

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**SUNDAY, June 27, 2021**

9:00 am Jim Dugan (d)
11:00 am Georgetta "Babe" Kinnemeyer (d)
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

MONDAY, June 28, 2021

St. Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr

8:30 am Joshua Feibelman (d)**TUESDAY, June 29, 2021**

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

8:30 am Adele Martini (d)**WEDNESDAY, June 30, 2021**

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

8:30 am Macelino & Vincent (d)**THURSDAY, July 1, 2021***St. Junipero Serra, Priest***8:30 am** Barbara Prater (d)**3:00 pm–5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION****FRIDAY, July 2, 2021****8:30 am** Roger Hartinger (d)**SATURDAY, July 3, 2021**

ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE

8:30 am Mark Scahill (d)**4:30 pm** Lee Larry Schmolt (d)**SUNDAY, July 4, 2021****9:00 am** Don Ashcraft (d)**11:00 am** Jim Streicher (l)**7:00 pm** For the Parishioners**SERVERS****July 3/4**

No Servers Scheduled

LECTORS**July 3/4**

No Lectors Scheduled

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**July 3/4**

To Be Determined

June 20, 2021	\$ 5,975.00
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Total Second Collection	\$ 38,870.50
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Other Donations	\$ 79,090.50
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Lead Gifts (estimated)	\$104,212.77
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Total Tile Floor Fund	\$222,173.77
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Thank You for your Generosity!

Vocation View "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" Jesus reaches out to those in need and gives life to those who seek Him. Turn to Him in times of difficulty that you might have that same spark of divine life. (Mark 5:41) To talk about your discernment, please contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations at dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org.

Thought for the Day: "Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. Everything passes away except God."

St. Teresa of Avila

FYI: MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF JULY 4 WILL BE THE REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY, JULY 3 AT 4:30P.M.**SUNDAY, JULY 4 AT 9:00 A.M., 11:00 A.M., AND 7:00 P.M.****Britt's****Roofing & Home Improvement****Free Estimated****Insured – Workers Compensation****513-471-3911**

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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Summer Study Series: You have a great opportunity to learn the solid foundations for your Catholic faith. I want you to attend the summer study series on Faith and Reason. It runs from June 22nd thru August. The sessions will be held each Tuesday evening from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. The parish study series is especially designed for inquirers into the Catholic faith and anyone who is struggling to harmonize the Catholic faith with reason and science. You will be walked through proofs demonstrating the existence of God.

Everyone is welcome to attend any or all sessions. And, I ask that you invite any non-Catholic family members or friends to come with you.

The series will be facilitated by our own Deacon Tracy Jamison, PhD, Professor of Philosophy at Mount St. Mary's Seminary and School of Theology. I would really like many of you to attend these sessions. Our Catholic Faith is under attack in the culture. This will strengthen your ability to defend the Catholic Faith.

Holy Communion: I have changed the approach to receive Holy Communion. The Deacon and I will distribute in the center aisle and an extraordinary Eucharistic minister will distribute at each of the side aisles. When approaching the front to receive Holy Communion, please come up pew by pew beginning with the first and then moving on back. On the side aisles, we will start from the back and move forward.

Holy Communion will be taken to those seated at the break and are unable to walk up front.

Pastor's Desk Continued **Major Church Beautification**

The estimated cost of tile, its installation, and the refurbishing of the pews is \$330,000. To help finance this project we are taking up a second collection and we did a mailing.

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. Due to Covid related delays the installation of the tile has been delayed. At best, it looks like late summer. As soon as we have a start date, I will let you know.

Pastor's Desk Continued **St. Lawrence Event News:**

You may have been wondering if we were going to have a festival this year. Well, we will forego the festival and instead, the Festival Committee is planning a "St. Lawrence Parish Reunion" for Saturday evening September 18, after the 4:30 p.m. Mass. The Reunion will be held in the Parish Center. It will be a great time to celebrate getting back together after Covid. Save the date! Details will follow soon.

Elder Fourth Quarter Honors

Nicholas Durbin	1st Honors	Grade 10
Cameron McWilliams		
	1st Honors	Grade 11
Tommy Nguyen	2nd Honors	Grade 11
Andry Perez Vasquez	2nd Honrs	Grade 9
Peyton Smith	2 nd Honors	Grade 11

Congratulations!

