

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER****MAY 8, 2022****INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK****SUNDAY, May 8, 2022**

- 9:00 am** LaVerne Shriewer (d)  
**11:00 am** Michael DiCorpo (d)  
**7:00 pm** For the Parishioners

**MONDAY, May 9, 2022**

- 8:30 am** Alice Eichelkraut (d)

**TUESDAY, May 10, 2022**

*St. John of Avila, priest, Doctor of the Church; St. Damien de Veuster, priest*

- 8:30 am** Martini/Weinheimer Families

**WEDNESDAY, May 11, 2022**

- 8:30 am** Pilgrims

**THURSDAY, May 12, 2022**

*St. Neri and Achilles, martyrs;  
St. Pancras, martyr*

- 8:30 am** Mark Schmidt (I)

**3:00–5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION****FRIDAY, May 13, 2022**

*Our Lady of Fatima*

- 8:30 am** Martha Ann White (d)

**SATURDAY, May 14, 2022**

**ST. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE**

- 8:30 am** Rose Ashcraft (d)

**3:00-4:00 pm Confession**

- 4:30 am** Mary First (d)

**SUNDAY, May 15, 2022**

- 9:00 am** Jim Corcoran (d)

- 11:00 am** Kimberly Smith Meyer (d)

- 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.

**Gilligan – Siefke – Grueter**

**Funeral Home**

**Opposite St. Lawrence Church**

**513-921-0302**

**Harry J. Gilligan – Matt Rost –**

**Peter J. Gilligan**

**SERVERS**

**May 14/15**

No Servers Scheduled

**LECTORS**

**May 14/15**

No Lectors Scheduled

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**May 14/15**

To Be Determined

May 1, 2022

\$8,584.00

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

**Vocation View** Jesus asks us, “Do you love me?” Show your love for Jesus in the way that you live. (John 21:1-19) 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:** “Anxiety is the greatest evil that can befall a soul except sin. God commands you to pray, but He forbids you to worry.”

*by St. Francis de Sales*

**Rosary Rally:** "Over 100 years ago at Fatima Our Lady told the three children that we must pray the rosary (one of our most powerful prayer tools). On **Sunday May 15<sup>th</sup>** at 1:30 pm we will celebrate the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Rosary Rally to be held in the Elder High School’s Field House. This celebration will start with a Procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament as the center of our devotion. The recitation of the Holy Rosary, together with worship songs and prayers, make this gathering a memorable event. Local priests and deacons in our Archdiocese will lead us in prayer. It is important to note that the Elder Field House is air-conditioned. Please encourage your children, grandchildren, relatives and friends to attend.



**ad Orientem:** The 11:00 Mass will be celebrated 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.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Eucharistic Adoration is every Thursday afternoon from 3 – 5 p.m. Part of the time, during the first hour, I hear Confessions.

**St. Lawrence Summer Celebration:**  
SAVE THE DATE! We are planning to have a parish celebration after the 4:30 Mass on Saturday, August 13th. I will get more details to you soon.

## The Good Shepherd

Each year, when spring with its breezes begins to usher in the birth of so many sheep, and to deposit the numerous young of the fruitful flock about the fields, the meadows, and the paths, a good shepherd puts aside his songs. He anxiously searches for the tender sheeplings, picks them up, and gathers them together. Happy to carry them, he places them about his neck, on his shoulders and in his arms., He wants them to be safe as he carries or leads them to the protecting sheepfolds.

*The good shepherd, the text reads, lays down his life for his sheep. The force of love makes a man brave, because genuine love counts nothing as hard, or bitter, or serious, or deadly.*

What sword, what wounds, what penalty, what deaths can avail to overcome perfect love? Love is an impenetrable breastplate. It wards off missiles, sheds the blows of swords, taunts dangers, laughs at death. If love is present it conquers everything.

But is that death of the shepherd advantageous to the sheep? Let us investigate. It leaves them abandoned, exposes them defenseless to the wolves, hands over the beloved flock to the gnawing jaws of beasts, gives them over to plunder and exposes them to death. But what are we to do, since Life himself could not die unless he had decided to? Who could have taken life away from the Giver of life if he were unwilling? He himself said: *I have the power to lay down my life, and I have the power to take it up again. No one takes it from me.* Therefore, he willed to die—he who permitted himself to be slain although he was unable to die. And who doubts that these slain martyrs will arise, and live, and reign, since Christ himself, though slain, has arisen, and lives, and reigns? Hear the voice of the Shepherd: *My sheep hear my voice and follow me.* The sheep who have followed him to death must also follow him to life. They who have accompanied him into the midst of insults must also accompany him into honor. They who shared his passion must also share his glory.

*Where am I, he says, there also shall my servant be.* Where? Truly, above the skies where Christ is sitting at the Father's right hand. O man, let not living by faith disturb you, nor the long time you must hope fatigue you. Your destiny is a certain one, and is being kept for you with the very Author of all things! *You have died, Scripture says, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, your life, shall appear, then you too will appear with him in glory (Col 3:3-4).*

by St. Peter Chrysologus



The heavenly sacrifice, instituted by Christ, is the most gracious legacy of his new covenant. On the night he was delivered up to be crucified he left us this gift as a pledge of his abiding presence.

