

**INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY, August 8, 2021**

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

**MONDAY, August 9, 2021**

- St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, virgin, martyr*
- 8:30 am** Deceased members of the Hahn Family

**TUESDAY, August 10, 2021**

ST. LAWRENCE, DEACON, MARTYR

- 8:30 am** Paul Kleinberg (d)

**WEDNESDAY, August 11, 2021**

St. Clare, virgin

- 8:30 am** Barbara Prater (d)

**THURSDAY, August 12, 2021**

St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

- 8:30 am** Ann Troxell (d)

**3:00 pm–5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**FRIDAY, August 13, 2021**

St. Pontian, Pope and St. Hippolytus, priest

- 8:30 am** Vera Rizzo (d)

**SATURDAY, August 14, 2021**

St. Maximilian Kolbe, priest, martyr

- 8:30 am** William Weidner (d)

- 4:30 pm** James “Jim” Nienaber (d)

**SUNDAY, August 15, 2021**

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

- 9:00 am** Jane R. Thole (d)
- 11:00 am** Frank Nusselhoff Family
- 7:00 pm** For the Parishioners

**SERVERS**

**August 14/15**

No Servers Scheduled

**LECTORS**

**August 14/15**

No Lectors Scheduled

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**August 14/15**

To Be Determined

August 1, 2021 \$ 7,915.63

Total Second Collection \$ 51,949.50

Other Donations \$ 97,770.98

Lead Gifts (estimated) \$104,212.77

Total Tile Floor Fund \$253,933.25

*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](mailto:dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org).

**Thought for the Day:** “Without the burden of afflictions it is impossible to reach the height of grace. The gift of grace increases as the struggle increases.”

*St. Rose of Lima*

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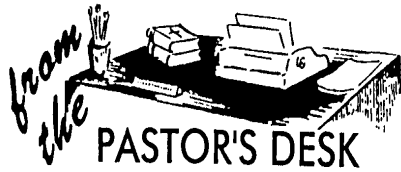
**The Lord of the Rings and The Lord of All Things**

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 12<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm – 9pm in the Parish Center. Register here! <https://tinyurl.com/LOTRKofC> Registration closes Aug 10<sup>th</sup>. Contact Bill Aufermann @ 513-260-8762 with any questions you may have.

**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.

## **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.

### **St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus**

The St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus will be hosting their annual golf outing this year on August 28<sup>th</sup>. We will again be playing at Aston Oaks with a shotgun start at 2:00 pm. The cost for the outing is \$85.00. Includes are 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.

### **Patronal Feast of St. Lawrence**

Tuesday, August 10 is our patronal feast of St. Lawrence. Prayer to St. Lawrence: St. Lawrence, pray for us, that the flames of divine love may burn away all traces of vices within us, and that we may be practical and zealous in the service of the poor. Amen

Pastor's Desk Continued

### **Major Church Beautification**

The estimated cost of tile, its installation, and the refurbishing of the pews is \$330,000. Because of your generosity, we will discontinue the second collection, but there will still be envelopes in the back of church if you wish to donate.

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. 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:**

The "St. Lawrence Parish Reunion" will be held on Saturday evening, September 18. Keep checking the bulletin inserts for more information. We hope to see you there! 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.

*When God sends us trials*

If you would be convinced that in all He allows and in all that happens to you God has no other end in view but your real advantage and your eternal happiness, reflect a moment on all He has done for you; you are now suffering, but remember that the author of this suffering is He who chose to spend His life suffering to save you from everlasting suffering, whose angel is always at your side guarding your body and soul by His order, who sacrifices Himself daily on the altar to expiate your sins and appease His Father's anger, who comes lovingly to you in the Holy Eucharist and whose greatest pleasure is to be united to you. We must be very ungrateful to mistrust Him after He has shown such proofs of His love and to imagine that He can intend us harm. But, you will say, this blow is a cruel one, He strikes too hard. What have you to fear from a hand that was pierced and nailed to the Cross for you? The path I have to tread is full of thorns. If there is no other to reach Heaven by, do you prefer to perish forever rather than to suffer for a time? It is not the same path He trod before you out of love for you? Is there a thorn in it that He has not reddened with His own blood? The chalice He offers you is a bitter one. But remember that it is your Redeemer who offers it. Loving you as He does, could He bring Himself to treat you so severely if the need were not urgent, the gain not worthwhile? Can we dare to refuse the chalice He has prepared for us Himself?

Reflect well on this. It should be enough to make us accept and love whatever trials He intends we should suffer. Moreover it is the certain means of securing our happiness in this life quite apart from the next.

*Loving Recourse to God*

Let us now suppose that by these reflections and the help of God you have freed yourself from all worldly desires and can now say to yourself: All is vanity and nothing can satisfy my heart. The things that I so earnestly desire may not be at all the things that will bring me happiness. It is difficult for me to distinguish what is good from what is harmful because good and evil are nearly always mixed, and what was good for yesterday may be bad for today. My desires are only a source of worry and my efforts to realize them mostly end in failure.

After all, the will of God is bound to prevail in the end. Nothing can be done without His command, and He cannot ordain anything that is not for my good.

