

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME September 20, 2020

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY September 20, 2020

- 9:00 am** Frank Kersting (d)
11:00 am Elaine Kleinberg (l)
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

MONDAY, September 21, 2020

ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

7:15 am

8:30 am Larry Weinheimer (d)

TUESDAY, September 22, 2020

7:15 am

8:30 am Ronald Hesse (d)

WEDNESDAY, September 23, 2020

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:30 am Larry Kloefer (d)

THURSDAY, September 24, 2020

8:30 am Camilla Meyer (d)

3:00-5:00pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

FRIDAY, September 25, 2020

7:15 am

8:30 am Mary Blum (d)

SATURDAY, September 26, 2020

BVM on Saturday

8:30 am Thomas Herzog (d)

4:30 pm Paul Kleinberg (d)

SUNDAY, September 27, 2020

9:00 am Barb Prater (d)

11:00 am Lee Hammersmith (d)

7:00 pm For the Parishioners

SERVERS

September 26/27

No Servers scheduled.

LECTORS

September 26/27

No Lectors scheduled.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

September 26/27

No Eucharistic Ministers scheduled.

OFFERING

September 13, 2020

\$8,204.00

Thank You for your Generosity!

Vocation View: The Kingdom of Heaven is built by mutual cooperation, not competition. Work together to build the Kingdom, regardless of when God calls. (Matthew 20:1-16) To talk about your discernment of the Priesthood, please contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations at dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org.

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St. Lawrence RCIA 2020-2021:

A wonderful way to spread the good news that Jesus is the way to heaven would be to encourage any non-Catholic you know to attend the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult instruction classes.

Classes are on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the Music Room. Please call the rectory, 921-0328, for further information and registration.

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.

The Laurentian

We are celebrating the feast of the cross which drove away darkness and brought in the light. As we keep this feast, we are lifted up with the crucified Christ, leaving behind us earth and sin so that we may gain the things above. So great and outstanding a possession is the cross that he who wins it has won a treasure. Rightly could I call this treasure the fairest of all fair things and the costliest, in fact as well as in name, for on it and through it and for its sake the riches of salvation that have been lost were restored to us.

Had there been no cross, Christ could not have been crucified. Had there been no cross, life itself could not have been nailed to the tree. And if life had not been nailed to it, there would be no streams of immortality pouring from Christ's side, blood and water for the world's cleansing. The legal bond of our sin would not be canceled, we should not have obtained our freedom, we should not have enjoyed the fruit of the tree of life and the gates of paradise would not stand open. Had there been no cross, death would not have been trodden underfoot, nor hell despoiled.

Therefore, the cross is something wonderfully great and honorable. It is great because through the cross the many noble acts of Christ found their consummation---very many indeed, for both his miracles and his sufferings were fully rewarded with victory. The cross is honorable because it is both the sign of God's suffering and the trophy of his victory. It stands for his suffering because on it he freely suffered unto death. But it is also his trophy because it was the means by which the devil was wounded and death conquered; the barred gates of hell were smashed, and the cross became the one common salvation of the whole world.

The cross is called Christ's glory; it is saluted as his triumph. We recognize it as the cup he longed to drink and the climax of the sufferings he endured for our sake. As to the cross being Christ's glory, listen to his words: *Now is the Son of Man glorified, and in him God is glorified, and God will glorify him at once.* And again: *Father, glorify me with the glory I had with you before the world came to be.* And once more: *Father glorify your name. Then a voice came from heaven: I have glorified it and will glorify it again.* Here he speaks

of the glory that would accrue to him through the cross. And if you would understand that the cross is Christ's triumph, hear what he himself also said: *When I am lifted up, then I will draw all men to myself.* Now you can see that the cross is Christ's glory and triumph.

By St. Andrew of Crete, bishop



School Mass & New Daily Mass: On

Monday Tuesday and Friday the school children are coming over for the 8:30 a.m. mass. In order to give adults the option to attend mass without school children I have a 7:15 a.m. mass on Monday Tuesday and Friday. Adults can go to the 8:30 a.m. mass if they wish. But there is the option.

Major Award: The total for raffle tickets sold is \$19,526.00. Thank you! The final drawing was Monday, September 7 after the 8:30 Mass.

First Prize \$2,000.00 Carolyn & Mike Cavanaugh
Second Prize \$1,000.00 John C. Flohr
Third Prize \$500.00 Mary Ann Comer

For all Masses, we are observing health and safety guidelines. So, for example, observe social distancing. Pews to remain empty are closed off with gold string. The side pews are for families. Ushers available to help you with seating. For now, everyone (age 10 and up) attending Mass is supposed to wear a mask. The maintenance staff is disinfecting the church after Masses. Please refrain from attending Mass if you have a fever or any flu-like symptoms.

