

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**SUNDAY, August 7, 2022**

9:00 am Jack Vogele (d)
11:00 am Bob Kessler (d)
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

MONDAY, August 8, 2022

St. Dominic, Priest

8:30 am Joseph Moorwessel (d)

TUESDAY, August 9, 2022

St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin, Martyr

8:30 am Paul and Helen Louis (d)

WEDNESDAY, August 10, 2022

ST. LAWRENCE, DEACON, MARTYR

8:30 am Joan Hoffman (d)

THURSDAY, August 11, 2022

St. Clare, Virgin

8:30 am Dick Meyer (d)

3:00 pm–5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

FRIDAY, August 12, 2022

St. Jane Francis de Chantal, Religious

8:30 am Daniel Watkins (d)

SATURDAY, August 13, 2022

Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytis, Priest, Martyrs

BVM

8:30 am Norma Erhardt (d)

3:00–4:00 pm Confession

4:30 pm Mary Little/Barbara Leising (d)

SUNDAY, August 14, 2022

9:00 am Ray and Margie Glaser (d)

11:00 am Melissa Grothaus Hopewell (d)

7:00 pm For the Parishioners

SERVERS

August 13/14

No Servers Scheduled

LECTORS

August 13/14

No Lectors Scheduled

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

August 13/14

To Be Determined

July 31, 2022

\$7,218.00

Thank You for your Generosity!

Vocation View: Be alert to God's presence even in the least expected times, places and events. You will be ready to respond to God's call. (Luke 12:32-48) To talk about your discernment, please contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations at dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org.

Thought for the Day: Let us, as St. Basil counsels us, rest secure in the conviction that beyond the possibility of a doubt, God works to effect our welfare, infinitely better than we could ever hope to accomplish or desire it ourselves.

St. Alphonsus de Liguori

The St. Lawrence Knights of Columbus are having their annual golf outing on Saturday, August 27th at Aston Oaks golf course. Shotgun start at 2:00 pm. The cost of the outing is \$90 per person which includes golf, cart, drink tickets, hole contests, and dinner. There is prize money for 1st and 2nd place winners. We will have raffle baskets and split the pot. Please contact Brian Moschel at (513) 888-8399 or Jay Brannon at (513) 284-7407.

Rest in Peace: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margie Frazer.

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Fr. Watkins' Desk

St. Lawrence Feast Day: Wednesday, August 10 is the Feast of St. Lawrence. Because it is our Patronal Feast the 8:30 Mass that Wednesday morning will be celebrated as a Solemnity.

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 is a Parochial Vicar. Currently we are rotating parishes every weekend. I will be here for confessions and all the Masses on the weekend of August 13 and 14.

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 next 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, we will have a basket booth, a combination table, split the pot and various games. .

Dinner will be catered by "A Taste of Class. Reservations should have been in by August 5. But if you missed the deadline, call the rectory by Tuesday, August 9, so we can contact the caterer and fit you in.

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 letter contributed to Barnabas
(Companion to St. Paul)*

Consider now the way of light; any man who is bent on reaching his appointed goal must be very careful in all he does. Now these are the directions that have been given to us for this journey: love your Creator; reverence your Maker; give glory to him who redeemed you when you were dead; be single-minded but rich in spiritual treasure; avoid those who traveled down death's highway; hate whatever is displeasing to God; detest all hypocritical pretense; do not abandon God's commandments. Do not put on airs, but be modest whatever you do; claim no credit for yourself. Plot no evil against your neighbor, and do not give pride an entrance into your heart.

Love your neighbor more than your own life. Do not kill an unborn child through abortion, nor destroy it after birth. Do not refrain from chastising son or daughter, but bring them up through childhood in the fear of the Lord. Do not set your heart on what belongs to your neighbor and do not give in to greed. Do not associate with the arrogant but cultivate those who are humble and virtuous.

Accept as a blessing whatever comes your way in the knowledge that nothing ever happens without God's concurrence. Avoid duplicity in thought or in word, for such deception is a deadly snare.

Share with your neighbor whatever you have, and do not say of anything, this is mine. If you both share an imperishable treasure, how much more must you share what is perishable. Do not be hasty in speech; the mouth is a deadly snare. For your souls good, make every effort to live chastely. Do not hold out your hand for what you can get, only to withdraw it when it comes to giving. Cherish as the apple of your eye anyone who speaks to you of the word of the Lord.

Night and day you will bear in mind the hour of judgment; every day you will seek out the company of God's faithful, either by preaching the word, earnestly exhorting them, ever considering how you can save souls by your eloquence, or else by working with your hands to make reparation for your past sins.

Never hesitate to give, and when you do give, never grumble; then you will know the one who will repay you. Preserve the traditions you have received, adding nothing and taking nothing away. The evildoer will ever be hateful to you. Be fair in your judgments. Never stir up dissension, but act as peacemaker and reconcile the quarrelsome. Confess your sins, and do not begin to pray with a guilty conscience.

Such then is the way of the light.

**THOU SHALT LOVE
THY NEIGHBOUR
AS THYSELF**

The Laurentian

*From a treatise by Baldwin, bishop of
Canterbury*

Death is strong, for it can rob us of the gift of life. Love too is strong, for it can restore us to a better life.

Death is strong, for it can strip us of this robe of flesh. Love too is strong, for it can take death's spoils away and give them back to us.

Death is strong, for no man can withstand it. Love too is strong, for it can conquer death itself, soothe its sting, calm its violence, and bring its victory to naught. The time will come when death is reviled and taunted: *Oh death, where is your sting? O death, where is your victory?*

Love is as strong as death because Christ's love is the very death of death. Hence it is said: *I will be your death, O death! I will be your sting, O hell!* Our love for Christ is also as strong as death, because it is itself a kind of death: destroying the old life, rooting out vice, and laying aside dead works.

Our love for Christ is a return, though very unequal, for his love of us, and it is a likeness modeled on his. For *he first loved us* and, through the example of love he gave us, he became a seal upon us by which we are made like him. We lay aside the likeness of the earthly man and put on the likeness of the heavenly man; we love him as he has loved us. For in this matter *he has left us an example so that we might follow in his footsteps.*

That is why he says: *Set me as a seal upon your heart.* It is as if he were saying: "Love me as I love you. Keep me in your mind and memory, in your desires and yearnings, in your groans and sobs. Remember, man, the kind of being I made you; how far I set you above other creatures; the dignity I conferred upon you; the glory and honor with which I crowned you; how I made you only a little less than the angels and set all things under your feet.

Remember not only how much I have done for you but all the hardship and shame I have suffered for you. Yet look and see: Do you not wrong me? Do you not fail to love me? Who loves you as I do? Who created and redeemed you but I?"

Lord, take away my heart of stone, a heart so bitter and uncircumcised, and give me a new heart, a heart of flesh, a pure heart. You cleanse the heart and love the clean heart. Take possession of my heart and dwell in it, contain it and fill it, you are higher than the heights of my spirit and closer to me than any innermost self! You are the pattern of all beauty and the seal of all holiness. Set the seal of your likeness upon my heart! In your mercy set your seal upon my heart, *God of my heart and the God who is my portion forever!*