After this let us suppose that you turn to God with blind trust and surrender yourself unconditionally and unreservedly to Him, entirely resolved to put aside your own hopes and fears; in short, determined to wish nothing except what He wishes and to wish all that He wishes. From this moment you will acquire perfect liberty and will never again be able to feel troubled or uneasy, and there is no power on earth capable of doing you violence or giving you a moment's unrest.

You may object that a person on whom both good and evil make the same impression is a pure fiction. It is nothing of the kind. I know people who are just as happy if they are sick or if they are well, if they are badly off or they are well off. I know some who even prefer illness and poverty to health and riches.

Moreover it is all the more remarkable that the more we submit to God's will, the more He tries to meet our wishes. It would seem that as soon as we make it our sole aim to obey Him, He on His part does His best to try and please us. Not only does He answer our prayers but He even forestalls them by granting the very desires we have endeavored to stifle in our hearts in order to please Him, and granting them in a measure we had never imagined.

Finally, the happiness of the person whose will is entirely submitted to God's is constant, unchangeable and endless. No fear comes to disturb it for no accident can destroy it. He is like a man seated on a rock in the middle of the ocean who looks on the fury of the waves without dismay and can amuse himself watching and counting them as they roar and break at his feet. Whether the sea is calm or rough, whichever the waves are carried by the wind is a matter of indifference to him, for the place where he is is firm and unshakable.

That is the reason for the peaceful and untroubled expression we find on the faces of those who have dedicated themselves to God.

*by St. Claude De La Colombier S.J.*

## The Laurentian

### *Power of Mary*

Oh! How great will be our thankfulness to the mercy of God, for having given us our advocate, Mary, who, by her prayers, can obtain for us all the graces we stand in need of. “Truly wonderful,” exclaims St. Bonaventure, “is the bounty of our God, who has given thee, O Lady, to his guilty subjects as their advocate, so that thou art able to obtain for them by thy assistance whatever thou wilt.” Sinners, brethren, if we find ourselves debtors to the divine justice, and condemned to hell by our sins, let us not despair; let us have recourse to divine mother; let us put ourselves under her protection, and she will save us. But we must have a sincere purpose of amending our lives. If we have such a purpose, and place confidence in Mary, we shall be saved. And why? Because Mary is a *powerful* advocate, a *merciful* advocate, an advocate *that desires to save all*.

In the first place, let us consider that Mary is a *powerful* advocate, who can obtain from the Judge all graces for her servants. This is a singular privilege, given to her by the Judge himself, who is her Son. “It is a great privilege, that Mary is most powerful with her Son.” John Gerson says that the Blessed Virgin asks nothing from God with an absolute will, which she does not obtain; and that, like a queen, she sends the angels to enlighten, to purify, and to protect her servants. Hence, to inspire confidence in this great advocate, the Church makes us invoke her under the title of Powerful Virgin. *Powerful Virgin pray for us*. And why is the patronage of Mary so powerful? Because she is the Mother of God. “The prayer of the divine Mother,” says St. Antoninus, “partakes of the nature of a command, and therefore it is impossible for her not to be heard.” The prayers of Mary are the prayers of a mother, and are therefore regarded by Jesus Christ, in a certain manner, as commands; hence it is impossible that her petitions should be rejected. St. George, Archbishop of Nicomedia, says that the Redeemer, as if to discharge the obligation which he owes to his mother for having given to him his human nature, hears all of her prayers. Hence, St. Theophilus, Bishop of Alexandria, has written, “The Son is pleased that his Mother should pray to him, because he wishes to grant her whatsoever she asks, in order to repay her for the favor received from her in giving him flesh.”

Hence the martyr St. Methodius exclaimed: “Rejoice, rejoice, O Mary! Thou hast for a debtor thy Son. We are all debtors to him; but he is a debtor to thee alone.”

Hence Cosmas of Jerusalem says that the intercession of Mary is omnipotent. Yes, her prayers are omnipotent, because, as Richard of St. Laurence says, it is but just that the Mother should partake of the power of the Son. The Son, then, who is omnipotent, has made the Mother omnipotent. The Son is omnipotent by nature; the Mother is omnipotent by grace, that is, she obtains by her prayers whatsoever she asks, as is happily expressed in the celebrated verse: “What God doeth by right, thou, O Virgin, dost by prayer.” This was revealed to St. Bridgit, who one day heard Jesus Christ addressing his mother in the following words: “Ask from me what you wish; for your petition cannot be fruitless.” My mother, ask as much as you please; for I shall hear all your prayers. He then subjoins the reason. “Because you refused me nothing on earth, I will refuse nothing to you in heaven.” You refused me nothing when I lived on earth; it is just that I should refuse nothing to you now that you are with me in heaven.

In fine, there is no sinner, however abandoned, whom Mary cannot save by her intercession. “You have,” says St. George of Nicomedia, “insuperable strength, lest the multitude of our sins should overcome your clemency. Nothing resists your power; for the Creator regards your glory as his own. O Mother of God, nothing can resist thy power, since thy Creator regards thy glory as his own.” “Nothing then, says St. Peter Damian, “is impossible to thee, who can raise even those who are in despair to a hope of salvation.”

*by St. Alphonsus De Liguroi*