

**INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY, August 29, 2021**

- 9:00 am Carol Diemunsch (d)
- 11:00 am Duke Schneider (d)
- 7:00 pm For the Parishioners

**MONDAY, August 30, 2021**

- 8:30 am Frank Nusselhuff Family (d)

**TUESDAY, August 31, 2021**

- 8:30 am Mark J. Schwager (d)

**WEDNESDAY, September 1, 2021**

- 8:30 am Mary Jo Westendorf (d)

**THURSDAY, September 2, 2021**

- 8:30 am Barb Prater (d)

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

**FRIDAY, September 3, 2021**

St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church

- 8:30 am Carl Armbruster (d)

**SATURDAY, September 4, 2021**

*BVM*

- 8:30 am Bette Moorman (d)

- 4:30 pm Don Westendorf (l)

**SUNDAY, September 5, 2021**

- 9:00 am Jim Streicher (l)
- 11:00 am Edward L. Simon (d)
- 7:00 pm For the Parishioners

**Schroer Eye Center  
Kenneth J. Schroer, O.D.  
5314 Delhi Road  
at Anderson Ferry  
451-0010**

**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.

**SERVERS**

**September 4/5**

No Servers Scheduled

**LECTORS**

**September 4/5**

No Lectors Scheduled

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**September 4/5**

To Be Determined

August 22, 2021 \$ 6,537.00

Total Second Collection \$ 53,441.50

Other Donations \$105,418.44

Lead Gifts (estimated) \$104,212.77

Total Tile Floor Fund \$263,072.71

*Thank You for your Generosity!*

**Vocation View** “Be doers of the word and not hearers only.” The reception of the Word of God demands a living response, for the Word is active and alive, spurring us on to action. (James 1:22)  
To talk about your discernment, please contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations at [dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org).

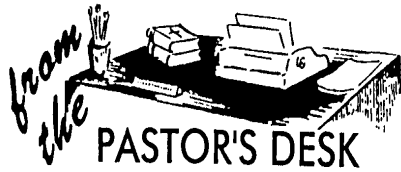
**Thought for the Day:** May your life become one of glad and unending praise to the Lord as you journey through this world!

*St. Teresa of Avila*

**CINCINNATI CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB:** Is hosting a Wine and Cheese gathering , Sunday, Sept 5, 2-5pm, Purcell K of C Banquet Center, 3617 Glenmore Ave, Cincinnati. Please call Larry 513-520-1323 for more information.



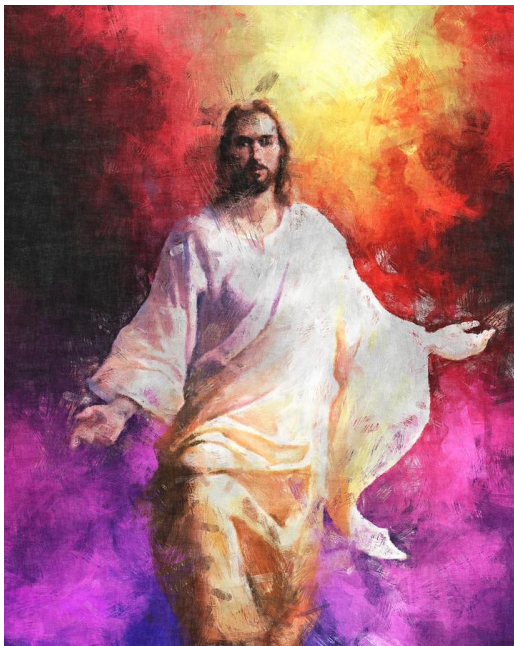
## The Laurentian



**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 31<sup>st</sup>. 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.



### 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 have been 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:**

Our St. Lawrence Parish Reunion is just three weeks away. A reminder that all dinner reservations with your payment must be sent in to the rectory by Tuesday, September 7. Dinner plans with the caterer will need to be finalized at that time. If you have any questions, please call the rectory, 921-0328.

