

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**SUNDAY, July 24, 2022**

9:00 am Bertha Gavin (d)
11:00 am Elizabeth Miller (d)
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

MONDAY, July 25, 2022

ST. JAMES, APOSTLE

8:30 am Patrick Gargano (d)**TUESDAY, July 26, 2022**

Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed

Virgin Mary

8:30 am Carol Woodall (d)**WEDNESDAY, July 27, 2022****8:30 am** Scott Braun (d)**THURSDAY, July 28, 2022****8:30 am** Special Intention (d)**3:00 pm–5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION****FRIDAY, July 29, 2022**

Saints, Martha, Mary and Lazarus

8:30 am Melissa Hoffman (l)**SATURDAY, July 30, 2022***St. Peter Chrysologus, bishop**Doctor of the Church**BVM***8:30 am** Martha White (d)**3:00–4:00 pm** Confession**4:30 pm** Mark Schwager (d)**SUNDAY, July 31, 2022****9:00 am** Mark Schmidt Family**11:00 am** Christopher Nguyen (d)**7:00 pm** For the Parishioners**SERVERS****July 30/31**

No Servers Scheduled

LECTORS**July 30/31**

No Lectors Scheduled

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**July 30/31**

To Be Determined

July 17, 2022

\$6,506.00

Thank You for your Generosity!

Vocation View “Ask and you shall receive; seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you.” Believe and act on Jesus’ promise. Pray for wisdom to discern God’s will. (Luke 11:1-13) 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***ST. LAWRENCE COUNCIL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 2022 GOLF OUTING:**

When: Saturday, August 27, 2022 **Time:** 2:00 p.m. **Shotgun Start Location:** Aston Oaks Golf Club **Cost:** \$90 per golfer, \$360 per team (Includes: Green fee, cart, drinks at the course, dinner and door prizes). To register email brian.moschel@yahoo.com **Registration Due by August 13th.**

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Fr. Watkins' Desk

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.

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.

Dinner will be catered by "A Taste of Class, therefore all reservations must be in by August 5.

Vacation: I enjoyed vacation but it is good to be back. I missed you! A special "thank you" to Fr. Westerhoff and Deacon Jamison for their help while I was away.

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 sermon on charity by St. Basil the Great,
bishop*

