

**INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY, August 28, 2022**

**9:00 am** Thomas Nguyen (d)

**11:00 am** Jack & Joy Hartman (d)

**7:00 pm** For the Parishioners

**MONDAY, August 29, 2022**

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

**8:30 am** Diane Lang (d)

**TUESDAY, August 30, 2022**

Dan Watkins (d)

**WEDNESDAY, August 31, 2022**

**8:30 am** Bob Voss (d)

**THURSDAY, September 1, 2022**

**8:30 am** James Laughlin (d)

**3:00 pm–5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**FRIDAY, September 2, 2022**

**8:30 am** Rose Ashcraft (d)

**SATURDAY, September 3, 2022**

St. Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church

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

**3:00–4:00 pm** Confession

**4:30 pm** Daniel Watkins (d)

**SUNDAY, September 4, 2022**

**9:00 am** Don Westendorf (d)

**11:00 am** Mary Fye

**7:00 pm** For the Parishioners

**SERVERS**

**September 3/4**

No Servers Scheduled

**LECTORS**

**September 3/4**

No Lectors Scheduled

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**September 3/4**

To Be Determined

August 21, 2022

\$7,330.00

*Thank You for your Generosity!*

**Vocation View:** Help gather people to be a part of the reign of God. Pray to be open if God calls you to serve as priest, deacon, brother or sisters. (Isaiah 66:18-21) To talk about your discernment, please contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations at [dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org](mailto:dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org).

**Thought for the Day:** Trust God that you are exactly where you are meant to be.

*St. Teresa of Avila*

**Family Caregiver Support:** If you are concerned about an aging parent. If your spouse is depending on you more and more due to their chronic illness, or earnestly are caring for an adult child or a grandchild unexpectedly? Caregiver groups provide helpful resource information, understanding and encouragement. Consider joining a caregiver group so you can get the support you need! Our caregiver group at Bayley Wellness Center in Delhi meets every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday at 9:30 am. Call Angie Homoelle at (513) 672-3834, email [ahomoelle@ccswoh.org](mailto:ahomoelle@ccswoh.org) or visit <https://www.ccswoh.org/get-help/senior-caregiver-support-services/> for more information or to RSVP. Sponsored by the Caregiver Assistance Network, a program of Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio funded through the Council on Aging.

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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.

## Fr. Watkins' Desk

### Summer Celebration: The Summer

Celebration was a wonderful time and a great success. We netted out \$27,449.00 profit. Thank you for your participation and support. We plan to make this an annual event.

### 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 is under way. 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.

### **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.

St. 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!

### **Saint Lawrence Choir Returns 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER at 11am Masses**

*Saint Lawrence RCC is blessed to have a choir that sings on a regular basis---and sings the prescribed and fitting CHORAL music. The choir works very hard to support the liturgy and enrich the worship experience through solid hymnody, liturgy and the great choral repertoire of the ages. It focuses on the legitimate liturgical portions of the Mass as well as Anthems and Motets. We usually have about 16-18 singers on an average Sunday. However, we are very short of MALE singers. It is disappointing that MEN have nearly completely disappeared on the church music scene over the past 50 years. In our sister churches in Germany it is the MEN who carry the sound in nearly every instance of singing in church. The German churches STILL ROAR---with the sound of male singers as was likely the case with Saint Lawrence many years ago. You may remember that Saint Lawrence once had a very famous choir of Men & Boys until the late 70's. It would be very helpful to have good male-singers join us in the gallery. This would help to insure the endurance of Roman Catholic Sacred Music at Saint Lawrence.*

**Rehearsals are every Thursday evening at 7pm, September (8<sup>th</sup>) through 4<sup>th</sup> July wknd. Please contact the Director of Music, John Valentine or come to our first rehearsal in the music gallery, enter through the short tower, door. ALL are welcome, certainly the ladies as well!**  
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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.

## The Laurentian

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*