

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**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

MONDAY, August 15, 2022

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN
 MARY

- 8:30 am** Michael Corcoran (l)

TUESDAY, August 16, 2022*St. Stephen of Hungary*

- 8:30 am** Joan Hoffman (d)

WEDNESDAY, August 17, 2022

- 8:30 am** Pilgrims

THURSDAY, August 18, 2022

- 8:30 am** Dick Meyer (d)

3:00 pm–5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**FRIDAY, August 19, 2022***St. John Eudes, priest*

- 8:30 am** Daniel Watkins (d)

SATURDAY, August 20, 2022

St. Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church
BVM

- 8:30 am** Mary First (d)

3:00–4:00 pm Confession

- 4:30 pm** Dan Watkins (d)

SUNDAY, August 21, 2022

- 9:00 am** Bob Kessler (d)

- 11:00 am** Margaret Frazer (d)

- 7:00 pm** For the Parishioners

SERVERS**August 20/21**

No Servers Scheduled

LECTORS**August 20/21**

No Lectors Scheduled

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**August 20/21**

To Be Determined

August 7, 2022

\$7,669.00

Thank You for your Generosity!

Vocation View: Jesus wants to set our faith on fire, so we can share His love with zeal. (Luke 12)
 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 John Christy.

Delhi Barber**Victor Fabro, Owner****402 Greenwell @ Delhi Pike****513-823-7132****Open: Tues. Weds. Fri. 10am–6 pm****2 Barbers now. Walk in anytime****All haircuts \$16.00**

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

Fr. Watkins' Desk

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.

The new school year begins on Wednesday, August 24. I wish to welcome all of our teachers and students to a new academic year at St. Lawrence. Please keep our students, teachers, principal and staff in your prayers. May the Lord grant His blessings upon our school children, their parents and our teachers throughout this academic year.

Summer Celebration: Special thanks to the Executive Committee and all those who worked so hard to make our Summer Celebration a wonderful event.



Thank You!

CINCINNATI CATHOLIC ALUMNI CLUB:
Invites single men and women to join them for dinner Sunday, August 28, 5:00 p.m. at the famous Cabana on the River Restaurant, 7445 Forbes Rd, Saylor Park. RSVP needed. Call Don at 513-240-1005.

SAINT MICHAEL HARDBOUND HYMNALS FOR THE PEWS ARE NOW ON ORDER!

This is the hymnal St. Lawrence has been using for 3 years now, online.

Saint Lawrence is proud to hail this comprehensive book of traditional Catholic hymns & liturgy. Its content bares the ancient chants that embodies the treasury of sacred music from the ages as well as building on that tradition with new music and solid hymnology of the same respect. The book itself is of a fine hard-leather-bound construction that enables its use for many decades to come. Please see the displays in the vestibules as you enter and leave church. The opportunity for purchasing hymnals for memorials for friends and loved-ones is explained on the displays. Order Yours Now!

Major award: We have received additional entries for the raffle from the following:

Frank & Phyllis Lauck	Holly Baker
Carole Campolongo	Rebecca Nguyen
Patrick Lynch	David & Tina Martini
Dan Burke	Patricia Bleh
Joan Stoner	Rex A. Legschmid
Jane Wenning	Sue Rother
Frances Carroll	Thomas Gerdes
Michael & Deborah Kneflin	Helen Strack



Trust in God's Wisdom

It is then a truth of our faith that God is responsible for all the happenings we complain of in the world and, furthermore, we cannot doubt that all the misfortunes God sends us have a very useful purpose. We cannot doubt it without imputing to God a lack of judgment in deciding what is advantageous for us.

It is usually the case, that other people can see better than we can ourselves what is good for us. It would be foolish to think that we can see better than God Himself, who is not subject to any of the passions that blind us, knows the future and can foresee all events and the consequences of every action. Experience shows that even the gravest misfortunes can have good results and the greatest successes end in disaster. A rule also that God usually follows is to attain His ends by ways that are the opposite to those human prudence would normally choose.

In our ignorance of what the future holds, how can we be so bold as to question what comes about by God's permission? Surely it is reasonable to think that our complaints are groundless and that instead of complaining we ought to be thanking Providence. Joseph was sold into slavery and thrown into prison. If he had felt aggrieved at these apparent misfortunes, he would really have been feeling aggrieved at his happiness for they were steps to the throne of Egypt. Saul loses his father's asses and has to go on a long vain hunt for them. But if had felt annoyed at the great waste of time and energy it caused him, his annoyance could not have been more unreasonable as it was all a means of bringing him to the prophet who was to anoint him king of his people.

Let us imagine our confusion when we appear Before God and understand the reasons why He sent us the crosses we accept so unwillingly. The death of a child will then be seen as its rescue from some great evil had it lived, separation from the woman you love the means of saving you from an unhappy marriage, a severe illness the reason for many years of life afterwards, loss of money the means of saving your soul from eternal loss. So what are we worried about?

God is looking after us and yet we are full of anxiety! We trust ourselves to a doctor because we suppose he knows his business. He orders an operation, which involves cutting away part of our body and we accept it. We are grateful to him and pay him a large fee because we judge he would not act as he does unless the remedy was necessary, and we must rely on his skill. Yet we are unwilling to treat God in the same way! It looks as if we do not trust His wisdom and are afraid He cannot do His job properly. We allow ourselves to be operated on by a man who may easily make a mistake – a mistake which may cost us our life – and protest when God sets to work on us.

If we could see all He sees, we would unhesitatingly wish all he wishes. We would beg Him on bended knees for those afflictions we now ask him to spare us. To all of us He addresses the words spoken to the sons of Zebedee: *You know not what you ask* – O blind of heart, your ignorance saddens me. Let me manage your affairs and look after your interests. I know what you need better than you do yourselves. If I paid heed to what you think you need you would have been hopelessly ruined long ago.

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When God sends us trials

If you would be convinced that in all He allows and in all that happens to you God has no other end in view but your real advantage and your eternal happiness, reflect a moment on all He has done for you; you are now suffering, but remember that the author of this suffering is He who chose to spend His life suffering to save you from everlasting suffering, whose angel is always at your side guarding your body and soul by His order, who sacrifices Himself daily on the altar to expiate your sins and appease His Father's anger, who comes lovingly to you in the Holy Eucharist and whose greatest pleasure is to be united to you. We must be very ungrateful to mistrust Him after He has shown such proofs of His love and to imagine that He can intend us harm. But, you will say, this blow is a cruel one, He strikes too hard. What have you to fear from a hand that was pierced and nailed to the Cross for you? The path I have to tread is full of thorns. If there is no other to reach Heaven by, do you prefer to perish forever rather than to suffer for a time? It is not the same path He trod before you out of love for you? Is there a thorn in it that He has not reddened with His own blood? The chalice He offers you is a bitter one. But remember that it is your Redeemer who offers it. Loving you as He does, could He bring Himself to treat you so severely if the need were not urgent, the gain not worthwhile? Can we dare to refuse the chalice He has prepared for us Himself?

Reflect well on this. It should be enough to make us accept and love whatever trials He intends we should suffer. Moreover it is the certain means of securing our happiness in this life quite apart from the next.

