religious Books and Gifts Shop at 8556 Beechmont Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Father Burger, a popular preacher, retreat master and spiritual director, offers in this book a brief meditation, - a kind of mini-retreat - for each day of the year drawn from his vast reading and life experience. Father Burger, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church in West Chester, said he put these reflections into book form "so that people would have a better sense that they can hear God's voice, that God talks to every one of us, usually in the context of our life." Hearing God's voice is a gift that will keep giving throughout the year! If you are unable to attend the book signing visit our website at [www.stjohnwc.org](http://www.stjohnwc.org)

**OUR LADY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT CENTER:**

Father Dan Kroger, O.F.M. CEO of the St. Anthony Messenger will speak on the topic: From Me to We - Learning to think of the common good. It will be held on December 5<sup>th</sup> at OLHSC, 5440 Moeller Avenue, Norwood, Ohio. All are welcome to this free event. For more information call 351-9800.

## SCHOOL NEWS



**Enjoy the City:** St. Lawrence School wants you to Enjoy the City! We are selling coupon books to raise money to buy classroom chairs. Each coupon book costs \$20 and has over \$1,500 in valuable offers for dining, recreation, services, and entertainment. Stop in the back of church after Mass this weekend, November 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> to purchase your book.

**Scrap Paper Request:** The school office is in need of scrap paper. There is very much paperwork involved in educating our students and keeping our parents up-to-date. The price of paper has gone up along with everything else and we could use your help to conserve. If you know of anyone that may have one-sided scrap paper available, please have them contact the school office at 921-4996. Thank You!

**Boy Scout Troop 302** will be selling Christmas trees here at St. Lawrence, Thanksgiving weekend, Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> from 12pm-6pm & Sunday November 29<sup>th</sup> from 9am-8pm. The cost will be \$20 per tree. For more information or for pre-sale call Ned Hand at 919-4846.

**Volunteers Needed:** Tutor a child or adult with low level literacy skills. Locations and times will fit various schedules. For more information on upcoming training sessions call 513-621-READ (7323). Change a life through literacy!

## HONOR ROLL

**Congratulations:** to the St. Lawrence students who made the Honor Roll at Seton High School.

**First Honors:** A Studt and N Rogers

**Second Honors:** K Brannon, K Frey, E Hornback, J Loechel, J Phelps, K Hornback, S Hickey, L Pham, E Hand, and J Nguyen.

**Congratulations:** to the St. Lawrence students who made the Honor Roll at Elder High School.

**First Honors:** J Harrison and R Murphy