

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 3, 2022

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

SUNDAY, April 3, 2022

- 9:00 am** Paula Medel (d)
11:00 am Barb Prater (d)
5:00 pm Solemn Vespers and Benediction
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

MONDAY, April 4, 2022

St. Isidore, bishop and Doctor of the Church

- 8:30 am** Vincente Dao (d)

TUESDAY, April 5, 2022

St. Vincent Ferrer, priest

- 8:30 am** Ray Buller (d)

WEDNESDAY, April 6, 2022

- 8:30 am** Deceased of the Hahn Family

THURSDAY, April 7, 2022

St. John Baptist de la Salle, priest

- 8:30 am** Al & Rose Littner (d)

3:00 pm–5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

FRIDAY, April 8, 2022

- 8:30 am** Gary Macke (l)

- 5:00 pm** Stations of the Cross/Holy Mass
Lisa Limerick (d)

SATURDAY, April 9, 2022

- 8:30 am** Roy Siekbert (d)

- 4:30 pm** Anna Dao (d)

SUNDAY, April 10, 2022

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

- 9:00 am** Kinnemeyer Family

- 11:00 am** Michael DiCorpo (d)

- 5:00 pm** Solemn Vespers and Benediction

- 7:00 pm** For the Parishioners

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.

**Schneller Knochelmann
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SERVERS

April 9/10

No Servers Scheduled

LECTORS

April 9/10

No Lectors Scheduled

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

April 9/10

To Be Determined

March 27, 2022

\$6,767.32

Thank You for your Generosity!

Vocation View God continues to open a way for us. How is God doing something new in your life? Perhaps God is inviting you to be a priest or religious. (Isaiah 43:16-21) To talk about your discernment, please contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations at dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org.

Thought for the Day: “Mary, who is the Virgin Most Pure, is also the Refuge of Sinners. She knows what sin is, not by the experience of its fall, not by tasting its bitter regrets, but by seeing what it did to her Divine Son.”

by Bishop Fulton Sheen

St Lawrence Boy Scout Troop 302 needs your support. On Thursday April 28th Robben's Garden Center in Delhi will donate 10% of your purchase to the scouts if you mention our Troop 302. Please consider doing your spring garden shopping there.



The Laurentian



ad Orientem: The 11:00 Mass will be ad Orientem. This means that I will be facing the same way you are facing during the Opening and Closing prayers, the Offertory and Eucharistic Prayer.

Mass and Way of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration, Confessions: On Friday afternoons of Lent, we will have the Way of the Cross beginning at 5:00 p.m. followed immediately by Holy Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration is every Thursday afternoon from 3 – 5 p.m. Holy Mass, the Way of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, fasting, abstinence & almsgiving are excellent ways to deepen our love for the Lord and celebrate His resurrection.

Vacation: I enjoyed vacation but it is good to be back. I missed you! A SPECIAL “THANK YOU” TO Father Westerhoff, Father Schmitz, Father Bramlage and Deacon Jamison for their help while I was away.

Elder High School Honors

Cody Corbett	1 st Honors
Nicholas Durbin	1 st Honors
Cameron McWilliams	1 st Honors
Tommy Nguyen	1 st Honors
Connor Eichhorn	2 nd Honors
Andry Perex Vasquez	2 nd Honors

St. Lawrence Monthly Social

O Happy Day! Wednesday, April 6th! Our first monthly Social for 2022 arrives! And, yes, we will serve your favorite dinner. Our menu will be:

Broasted Chicken
Mashed Potatoes/Gravy
Succotash
Tossed Salad/Dressings
Rolls/Butter
Dessert
Coffee/Iced Tea/Soft Drinks

Come early and socialize with friends. You are guaranteed to enjoy a delightful afternoon. Dinner is served at NOON, followed by games of bingo, door prizes, instants, split-the-pot and a raffle. Since we once again missed several months of birthdays, we will celebrate everyone’s special day with a candy treat for all from the Easter Bunny.

Our Cincinnati Belles will telephone all of our “Regulars” to verify that you will attend the April 6th Social. Not a “Regular?” You are verty welcome to come and it is only necessary to call in a dinner reservation. All reservations for “Regulars”: and others should be telephoned to Sister Helen Julia at 513-244-7376 BY MONDAY, APRIL 4TH, so that an accurate dinner count can be given to our caterer, A Taste of Class.

We welcome all of you on Wednesday, April 6th. Cost for the dinner is \$15.00.

Cura Hospitality & Food Services: located at Sisters of Charity, 5900 Delhi Road, Mt. St. Joseph, Ohio 45051. (On the Metro Bus Line) is interested in hiring:

2 Full-time Food Service Supervisors
2 Full-time Cooks
5 Full-time Food Service Workers

Please contact: Eric Strong at 513-347-5325



NOW HIRING

From a letter by St. Maximus the Confessor, abbot

God's will is to save us, and nothing pleases him more than our coming back to him with true repentance. The heralds of truth and the ministers of divine grace have told us this from the beginning, repeating it in every age. Indeed, God's desire for our salvation is the primary and preeminent sign of his infinite goodness. It was precisely in order to show that there is nothing closer to God's heart than the divine word of God the Father, with untold condescension, lived among us in the flesh, and did, suffered, and said all that was necessary to reconcile us to God the Father, when we were at enmity with him, and to restore us to the life of blessedness from which we had been exiled. He healed our physical infirmities by miracles; he freed us from our sins, many and grievous as they were, by suffering and dying, taking them upon himself as if he were answerable for them, sinless though he was. He also taught us in many different ways that we should wish to imitate him by our own kindness and genuine love for one another.

