

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**SUNDAY, May 9, 2021**

9:00 am Gus & Tony Rizzo (d)

11:00 am Michael DiCorpo (d)

7:00 pm For the Parishoners

MONDAY, May 10, 2021*St. Damien de Veuster, priest*

8:30 am Jean Keiser (d)

TUESDAY, May 11, 2021

8:30 am Ronald Hesse (d)

WEDNESDAY, May 12, 2021*St. Nereus & Achilleus, martyrs, St. Pancras, martyr*

8:30 am Pilgrims

THURSDAY, May 13, 2021

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Our Lady of Fatima

8:30 am Carl Armbruster (d)

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

FRIDAY, May 14, 2021

ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

8:30 am Maria Dao (d)

SATURDAY, May 15, 2021*St. Isidore*

8:30 am Martini/Weinheimer Families

4:30 pm Special Intention

SUNDAY, May 16, 2021

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

9:00 am Frank Kastner (d)

11:00 am Luu Nguyen (d)

7:00 pm For the Parishoners

Gilligan – Siefke – Grueter**Funeral Home****921-0302****Harry Gilligan – Matt Rost –****Peter Gilligan**

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.

Thought for the Day: “He who possesses God lacks nothing: God alone suffices.”

St. Teresa of Ávila

SERVERS**May 15/16**

No Servers scheduled.

LECTORS**May 15/16**

No Lectors scheduled.

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**May 15/16**

No Eucharistic Ministers scheduled.

OFFERING

May 2, 2021 \$ 8,677.33

Second Collection \$ 1,969.50

Other Tile Floor Donations \$37,160.00

Total Tile Floor Fund \$39,129.50

Thank You for your Generosity!

Vocation View “God shows no partiality.” He does not call those who are equipped for the work; He equips those whom He has called. (Acts 10:34) To talk about your discernment, please contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations at dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org.

Rest in Peace: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Al Littner.

SCHOOL NEWS: Kindergarten is full. We will not be accepting any further registrations. We still have openings in grades 1- 6 and openings in our Preschool 3 year old class, and in one of our 4 year old classes. If you intend to apply for the EdChoice Scholarship for grades 1-6, the deadline is May 15.

Future Registrations: If you intend to enroll your child(ren) at St. Lawrence for K-8, please plan to enroll them for Preschool here first. There will be NO open enrollment of new students for Kindergarten after the 2021-22 school year. Our Preschool is expanding and all Preschool 4 year-olds will transition to Kindergarten and there will be not be any space for new students.

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Catholic Men's Conference; The E6 Catholic Men's Conference, in association with All Saints Parish and The Kings Men Catholic men's group, invite you to The Glory of Masculinity, a half day free men's retreat featuring Mark Houck, founder of the Kings Men, a national Catholic men's group that has traveled, sponsored and lectured at conferences, workshops and retreats for thousands of men all throughout the United States. Featuring Fr. Jonathan Meyer of All Saints Parish, and organized by the group that brings you the E6 Catholic Men's Conference. We look forward to seeing you on May 22nd! The event starts at 9am and ends at 12:30pm. Free will offerings will be accepted. Light breakfast and lunch provided. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/e6-presents-the-glory-of-masculinity-mens-half-day-retreat-w-mark-houck-tickets-150435924901>



Major Church Beautification

Over the years, thanks to the foresight of pastors, the goodness, talents and support of members and friends of St. Lawrence Parish (Church) many improvements have been accomplished without affecting the parish or school annual budgets. The Lord has blessed us in countless ways and as pastor/parishioners of this amazing parish, we continue to be custodians of the rich traditions and generosity of past generations. Once again, I have called upon a dedicated group of volunteers to help plan another major Church project.

The current worn and tattered carpeting on the aisle ways and under the pews has become a major concern. Though it has served us well, its deterioration has made it a danger with portions of high traffic areas buckling and threading causing concern for injuries. It needs to be replaced. In addition, after considerable evaluation, we have determined that a lasting benefit of this project is to install tile. In doing so it will maintain the architectural integrity of this magnificent holy structure, construction of which started in 1886 as the first Catholic Church to serve the residents of Price Hill.

