

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**SUNDAY, August 21, 2022**

- 9:00 am** Bob Kessler (d)
11:00 am Rose Ashcraft (d)
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

MONDAY, August 22, 2022

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:30 am** Melissa Hoffman (l)

TUESDAY, August 23, 2022*St. Rose of Lima, virgin*

- 8:30 am** Margaret June Frazer (d)

WEDNESDAY, August 24, 2022

ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

- 8:30 am** Scott Braun (d)

THURSDAY, August 25, 2022*St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, priest*

- 8:30 am** Don Minning (d)

3:00 pm–5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**FRIDAY, August 26, 2022**

- 8:30 am** Luke Macke (d)

SATURDAY, August 27, 2022

St. Monica

- 8:30 am** Norma Erhardt (d)

3:00–4:00 pm Confession

- 4:30 pm** Melissa Grothaus Hopewell (d)

SUNDAY, August 28, 2022

- 9:00 am** Thomas Nguyen (d)
11:00 am Jack & Joy Hartman (d)
7:00 pm For the Parishioners

SERVERS**August 27/28**

No Servers Scheduled

LECTORS**August 27/28**

No Lectors Scheduled

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**August 27/28**

To Be Determined

August 14, 2022

\$7,979.49

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: Whoever does not trust the Lord in small matters is quite clearly an unbeliever in things of great importance.

St. Basil the Great

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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 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.

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: Our Summer Celebration was a great success! I would like to express a big THANK YOU to Don and Mollie DiGiacomo, Theresa Murphy, Mike and Mindy Masminster, Steve and Jennifer Burns, Jen Long, Andy Blum, Beth Shore, Kevin McGinnis and the maintenance staff.

The Major Award and Booth Sponsorships did exceedingly well. Thank you for your generosity.

Major Award Winners:

Larry Mathews	\$2,000.00
Mary Ann Panzeca	\$1,000.00
Debbie Madlener	\$ 500.00

**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!

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.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR The Life in the Spirit Seminar is a life-transforming experience where you will discover Christ's personal and unconditional love for YOU. Listen to dynamic teachings where you can encounter Christ personally and also experience the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This seminar will take place on 5 consecutive Wednesday evenings (Sept. 21-Oct. 19) from 7–9 pm at St. Ignatius Parish in Loyola Hall, 5222 North Bend Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45247. For more info or to register call Mary Ann at [513-378-4431](tel:513-378-4431), Lighthouse Renewal Center at [513-471-5483](tel:513-471-5483), or visit our website at www.LRC1.org.



He who acts according to the rules of prudence, looks to the future - that is, to what must happen at the end of life - to death and judgment, and after judgment, hell or heaven. Oh how much wiser is the peasant who saves his soul, than the monarch who brings himself to hell. *Better is a child who is poor and wise, than a king that is old and foolish, who knows not to foresee hereafter.* O God would not all pronounce the man to be a fool, who, in order to gain a shilling, would risk his entire property? And will he not be considered foolish, who, for a momentary gratification, forfeits the grace of God, and exposes his soul to the danger of eternal perdition? The care of present, and the total neglect of eternal goods and evils, is the ruin of the immense multitude of the damned.

God has certainly not placed us in this world to become rich, or acquire honors, or to indulge our senses, but to gain eternal life. *But the end life everlasting.* And nothing but the attainment to this end is of importance to us. *One thing is necessary.* But there is nothing that sinners despise more than this end: they think only of the present; they each day walk toward death, and approach the gate of eternity, but know not where they are going. "What would you think," says St. Augustine, "of a pilot, who, when asked where he is going should answer, that he did not know? Would not all exclaim, that he is bringing the ship to ruin? Such," adds the saint, "is the man who runs out of the way." Such are the wise of the world, who know how to acquire wealth, to indulge in amusements, to gain posts of honor and emolument, but know not how to save their souls. The rich glutton knew how to lay up wealth; but *he dies, and was buried in hell.*

Alexander the Great knew how to acquire many kingdoms; but in a few years he died, and was lost forever. Henry VIII knew how to preserve his throne by rebelling against the Church; but seeing at death that he lost his soul, he exclaimed: *We have lost all.* How many miserable sinners now weep and cry out in hell: *What hath pride profited us? Or what advantage hath the boasting of riches brought us? All those things are passed away like a shadow.* Behold, they exclaim, for us all the goods of the world have passed away like a shadow, and nothing remains but eternal wailing and everlasting torments.

Before man is life and death, that which he shall choose shall be given him. Beloved Christian, God places before you in this world, life and death - that is, the voluntary privation of forbidden pleasures, by which you will gain eternal life; or the indulgence of them, by which you merit everlasting death. What do you say? What choice do you make? In making the choice, act like a man, and not like a senseless beast. Act like a Christian who believes in the Gospel and says: *What doth it profit a man if he gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his own soul?*

by St. Alphonsus De Liguori

The burning zeal for God's glory that motivates you fills my heart with joy. It is sad for us to see in our own time that indifferentism in its many forms is spreading like an epidemic not only among the laity but also among religious. But God is worthy of glory beyond measure, and therefore it is of absolute and supreme importance to seek that glory with all the power of our feeble resources. Since we are mere creatures we can never return to him all that is his due.

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The most resplendent manifestation of God's glory is the salvation of souls, whom Christ redeemed by shedding his blood. To work for the salvation and sanctification of as many as possible, therefore, is the preeminent purpose of the apostolic life. Let me, then, say a few words that may show the way toward achieving God's glory and the sanctification of many souls.

God, who is all knowing and all wise, knows best what we should do to increase his glory. Through his representatives on earth he continually reveals his will to us; thus it is obedience and obedience alone that is the sure sign to us of the divine will. A superior may, it is true, make a mistake, but it is impossible for us to be mistaken in obeying a superior's command. The only exception to this rule is the case of a superior commanding something that in even the slightest way would contravene God's law. Such a superior would not be conveying God's will.

God alone is infinitely wise, holy, merciful, our Lord, Creator, and Father; he is beginning and end, wisdom and power and love; he is all. Everything other than God has value to the degree that it is referred to him, the maker of all and our own redeemer, the final end of all things. It is he who, declaring his adorable will to us through his representatives on earth, draws us to himself and whose plan is to draw others to himself through us and to join us all to himself in an ever deepening love.

Look, then, at the high dignity that by God's mercy belongs to our state in life. Obedience raises us beyond the limits of our littleness and puts us in harmony with God's

will. In boundless wisdom and care, his will guides us to act rightly. Holding fast to that will, which no creature can thwart, we are filled with unsurpassable strength.

Obedience is the one and only way of wisdom and prudence for us to offer glory to God. If there were another, Christ would certainly have shown it to us by word and example. Scripture, however, summed up his entire life at Nazareth in the words: *He was subject to them*; Scripture set obedience as the theme of the rest of his life, repeatedly declaring that he came into the world to do his Father's will.

Let us love our loving Father with all our hearts. Let our obedience increase that love, above all when it requires us to surrender our own will. Jesus Christ crucified is our sublime guide toward growth in God's love.

We will learn this lesson more quickly through the Immaculate Virgin, whom God has made the dispenser of his mercy. It is beyond all doubt that Mary's will represents to us the will of God himself. By dedicating ourselves to her, we become in her hands instruments of God's mercy even as she was such an instrument in God's hands. We should let ourselves be guided and led by Mary and rest quiet and secure in her hands. She will watch out for us, provide for us, answer our needs of body and spirit; she will dissolve all our difficulties and worries.

by St. Maxamillian Kolbe