

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**SUNDAY, October 31, 2021****9:00 am** Patricia Becker (d)**11:00 am** Rose Littner (d)**7:00 pm** For the Parishioners**MONDAY, November 1, 2021**

ALL SAINTS

8:30 am Richard Ruhlstaller (d)**TUESDAY, November 2, 2021**

THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS DAY)

8:30 am Debbie Voss (d)**WEDNESDAY, November 3, 2021***St. Martin de Porres, religious***8:30 am** Pilgrims**THURSDAY, November 4, 2021**

St. Charles Borromeo, bishop

8:30 am Frances Mette (d)**3:00 pm–5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION****FRIDAY, November 5, 2021****8:30 am** Fr. Jim Van Vurst (d)**SATURDAY, November 6, 2021***BVM***8:30 am** Joseph Moorwessel (d)**4:30 pm** Delores Shappelle (d)**SUNDAY, November 7, 2021****9:00 am** Elmer & Emma Miller (d)**11:00 am** Maria Frenza (d)**7:00 pm** For the Parishioners

All Saints Day, November 1: Because All Saints Day falls on a Monday this year, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. The only Mass for All Saints Day is at 8:30 a.m. which will be an all school Mass.

**Brogan
Hesketh
Formal Wear
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.

SERVERS**November 6/7**

Servers Scheduled

LECTORS**November 6/7**

No Lectors Scheduled

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**November 6/7**

To Be Determined

October 24, 2021 \$ 7,327.63

Total Second Collection \$ 58,307.41

Other Donations \$111,726.44

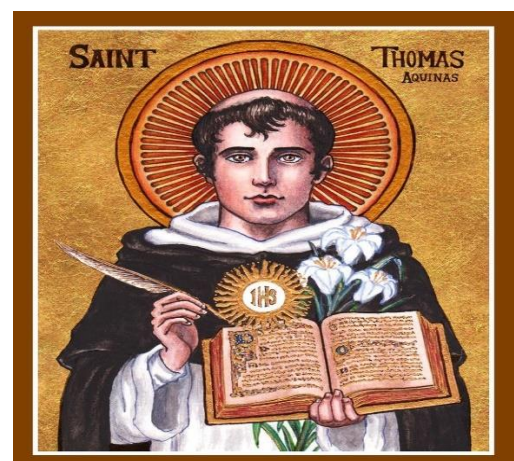
Lead Gifts \$109,206.59

Total Tile Floor Fund \$279,240.44

Thank You for your Generosity!

Vocation View: Love of God and love of neighbor are not mutually exclusive, but rather are mutually enriching. Demonstrate the love you have for God by acting in service to your neighbor in Christ. (Mark 12:28-34) To talk about your discernment, please contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations at dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org.

Thought for the Day: “Better to illuminate than merely to shine, to deliver to others contemplated truths than merely to contemplate.”

by Thomas Aquinas

The Laurentian



Major Church Beautification

The estimated cost of tile, its installation, and the refurbishing of the pews is \$330,000. Because of your generosity, the second collection was discontinued. However, you may still donate if you wish.

Here's the latest on the tile. Half of the tile is here and the other half is in Customs in Vancouver, British Columbia. So now, the installation looks like it will be pushed back until after the first of the year. The stone tile floor will be installed in sections. There will be some changes in seating arrangements throughout the project.

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 Adults instruction classes.

Classes will be on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Music Room. Please call the rectory, 921-0328, for further information and registration.

12 - Step Men's Weekend Retreat Join Fr. Jeff LaBelle, SJ November 26 – 28, 2021 at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford, Ohio for a weekend recovery retreat: *Gratitude as Spiritual Awakening*. We pray for the grace to be happy, joyous, and free one day at a time and throughout the coming holidays. The attitude we strive for is one of gratitude. Gratitude will lead us to a new, inner freedom through the twelve steps of recovery. This gratitude will enable us to get into action in our recovery. Together we will comprehend the word serenity and know peace! For more information or to register call Mary Ellen at 513.248.3500 ext. 10 or visit www.jesuitspiritualcenter.com/12step

Sister Helen Julia: Thanksgiving/Christmas holiday collection of monetary donations for families has begun. I very much appreciate your generosity so that Sister will be able to assist all those families who are in need. The collection will continue through December 6th. Sister's Ministry envelopes will be in the back of church. Thank you for helping Sister help the needy. And thanks to Sister Helen Julia.

Presentation Ministries Upcoming Married Couples Retreat Friday, November 12 – Saturday, November 13th Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Ctr. 5701 Lawshe Rd. Peebles, OH 45660

At this pivotal time in history when Marriage and family are under attack...come and receive blessings and strength for your marriage at this married couples retreat. To register, please visit [Married Couples' Retreat presentationministries.com](http://MarriedCouplesRetreatpresentationministries.com). Contact 513 373-2397 or for further information e-mail retreats@presentationministries.com



*Let us make haste to our brethren who are awaiting
us*

Why should our praise and glorification, or even the celebration of this feastday mean anything to the saints? What do they care about earthly honors when their heavenly Father honors them by fulfilling the faithful promise of the Son? What does our commendation mean to them? The saints have no need of honor from us; neither does our devotion add the slightest thing to what is theirs. Clearly, if we venerate their memory, it serves us, not them. But I tell you, when I think of them, I feel myself inflamed by a tremendous yearning.

