

**INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK****SUNDAY, July 3, 2022****9:00 am** George Koch (d)**11:00 am** Luke Macke (d)**7:00 pm** For the Parishioners**MONDAY, July 4, 2022***Independence Day***8:30 am** Rory Clear (d)**TUESDAY, July 5, 2022***St. Anthony Zaccaria, priest**St. Elizabeth of Portugal***8:30 am** Jim Corcoran (d)**WEDNESDAY, July 6, 2022***St. Maria Goretti, virgin, martyr***8:30 am** Bill Remke (d)**THURSDAY, July 7, 2022****8:30 am** Don Ashcraft (d)**3:00 pm–5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION****FRIDAY, July 8, 2022****8:30 am** Kessling Family**SATURDAY, July 9, 2022***St. Augustine Zhao Rong, priest and companions  
BVM***8:30 am** Catherine Monk (l)**3:00–4:00 pm** Confession**4:30 pm** Scott Braun (d)**SUNDAY, July 10, 2022****9:00 am** Joan Hoffman (d)**11:00 am** Larry Weinheimer (d)**7:00 pm** For the Parishioners**SERVERS****July 9/10**

No Servers Scheduled

**LECTORS****July 9/10**

No Lectors Scheduled

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS****July 9/10**

To Be Determined

June 26, 2022

\$ 7,472.75

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

***Vocation View*** “The harvest is rich but the workers are few; therefore ask the harvest-master to send workers to his harvest.” Pray for vocations. Depend on God’s providence. (Luke 10:1-9) 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 nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. Everything passes away except God.” *St. Teresa of Avila*

***Summer Celebration:*** Donations are needed for the Basket Raffle for the Parish Celebration on **August 13th**. We are looking for new items such as, sporting equipment, household items, handmade items, decorating items, **Christmas** items, purses, jewelry, electronics, children’s items as well as gift cards for local stores and restaurants. We have created an Amazon wish list that you can order from or you can purchase items at your local store and drop them off at the Parish office. The link for the Amazon wish list is <https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1KY9160B8G6KM?ref>.

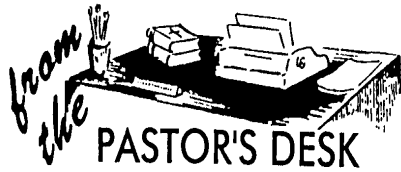
Please drop off your donation at the Parish Office or contact the office at 513-921-0328 to arrange pickup of your item by **Sunday, July 10<sup>th</sup>**.

***Rest in Peace*** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Geri Aug.

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**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.

## The Laurentian



**Vacation:** On Sunday, July 10, 2022 I will leave for Oklahoma City. I will be back for Masses on the weekend of July 23 and 24. While I am away, Fr. Westerhoff will have most of the Masses and Deacon Tracy Jamison will take care of Eucharistic Adoration.

**Beacons of Light:** As of July 1, St. Lawrence, St. Teresa, St. William and Resurrection are a family of parishes SW4. Fr. Zach Cecil is the Pastor. Fr. Bob Keller and I are Senior Vicars; Fr. Scott Morgan a Parochial Vicar. This weekend, July 2 and 3, Fr. Zach Cecil will say the Masses here.

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Eucharistic Adoration is every Thursday afternoon from 3 – 5 p.m. Part of the time, during the first hour, I hear Confessions. Remember, you can gain a plenary indulgence by spending at least one half hour in adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The requirements for gaining a plenary or partial indulgence are the performance of the indulgenced work and the fulfillment of three conditions: sacramental confession, Eucharistic communion, prayer for the pope's intentions. A further requirement for a plenary is the exclusion of all attachment to sin, even venial sin.

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

At the Summer Celebration we will have the drawing for the Major Award. The next Major Award Early Bird drawing is July 10.

Like last year, there will be a catered dinner and bar. Also, a basket booth and split the pot. Some more things for the evening are also in the works. I will keep you posted as things develop.

Pastor's Desk Continued

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**Summer Series:** The United States of America is more politically divided than ever. Why? One of the major causes of division is that we no longer have a unified theoretical framework for basic moral reasoning and determining human rights and duties. We will address this practical problem in our summer study series on Natural-Law Ethics, which meets Tuesday evenings 7:00-8:00pm in the Parish Center, from June 28<sup>th</sup> to August 9<sup>th</sup>. This parish study series is designed for anyone who is struggling to understand the Catholic approach to the science and art of ethics, especially for inquirers into the Catholic Faith. Everyone is welcome to attend any or all sessions, but we ask that you invite any non-Catholic family members or friends who are interested in the topics and bring them with you to the meetings. This series will be facilitated by Deacon Jamison, PhD, Professor of Philosophy at Mount St Mary's Seminary & School of Theology. A basic manual of ethics will be available for purchase, and readings will be assigned each week. In preparation for the first session, please read Plato's Euthyphro, which can easily be found online.

June 28 – The Major Theoretical Options for Ethics as a Science

July 5 – The Human Good and the Nature and Pursuit of Happiness

July 12 – The Human Act, Voluntariness, and the Natural Basis for Morality

July 19 – How to Judge the Morality of Human Acts according to Natural Law

July 26 – Levels of Moral Knowledge and the Nature of Human Conscience

August 2 – An Overview of the Natural Human Virtues, Rights, and Duties

August 9 – The Application of Natural Law to Relations of Church and State

**St. Lawrence Monthly Social**

Why not get some of your family/friends together and come to St. Lawrence on Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>, for our monthly Social! You can enjoy a delicious dinner and spend the afternoon in happy conversations with friends both new and old.