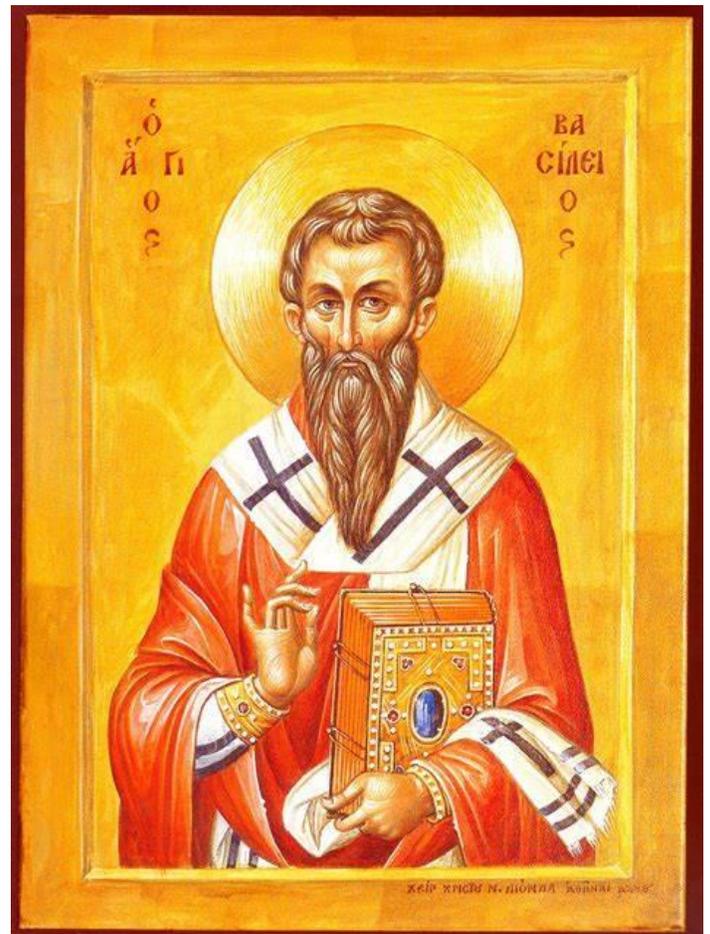
Sow integrity for yourselves

Man should be like the earth and bear fruit; he should not let inanimate matter appear to surpass him. The earth bears crops for your benefit, not to its own, but when you give to the poor, you are bearing fruit which you will gather in for yourself, since the regard for good deeds goes to those who perform them. Give to a hungry man, and what you give becomes yours, and indeed it returns to you with interest. As the sower profits from wheat that falls onto the ground, so will you profit greatly in the world to come from the bread that you place before a hungry man. Your husbandry must be the sowing of heavenly seed: *Sow integrity for yourselves*, says Scripture.

You are going to leave your money behind you here whether you wish it or not. On the other hand, you will take with you to the Lord the honor that you have won through good works. In the presence of the universal judge, all the people will surround you, acclaim you as a public benefactor, and tell of your generosity and kindness.

Do you not see how people throw away their wealth on theatrical performances, boxing contests, mimes and fights between men and wild beasts, which are sickening to see, and for all the sake of fleeting honor and popular applause? If you are miserly with your money, how can you expect any similar honor? Your reward for the right use of the things of this world will be everlasting glory, a crown of righteousness, and the kingdom of heaven; God will welcome you, the angels will praise you, all men who have existed since the world began will call you blessed. Do you care nothing for these things, and spurn the hopes that lie in the future for the sake of your present enjoyment. Come, distribute your wealth freely, give generously to those in need. Earn for yourself the psalmist's praise: *He gave freely to the poor; his righteousness will endure forever.*

How grateful you should be to your own benefactor; how you should beam with joy at the honor of having other people come to your door, instead of being obliged to go to theirs! But you are now ill-humored and unapproachable; you avoid meeting people, in case you might be forced to loosen your purse-strings even a little. You can say only one thing: "I have nothing to give you. I am only a poor man." A poor man you certainly are, and destitute of all real riches; you are poor in love, generosity, faith in God and hope of eternal happiness.



The Laurentian

From the Imitation of Christ

The kingdom of God is the peace and joy of the Spirit

Turn to the Lord with your whole heart and leave behind this ratched world. Then your soul shall find rest. For the kingdom of God is the peace and joy of the Holy Spirit. If you prepare within your heart a fitting dwelling place, Christ will come to you and console you.

His glory and beauty are within you, and he delights in dwelling there. The Lord frequently visits the heart of man. There he shares with man pleasant conversations, welcome consolation, abundant peace and a wonderful intimacy.

So come, faithful soul. Prepare your heart for your spouse to dwell within you. For he says: *If anyone loves me, he will keep my word and we shall come to him and make our dwelling within him.*

Make room for Christ. When you possess Christ you are a rich man, for he is sufficient for you. He himself, shall provide for you and faithfully administer all your cares. You will not have to place your hope in men. Put all your trust in God; let him be both your fear and your love. He will respond on your behalf and will do whatever is in your best interest.

You have here no *lasting city*. For wherever you find yourself, you will always be a pilgrim from another city. Until you are united intimately with Christ, you will never find your true rest.

Let your thoughts be with the Most High and direct your prayers continually to Christ. If you do not know how to contemplate the glory of heaven, take comfort in the passion of Christ, and dwell willingly in his sacred wounds. Endure with Christ, suffer for him, if you wish to reign with him.

Once you have entered completely into the depths of Jesus, and have a taste of his powerful love, then you will not care about your own convenience or inconvenience. Rather you will rejoice all the more in insults and injuries, for the love of Jesus makes a man scorn his own needs.



Safe Parish Bulletin: With Summer activities in full swing, we would like to remind all parish/school employees and volunteers of the requirements of the Decree on Child Protection. All employees and volunteers are required to have completed The Archdiocese of Cincinnati SafeParish™: Protecting Children From Sexual Abuse - Arch. of Cincinnati Edition training or child protection training under the prior child protection platform (VIRTUS).

In addition, employees are required to complete an online background check, manual fingerprint, and B4 form once prior to beginning employment. Ohio Department of Education licensees may have additional requirements and should check with their school office or athletic departments if there are any questions. Volunteers are required to complete an online background check prior to volunteering with youth. Employees and volunteers are required to stay current in completing SafeParish™ quarterly bulletins.