

**TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME      OCTOBER 16, 2022**

**INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**

**SUNDAY, October 16, 2022**

- 9:00 am** Joyce Morris (d)  
**11:00 am** Barb Prater (d)  
**7:00 pm** For the Parishioners

**MONDAY, October 17, 2022**

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr

- 8:30 am** Sharon Runyan (d)

**TUESDAY, October 18, 2022**

ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST

- 8:30 am** Tim Withrow (d)

**WEDNESDAY, October 19, 2022**

St. John de Brebeuf, Priest, Martyr

St. Isaac Jogues, Priest, Martyr

- 8:30 am** Phil Hock (d)

**THURSDAY, October 20, 2022**

St. Paul of the Cross, Priest

- 8:30 am** John and Lucille Watkins (d)

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

**FRIDAY, October 21, 2022**

- 8:30 am** Patrick Gargano (d)

**SATURDAY, October 22, 2022**

St. John Paul II, Pope

BVM

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

**3:00–4:00 pm** Confession

- 4:30 pm** Bob Kessler (d)

**SUNDAY, October 23, 2022**

- 9:00 am** Ray and Margie Glaser (d)

- 11:00 am** Ken and Teri Thiergartner (d)

- 7:00 pm** For the Parishioners

**SERVERS**

**October 22/23**

No Servers Scheduled

**LECTORS**

**October 22/23**

No Lectors Scheduled

**EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**October 22/23**

To Be Determined

October 9, 2022

\$9,808.00

*Thank You for your Generosity!*

**Vocation View:** Pray persistently and God will respond. Ask God to bless the Church with faith-filled ministers. (Luke 18:1-8) 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:** "Who gives you the day will give you also the things necessary for the day."

*by St. Gregory of Nyssa*

**PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND:** Get your passports ready! Fr. Scott Morgan is teaming up with Fr. Kyle Schnippel and friends at St. Charles Pilgrimages, to offer our Family of Parishes a 10-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land! Our pilgrimage is scheduled for October 8-17, 2023. The cost is \$3,995 per person, which is an all-inclusive price for the trip. To register, or for more information pick up a brochure or visit <http://stcharlespilgrimages.com/westside-catholic>

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## 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.

**Thanksgiving/Christmas Collection for the needy:** The Thanksgiving/Christmas Holiday Collection of monetary donations for families begins this weekend. I very much appreciate your generosity which will help all those families that are in need. The collection will continue until December 5. The ministry envelopes are in the back of church. Thank you for helping us help the needy and thanks to Sister Helen Julia.

### **St. Joseph Ladies Society Fall Basket Raffle**

- The Ladies' Society of St. Joseph Church in North Bend is holding a basket raffle fundraiser with winners to be drawn on Tuesday, October 18th. All baskets are valued at \$100.00 or more. Basket items include a handmade afghan, a 24 inch smart TV, gift cards, Halloween and Christmas items and more. **In addition, you can enter to win a \$75.00 gift certificate to spend at our annual cookie sale on December 3, 2022. PLUS, you will be first in line and have a 10 minute head start!** Chances are \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00 and the deadline for ticket sales is Sunday, October 16th. Tickets can be purchased after all weekend Masses (3:00PM Saturday or 9:30AM Sunday) in the gathering space of the church, located at 25 E. Harrison Avenue. For more information and to purchase tickets, please contact the parish office at (513)941-3661. Thank you for your support!

**RCIA:** Although we know that RCIA is for those going through the process to become Catholic, have you ever thought of it as an opportunity for **continuing education**? In 24 Sessions Fr. Scott and guest presenters will cover 4 main topics: Beliefs of the Catholic Church, Liturgy, Sacraments, and Morality. Classes are held on Thursday evenings at St. Teresa of Avila from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Please see the attached flyer and list of class dates and subjects and mark the ones that interest you and specific aspects of your faith. The RCIA program is open to all in our Family of Parishes so please let your family and friends know as well as those interested in becoming Catholic! To learn more for yourself or for someone else, please contact Fr. Scott Morgan at 513-921-9200 x105 or email him directly at [smorgan@stteresa-avila.org](mailto:smorgan@stteresa-avila.org)

**Book Sharing...Presence & Encounter by David Benner,** facilitated by Maureen Heverin, SC, will be held on Thursdays, Oct. 20, Nov. 3 & 17 from 3-4:30PM. In this unique resource the author invites us to live with more presence so we can know the presence of God more deeply in our lives. His rich meditations are presented in a voice that is intelligent, compassionate and engaging. Attending all three sessions is encouraged. Registration requested, donations welcome. **You must be fully vaccinated for Covid-19 to attend our programs.** The program will be held at the Sisters of Charity Motherhouse, 5900 Delhi Road. Please contact the Spirituality Center 513-347-5449 or [spirituality.center@srcharitycinti.org](mailto:spirituality.center@srcharitycinti.org) for additional information.

