

**INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK****SUNDAY, September 4, 2022****9:00 am** Don Westendorf (d)**11:00 am** Mary Fye**7:00 pm** For the Parishioners**MONDAY, September 5, 2022****8:30 am** John Christy (d)**TUESDAY, September 6, 2022**

Lois Kessling (l)

**WEDNESDAY, September 7, 2022****8:30 am** Rose & Don Ashcraft (d)**THURSDAY, September 8, 2022**

THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

MARY

**8:30 am** Marie Rump (d)**3:00 pm–5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION****FRIDAY, September 9, 2022****8:30 am** Rose Littner (d)**SATURDAY, September 10, 2022**

BVM

**8:30 am** Marie Kleinberg (d)**3:00–4:00 pm** Confession**4:30 pm** Al Littner (d)**SUNDAY, September 11, 2022****9:00 am** Joan Hoffman (d)**11:00 am** Bob Kessling (d)**7:00 pm** For the Parishioners**SERVERS****September 10/11**

No Servers Scheduled

**LECTORS****September 10/11**

No Lectors Scheduled

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS****September 10/11**

To Be Determined

August 28, 2022

\$7,515.00

*Thank You for your Generosity!*

**Vocation View:** You have one precious life to give. How do you choose to offer it to God? Be willing to accept the challenges of discipleship. (Luke 14:25-33) 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*

**Rest in Peace:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jason Fryman.

**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 Homoele at (513) 672-3834, email [ahomoele@ccswoh.org](mailto:ahomoele@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.

### **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!

## **Saint Lawrence CHOIR TO START BACK 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER at 11am Masses**

*Saint Lawrence RCC is one of the few Catholic churches in the city to have a choir that actually sings on a regular basis and actually sings CHOIR 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-through now. It focuses on the legitimate liturgical portions of the Mass as well as Anthems and Motets. We usually have about 16-18 on the average Sunday, but are very much short of MALE singers. This is certainly a disappointment that MEN in particular have nearly completely disappeared on the music scene over the past 50 years at St. Lawrence. In our sister churches in Germany, it is the MEN who carry the sound in nearly every instance of singing. The German churches STILL ROAR---with the sound of male singers as was the case with Saint Lawrence many years ago. What happened to the men at Saint Lawrence? We need very much to correct that! A choir cannot thrive if it is top-heavy. The bottom end needs to step up to the plate and 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!**  
[johnv913@gmail.com](mailto:johnv913@gmail.com) or 614-286-5710



My son, says the Lord, listen to my words, the most delightful of all words, surpassing all the knowledge of the philosophers and wise men of this world. *My words are spirit and life* and cannot be comprehended by human senses alone.

They are not to be interpreted according to the vain pleasure of the listener, but they must be listened to in silence and received with all humility and great affection.

And I said: *Blessed is the man whom you teach, Lord, and whom you instruct in your law; for him you soften the blow of the evil day, and you do not desert him on the earth.*

The Lord says, I have instructed my prophets from the beginning and even to the present time I have not stopped speaking to all men, but many are deaf and obstinate in response.

Many hear the world more easily than they hear God; they follow the desires of the flesh more readily than the pleasure of God.

The world promises rewards that are temporal and insignificant, and these are pursued with great longing; I promise rewards that are eternal and unsurpassable, yet the hearts of mortals respond sluggishly.

Who serves and obeys me in all matters with as much care as the world and its princes are served?

Blush, then, you lazy, complaining servant, for men are better prepared for the works of death than you are for the works of life. They take more joy in vanity than you in truth.

Yet they are often deceived in their hope, while my promise deceives no one, and leaves empty-handed no one who confides in me. What I have promised I shall give; what I have said I will fulfill for any man who remains faithful in my love unto the very end. I am the rewarder of all good men, the one who rigorously tests the devoted.

Write my words in your heart and study them diligently, for they will be absolutely necessary in the time of temptation. Whatever you fail to understand in reading my words will become clear to you on the day of your visitation.

I am accustomed to visit my elect in a double fashion, that is, with temptation and with consolation. And I read to them two lessons each day: one to rebuke them for their faults; the other to exhort them to increase their virtue.

*He who possesses my words yet spurns them earns his own judgment on the last day.*

*by Thomas a Kempis*

## The Laurentian

Dearly beloved, when our Lord Jesus Christ was preaching the Gospel of the kingdom and healing various illnesses throughout the whole of Galilee, the fame of his mighty works spread into all of Syria, and great crowds from all parts of Judea flocked to the heavenly physician. Because human ignorance is slow to believe what it does not see, and equally slow to hope for what it does not know, those who were to be instructed in the divine teaching had first to be aroused by bodily benefits and visible miracles so that, once they had experienced his gracious power, they would no longer doubt the wholesome effect of his doctrine.

In order, therefore, to transform outward healings into inward remedies, and to cure men's souls now that he had healed their bodies, our Lord separated himself from the surrounding crowds, climbed to the solitude of a neighboring mountain, and called the apostles to himself. From the height of this mystical site he then instructed them in the most lofty doctrines, suggesting both by the very nature of the place and by what he was doing that it was he who long ago had honored Moses by speaking to him. Then his words evidenced a terrifying justice, but now they reveal a sacred compassion, in order to fulfill what was promised in the words of the prophet Jeremiah: *Behold the days are coming, says the Lord, when I shall establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. After those days, says the Lord, I shall put my laws within them and write them on their hearts.*

And so it was that he who had spoken to Moses spoke also to the apostles. Writing in the hearts of his disciples, the swift hand of the Word composed the ordinances of the new covenant. And this was not done as formally, in the midst of dense clouds, amid terrifying sounds and lightning, so that the people were frightened away from approaching the mountain. Instead, there was a tranquil discourse which clearly reached the ears of all who stood nearby so that the harshness of the law might be softened by the gentleness of grace, and the spirit of adoption might dispel the terror of slavery.

Concerning the content of Christ's teaching, his own sacred words bear witness; thus whoever longs to attain eternal blessedness can now recognize the steps that lead to that high happiness. *Blessed*, he says, *are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* It might have been unclear to which poor he was referring, if after the words *Blessed are the poor*, he had not added anything about the kind of poor he had in mind. For then the poverty that many suffer because of grave and harsh necessity might seem sufficient to merit the kingdom of heaven. But when he says: *Blessed are the poor in spirit*, he shows that the kingdom of heavens to be given to those who are distinguished by their humility of soul rather than by their lack of worldly goods.

*by St. Leo the Great*