

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, August 1, 2021

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

MONDAY, August 2, 2021

*St. Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop,
St. Peter Julian Eymard, priest*

- 8:30 am** Carl Martini (d)

TUESDAY, August 3, 2021

- 8:30 am** Paula Medel (d)

WEDNESDAY, August 4, 2021

St. John Vianney, priest

- 8:30 am** Chris Gough (d)

THURSDAY, August 5, 2021

*The Dedication of the Basilica of
St. Mary Major*

- 8:30 am** Ruth Tierney (d)

3:00 pm–5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

FRIDAY, August 6, 2021

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

- 8:30 am** Steve Miceli (d)

SATURDAY, August 7, 2021

BVM on Saturday

- 8:30 am** Mark Alan Cassiere

- 4:30 pm** Nancy Remke (d)

SUNDAY, August 8, 2021

- 9:00 am** Jack Vogeles (d)
- 11:00 am** Lee Larry Schmolt (d)
- 7:00 pm** For the Parishioners

**Brogan / Hesketh
Formal Wear
513-244-2800**

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.

Rest in Peace: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mark Schwager.

SERVERS

August 7/8

No Servers Scheduled

LECTORS

August 7/8

No Lectors Scheduled

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

August 7/8

To Be Determined

July 25, 2021 \$ 8,021.75

Total Second Collection \$ 49,087.50

Other Donations \$ 97,781.66

Lead Gifts (estimated) \$104,212.77

Total Tile Floor Fund \$251,071.25

Thank You for your Generosity!

Vocation View “Our hearts are restless until they rest in You, O Lord.” With these words, St. Augustine recognizes that only in Christ can we find that deep fulfillment; and while we try to find this in the world, that will only lead to emptiness. (John 6:24-35) To talk about your discernment, please contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations at dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org.

Thought for the Day “Pain and suffering have come into your life, but remember pain, sorrow, suffering are but the kiss of Jesus — a sign that you have come so close to Him that He can kiss you.”

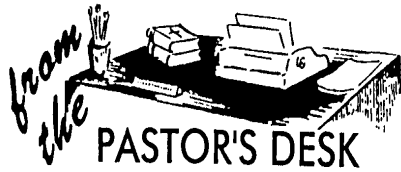
by *St. Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

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.

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.

CINCINNATI CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB:

Is hosting a summer picnic on Sunday, August 8, 2:00 p.m. in Delhi Park, at Shelter 3. Single catholic men and women are welcome. Reservations needed. Please call Don Luebbering at 513-574-8573.

ST. LAWRENCE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS:

The St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual golf outing this year on August 28th. We will again be playing at Aston Oaks with a shotgun start at 2:00 pm. The cost for the outing is \$85.00 which includes 18 holes of golf, cart, drinks, and dinner after golf. There will be raffles and a giant split the pot.

Anyone interested can contact Jay Brannon at 513-284-7407 or Matt Brannon at 513-746-9820. You do not have to play in the outing to buy the split the pot tickets. Contact Jay, Matt, or any of the knights in the parish.

Pastor's Desk Continued

Major Church Beautification

The estimated cost of tile, its installation, and the refurbishing of the pews is \$330,000. Since donations to the Tile Floor Fund have been so generous, we will discontinue the second collection as of August 7-8.

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. 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. We anticipate seeing everyone at the Reunion! If you have any questions, please call the rectory, 921-0328.

CINCINNATI METROPOLITAN ORCHESTRA:

The Cincinnati Metropolitan Orchestra, conducted by Dave Allen, is excited to be back to present "Broadway, Big Band & Gershwin". The CMO and CMO Singers will be performing some of their favorites including An American in Paris, Porgy and Bess, Jersey Boys, A Salute to the Big Bands and Irving Berlin.

Join us at Seton's Performance Hall, 3901 Glenway Ave, on Tuesday August 17 at 7 PM for this free program. No tickets needed; donations are accepted. For those needing to avoid steps, enter from the top floor of the parking garage or through the glass doors on the Beech Ave. side of Seton where an elevator is available. Hope to see you there! Please contact Judy Honkomp 513-921-3762 with any questions.

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

Sow integrity for yourselves

Man should be like the earth and bear fruit; he should not let inanimate matter appear to surpass him. The earth bears crops for your benefit, not for its own, but when you give to the poor, you are bearing fruit which you will gather in for yourself, since the reward for good deeds goes to those who perform them. Give to a hungry man, and what you give becomes yours, and indeed it returns to you with interest. As the sower profits from wheat that falls onto the ground, so will you profit greatly in the world to come from the bread that you place before a hungry man. Your husbandry must be the sowing of heavenly seed: *Sow integrity for yourselves*, says Scripture.

You are going to leave your money behind you here whether you wish to or not. On the other hand, you will take with you to the Lord the honor that you have won through good works. In the presence of the universal judge, all the people will surround you, acclaim you as a public benefactor, and tell of your generosity and kindness.

Do you not see how people throw away their wealth on theatrical performances, boxing contests, mimes and fights between men and wild beasts, which are sickening to see, and all for the sake of fleeting honor and popular applause? If you are miserly with your money, how can you expect any similar honor? Your reward for the right use of the things of this world will be everlasting glory, a crown of righteousness, and the kingdom of heaven; God will welcome you, the angels will praise you, all men who have existed since the world began will call you blessed. Do you care nothing for these things, and spurn the hopes that lie in the future for the sake of your present enjoyment. Come, distribute your wealth freely, give generously to those who are in need. Earn for yourself the psalmist's praise: *He gave freely to the poor; his righteousness will endure forever.*

How grateful you should be to your own benefactor; how you should beam with joy at the honor of having other people come to your door, instead of being obliged to go to theirs! But you are now ill-humored and unapproachable; you avoid meeting people, in case you might be forced to loosen your purse-strings even a little. You can say only one thing: "I have nothing to give you. I am only a poor man." A poor man you certainly are, and destitute of all real riches; you are pure in love, generosity, faith in God and hope of eternal happiness.

by St. Basil the Great

