

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24, 2017

MASSES OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2017

- 9:00 am Marie Axt (d)
11:00 am Robert Rinear (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

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2017

CHRISTMAS DAY

- 9:00 am Lisa Limerick (d)
11:00 am Deceased Prost family
7:00 pm NO MASS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26, 2017

SAINT STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

- 8:30 am Comarata & Miller families

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2017

SAINT JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

- 8:30 am Pilgrims & Elder Class of '47 & '48

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2017

THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

- 8:30 am Tom Burger (d)
3pm-5pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2017

- 8:30 am Matt James (d)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2017

- 8:30 am Jeanne Leesman (d)
4:30 pm Rita Brinker (d)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2017

THE HOLY FAMILY

- 9:00 am Deogracias Lerma, Sr. (d)
11:00 am Mary Ann Coriell (d)
7:00 pm For the parishioners

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 2018

MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

(Not a Holy Day of Obligation)

- 8:30 am Julia & William Hahn (d)

St. Lawrence is thinking of you!

WELLINGTON: Margie Frommeyer

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5178 Crookshank Road
922-0203**

SERVERS

December 30/31

- 4:30 pm Sarah Haverbusch, Joseph Haverbusch
9:00 am Jerry Gonnella
11:00 am Emma Lageman
7:00 pm Josh Huiet

LECTORS

December 30/31

- 4:30 pm TBD
9:00 am TBD
11:00 am TBD
7:00 pm TBD

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

December 30/31

- 4:30 pm TBD
9:00 am TBD
11:00 am TBD
7:00 pm TBD

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

OFFERING

DECEMBER 17, 2017

\$10,273.15

Thank You for your Generosity!

Vocation View: Mary was called to be open to the extraordinary. What do you need to say "let it be" in response to God's call to you? Trust that the Lord is with you and will guide you always. (Luke 1:26-38)

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 24: NO BINGO

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26: Ta'Kaia Miller, Arianna Pence, Brayon Perez-Vasquez

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31: Shane Perez-Morales, Yurem Roblero-Morales, Alianna Rojas

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2: Randy Velasquez, Jacob Watkins, Arianna Amison

Seton High School Day of Reflection: Let your spirit SOAR! Whether you are single, have a young family or you are a grandmother, all alumnae and friends are invited to join us as keynote speaker Fr. Mark Burger, along with other speakers, help keep us grounded. This event is on Saturday, January 27, 2018 from 8:30am to 1:30pm at Seton High School. Cost is \$30 and includes a light breakfast and lunch. Register on line at www.setoncincinnati.org or call Seton at 471-2600, ext 2423.

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. They are in need of diapers of all sizes, formula, baby food, new and gently used baby clothes, car seats, walkers, etc. Please put donations in the manger in church. Thank you for helping God's precious ones!



On Sunday, January 1st at 1pm at the Krohn Conservatory, 1502 Eden Park Drive, there will be a live presentation of the visit of the Three Kings to the Manger at Bethlehem. A combined elder/Seton Choir will perform songs starting at 12:30pm. There is no charge and families will be allowed to take pictures with the Holy Family and the Three Kings after the performance.



Next weekend's Masses and New Year's: Please make sure you see next weekend's Mass schedule in the Laurentian!

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.