

**TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME      September 27, 2020**

**INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY September 27, 2020**

- 9:00 am** Barb Prater (d)  
**11:00 am** Lee Hammersmith (d)  
**7:00 pm** For the Parishioners

**MONDAY, September 28, 2020**

- 7:15 am**  
**8:30 am** Peggy Godfrey (d)

**TUESDAY, September 29, 2020**  
SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND  
RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

- 7:15 am**  
**8:30 am** Maureen Stephenson (d)

**WEDNESDAY, September 30, 2020**  
St. Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church

- 8:30 am** Jerry Schwager (d)

**THURSDAY, October 1, 2020**  
St. Theresa of the child Jesus, virgin, doctor  
of the church

- 8:30 am** Joseph Bonno (d)  
**3:00-5:00pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**FRIDAY, October 2, 2020**  
The Holy Guardian Angels

- 7:15 am**  
**8:30 am** Michael Guethlein (d)

**SATURDAY, October 3, 2020**  
*BVM on Saturday*

- 8:30 am** Henry Hofmeyer (d)  
**4:30 pm** Jerry Eisenmann (d)

**SUNDAY, October 4, 2020**

- 9:00 am** Paul Kleinberg (d)  
**11:00 am** Carol Coors (d)  
**7:00 pm** For the Parishioners

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**SERVERS**

**October 3/4**  
No Servers scheduled.

**LECTORS**

**October 3/4**  
No Lectors scheduled.

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**October 3/4**  
No Eucharistic Ministers scheduled.

**OFFERING**

**September 20, 2020                      \$9,080.00**

*Thank You for your Generosity!*

**Vocation View:** “Your ways, O Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths.” The paths of the Lord lead to eternal life, if we but have the courage to walk where He leads. (Psalm 25:4) To talk about your discernment, please contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations at [dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org).

**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 pray** for the repose of the soul of Angela Hofmeyer who died this past week.

**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

You should be aware that the word “angel” denotes a function rather than a nature. Those holy spirits of heaven have indeed always been spirits. They can only be called angels when they deliver some message. Moreover, those who delivered messages of lesser importance are called angels; and those who proclaim messages of supreme importance are called archangels.

And so it was that not merely an angel but the archangel Gabriel was sent to the Virgin Mary. It was only fitting that the highest angel should come to announce the greatest of all messages.

Some angels are given proper names to denote the service they are empowered to perform. In that holy city, where perfect knowledge flows from the vision of almighty God, those who have no names may easily be known. But personal names are assigned to some, not because they could not be known without them, but rather to denote their ministry when they come among us. Thus, Michael means “Who is like God?”; Gabriel is “The strength of God”; and Raphael is God’s Remedy.”

Whenever some act of wondrous power must be performed, Michael is sent, so that his action and his name may make it clear that no one can do what God does by his superior power. So also our ancient foe desired in his pride to be like God, saying: *I will ascend into heaven; I will exalt my throne above the stars of heaven; I will be like the Most High.* He will be allowed to remain in power until the end of the world when he will be destroyed in the final punishment. Then, he will fight with the archangel Michael, as we are told by John: *A battle was fought with Michael the archangel.*

So too Gabriel, who is called God’s strength, was sent to Mary. He came to announce the One who appeared as a humble man to quell the cosmic powers. Thus God’s strength announced the coming of the Lord of the heavenly powers, mighty in battle.

Raphael means, as I have said, God’s remedy, for when he touched Tobit’s eyes in order to cure him, he banished the darkness of his blindness. Thus, since he is to heal, he is rightly called God’s remedy.

*St. Gregory the Great, pope*



**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.

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.

Since my longing for martyrdom was powerful and unsettling, I turned to the epistles of St. Paul in the hope of finally finding an answer. By chance the twelfth and thirteenth chapters of the first epistle to the Corinthians caught my attention, and in the first section I read that not everyone can be an apostle, prophet or teacher, that the Church is composed of a variety of members, and that the eye cannot be the hand. Even with such an answer revealed before me, I was not satisfied and did not find peace.

I persevered in the reading and did let not my mind wander until I found this encouraging theme: *set your desires on the greater gifts. And I will now show you the way which surpasses all others.* For the Apostle insists that the greater gifts are nothing at all without love and that this same love is surely the best path leading directly to God. At length I have found peace of mind.

When I had looked upon the mystical body of the Church, I recognized myself in none of the members which St. Paul described, and what is more, I desired to distinguish myself more favorably within the whole body. Love appeared to me to be the hinge for my vocation. Indeed, I knew that the Church had a body composed of various members, but in this body the necessary and more noble member was not lacking; I knew that the Church had a heart and that such a heart appeared to be aflame with love. I knew that one love drove the members of the Church to action, that if this love were extinguished, the apostles would have proclaimed the Gospel no longer, the martyrs would have shed their blood no more. I saw and realized that love sets off the bounds of all vocations, that love is everything, that this same love embraces every time and every place. In one word, that love is everlasting.

Then nearly ecstatic with the supreme joy in my soul, I proclaimed: O Jesus, my love, at last I have found my calling: my call is love. Certainly I have found my proper place in the Church, and you gave me that very place, my God. In the heart of the Church, my mother, I will be love, and thus I will be all things, as my desire finds its direction.

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.

*St. Theresa of the Child Jesus, virgin*



## **The Laurentian**

*He has given his angels charge over you to guard you in all your ways. Let them thank the Lord for his mercy; his wonderful works are for the children of men.* Let them give thanks and say among the nations, the Lord has done great things for them. O Lord, what is man that you have made yourself known to him, or why do you incline your heart to him? And you do incline your heart to him; you show him your care and your concern. Finally, you send your only Son and the grace of your Spirit, and promise him a vision of your countenance. And so, that nothing in heaven should be wanting in your concern for us, you send those blessed spirits to serve us, assigning them as our guardians and our teachers.

*He has given his angels charge over you to guard in all your ways.* These words should fill you with respect, inspire devotion and instill confidence; respect for the presence of angels, devotion because of their loving service, and confidence because of their protection. And so the angels are here; they are at your side, they are with you, present on your behalf. They are here to protect you and to serve you. But even if it is God who has given them this charge, we must nonetheless be grateful to them for the great love with which they obey and come to help us in our great need.

So let us be devoted and grateful to such great protectors; let us return their love and honor them as much as we can and should. Yet all our love and honor must go to him, for it is from him that they receive all that makes them worthy of our love and respect.

We should then, my brothers, show our affection for the angels, for one day they will be our coheirs just as here below they are our guardians and trustees appointed and set over us by the Father.

We are God's children although it does not seem so, because we are still but small children under guardians and trustees, and for the present little better than slaves.

Even though we are children and have a long, a very long and dangerous way to go, with such protectors what we have to fear? They who keep us in all our ways cannot be overpowered or led astray, much less lead us astray. They are loyal, prudent, powerful. Why then are we afraid? We have only to follow them, stay close to them, and we shall dwell under the protection of God's heaven.

*by St. Bernard of Clairvaux*

### **Prayer to St. Michael**

St. Michael, the archangel, defend us in battle; be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

### **To My Guardian Angel**

Angel of God, my guardian dear,  
To whom his love commits me here,  
Ever this day be at my side,  
To light and guard, to rule and guide.  
Amen.