Congratulations to George Lang who won the first early bird drawing.

### Pastor's Desk Continued

# RCIA

### **St. Lawrence RCIA 2021-2022**

A wonderful way to spread the good news that Jesus is the way to heaven would be to encourage any non-Catholic you know to attend the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult instruction classes.

Classes will be on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Please call the rectory, 921-0328, for further information and registration.

*I taught my prophets*

My son, says the Lord, listen to my words, the most delightful of all words, surpassing all the knowledge of the philosophers and wise men of this world. *My words are spirit and life* and cannot be comprehended by human senses alone.

They are not to be interpreted according to the vain pleasure of the listener, but they must be listened to in silence and received with all humility and great affection.

And I said: *Blessed is the man whom you teach, Lord, and whom you instruct in your law; for him you soften the blow of the evil day, and you do not desert him on earth.*

The Lord says, I have instructed my prophets from the beginning and even to the present time I have not stopped speaking to all men, but many are deaf and obstinate in response.

Many hear the world more easily than they hear God; they follow the desires of the flesh more readily than the pleasure of God.

The world promises rewards that are temporal and insignificant, and these are pursued with great longing; I promise rewards that are eternal and unsurpassable, yet the hearts of mortals respond sluggishly.

Who serves and obeys me in all matters with as much care as the world and its princes are served?

Blush, then, you lazy, complaining servant, for men are better prepared for the works of death than you are for the works of life. They take more joy in vanity than you in truth.

Yet they are often deceived in their hope, while my promise deceives no one, and leaves empty-handed no one who confides in me. What I have promised I shall give; what I have said I will fulfill for any man who remains faithful in my love unto the very end. I am the rewarder of all good men, the one who rigorously tests the devoted.

Write my words in your heart and study them diligently, for they will be absolutely necessary in the time of temptation. Whatever you fail to understand in reading my words will become clear to you on the day of your visitation.

I am accustomed to visit my elect in a double fashion, that is, with temptation and with consolation. And I read to them two lessons each day: one to rebuke them for their faults; the other to exhort them to increase their virtue.

*He who possesses my words yet spurns them earns his own judgment on the last day.*

*From the Imitation of Christ*



## The Laurentian

*O eternal truth, true love and beloved eternity*

Urged to reflect upon myself, I entered under your guidance into the inmost depth of my soul. I was able to do so because *you were my helper*. On entering into myself I saw, as it were with the eye of the soul, what was beyond the eye of the soul, beyond my spirit: your immutable light. It was not the ordinary light perceptible to all flesh, nor was it merely something of greater magnitude but still essentially akin, shining more clearly and diffusing itself everywhere by its intensity. No, it was something entirely distinct, something altogether different from all these things; and it did not rest above my mind as oil on the surface of water, nor was it above me as heaven is above earth. This light was above me because it had made me; I was below it because I was created by it. He who has come to know the truth knows this light.

O eternal truth, true love and beloved eternity. You are my God. To you do I sigh day and night. When I first came to know you, you drew me to yourself so that I might see that there were things for me to see, but that I myself was not yet ready to see them. Meanwhile you overcame the weakness of my vision, sending forth most strongly the beams of your light, and I trembled at once with love and dread. I learned that I was in a region unlike yours and far distant from you, and I thought I heard your voice from on high: "I am the food of grown men; grow then, and you will feed on me. Nor will you change me into yourself like bodily food, but you will be changed into me."

I sought a way to gain the strength which I needed to enjoy you. But I did not find it until I embraced *the mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who is above all, God blessed forever*. He was calling me and saying: *I am the way of truth, I am the life*. He was offering the food which I lacked the strength to take, the food he had mingled with our flesh. For *the Word became flesh*, that your wisdom, by which you created all things, might provide milk for us children.

Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient. Ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which you created. You were with me, but I was not with you. Created things kept me from you; yet if they had not been in you they would not have been at all. You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness. You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for you. I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burned for your peace.

*by St. Augustine, bishop*