*See, I will save my people*

*No one comes to me unless the Father draws him.* Do not think that you are drawn against your will; the will is drawn also by love. We must not be afraid of men who weigh words but are far from understanding what belongs above all to divine truth. They may find fault with this passage of Scripture and say to us: "How can I believe of my own free will if I am drawn to believe?" I answer: "It is not enough that you are moved by the will, for you are drawn also by desire."

What does this mean, to be drawn by desire? *Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.* The heart has its own desires; it takes delight, for example, in the bread from heaven. The poet could say: "Everyone is drawn by his own desire," not by necessity but by desire, not by compulsion but by pleasure. We can say then with greater force that one who finds pleasure in truth, in happiness, in justice, in everlasting life, is drawn to Christ, for Christ is all these things.

Are our bodily senses to have their desires, but not the will? If the will does not have its desires, how can Scripture say: *The children of men will find their hope under the shadow of your wings, they will drink their fill from the plenty of your house, and you will give them drink from the running stream of your delights, for with you is the fountain of life, and in your light we shall see light.*

Show me one who loves; he knows what I mean. Show me one who is full of longing, one who is hungry, one who is a pilgrim and suffering from thirst in the desert of this world, eager for the fountain in the homeland of eternity; show me someone like that, and he knows what I mean. But if I speak to someone without feeling, he does not understand what I am saying.

You have only to show a leafy branch to a sheep, and it is drawn to it. If you show nuts to a boy, he is drawn to them. He runs to them because he is drawn, drawn by love, drawn without any physical compulsion, drawn by a chain attached to his heart. "Everyone is drawn by his own desire." This is a true

saying, and earthly delights and pleasures, set before those who love them, succeed in drawing them. If this is so, are we to say that Christ, revealed and set before us by the Father, does not draw us? What does the soul desire more than truth? Why then does the soul have hungry jaws, a spiritual palate as it were, sensitive enough to judge the truth, if not in order to eat and drink wisdom, justice, truth, eternal life?

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice, that is, here on earth. They shall be satisfied, that is, in heaven.* Christ says: I give each what he loves, I give each the object of his hope; he will see what he believed in, though without seeing it. What he now hungers for, he will eat; what he now thirsts for, he will drink to the full. When? At the resurrection of the dead, for *I will raise him up on the last day.*

*By St. Augustine, bishop*



## The Laurentian

*Let us exercise our desire in prayer*

Why in our fear of not praying as we should, do we turn to so many things, to find what we should pray for? Why do we not say instead, in the words of the psalm: *I have asked one thing from the Lord, this is what I will seek: to dwell in the Lord's house all the days of my life, to see the graciousness of the Lord, and to visit his temple.* There, the days do not come and go in succession, and the beginning of one day does not mean the end of another; all days are one, simultaneously and without end, and the life lived out in these days has itself no end.

So that we might obtain this life of happiness, he who is true life itself taught us to pray, not in many words as though speaking longer could gain us a hearing. After all, we pray to one who, as the Lord himself tells us, knows what we need before we ask for it.

Why he should ask us to pray, when he knows what we need before we ask him, may perplex us if we do not realize that our Lord and God does not want to know what we want (for he cannot fail to know it) but wants us rather to exercise our desire through our prayers, so that we may be able to receive what he is preparing to give us. His gift is very great indeed, but our capacity is too small and limited to receive it. That is why we are told: *Enlarge your desires, do not bear the yoke with unbelievers.*

The deeper our faith, the stronger our hope, the greater our desire, the larger will be our capacity to receive that gift, which is very great indeed. *No eye has seen it; it has no color. No ear has heard it; it has no sound. It has not entered man's heart; man's heart must enter into it.*

In this faith, hope and love we pray always with unwearied desire. However, at set times and seasons we also pray to God in words, so that by these signs we may instruct ourselves and mark the progress we have made in our desire, and spur ourselves on to deepen it.

The more fervent the desire, the more worthy will be its fruit. When the Apostle tells us: *Pray without ceasing*, he means this: Desire unceasingly that life of happiness which is nothing if not eternal, and ask it of him who alone is able to give it.

*By St. Augustine, bishop*

