

**INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK****SUNDAY, February 6, 2022**

- 9:00 am** Mark Schmidt Family  
**11:00 am** Anthony Vu and Maria Pham (d)  
**7:00 pm** For the Parishioners

**MONDAY, February 7, 2022**

- 8:30 am** Mary Koch (l)

**TUESDAY, February 8, 2022**

*St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, virgin*

- 8:30 am** Mary Meinhardt (d)

**WEDNESDAY, February 9, 2022**

- 8:30 am** Phil Hofmeyer (d)

**THURSDAY, February 10, 2022**

St. Scolastica, virgin

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

**3:00 pm–5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION****FRIDAY, February 11, 2022**

*Our Lady of Lourdes*

- 8:30 a.m.** Tony Comarata (d)

**SATURDAY, February 12, 2022**

*BVM*

- 8:30 am** Dick Dagenbach (d)

- 4:30 pm** Elmer Brinker (d)

**SUNDAY, February 13, 2022**

- 9:00 am** Edward Walter (d)

- 11:00 am** Babe Kinnemeyer (d)

- 7:00 pm** For the Parishioners

**SERVERS**

**February 12/13**

No Servers Scheduled

**LECTORS**

**February 12/13**

No Lectors Scheduled

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**February 12/13**

To Be Determined

January 30, 2022

\$ 5,638.00

*Thank You for your Generosity!*

**Vocation View:** Holiness is a gift of God.

Open yourself to the gift. When God calls, be ready to respond: "Here I am, send me!" (Isaiah 6:1-2, 3-8) 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:** Let us, as St. Basil counsels us, rest secure in the conviction that beyond the possibility of a doubt, God works to effect our welfare, infinitely better than we could ever hope to accomplish or desire it ourselves.

**2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA):**

This is Commitment Weekend for the 2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please join with Catholics in every parish throughout our archdiocese who are standing with local, Catholic ministries serving people right here in our communities. These ministries depend on our help each year! Pledge cards are available for your convenience this weekend. If you have already responded by mail or online, or if you brought your completed pledge card to place in the offertory today, thank you! To make a gift online, visit [CatholicAOC.org/CMA](http://CatholicAOC.org/CMA)

**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.

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# The Laurentian



**Eucharistic Adoration:** Eucharistic Adoration is on Thursdays from 3:00-5:00pm. During Eucharistic Adoration, I hear confessions from about 3:15pm-3:45pm. (presently, Eucharistic Adoration is held in the Parish Center)

**Beacons of Light:** The final version of the breakdown of parishes of families can be viewed on the Archdiocese website at [www.beaconsoflight.org](http://www.beaconsoflight.org).

**Church Tile Floor:** The floor tile installers are moving quickly to complete the project. In order for the project to go as quickly and as smoothly as possible, we have moved weekend and daily Masses, Eucharistic Adoration and confessions into the Parish Center. In case of a funeral, the funeral home will call St. Lawrence as usual. I will determine whether the funeral Mass will be held at St. Teresa or St. William. The funeral will be planned here at St. Lawrence and we will use our own St. Lawrence musicians, servers and bereavement.

**Cincinnati Catholic Alumni Club:** Invites single catholic men and women to a wine tasting, Sunday February 27, 2-5 p.m. at the Purcell K of C Banquet Center, 3617 Glenmore Ave. Contact Larry 513-520-1323, or Don 513-574-8573

## **Elder First and Second Honors:**

Cody Corbett	First Honor
Nicholas Durbin	First Honor
Cameron McWilliams	First Honor
Blake Dugan	Second Honor
Connor Eichhorn	Second Honor
Tommy Nguyen	Second Honor

*Congratulations!*

**2022 Cincinnati Men's Conference** Actor Jim Caviezel (Mel Gibson's The Passion of the Christ) and Raymond Arroyo (EWTN/ FOX News) are coming to Cincinnati April 2, 2022 to speak at the Cincinnati Men's Conference. Go to [www.CincinnatiMensConference.com](http://www.CincinnatiMensConference.com) to get tickets.

2022 Headline Speakers

Jim Caviezel

ACTOR (Passion of the Christ)

Raymond Arroyo

FOX News | EWTN

This Conference is intended for ALL men, no matter where you are in your religious journey or what faith you identify with. Please join us.

**IRS TAX STATEMENT:** If you would like a statement of your 2021 donations, please fill in the box below, clip it out and drop it in the collection basket or mail to: St. Lawrence Church, 3680 Warsaw Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45205.

