

**INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK****SUNDAY, July 4, 2021****9:00 am** Don Ashcraft (d)**11:00 am** Jim Streicher**7:00 pm** For the Parishioners**MONDAY, July 5, 2021***St. Anthony Zaccaria, priest**St. Elizabeth of Portugal***8:30 am** William Weidner (d)**TUESDAY, July 6, 2021***St. Maria Goretti, virgin, martyr***8:30 am** Joshua Feibelman**WEDNESDAY, July 7, 2021****8:30 am** Barbara Prater (d)**THURSDAY, July 8, 2021***St. Junipero Serra, Priest***8:30 am** Anthony Jerome Brent (d)**3:00 pm–5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION****FRIDAY, July 9, 2021***St. Augustine Zhao Rong, priest, martyr***8:30 am** Lou Hartfiel (d)**SATURDAY, July 10, 2021***BVM***8:30 am** Larry Weinheimer (d)**4:30 pm** Jerry Eisenmann (d)**SUNDAY, July 11, 2021****9:00 am** Mark & Virginia Schmidt (d)**11:00 am** David John Hemmer (d)**7:00 pm** For the Parishioners**SERVERS****July 10/11**

No Servers Scheduled

**LECTORS****July 10/11**

No Lectors Scheduled

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS****July 10/11**

To Be Determined

June 27, 2021 \$ 8,204.00

Total Second Collection \$ 41,343.50

Other Donations \$ 81,090.50

Lead Gifts (estimated) \$104,212.77

Total Tile Floor Fund \$226,646.77

*Thank You for your Generosity!*

**Vocation View** God works through the prophets to make known His message of salvation. Has He called you to be a prophet in our day and age? (Ez. 2:2-5) To talk about your discernment, please contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations at [dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org).

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

*St. Teresa of Avila***Schneller & Knockelman****Plumbing Heating Air****The Family Owned Company****Lisa & Kris Knockelman Owners****513-753-3100**

**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



**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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Vacation:** On Wednesday, July 7, 2021 I will leave for Oklahoma City. I will be back for Masses on the weekend of July 24 and 25. Father Westerhoff will have most of the Masses. While I'm away Deacon Tracy Jamison will have Eucharistic Adoration.

**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 back 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 are going to have a festival this year. Well, instead of the Festival, 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 Honors	Grade 9
Peyton Smith	2 <sup>nd</sup> Honors	Grade 11

*Congratulations!*

*Your kingdom come*

When asking a favor of some person of importance would anyone be so ill-mannered and thoughtless as not first to consider how best to address him in order to make a good impression and give him no cause for offense? Surely he would think over his petition carefully and his reason for making it, especially if it were for something specific and important as our good Jesus tells us our petitions should be. It seems to me that his point deserves serious attention. My Lord, could you not have included all in saying: "Father, give us whatever is good for us"? After all, to one who understands everything so perfectly, what need is there to say more?

O Eternal Wisdom, between you and your Father that was enough; that was how you prayed in the garden. You expressed your desire and fear but surrendered yourself to his will. But as for us, my Lord, you know that we are less submissive to the will of your Father and need to mention each thing separately in order to stop and think whether it would be good for us, and otherwise not ask for it. You see, the gift our Lord intends for us may be by far the best, but if it is not what we wanted we are quite capable of flinging it back in his face. That is the kind of people we are; ready cash is the only wealth we understand.

Therefore, the good Jesus bids us repeat these words, this prayer for his kingdom to come in us: *Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.* See how wise our Master is! But what do we mean when we pray for his kingdom? That is what I am going to consider now, for it is important that we should understand it. Our good Jesus placed these two petitions side by side because he realized that in our inadequacy we could never fittingly hallow, praise, exalt or glorify this holy name of the eternal Father unless he enabled us to do so by giving us his kingdom here on earth. But since we must know what we are asking for and how important it is to pray for it without ceasing and to do everything in our power to please him who is to give it to us, I should now like to give you my own thoughts on the matter.

Of the many joys that are found in the kingdom of heaven, the greatest seems to me to be the sense of tranquility and well-being that we shall experience when we are free from all concern for earthly things. Glad because others are glad and for ever at peace, we shall have the deep satisfaction of seeing that by all creatures the Lord is honored and praised, and his name blessed. No one ever offends him, for there everyone loves him. Loving him is the souls one concern. Indeed it cannot help but love him, for it knows him. Here below our love must necessarily fall short of that perfection and constancy, but even so how different it would be, how much more like that of heaven, if we really knew our Lord!

*by St. Teresa of Avila*



## The Laurentian

*Acknowledge your sins at a time of God's favor*

If there is any slave of sin here present, he should at once prepare himself through faith for the rebirth into freedom that makes us God's adopted children. He should lay aside the wretchedness of slavery to sin, and put on the joyful slavery of the Lord, so as to be counted worthy to inherit the kingdom of heaven. By acknowledging your sins strip away your former self, seduced as it is by destructive desires, and put on the new self, renewed in the likeness of its Creator. Through faith receive the pledge of the Holy Spirit, so that you may be welcomed into the everlasting dwelling places. Draw near, to be marked with the supernatural seal, so that you may be easily recognized by your Master. Become one of Christ's holy and spiritual flock, so that one day you may be set apart on his right hand, and so gain the life prepared as your inheritance.

Those whose sins still cling to them like a goatskin will stand on his left hand because they did not approach Christ's foundation of rebirth to receive God's grace. By rebirth I mean, not rebirth of the body, but the spiritual rebirth of the soul. Our bodies are brought into being by parents who can be seen, but our souls are reborn through faith: *the Spirit breathes where he wills*. At the end, if you are made worthy, you may hear the words: *Well done, good and faithful servant*, when, that is, you are found with no stain of hypocrisy on your conscience.

If anyone here present is thinking of putting God's grace to the test, he is deceiving himself, and he does not understand the nature of things. You are but a man; there is one who searches out men's thoughts and hearts. You must keep your soul innocent and free from deceit.

The present is a time for the acknowledgment of sins. Acknowledge what you have done, in word or deed, by night or day. Acknowledge your sins at a time of God's favor, and on the day of salvation you will receive the treasures of heaven.

Wash yourself clean, so that you may hold a richer store of grace. Sins are forgiven equally for all, but communion in the Holy Spirit is given in the measure of each one's faith. If you have done little work, you will receive little; if you have achieved a great deal, great will be your reward. The race you are running is for your own advantage; look after your own interests.

If you have a grudge against anyone, forgive him. You are drawing near to receive forgiveness for your own sins; you must yourself forgive those who have sinned against you.

*by St. Cyril of Jerusalem*