The estimated cost of tile, its installation, and the refurbishing of the pews is \$330,000. I am pleased to report that, thanks to significant lead gifts, we are blessed to currently have over \$130,000. To help finance this project we will have a second collection.

The stone tile floor will be installed in sections. And, while this is being done, the pews will be refurbished. So, there will be some changes in seating arrangements throughout the project. I will keep you advised. This project is scheduled to be completed this summer.

The Easter Alleluia

Our thoughts in this present life should turn on the praise of God, because it is in praising God that we shall rejoice forever in the life to come; and no one can be ready for the next life unless he trains himself for it now. So we praise God during our early life, and at the same time we make our petitions to him. Our praise is expressed with joy, our petitions with yearning. We have been promised something we do not yet possess, and because the promise was made by One who keeps His word, we trust him and are glad; but insofar as possession is delayed, we can only long and yearn for it. It is good for us to persevere in longing until we receive what was promised, and yearning is over; then praise alone will remain.

Because there are these two periods of time—the one that now is, beset with the trials and troubles of this life, and the other yet to come, a life of everlasting serenity and joy—we are given two liturgical seasons, one before Easter and the other after. The season before Easter signifies the troubles in which we live here and now, while the time after Easter which we are celebrating at present signifies the happiness that will be ours in the future. What we commemorate before Easter is what we experience in this life; what we celebrate after Easter points to something we do not yet possess. This is why we keep the first season with fasting and prayer; but now the fast is over and we devote the present season to praise. Such is the meaning of the *Alleluia* we sing.

Both these periods are represented and demonstrated for us in Christ our head. The Lord's passion depicts for us our present life of trial—shows how we must suffer and be afflicted and finally die. The Lord's resurrection and glorification show us the life that will be given to us in the future.

Now therefore, brethren, we urge you to praise God. That is what we are all telling each other when we say *Alleluia*.

You say to your neighbor, "Praise the Lord!" and he says the same to you. We are all urging one another to praise the Lord, and all thereby doing what each of us urges the other to do. But see that your praise comes from your whole being; in other words, see that you praise God not with your lips and voices alone, but with your minds, your lives and all your actions.

We are praising God now, assembled as we are here in church; but when we go our various ways again, it seems as if we cease to praise God. But provided we do not cease to live a good life, your tongue may be silent but your actions will cry aloud, and God will perceive your intentions; for as our ears hear each other's voices, so do God's ears hear our thoughts.

by St. Augustine, bishop



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The days between the resurrection and ascension of our Lord

Beloved, the days which passed between the Lord's resurrection and his ascension were by no means uneventful; during them great sacramental mysteries were confirmed, great truths revealed. In those days the fear of death with all its horrors was taken away, and the immortality of both body and soul affirmed. It was then that the Lord breathed on all his apostles and filled them with the Holy Spirit; and after giving the keys of the kingdom to blessed Peter, whom he had chosen and set above all others, he entrusted him with the care of his flock.

During these days the Lord joined two of his disciples as their companion on the road, and by chiding them for their timidity and hesitant fears he swept away all the clouds of our uncertainty. Their lukewarm hearts were fired by the light of faith and began to burn within them as the Lord opened up the Scriptures. And as they shared their meal with him, their eyes were opened in the breaking of bread, opened far more happily to the sight of their own glorified humanity than were the eyes of our first parents to the shame of their sin.

Throughout the whole period between the resurrection and ascension, God's providence was at work to instill this one lesson into the hearts of the disciples, to set this one truth before their eyes, that our Lord Jesus Christ, who was truly born, truly suffered and truly died, should be recognized as truly risen from the dead. The blessed apostles together with all the others had been intimidated by the catastrophe of the cross, and their faith in the resurrection had been uncertain; but now they were so strengthened by the evident truth that when their Lord ascended into heaven, far from feeling any sadness, they were filled with great joy.

Indeed that blessed company had a great and inexpressible cause for joy when it saw man's nature rising above the dignity of the whole heavenly creation, above the ranks of angels, above the exalted status of archangels.

Nor would there be any limit to its upward course until humanity was admitted to a seat at the right hand of the eternal Father, to be enthroned at last in the glory of him to whose nature it was wedded in the person of the Son.

by St. Leo the Great, pope

