

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**SUNDAY February 14, 2021**

9:00 am Dan Cottingham (d)

11:00 am Adriana Palumbo (d)

7:00 pm For the Parishioners

MONDAY, February 15, 2021

8:30 am Robert Tepe (d)

TUESDAY, February 16, 2021

8:30 am Anna Dao

WEDNESDAY, February 17, 2021**ASH WEDNESDAY**

6:30 am Robert Hartinger (d)

8:30 am Pilgrims

5:00 pm For the deceased members of the parish

THURSDAY, February 18, 2021

8:30 am Thomas Herzog (d)

FRIDAY, February 19, 2021

8:30 am Glen Bockenkotter (d)

SATURDAY, February 20, 2021**BVM**

8:30 am Carl Armbruster (d)

4:30 pm Nancy Spraul (d)

SUNDAY, February 21, 2021

9:00 am Carl and Patricia Drone

11:00 am Adriana Palumbo (d)

7:00 pm For the Parishioners

SERVERS**February 20/21**

No Servers scheduled.

LECTORS**February 20/21**

No Lectors scheduled.

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS**February 20/21**

No Eucharistic Ministers scheduled.

OFFERING**February 7, 2021 \$8,413.79***Thank You for your Generosity!*

Vocation View: Simeon and Anna both recognize Christ as He appears in their midst, because they have both spent years in prayer to constantly connect with the Father. Time in prayer disposes us to hear His voice. (Luke 2:22-40) If you want to talk about your discernment, please contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations at schmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org.

Thought for the Day: “The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day.”

by *St. Gianna Molla*

Rest in Peace: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mary First.

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.



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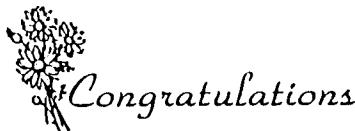
LENTEN REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday (February 17) and Good Friday (April 2) are days of fast and abstinence only. Abstinence means no eating of meat (beast or fowl) and is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years of age and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting means limiting oneself to one full meal on a given fast day. Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. On fast days, two additional smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength. However, two smaller meals together may not equal one full meal. Moreover, eating solid foods between meals on fast days is not permitted

Seton Second Quarter Honor Roll

Shelby C. Buerger	1 st Honor	Grade 9
Abigail F. Henke	1 st Honor	Grade 9
Jasmin Lopez Nolasco	1 st Honor	Grade 9
Emma C. Lageman	1 st Honor	Grade 10
Abygale T. Pickerell	1 st Honor	Grade 10
Leah E. Hafner	1 st Honor	Grade 12
Morgan E. Ledonne	1 st Honor	Grade 12
Tram T. Dao	2 nd Honor	Grade 10
Josephine M. Wooldridge	2 nd Honor	Grade 10
Sarah E. Haverbusch	2 nd Honor	Grade 11
Emma E. Pitman	2 nd Honor	Grade 11
Kylee L. Smith	2 nd Honor	Grade 11
Lindsey E. Doherty	2 nd Honor	Grade 12
Kalei A. Scully	2 nd Honor	Grade 12
Gabrielle L. Sickman	2 nd Honor	Grade 12
Charlotte R. Sunderman	2 nd Honor	Grade 12



B I N G O

SUNDAY at 1:00 pm
MONDAY at 7:00 pm



2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

The 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal is underway. Please join with Catholics in every parish throughout our archdiocese who are standing with local, Catholic ministries for people right here in our communities. These ministries depend on our help each year!

Envelopes are available in the back of church for your convenience this weekend. If you have already responded by mail or online, or if you brought your completed pledge card to place in the offertory today, thank you! To make a gift online, visit AOCstewardship.org.

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Thursday from 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm.

Lent Companion Booklets: are available in the back of church.

IRS TAX STATEMENT: If you would like a statement of your 2020 donations, please fill in the box below, clip it out and drop it in the collection basket or mail to: St. Lawrence Church, 3680 Warsaw Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45205.

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Let us fix our attention on the blood of Christ and recognize how precious it is to God his Father, since it was shed for our salvation and brought the grace of repentance to all the world.

If we review the various ages of history, we will see that in every generation the Lord has offered the opportunity of repentance to any who were willing to turn to him. When Noah preached God's message of repentance, all who listened to him were saved. Jonah told the Ninevites they were going to be destroyed, but when they repented, they gained God's forgiveness for their sins, and they were saved, even though they were not of God's people.

Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the ministers of God's grace have spoken of repentance; indeed, the Master of the whole universe himself spoke of repentance with an oath: *As I live, says the Lord, I do not wish the death of the sinner but his repentance.* He added this evidence of his goodness: *House of Isreal, repent of your wickedness. Tell the sons of my people: If their sins should reach from earth to heaven, if they are brighter than scarlet and blacker than sackcloth, you need only turn to me with your whole heart and say, "Father," and I will listen to you as to a holy people.*

In other words, God wanted all his beloved ones to have the opportunity to repent and he confirmed this desire by his own almighty will. That is why we should obey his sovereign and glorious will and prayerfully entreat his mercy and kindness. We should be suppliant before him and turn to his compassion, rejecting empty works and quarreling and jealously which only lead to death.

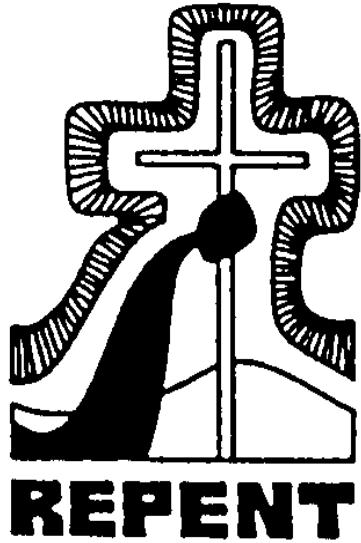
Brothers, we should be humble in mind, putting aside all arrogance, pride and foolish anger. Rather, we should act in accordance with the Scriptures, as the Holy Spirit says: *The wise man must not glory in his wisdom nor the strong man in his strength nor the rich man in his riches. Rather, let him who glories glory in the Lord by seeking him and doing what is right and just.* Recall especially what the Lord Jesus said when he taught gentleness and forebearance.

Be merciful, he said, so that you may have mercy shown to you. Forgive, so that you may be forgiven. As you trust others, so you will be trusted. As you give, so you will receive. As you judge, so you will be judged. As you are kind to others, you will be treated kindly. The measures of your giving will be the measure of your receiving.

Let these commandments and precepts strengthen us to live in humble obedience to his sacred words. As Scripture asks: *Whom shall I look upon with favor except the humble, peaceful man who trembles at my words?*

Sharing then in the heritage of so many vast and glorious achievements, let us hasten toward the goal of peace, set before us from the beginning. Let us keep our eyes firmly fixed on the Father and Creator of the whole universe, and hold fast to his splendid and transcendent gifts of peace and all his blessings.

by St. Clement, pope



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Dear friends, at every moment *the earth is full of the mercy of God*, and nature itself is a lesson for all the faithful in the worship of God. The heavens, the sea and all that is in them bear witness to the goodness and omnipotence of their Creator, and the marvelous beauty of the elements as they obey his demands from the intelligent creation a fitting expression of its gratitude.

But with the return of that season marked out in a special way by the mystery of our redemption, and of the days that lead up to the paschal feast, we are summoned more urgently to prepare ourselves by a purification of spirit.

The special note of the paschal feast is this: The whole church rejoices in the forgiveness of sins. It rejoices in the forgiveness not only of those who are then reborn in holy baptism but also of those who are already numbered among God's adopted children.

Initially men are made new by the rebirth of baptism. Yet there is still required a daily renewal to repair the shortcomings of our mortal nature, and whatever degree of progress has been made there is no one who should not be more advanced. All must therefore strive to ensure that on the day of redemption no one may be found in the sins of his former life.

Dear friend, what the Christian should be doing at all times should be done now with greater care and devotion, so that the Lenten fast enjoined by the apostles may be fulfilled, not simply by abstinence from food but above all by the renunciation of sin.

There is no more profitable practice as a companion to holy and spiritual fasting than that of almsgiving. This embraces under the single name of mercy many excellent works of devotion, so that the good intentions of all the faithful may be of equal value, even where their means are not. The love that we owe both God and man is always free from any obstacle that would prevent us from having a good intention.

The angels sang: *Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth*. The person who shows love and compassion to those in any kind of affliction, is blessed, not only with the virtue of good will but also with the gift of peace.

The words of mercy are innumerable. Their very variety brings this advantage to those who are true Christians, that in the matter of almsgiving not only the rich and affluent but also those of average means and the poor are able to play their part. Those who are unequal in their capacity to give can be equal in the love within their hearts.

by St. Leo the Great, pope



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