

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, July 25, 2021

- 9:00 am Michael Corcoran (I)
 11:00 am Bette Moorman (d)
 7:00 pm For the Parishioners

MONDAY, July 26, 2021

Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed
 Virgin Mary

- 8:30 am Louis J. Bedel (d)

TUESDAY, July 27, 2021

- 8:30 am Don Adick (d)

WEDNESDAY, July 28, 2021

- 8:30 am Andrea Gertz (d)

THURSDAY, July 29, 2021

St. Martha

- 8:30 am Al Littner (d)

3:00 pm–5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

FRIDAY, July 30, 2021

St. Peter Chrysologus, bishop, Doctor of the Church

- 8:30 am Julia and William Hahn (d)

SATURDAY, July 31, 2021

St. Ignatius of Loyola, priest

- 8:30 am Special Intention

- 4:30 pm Vera Rizzo (d)

SUNDAY, August 1, 2021

- 9:00 am Patricia Becker (d)
 11:00 am Christopher Nguyen (d)
 7:00 pm For the Parishioners

SERVERS

July 31/August 1

No Servers Scheduled

LECTORS

July 31/August 1

No Lectors Scheduled

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

July 31/August 1

To Be Determined

July 18, 2021 \$ 8,642.00

Total Second Collection \$ 46,640.50

Other Donations \$ 97,781.66

Lead Gifts (estimated) \$104,212.77

Total Tile Floor Fund \$248,634.93

Thank You for your Generosity!

Vocation View There is a unity in the faith, for we are made one in Christ Jesus. No matter our call, we are urged to foster a deep unity in the Church so that we might boldly proclaim the Gospel of Christ. (Eph. 4:1-6) To talk about your discernment, please contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations at dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org.

Thought for the Day: 'The Holy Ghost speaks to us internally, to turn us away from evil, and inspire us to do good. Thus it is the Holy Ghost that we resist when we cast off the thoughts which would turn us from sin, and lead us to the practice of virtue.'

by St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle

The Lord of the Rings and The Lord of All Things

Join Deacon Jamison for a theological discussion drawing connections between J. R. R. Tolkien's Lord of the Rings and Catholicism. All are welcome to attend and will be treated to pizza and refreshments, courtesy of the St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus Council 14545. August 12th, 7:30pm – 9pm in the Parish Center. Register here!

<https://tinyurl.com/LOTRKofC> Registration closes Aug 10th. Contact Bill Aufermann @ 513-260-8762 with any questions you may have.

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5178 Crookshank Road
513-922-0203
Barry Kirby

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 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.

Vacation: I enjoyed vacation but it is good to be back. I missed you! A special "thank you" to Father Westerhoff and Father Schmitz for their help while I was away.

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:**

Information regarding our "St. Lawrence Parish Reunion" which will be held on Saturday evening, September 18, has been mailed out to you. We anticipate seeing everyone at the Reunion! If you have any questions, please call the rectory, 921-0328.



Mary conceived in her soul before she conceived in her body

A royal virgin of the house of David is chosen. She is to bear a holy child, one who is both God and man. She is to conceive him in her soul before she conceives him in her body. In the face of so unheard of an event she is to know no fear through ignorance of the divine plan; the angel tells her what is to be accomplished in her by the Holy Spirit. She believes that there will be no loss of virginity, she who is soon to be the mother of God. Why should she lose heart at this new form of conceiving when she has been promised that it will be effected through the power of the Most High? She believes, and her faith is confirmed by the witness of a previous wonder: against all expectation Elizabeth is made fruitful. God has enabled a barren woman to be with child; he must be believed when he makes the same promise to a virgin.

The Son of God who was *in the beginning with God, through whom all things were made, without whom nothing was made*, became man to free him from eternal death. He stopped down to take up our lowliness without loss to his own glory. He remained what he was; he took up what he was not. He wanted to join the very nature of a servant to that nature in which he is equal to God the Father. He wanted to unite both natures in an alliance so wonderful that the glory of the greater would not annihilate the lesser, nor the taking up of the lower diminish the greatness of the higher.

What belongs to each nature is preserved intact and meets the other in one person: lowliness is taken up by greatness, weakness by power, mortality by eternity. To pay the debt of our human condition, a nature incapable of suffering is united to a nature capable of suffering, and true God and true man are forged into the unity that is the Lord. This was done to make possible the kind of remedy that fitted our human need: *one and the same mediator between God and men* able to die because of one nature, able to rise again because of the other. It was fitting, therefore, that the birth which brings salvation brought no corruption to virginal integrity; the bringing forth of

Truth was at the same time the safeguarding of virginity.

Dearly beloved, this kind of birth was fitting for Christ, the power and the wisdom of God: a birth in which he was one with us in our human nature but far above us in his divinity. If he were not true God, he would not be able to bring us healing; if he were not true man, he would not be able to give us an example.

And so at the birth of our Lord, the angels sing in joy: *Glory to God in the highest*, and they proclaim *peace to his people on earth* as they see the heavenly Jerusalem being built from all nations of the world. If the angels on high are so exultant at this marvelous work of God's goodness, what joy should it not bring to the lowly hearts of men?

by St. Leo the Great



The Laurentian

Mystical wisdom is revealed by the Holy Spirit

Christ is both the way and the door. Christ is the staircase and the vehicle, like the *throne of mercy over the Ark of the Covenant*, and *the mystery hidden from the ages*. A man should turn his full attention to this throne of mercy, and should gaze at him hanging on the cross, full of faith, hope and charity, devoted, full of wonder and joy, marked by gratitude, and open to praise and jubilation. Then such a man will make with Christ a *pasch*, that is, a passing-over. Through the branches of the cross he will pass over the Red Sea, leaving Egypt and entering the desert. There he will taste the hidden manna, and rest with Christ in the sepulcher, as if he were dead to things outside. He will experience, as much as is possible for one who is still living, what was promised to the thief who hung beside Christ: *Today you will be with me in paradise*.

For this passover to be perfect, we must suspend all the operations of the mind and we must transform the peak of our affections, directing them to God alone. This is a sacred and mystical experience. It cannot be comprehended by anyone unless he surrenders himself to it; nor can he surrender himself to it unless he longs for it; nor can he long for it unless the Holy Spirit, whom Christ sent into the world, should come and inflame his innermost soul. Hence the Apostle says that this mystical wisdom is revealed by the Holy Spirit.

If you ask how such things can occur, seek the answer in God's grace, not in doctrine; in the longing of will, not in the understanding; in the sighs of prayer, not in research; seek the bridegroom not the teacher; God and not man; darkness not daylight; and look not to the light but rather to the raging fire that carries the soul to God with intense fervor and glowing love. The fire is God, and the furnace is in Jerusalem, fired by Christ in the ardor of his loving passion. Only he understood this who said: *My soul chose hanging and my bones death*. Anyone who cherishes this kind of death can see God, for it is certainly true that: *No man can look upon me and live*.

Let us die, then, and enter into the darkness, silencing our anxieties, our passions and all the fantasies of our imagination. Let us pass over with the crucified Christ *from this world to the Father*, so that, when the Father has shown himself to us, we can say with Philip: *It is enough*. We may hear with Paul: *My grace is sufficient for you*; and we can rejoice with David, saying: *My flesh and my heart fail me, but God is the strength of my heart and my heritage for ever. Blessed be the Lord for ever, and let all the people say: Amen. Amen!*

by St. Bonaventure