Our dinner menu will be:

Turkey A La King  
Rice Pilaf  
Buttered Peas  
Tossed Salad/Dressings  
Rolls/Butter  
Ice Cream/Cup Cakes  
Coffee/Iced Tea/Soft Drinks

Dinner is served at Noon and is followed by games of bingo, door prizes, instants, split-the-pot and a raffle. Those celebrating a July birthday will receive a special birthday treat. Cost for the dinner is \$15.00.

Our Cincinnati Belles will telephone all of our members who come regularly to verify that you will be attending the July 6<sup>th</sup> Social. Not a Regular? No problem! We welcome everyone and it is only necessary to call Sister to make dinner reservations. Dinner counts for our "Regulars" and for those making reservations should be telephoned to Sister Helen Julia at 513-244-7376 by TUESDAY MORNING, JULY 5<sup>TH</sup>, so an accurate dinner count can be given to our caterer, A Taste of Class.

We are looking forward to seeing you at St. Lawrence on Wednesday, July 6<sup>th</sup>!

*Your kingdom come*

When asking a favor of some person of importance would anyone be so ill-mannered and thoughtless as not first to consider how best to address him in order to make a good impression and give him no cause for offense? Surely he would think over his petition carefully and his reason for making it, especially if it were for something specific and important as our good Jesus tells us our petitions should be. It seems to me that his point deserves serious attention. My Lord, could you not have included all in saying: "Father, give us whatever is good for us"? After all, to one who understands everything so perfectly, what need is there to say more?

O Eternal Wisdom, between you and your Father that was enough; that was how you prayed in the garden. You expressed your desire and fear but surrendered yourself to his will. But as for us, my Lord, you know that we are less submissive to the will of your Father and need to mention each thing separately in order to stop and think whether it would be good for us, and otherwise not ask for it. You see, the gift our Lord intends for us may be by far the best, but if it is not what we wanted we are quite capable of flinging it back in his face. That is the kind of people we are; ready cash is the only wealth we understand.

Therefore, the good Jesus bids us repeat these words, this prayer for his kingdom to come in us: *Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come.* See how wise our Master is! But what do we mean when we pray for his kingdom? That is what I am going to consider now, for it is important that we should understand it. Our good Jesus placed these two petitions side by side because he realized that in our inadequacy we could never fittingly hallow, praise, exalt or glorify this holy name of the eternal Father unless he enabled us to do so by giving us his kingdom here on earth. But since we must know what we are asking for and how important it is to pray for it without ceasing and to do everything in our power to please him who is to give it to us, I should now like to give you my own thoughts on the matter.



## The Laurentian

Of the many joys that are found in the kingdom of heaven, the greatest seems to me to be the sense of tranquility and well-being that we shall experience when we are free from all concern for earthly things. Glad because others are glad and for ever at peace, we shall have the deep satisfaction of seeing that by all creatures the Lord is honored and praised, and his name blessed. No one ever offends him, for there everyone loves him. Loving him is the souls one concern. Indeed it cannot help but love him, for it knows him. Here below our love must necessarily fall short of that perfection and constancy, but even so how different it would be, how much more like that of heaven, if we really knew our Lord!

*by St. Teresa of Avila*

*Acknowledge your sins at a time of God's favor*

If there is any slave of sin here present, he should at once prepare himself through faith for the rebirth into freedom that makes us God's adopted children. He should lay aside the wretchedness of slavery to sin, and put on the joyful slavery of the Lord, so as to be counted worthy to inherit the kingdom of heaven. By acknowledging your sins strip away your former self, seduced as it is by destructive desires, and put on the new self, renewed in the likeness of its Creator. Through faith receive the pledge of the Holy Spirit, so that you may be welcomed into the everlasting dwelling places. Draw near, to be marked with the supernatural seal, so that you may be easily recognized by your Master. Become one of Christ's holy and spiritual flock, so that one day you may be set apart on his right hand, and so gain the life prepared as your inheritance.

Those whose sins still cling to them like a goatskin will stand on his left hand because they did not approach Christ's foundation of rebirth to receive God's grace. By rebirth I mean, not rebirth of the body, but the spiritual rebirth of the soul.

Our bodies are brought into being by parents who can be seen, but our souls are reborn through faith: *the Spirit breathes where he wills*. At the end, if you are made worthy, you may hear the words: *Well done, good and faithful servant*, when, that is, you are found with no stain of hypocrisy on your conscience.

If anyone here present is thinking of putting God's grace to the test, he is deceiving himself, and he does not understand the nature of things. You are but a man; there is one who searches out men's thoughts and hearts. You must keep your soul innocent and free from deceit.

The present is a time for the acknowledgment of sins. Acknowledge what you have done, in word or deed, by night or day. Acknowledge your sins at a time of God's favor, and on the day of salvation you will receive the treasures of heaven.

Wash yourself clean, so that you may hold a richer store of grace. Sins are forgiven equally for all, but communion in the Holy Spirit is given in the measure of each one's faith. If you have done little work, you will receive little; if you have achieved a great deal, great will be your reward. The race you are running is for your own advantage; look after your own interests.

If you have a grudge against anyone, forgive him. You are drawing near to receive forgiveness for your own sins; you must yourself forgive those who have sinned against you.

*by St. Cyril of Jerusalem*