Calling the saints to mind inspires, or rather arouses in us, above all else, a longing to enjoy their company, so desirable in itself. We long to share in the citizenship of heaven, to dwell with the spirits of the blessed, to join the assembly of patriarchs, the ranks of the prophets, the council of apostles, the great host of martyrs, the noble company of confessors and the choir of virgins. In short, we long to be united in happiness with all the saints. But our dispositions change. The Church of all the first followers of Christ awaits us, but we do nothing about it. The saints want us to be with them, and we are indifferent. The souls of the just await us, and we ignore them.

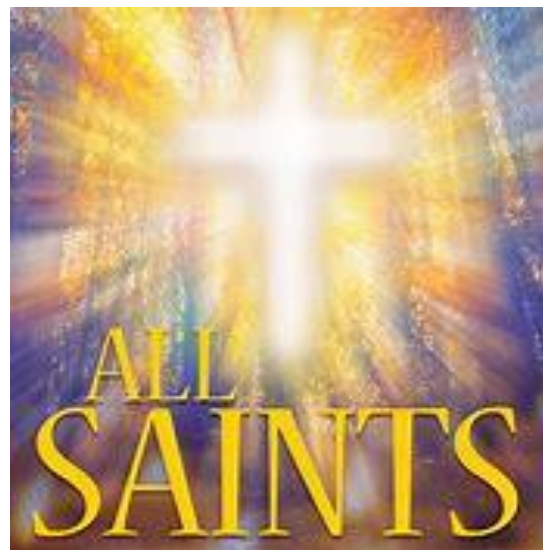
Come, brothers, let us at length spur ourselves on. We must rise again with Christ, we must seek the world which is above and set our mind on the things of heaven. Let us long for those who are longing for us, hasten to those who are waiting for us, and ask those who look for our coming to intercede for us. We should not only want to be with the saints, we should also hope to possess their happiness. While we desire to be in their company, we must also earnestly seek to share in their glory. Do not imagine that there is anything harmful in such an ambition as this; there is no danger in setting our hearts on such glory.

When we commemorate the saints we are inflamed with another yearning: that Christ our life may also appear to us as he appeared to them and that we may one day share in his glory.

Until then we see him, not as he is, but as he became for our sake. He is our head, crowned, not with glory, but with the thorns of our sins. As members of that head, crowned with thorns, we should be ashamed to live in luxury; his purple robes are a mockery rather than an honor. When Christ comes again, his death shall no longer be proclaimed, and we shall know that we also have died, and that our life is hidden with him. The glorious head of the Church will appear and his glorified members will shine in splendor with him, when he forms this lowly body anew into such glory as belongs to himself, its head.

Therefore, we should aim at attaining this glory with a wholehearted and prudent desire. That we may rightly hope and strive for such blessedness, we must above all seek the prayers of the saints. Thus, what is beyond our own powers to obtain will be granted through their intercession.

by St. Bernard, abbot



The Laurentian

Let us die with Christ, to live with Christ

We see that death is gain, life is loss. Paul says: *For me life is Christ, and death a gain.* What does "Christ" mean but to die in the body, and receive the breath of life? Let us then die with Christ, to live with Christ. We should have a daily familiarity with death, a daily desire for death. By this kind of detachment our soul must learn to free itself from the desires of the body. It must soar above earthly lusts to a place where they cannot come near, to hold it fast. It must take on the likeness of death, to avoid the punishment of death. The law of our fallen nature is at war with the law of our reason and subjects the law of reason to the law of error. What is the remedy? *Who will set me free from this dead body? The grace of God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

We have a doctor to heal us; let us use the remedy he prescribes. The remedy is the grace of Christ, the dead body our own. Let us then be exiles from our body, so as not to be exiles from Christ. Though we are still in the body, let us not give ourselves to the things of the body. We must not reject the natural rights of the body, but we must desire before all else the gifts of grace.

What more needs to be said? It was by the death of one man that the world was redeemed. Christ did not need to die if he did not want to, but he did not look on death as something to be despised, something to be avoided, and he could not have found no better means to save us than by dying. Thus his death is life for all. We are sealed with the sign of his death; when we pray we preach his death; when we offer sacrifice we proclaim his death. His death is victory; his death is a sacred sign; each year his death is celebrated with solemnity by the whole world.

What more should we say about his death since we use this divine example to prove that it was death alone that won freedom from death, and death itself was its own redeemer? Death is no cause for mourning, for it is the cause of mankind's salvation.

Death is not something to be avoided, for the Son of God did not think it beneath his dignity, nor did he seek to escape it.

Death was not part of nature; it became part of nature. God did not decree death from the beginning; he prescribed it as a remedy. Human life was condemned because of sin to unremitting labor and unbearable sorrow and so began to experience the burden of wretchedness. There had to be a limit to its evils; death had to restore what life had forfeited. Without the assistance of grace, immortality is more of a burden than a blessing.

The soul has to turn away from the aimless paths of this life, from the defilement of an earthly body; it must reach out to those assemblies in heaven (though it is given only to the saints to be admitted to them) to sing the praises of God. We learn from Scripture how God's praise is sung to the music of the harp: *Great and wonderful are your deeds, Lord God Almighty; just and true are your ways, King of the nations. Who will not revere and glorify your nature? You alone are holy; all nations will come and worship before you.* The soul must also desire to witness your nuptials, Jesus, and to see your bride escorted from earthly to heavenly realities, as all rejoice and sing: *All flesh will come before you.* No longer will the bride be held in subjection to this passing world but will be made one with the spirit.

by St. Ambrose, bishop