## **2021 CONTRIBUTIONS**

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*From the treatise On Spiritual Protection by  
Diadochus of Photice, bishop*

The light of true knowledge makes it possible to discern without error the difference between good and evil. Then the path of justice, which leads to the Sun of Justice, brings the mind into the limitless light of knowledge, since it never fails to seek the love of God with all confidence.

Therefore, we must maintain great stillness of mind, even in the midst of our struggles. We shall then be able to distinguish between the different types of thoughts that come to us: those that are good, those sent by God, we will treasure in our memory; those that are evil and inspired by the devil we will reject. A comparison with the sea may help us. A tranquil sea allows the fisherman to gaze right into its depths. No fish can hide there and escape his sight. The stormy sea, however, becomes murky when it is agitated by the winds. The very depths that it revealed in its placidness, the sea now hides. The skills of the fisherman are useless.

Only the Holy Spirit can purify the mind: unless the strong man enters and robs the thief, the booty will not be recovered. So by every means, but especially by peace of soul, we must try to provide the Holy Spirit with a resting place. Then we shall have the light of knowledge shining within us at all times, and it will show up for what they are, all the dark and hateful temptations that come from demons, and not only will it show them up: exposure to this holy and glorious light will also greatly diminish their power.

This is why the Apostle says: *Do not stifle the Spirit*. The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of goodness: do not grieve Him by your evil actions and thoughts, and so deprive yourself of the defense His light affords you. In His own being, which is eternal and life giving, He is not stifled, but when he is grieved he turns away and leaves the mind in darkness, deprived of the light of knowledge.

The mind is capable of tasting and distinguishing accurately whatever is presented to it. Just as when our health is good we can tell the difference between good and bad food by our bodily sense of taste and reach for what is wholesome, so when our mind is strong and free from all anxiety, it is able to taste the riches of divine consolation, and to preserve, through love, the memory of this taste. This teaches us what is best with absolute certainty. As St. Paul says: *My prayer is that your love may increase more and more in knowledge and insight, and so enable you to choose what is best.*



## The Laurentian

*From a short discourse by St. Bonaventure,  
bishop*

The source of sacred Scripture was not human research but divine revelation. This revelation comes *from the Father of Light from whom the whole concept of fatherhood in heaven and on earth derives.* From him, through Jesus Christ His Son, the Holy Spirit enters into us. Then, the Holy Spirit who allots and apportions His gifts to each person as He wishes, we receive the gift of faith, *and through faith Christ lives in our hearts.* So we come to know Christ and this knowledge becomes the main source of a firm understanding of the truth of all sacred Scripture. It is impossible, therefore, for anyone to achieve this understanding unless he first receives the gift of faith in Christ. This faith is the foundation of the whole Bible, a lamp and a key to its understanding. As long as our earthly state keeps us from seeing the Lord, this same faith is the firm basis of all supernatural enlightenment, the light guiding us to it, and the doorway through which we enter upon it. What is more, the extent of our faith is the measure of the wisdom which God has given us. Thus, *no one should overestimate His wisdom; instead, he should soberly make his assessment according to the extent of the faith which God has given him.*

The outcome of the fruit of reading holy Scripture is by no means negligible: it is the fullness of eternal happiness. For these are the books which tell us of eternal life, which were written not only that we might believe but also that we might have everlasting life. When we do live that life we shall understand fully, we shall love completely, and our desires will be totally satisfied. Then, with all our needs fulfilled, we shall truly know *the love that surpasses understanding and so be filled with the fullness of God.* The purpose of the Scriptures, which come to us from God, is to lead us to this fullness according to the truths contained in those sayings of the apostles to which I have referred. In order to achieve this, we must study holy Scripture carefully, and teach it and listen to it in the same way.

If we are to attain the ultimate goal of eternal happiness by the path of virtue described in the Scriptures, we have to begin at the very beginning. We must come with a pure faith to the Father of Light and acknowledge Him in our hearts. We must ask him to give us, through his Son and the Holy Spirit, a true knowledge of Jesus Christ, and along with that knowledge a love of Him. Knowing and loving Him in this way, confirmed in our faith and grounded in our love, we can know *the length and breadth and height and depth* of his Sacred Scripture. Through that knowledge we can come at last to know perfectly and love completely the most blessed Trinity, whom the saints desire to know and love and in whom all that is good and true finds its meaning and fulfillment.

