

**INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK****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

**MONDAY, August 16, 2021***St. Stephen of Hungary*

8:30 am Charles Sayers

**TUESDAY, August 17, 2021**

8:30 am Maureen Stephenson (d)

**WEDNESDAY, August 18, 2021**

8:30 am Pilgrims

**THURSDAY, August 19, 2021***St. John Eudus, priest*

8:30 am Mary Cott Gajraj (d)

**3:00 pm–5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION****FRIDAY, August 20, 2021***St. Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church*

8:30 am Bette Moorman (d)

**SATURDAY, August 21, 2021***St. Pius X, Pope*

8:30 am William Weidner (d)

4:30 pm Janet Penker (d)

**SUNDAY, August 22, 2021**

9:00 am Rosemary Bruns (d)

11:00 am Vera Rizzo (d)

7:00 pm For the Parishioners

**SERVERS****August 21/22**

No Servers Scheduled

**LECTORS****August 21/22**

No Lectors Scheduled

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS****August 21/22**

To Be Determined

August 8, 2021 \$ 7,759.00

Total Second Collection \$ 53,097.50

Other Donations \$103,918.44

Lead Gifts (estimated) \$104,212.77

Total Tile Floor Fund \$261,228.71

***Thank You for your Generosity!***

**Vocation View** Because we have been called, formed and nourished by Christ, our actions must be in accord with the great gifts we have received. To strive for holiness every day of our lives is to live in accord with the promises made at Baptism. (Eph. 5:15) 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***Siemer Jewelers**[www.siemerjewelers.com](http://www.siemerjewelers.com)**513-922-0720****5673 Rapid Run Road**

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## 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. Included 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.

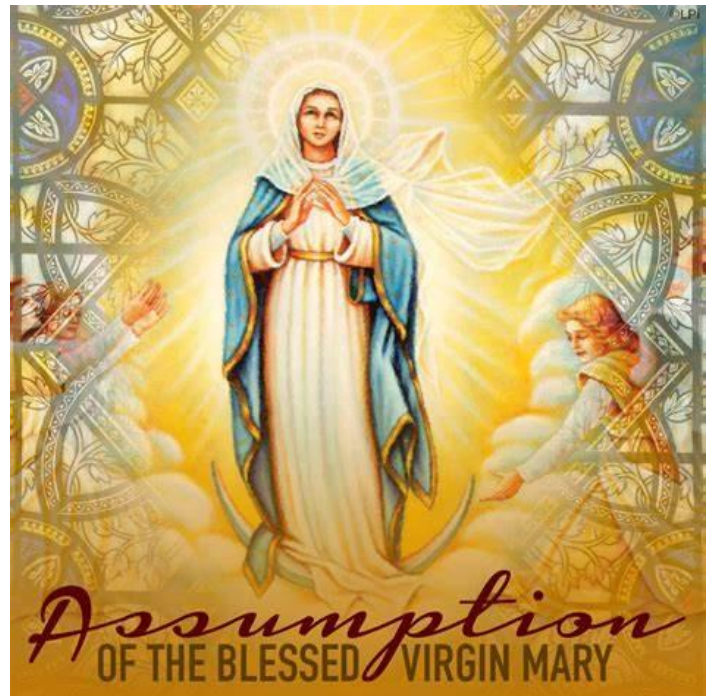
### Pastor's Desk Continued **Major Church Beautification**

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. The pews are being refurbished. 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.



*He who perseveres to the end will be saved*

Whenever we suffer some affliction, we should regard it both as a punishment and as a correction. Our holy Scriptures themselves do not promise us peace, security and rest. On the contrary, the Gospel makes no secret of the troubles and temptations that await us, but it also says that *he who perseveres to the end will be saved*. What good has there ever been in this life since the time when the first man received the just sentence of death and the curse from which Christ our Lord has delivered us?

So we must not grumble, my brothers, for as the Apostle says: *Some of them murmured and were destroyed by serpents*. Is there any affliction now endured by mankind that was not endured by our fathers before us? What sufferings of ours even bear comparison with what we know of their sufferings? And yet you hear people complaining about this present day and age because things were so much better in former times. I wonder what would happen if they could be taken back to the days of their ancestors – would we not still hear them complaining? You may think past ages were good, but it is only because you are not living in them.

It amazes me that you who have now been freed from the curse, who have believed in the Son of God, who have been instructed by the holy Scriptures – that *you* can think the days of Adam were good. And your ancestors bore the curse of Adam, of that Adam to whom the words were addressed: *With sweat on your brow you shall eat your bread; you shall till the earth from which you were taken, and it will yield you thorns and thistles*. This is what he deserved and what he had to suffer; this is the punishment meted out to him by the just judgment of God. How then can you think that past ages were better than your own? From the time of that first Adam to the time of his descendants today, man's lot has been labor and sweat, thorns and thistles. Have we forgotten the flood and the calamitous times of famine and war

whose history has been recorded precisely in order to keep us from complaining to God on account of our own times? Just think what those past ages were like! Is there one of us who does not shudder to hear or read of them? Far from justifying complaints about our own time, they teach us how much we have to be thankful for.

*by St. Augustine, bishop*



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### *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 this 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 Liguori*