So it was that Christ proclaimed that he had come to call sinners to repentance, not the righteous, and that it was not the healthy who required a doctor, but the sick. He declared that he had come to look for the sheep that was lost, and that it was to the lost sheep of the house of Israel that he had been sent. Speaking more obscurely in the parable of the silver coin, he tells us that the purpose of his coming was to reclaim the royal image, which had become coated with the filth of sin. *You can be sure that there is joy in heaven*, he said, *over one sinner who repents*.

To give the same lesson he revived the man who, having fallen into the hands of brigands, had been left stripped and half-dead from his wounds; he poured wine and oil on the wounds, bandaged them, placed the man on his own mule and brought him to an inn, where he left sufficient money to have him cared for, and promised to repay any further expense on his return.

Again, he told of how that Father, who is goodness itself, was moved with pity for his profligate son who returned and made amends by repentance; how he embraced him, dressed him once more in fine garments that befitted his own dignity, and did not reproach him for any of his sins.

So too, when he found wandering in the mountains and hills the one sheep that had strayed from God's flock of a hundred, he brought it back to the fold, but he did not exhaust it by driving it ahead of him. Instead, he placed it on his own shoulders and so, compassionately, he restored it safely to the flock.

So also, he cried out: *Come to me, all you that toil and are heavy of heart. Accept my yoke*, he said, by which he meant his commands, or rather, the whole way of life that he taught us in the Gospel. He then speaks of a burden, but that is only because repentance seems difficult. In fact, however, *my yoke is easy*, he assures us, *and my burden is light*.

Then again, he instructs us in divine justice and goodness, telling us to be like our heavenly Father, holy, perfect and merciful. *Forgive*, he says, *and you will be forgiven. Behave toward other people as you would wish them to behave toward you*.



The Laurentian

From the treatise On Prayer by Tertullian, priest

Prayer is the offering in spirit that has done away with the sacrifices of old. *What good do I receive from the multiplicity of your sacrifices?* Asks God. *I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams, and I do not want the fat of lambs and the blood of bulls and goats. Who has asked for these from your hands?*

What God has asked for we learn from the Gospel. *The hour will come*, he says, *when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. God is a spirit*, and so he looks for worshipers who are like himself.

We are true worshipers and true priests. We pray in spirit, and so offer in spirit the sacrifice of prayer. Prayer is an offering that belongs to God and is acceptable to him: it is the offering he asked for, the offering he planned as his own.

We must dedicate this offering with our whole heart, we must fatten it on faith, tend it by truth, keep it unblemished through innocence and clean through chastity, and crown it with love. We must escort it to the altar of God in a procession of good works to the sound of psalms and hymns. Then it will gain for us all that we ask of God.

Since God asks for prayer offered in spirit and in truth, how can he deny anything to this kind of prayer? How great is the evidence of its power, as we read and hear and believe.

Of old, prayer was able to rescue from fire and beasts and hunger, even before it received its perfection from Christ. How much greater then is the power of Christian prayer. No longer does prayer bring an angel of comfort to the heart of a fiery furnace, or close up the mouths of lions, or transport to the hungry food from the fields. No longer does it remove all sense of pain by the grace it wins for others. But it gives the armor of patience to those who suffer, who feel pain, who are distressed. It strengthens the power of grace, so that faith may know what it is gaining from the Lord, and understand what it is suffering for the name of God.

In the past prayer was able to bring down punishment, rout armies, withhold the blessing of rain. Now, however, the prayer of the just turns aside the whole anger of God, keeps vigil for its enemies, pleads for persecutors. Is it any wonder that it can call down water from heaven when it could obtain fire from heaven as well? Prayer is the one thing that can conquer God. But Christ has willed that it should work no evil, and has given it all power over good.

Its only art is to call back the souls of the dead from the very journey into death, to give strength to the weak, to heal the sick, to exorcise the possessed, to open prison cells, to free the innocent from their chains. Prayer cleanses from sin, drives away temptations, stamps out persecutions, comforts the fainthearted, gives new strength to the courageous, brings travelers safely home, calms the waves, confounds robbers, feeds the poor, overrules the rich, lifts up the fallen, supports those who are falling, sustains those who stand firm.

All the angels pray. Every creature prays. Cattle and wild beasts pray and bend the knee. As they come from their barns and caves they look up to heaven and call out, lifting up their spirit in their own fashion. The birds too rise and lift themselves up to heaven: they open out their wings, instead of hands, in the form of a cross, and give voice to what seems to be a prayer.

What more need be said on the duty of prayer? Even the Lord himself prayed. To him be honor and power forever and ever.