With good hope I shall commit myself wholly to God

Although I know well, Margaret, that because of my past wickedness I deserve to be abandoned by God, I cannot but trust in his merciful goodness. His grace has strengthened me until now and made me content to lose goods, land, and life as well, rather than to swear against my conscience. God's grace has given the king a gracious frame of mind toward me, so that as yet he has taken from me nothing but my liberty. In doing this His Majesty has done me such great good with respect to spiritual profit that I trust that among all the great benefits he has heaped so abundantly upon me I count my imprisonment the very greatest. I cannot, therefore, mistrust the grace of God. Either he shall keep the king in that gracious frame of mind to continue to do me no harm, or else, if it be his pleasure that for my other sins I suffer in this case as I shall not deserve, then his grace shall give me the strength to bear it patiently, and perhaps even gladly.

By the merits of his bitter passion joined to mine and far surpassing in merit for me all that I can suffer myself, his bountious goodness shall release me from the pains of purgatory and shall increase my reward in heaven besides.

I will not mistrust him, Meg, though I shall feel myself weakening and on the verge of being overcome with fear, I shall remember how St. Peter at a blast of wind began to sink because of his lack of faith, and I shall do as he did: call upon Christ and pray to him for help. And then I trust he shall place his holy hand on me and in the stormy seas hold me up from drowning.

And if he permits me to play St. Peter further and to fall to the ground and to swear and forswear, may God our Lord in his tender mercy keep me from this, and let me lose if it so happen, and never win thereby! Still, if this should happen, afterward I trust that in his goodness he will look on me with pity as he did St. Peter, and make me stand up again and confess the truth of my conscience afresh and endure here the shame and harm of my own fault.

And finally, Margaret, I know this well: that without my fault he will not let me be lost. I shall, therefore, with good hope commit myself wholly to him. And if he permits me to perish for my faults, then I shall serve as praise for his justice. But in good faith, Meg, I trust that his tender pity shall keep my poor soul safe and make me commend his mercy.

And therefore, my own good daughter, do not let your mind be troubled over anything that shall happen to me in this world. Nothing can come but what God will. And I am very sure that whatever that be, however bad it may seem, it shall indeed be the best.

From a letter written in prison to his daughter, Margaret, by St. Thomas More



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God can be found in man's heart

In our human life bodily health is a good thing, but this blessing consists not merely in knowing the causes of good health but in actually enjoying it. If a man eulogizes good health and then eats food that has unhealthy effects, what good is his praise of health when he finds himself on a sickbed? Similarly, from the Lord's saying: *Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God*, we are to learn that blessedness does not lie in knowing something about God, but rather in possessing God within oneself.

I do not think these words mean that God will be seen face to face by the man who purifies the eye of his soul. Their sublime import is brought out more clearly perhaps in that other saying of the Lord's: *The kingdom of God is within you*. This teaches us that the man who cleanses his heart of every created thing and every evil desire will see the image of the divine nature in the beauty of his own soul. I believe the lesson summed up by the Word in that short sentence was this: You men have within you a desire to behold the supreme good. Now when you are told that the majesty of God is exalted above the heavens, that his glory is inexpressible, his beauty indescribable, and his nature transcendent, do not despair because you cannot behold the object of your desire. If by a diligent life of virtue you wash away the film of dirt that covers your heart, then the divine beauty will shine forth in you.

Take a piece of iron as an illustration. Although it might have been black before, once the rust has been scraped off with a whetstone, it will begin to shine brilliantly and to reflect the rays of the sun. So it is with the interior man, which is what the Lord means by the heart. Once a man removes from his soul the coating of filth that has formed on it through his sinful neglect, he will regain his likeness to his Archetype, and be good. If he then looks into himself, he will see the vision he has longed for. This is the blessedness of the pure of heart: in seeing their own purity they see the divine Archetype mirrored in themselves.

Those who look at the sun in a mirror, even if they do not look directly at the sky, see its radiance in the reflection just as truly as do those who look directly at the sun's orb. It is the same, says the Lord, with you. Even though you are unable to contemplate and see the inaccessible light, you will find what you seek within yourself, provided you return to the beauty and grace of that image which was originally placed in you. For God is purity; he is free from sin and a stranger to all evil. If this can be said of you, then God will surely be within you. If your mind is untainted by any evil, free from sin, and purified from all stain, then indeed you are blessed, because your sight is clean and clear. Once purified, you see things that others cannot see. When the mists of sin no longer cloud the eye of your soul, you see the blessed vision clearly in the peace and purity of your own heart. That vision is nothing else than the holiness, the purity, the simplicity and all the other glorious reflections of God's nature, through which God himself is seen.

by St. Gregory of Nyssa, bishop

