

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**SUNDAY, July 10, 2022**

9:00 am Joan Hoffman (d)
11:00 am Larry Weinheimer (d)
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

MONDAY, July 11, 2022

St. Benedict, Abbott

8:30 am Joan Hoffman (d)

TUESDAY, July 12, 2022

8:30 am Jeanne and Bill Leesman (d)

WEDNESDAY, July 13, 2022

St. Henry

8:30 am Bob Kessler (d)

THURSDAY, July 14, 2022

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

8:30 am Paul Sharpshair (d)

3:00 pm–5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

FRIDAY, July 15, 2022

St. Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

8:30 am Jacob Weng, Jr. (d)

SATURDAY, July 16, 2022

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
BVM

8:30 am Special Intention

3:00–4:00 pm Confession

4:30 pm Elmer Brinker (d)

SUNDAY, July 17, 2022

9:00 am Bob Kessler (d)

11:00 am Joan Hoffman (d)

7:00 pm For the Parishioners

SERVERS

July 16/17

No Servers Scheduled

LECTORS

July 16/17

No Lectors Scheduled

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

July 16/17

To Be Determined

July 3, 2022

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Thank You for your Generosity!

Vocation View We are called to love with our whole being. God is inviting you to love through ministry to the Church. Pray for generosity to serve God's people. (Luke 10:25-37) To talk about your discernment, please contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations at dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org.

Thought for the Day: "Perfect love of God means the complete union of our will with God's."

St. Alphonsus Liguori

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 10th**.

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Fr. Watkins' Desk

Vacation: On Sunday, July 10, 2022 I will leave for Oklahoma City. I will be back 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 Vicar.

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:

Our Summer Celebration will begin 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.

Fr. Watkins Desk Continued

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 7:00-8:00 pm in the Parish Center, from June 28th to August 9th. 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

From a homily at the canonization of St. Maria Goretti by Pope Pius XII

I have no fear for you are with me

It is well known how this young girl had to face a bitter struggle with no way to defend herself. Without warning a vicious stranger burst upon her, bent on raping her and destroying her childlike purity. In that moment of crisis she could have spoken to her Redeemer in the words of that classic, *The Imitation of Christ*: “ Though tested and plagued by a host of misfortunes, I have no fear so long as your grace is with me. It is my strength, stronger than any adversary; it helps me and gives me guidance.” With splendid courage she surrendered herself to God and his grace and so gave her life to protect her virginity.

The life of this simple girl – I shall concern myself only with highlights – we can see as worthy of heaven. Even today people can look upon it with admiration and respect. Parents can learn from her story how to raise their God-given children in virtue, courage and holiness; they can learn to train them in the Catholic faith so that, when put to the test, God’s grace will support them and they will come through undefeated, unscathed and untarnished.

From Maria’s story carefree children and young people with their zest for life can learn not to be led astray by attractive pleasures which are not only ephemeral and empty but also sinful. Instead they can fix their sights on achieving Christian moral perfection, however difficult and hazardous that course may prove. With determination and God’s help all of us can attain that goal by persistent effort and prayer.

Not all of us are expected to die a martyr’s death, but we are called to the pursuit of Christian virtue. This demands strength of character though it may not match that of this innocent girl.

Still, a constant, persistent and relentless effort is asked of us right up to the moment of our death. This may be conceived as a slow steady martyrdom which Christ urged upon us when he said: *The kingdom of heaven is set upon and laid waste by violent forces.*

So let us all, with God’s grace, strive to reach the goal that the example of the virgin martyr, St. Maria Goretti, sets before us. Through her prayers to the Redeemer may all of us, each in his own way, joyfully try to follow the inspiring example of Maria Goretti who now enjoys eternal happiness in heaven.



The Laurentian

*From the Journey of the Mind to God by St.
Bonaventure*

Christ is both the way and the door. Christ is the staircase and the vehicle, like the *throne of mercy over the Ark of the Covenant, and the mystery hidden from the ages*. A man should turn his full attention to this throne of mercy, and should gaze at him hanging on the cross, full of faith, hope and charity, devoted, full of wonder and joy, marked by gratitude, and open to praise and jubilation. Then such a man will make with Christ a *pasch*, that is, a passing-over. Through the branches of the cross he will pass over the Red Sea, leaving Egypt and entering the desert. There he will taste the hidden manna, and rest with Christ in the sepulcher, as if he were dead to things outside. He will experience, as much as is possible for one who is still living, what was promised to the thief who hung beside Christ: *Today you will be with me in paradise*.

For this passover to be perfect, we must suspend all the operations of the mind and we must transform the peak of our affections, directing them to God alone. This is a sacred mystical experience. It cannot be comprehended by anyone unless he surrenders himself to it; nor can he surrender himself to it unless he longs for it; nor can he long for it unless the Holy Spirit, whom Christ sent into the world, should come and inflame his innermost soul. Hence the Apostle says that this mystical wisdom is revealed by the Holy Spirit.

If you ask how such things can occur, seek the answer in God's grace, not in doctrine; in the longing of will, not in the understanding; in the sighs of prayer, not in research; seek the bridegroom not the teacher; God and not man; darkness not daylight; and look not to the light but rather to the raging fire that carries the soul to God with intense fervor and glowing love. The fire is God, and the furnace is in Jerusalem, fired by Christ in the ardor of his loving passion.

Only he understood this who said: *My soul chose hanging and my bones death*. Anyone who cherishes this kind of death can see God, for it is certainly true that: *No man can look upon me and live*.

Let us die, then, and enter into the darkness, silencing our anxieties, our passions and all the fantasies of our imagination. Let us pass over with the crucified Christ *from this world to the Father*, so that, when the Father has shown himself to us, we can say with Philip: *It is enough*. We may hear with Paul: *My grace is sufficient for you*; and we can rejoice with David, saying: *My flesh and my heart fail me, but God is the strength of my heart and my heritage for ever*. *Blessed be the Lord for ever, and let all the people say: Amen. Amen!*