This sacrifice is our sustenance on life's journey; by it we are nourished and supported along the road of life until we depart from this world and make our way to the Lord. For this reason he addressed these words to us: *Unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you will not have life in you.*

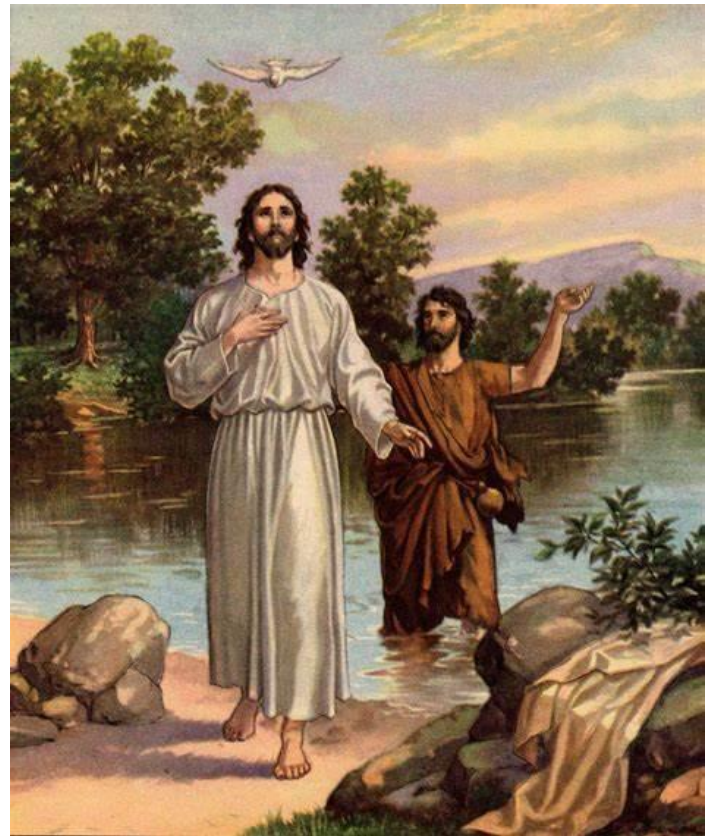
It was the Lord's will that his gifts should remain with us, and that we who have been redeemed by his precious blood should constantly be sanctified according to the pattern of his own passion. And so he commanded those faithful disciples of his whom he made the first priests of his Church to enact these mysteries of eternal life continuously. All priests throughout the churches of the world must celebrate these mysteries until Christ comes again from heaven. Therefore let us all, priests and people alike, be faithful to this everlasting memorial of our redemption. Daily it is before our eyes as a representation of the passion of Christ. We hold it in our hands, we receive it in our mouths, and we accept it in our hearts.

It is appropriate that we should receive the body of Christ in the form of bread, because, as there are many grains of wheat in the flour from which bread is made by mixing it with water and baking it with fire, so also we know that many members make up one body of Christ which is brought to maturity by the fire of the Holy Spirit. Christ was born of the Holy Spirit, and since it was fitting that he should fulfill all justice, he entered into the waters of baptism to sanctify them. When he left the Jordan he was filled with the Holy Spirit who had descended upon him in the form of a dove. As the evangelist tells us: *Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan.*

Similarly, the wine of Christ's blood, drawn from the many grapes of the vineyard that he had planted, is extracted in the winepress of the cross. When men receive it with believing hearts, like capacious wineskins, it ferments within them by its own power.

And so, now that you have escaped from the power of Egypt and of Pharaoh, who is the devil, join with us, all of you, in receiving this sacrifice of the saving passover with the eagerness of dedicated hearts. Then in our inmost being we shall be wholly sanctified by the very Lord Jesus Christ whom we believe to be present in his sacraments, and whose boundless power abides forever.

*by St. Gaudentius of Brescia, bishop*



## The Laurentian

*Sing to the Lord a new song; his praise is in the assembly of the saints.* We are urged to sing a new song to the Lord, as new men who have learned a new song. A song is a thing of joy; more profoundly, it is a thing of love. Anyone, therefore, who has learned to love the new life has learned to sing a new song, and the new song reminds us of our new life. The new man, the new song, the new covenant, all belong to the one kingdom of God, and so the new man will sing a new song and will belong to the new covenant.

There is not one who does not love something, but the question is, what to love. The psalms do not tell us not to love, but to choose the object of our love. But how can we choose unless we are first chosen? We cannot love unless someone has loved us first. Listen to the apostle John: *We love him, because he first loved us.* The source of man's love for God can only be found in the fact that God loved him first. He has given us himself as the object of our love, and he has also given us its source. What this source is you may learn more clearly from the apostle Paul who tells us: *The love of God has been poured into our hearts.* This love is not something we generate ourselves; it comes to us *through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*

Since we have such an assurance, then, let us love God with the love he has given us. As John tells us more fully: *God is love, and whoever dwells in love dwells in God, and God in him.* It is not enough to say: *Love is from God.* Which of us would dare to pronounce the words of Scripture: *God is love?* He alone could say it who knew what it was to have God dwelling within him. God offers us a short route to the possession of himself. He cries out: Love me and you will have me, for you would be unable to love me if you did not possess me already.

My dear brothers and sons, fruit of the true faith and holy seed of heaven, all you who have been born again in Christ and whose life is from above, listen to me; or rather, listen to the Holy Spirit saying through me:

*Sing to the Lord a new song.* Look, you tell me, I am singing. Yes indeed, you are singing; you are singing clearly, I can hear you. But make sure that your life does not contradict your words. Sing with your voices, your hearts, your lips and your lives: *Sing to the Lord a new song.*

Now it is your unquestioned desire to sing of him whom you love, but you ask me how to sing his praises. You have heard the words: *Sing to the Lord a new song,* and you wish to know what praises to sing. The answer is: *His praise is in the assembly of the saints;* it is in the singers themselves. If you desire to praise him, then live what you express. Live good lives, and you yourselves will be his praise.

*by St. Augustine, bishop*