For Communion, everyone should come up the center aisle in a staggered line, right or left, every 6 feet and return to the pews by the side aisles. Please come up to the Communion rail and kneel or stand.

The martyrdom of the Virgin is set forth both in the prophecy of Simeon and in the actual story of our Lord's passion. The holy old man said of the infant Jesus: *He has been established as a sign which will be contradicted.* He went on to say to Mary: *And your own heart will be pierced by a sword.*

Truly, O blessed Mother, a sword has pierced your heart. For only by passing through your heart could the sword enter the flesh of your Son. Indeed, after your Jesus---who belongs to everyone, but is especially yours---gave up his life, the cruel spear, which was not withheld from his lifeless body, tore open his side. Clearly it did not touch his soul and could not harm him, but it did pierce your heart. For surely his soul was no longer there, but yours could not be torn away. Thus the violence of sorrow has cut through your heart, and we rightly call you more than martyr, since the effect of compassion in you has gone beyond the endurance of physical suffering.

O were those words: *Woman, behold your son*, not more than a sword to you, truly piercing your heart, cutting through to the division between soul and spirit? What an exchange! John is given to you in place of Jesus, the servant in place of the Lord, the discipline in place of the master, the son of Zebedee replaces the Son of God, a mere man replaces God himself. How could these words not pierce your most loving heart, when the mere remembrance of them breaks ours, hearts of stone and iron though they are!

Do not be surprised, brothers, that Mary is said to be a martyr in spirit. Let him be surprised who does not remember the words of Paul, that one of the greatest crimes of the Gentiles was that they were without love. That was far from the heart of Mary; let it be far from her servants.

Perhaps someone will say: "Had she not known before that he would die?" Undoubtedly. "Did she not expect him to rise again at once?" Surely. "And still she grieved over her crucified Son?" Intensely. Who are you and what is the source of your wisdom that you are more surprised at the compassion of Mary than at the passion of Mary's Son? For if he could die in body, could she not die with him in spirit? He died in body through a love greater than anyone had known. She died in spirit through a love unlike any other since his.



The Laurentian

“Who is this who even forgives sins?”

Not only during his life, but even in the arms of death, from the pulpit of the cross, Christ preached to us words few in number, but burning with love, most useful and efficacious, and in every way worthy to be engraved on the heart of every Christian, to be preserved there, meditated upon, and fulfilled literally and in deed. His first word is this, *And Jesus said: Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do...*

Forgive, This word contains the chief petition which the Son of God, as the advocate for his enemies, made to his Father....*Them*. This word applied to all for whose pardon Christ prayed. In the first place it is applied to those who really nailed Christ to the cross, and cast lots for his garments. It may also be extended to all who were the cause of our Lord’s Passion...and, to proceed still farther, to the first man and all his posterity who by their sins occasioned Christ’s death. And thus from his cross our Lord prayed for the forgiveness of all his enemies....

Therefore, our High Priest Christ made a commemoration for all of us, even before our birth, in that most holy *Memento*, if I may so speak, which he made in the first Sacrifice of the Mass which he celebrated on the altar of the cross. What return then, O my soul, will you make to the Lord for all that he has done for you, even before you had a being? Our dear Lord saw that you also would one day rank yourself with his enemies, and though you asked not, nor sought him, he prayed for you to his Father not to lay to your charge the fault of folly. Does it not behoove you to bear in mind so sweet a Patron, and to make every effort to serve him faithfully in all things?

St. Robert Bellarmine

Mercy McAuley High School Shadow Day Registration Now Open Mercy McAuley’s Shadow Day registration is now open to 8th grade girls! On Shadow Days, 8th grade guests will be placed into a small group of three or four 8th graders, and they will remain with this small “Pack” throughout the day.

Unlike in years past, they will not follow one Mercy McAuley student the entire day. Instead, they will travel with their small 8th grade Pack, visiting several classes together throughout the day. They’ll eat lunch with our Student Ambassadors, participate in a service project, learn cheers, and hear about clubs and extracurriculars from students. Full-day and some half-day options are available; Shadow Days begin in October.

Registration is required at www.mercymcauley.org/Shadow. To maintain safe social distancing, capacity will be limited for each Shadow Day. Additional dates will be added if needed. Any parents interested in a virtual shadow day option may contact Alli Miazga, Recruitment & Admissions Coordinator, at miazgaa@mercymcauley.org or 681-1800 x2272.

