

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**SUNDAY, September 18, 2022****9:00 am** Frank Kersting (d)**11:00 am** Tony Comarata (d)**7:00 pm** For the Parishioners**MONDAY, September 19, 2022***St. Januarius, Bishop, Martyr***8:30 am** Lois Kessling (l)**TUESDAY, September 20, 2022**St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest and
St. Paul Chong Ha-sang and
Companions, Martyrs**8:30 am** James Laughlin (d)**WEDNESDAY, September 21, 2022**

ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

8:30 am Special Intention**THURSDAY, September 22, 2022****8:30 am** Al Littner (d)**3:00 pm–5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION****FRIDAY, September 23, 2022**

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:30 am Martini/Weinheimer Families**SATURDAY, September 24, 2022***BVM***8:30 am** Paul Kleinberg (d)**3:00–4:00 pm** Confession**4:30 pm** Mark Schwager (d)**SUNDAY, September 25, 2022****9:00 am** Roger Hartinger (d)**11:00 am** Mary First (d)**7:00 pm** For the Parishioners

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5110 Crookshank Road
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513-921-0561

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.

SERVERS**September 24/25**

No Servers Scheduled

LECTORS**September 24/25**

No Lectors Scheduled

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**September 24/25**

To Be Determined

September 11, 2022

\$8,187.00

Thank You for your Generosity!

Vocation View: You cannot serve two masters. Whom do you choose to follow? You have to make a choice. (Luke 16:1-13) To talk about your discernment, please contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer, Director of Vocations at dschmitmeyer@catholiccincinnati.org.

Thought for the Day: “Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword; wear humility rather than fine clothes.”

by St. Dominic

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 1st and 3rd Friday at 9:30 am. Call Angie Homoelle at (513) 672-3834, email 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.

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.

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!

St. William Class of 1972 will be holding their 50th Class Reunion at Jim and Jack's on October 29. For more information, contact Terri Hensler Hemmer at Terri.Hemmer@gmail.com.

St. Bonaventure Parish Reunion will be held Saturday, September 24 from 2:00 pm until 5:00 pm at St. Antonio Church located at Queen City Avenue and White Street.

Saint Lawrence CHOIR TO START BACK 11th 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 (8th) through 4th 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 or 614-286-5710



We are celebrating the feast of the cross which drove away darkness and brought in the light. As we keep this feast, we are lifted up with the crucified Christ, leaving behind us earth and sin so that we may gain the things above. So great and outstanding a possession is the cross that he who wins it has won a treasure. Rightly could I call this treasure the fairest of all fair things and the costliest, in fact as well as in name, for on it and through it and for its sake the riches of salvation that had been lost were restored to us.

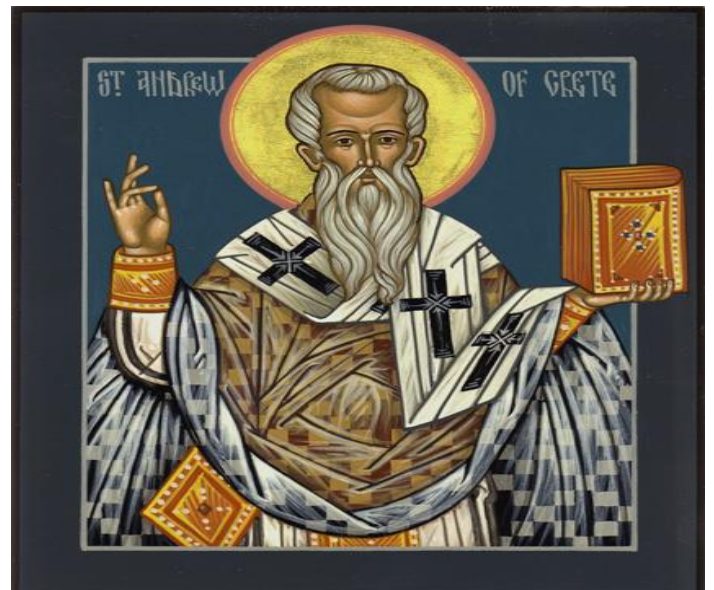
Had there been no cross, Christ could not have been crucified. Had there been no cross, life itself could not have been nailed to the tree. And if life had not been nailed to it, there would be no streams of immortality pouring from Christ's side, blood and water for the world's cleansing. The legal bond of our sin would not be canceled, we should not have obtained our freedom, we should not have enjoyed the fruit of the tree of life and the gates of paradise would not stand open. Had there been no cross, death would not have been trodden underfoot, nor hell despoiled.

Therefore, the cross is something wonderfully great and honorable. It is great because through the cross the many noble acts of Christ found their consummation – very many indeed, for both his miracles and his sufferings were fully rewarded with victory. The cross is honorable because it is both the sign of God's suffering and the trophy of his victory. It stands for his suffering because on it he freely suffered unto death. But it is also his trophy because it was the means by which the devil was wounded and death conquered;

the barred gates of hell were smashed, and the cross became the one common salvation of the whole world.

The cross is called Christ's glory; it is saluted as his triumph. We recognize it as the cup he longed to drink and the climax of the sufferings he endured for our sake. As to the cross being Christ's glory, listen to his words: *Now is the one of Man glorified, and in him God is glorified, and God will glorify him at once.* And again: *Father, glorify me with the glory I had with you before the world came to be.* And once more: *Father, glorify your name. Then a voice came from heaven: I have glorified it and will glorify it again.* Hear he speaks of the glory that would accrue to him through the cross. And if you would understand that the cross is Christ's triumph, hear what he himself also said: *When I am lifted up, then I will draw all men to myself.* Now you can see that the cross is Christ's glory and triumph.

by St. Andrew of Crete, bishop



The Laurentian

The blessedness of seeing God is justly promised to the pure of heart. For the eye that is unclean would not be able to see the brightness of the true light, and what would be happiness to clear minds would be a torment to those who are defiled. Therefore, let the mists of worldly vanities be dispelled, and the inner eye be cleansed of all the filth of wickedness, so that the soul's gaze may feast serenely upon the great vision of God.

It is to the attainment of this goal that the next words refer: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. This blessedness, dearly beloved, does not derive from any casual agreement or from any and every kind of harmony, but it pertains to what the Apostle says: Be at peace before the Lord, and to the words of the prophet: Those who love your law shall enjoy abundant peace; for them it is no stumbling block.

Even the most intimate bonds of friendship and the closest affinity of minds cannot truly lay claim to this peace if they are not in agreement with the will of God. Alliances based on evil desires, covenants of crime and pacts of vice – all lie outside the scope of this peace. Love of the world cannot be reconciled with love of God, and the man who does not separate himself from the children of this generation cannot join the company of the sons of God. But those who keep God ever in their hearts, and are anxious to preserve the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace, never dissent from the eternal law as they speak the prayer of faith. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

These then are the peacemakers; they are bound together in holy harmony and are rightly given the heavenly title of sons of God, coheirs with Christ. And this is the reward they will receive for their love of God and neighbor: when their struggle with all temptation is finally over, there will be no further adversities to suffer or scandal to fear; but they will rest in the peace of God undisturbed, through our Lord who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

by St. Leo the Great

