

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**SUNDAY, February 12, 2023**

- 9:00 am** Robert Kessling (d)
11:00 am Anthony Chieu Vu & Maria Pham (d)

MONDAY, February 13, 2023

- 8:30 am** Lucitha Joseph (d)

TUESDAY, February 14, 2023

Saints Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop

- 8:30 am** June Young (d)

WEDNESDAY, February 15, 2023

- 8:30 am** Margaret Valentine (d)

THURSDAY, February 16, 2023

- 8:30 am** J. Alfred Scheyl (d)

3:00 pm-5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**FRIDAY, February 17, 2023**

The Seven Holy Fathers of the Servite Order

- 8:30 am** Carl & Mary Cooper (d)

SATURDAY, February 18, 2023

BVM

- 8:30 am** Max Hofmeyer (d)

- 4:30 pm** Susanna Corcoran (d)

SUNDAY, February 19, 2023

- 9:00 am** Joan Hoffman (d)

- 11:00 am** Erwin & Norma Erhardt (d)

- 7:00 pm** For the Parishioners

SERVERS

February 18/19

To Be Determined

LECTORS

February 18/19

To Be Determined

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

February 18/19

To Be Determined

February 5, 2023

\$10,311.00

Thank You for your Generosity!

Vocation View: ‘You have heard that it was said . . .’ Jesus challenges His disciples to a deeper embrace of His teachings. Embrace His teachings with your whole heart, mind and soul. (Matthew 5:20-37)

Thought for the Day: “If God can work through me, he can work through anyone.”

By St. Francis of Assisi

Delhi Pet Center

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Greg Lipps

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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.

Happy Valentine's Day

Elder High School Centennial Mass

Thursday, March 2, 2023

7:00 PM

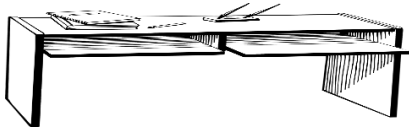
St. Lawrence Church

Celebrant: Rev. Jim Meade, Elder Class of 1966

Immediately following the Mass, a reception will be held at Elder in the Schaeper Center. Please RSVP to Amy Iori at (513) 921-3422 or ioriat@elderhs.net if planning to attend the reception.



The Laurentian



Fr. Watkins' Desk

Eucharistic Adoration: Eucharistic Adoration is on Thursdays from 3:00-5:00 pm. During Eucharistic Adoration, I hear confessions from about 3:15 pm-3:45 pm.

The St. Michael Hymnal Plates have been placed in the hardbound hymnals in the pews. The middle sections of the nave pews have the hymnals with the plates. The Memorial Plates are still available should you be interested. Information and order forms are found in the middle of the bulletin racks. Fill out a form and place it in the offertory basket with your gift.

PTO Fish Fry: Our PTO Fish Fry is coming up beginning Ash Wednesday & every Friday of Lent (except Good Friday). We are in search of a few volunteers to help on Fridays. Any help is appreciated. If interested, please contact Jen Huiet 513-571-1996.



2023 E6 Catholic Men's Conference:

Mark your calendar for the 2023 E6 Catholic Men's Conference, which will be taking place on Saturday, February 18th 2023, at the East Central High School Performing Arts Center in St. Leon, IN (80 miles southeast of Indianapolis and 35 minutes northwest of Cincinnati). We cordially invite every man to attend this 8th annual event. Please join us for inspiring talks, confession (available all day), celebration of the Holy Mass and fraternity with fellow men of Christ. We pride ourselves on presenting a quality, substance-driven, inspirational and faith-filled event that will change men's lives and help equip them to be the men Christ calls them to be. **Do not miss this!** More details and tickets are on sale now at

www.e6cmc.com.

2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

Archbishop Schnurr sends his thanks to everyone from St. Lawrence who has pledged to the 2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. More than anyone in the world, the Catholic Church teaches, feeds, and heals. In our local community, this happens through the Catholic Ministries Appeal. You will find extra pledge envelopes in the back of Church for your convenience this weekend. To make a donation online, please visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA. Thank you!

IRS TAX STATEMENT: If you would like a statement of your 2022 donations, please fill in the box below, clip it out and drop it in the collection basket or mail to: St. Lawrence Church, 3680 Warsaw Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45205.

2022 CONTRIBUTIONS

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Phone Number

2022 Envelope
Number _____

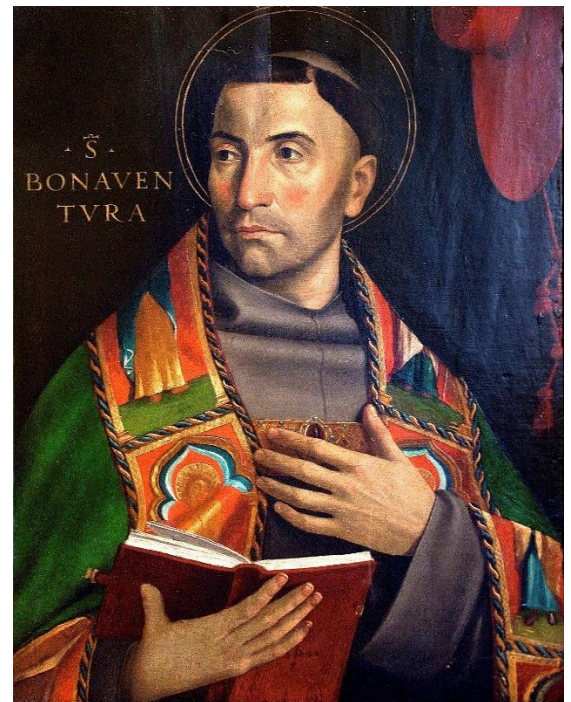
Cincinnati Catholic Club: is celebrating the Chinese year of the rabbit, Sunday, February 19, at 5:00 p.m., at the Oriental Wok, 2144 Madison Ave, Regency Condos, Hyde Park. For reservations, contact Don 513-574-8573 or Larry 513-502-1323.

From a short discourse by St. Bonaventure, Bishop

The source of sacred Scripture was not human research but divine revelation. This revelation comes *from the Father of Light from whom the whole concept of fatherhood in heaven and on earth derives.* From him, through Jesus Christ his Son, the Holy Spirit enters into us. Then, through the Holy Spirit who allots and apportions his gifts to each person as he wishes, we receive the gift of faith, *and through faith, Christ lives in our hearts.* So we come to know Christ and this knowledge becomes the main source of a firm understanding of the truth of all sacred Scripture. It is impossible, therefore, for anyone to achieve this understanding unless he first receives the gift of faith in Christ. This faith is the foundation of the whole bible, a lamp and a key to its understanding. As long as our earthly state keeps us from seeing the Lord, this same faith is the firm basis of all supernatural enlightenment, the light guiding us to it, and the doorway through which we enter upon it. What is more, the extent of our faith is the measure of the wisdom which God has given us. Thus, *no one should overestimate his wisdom; instead, he should soberly make his assessment according to the extent of the faith which God has given him.*

The outcome or the fruit of reading holy Scripture is by no means negligible: it is the fullness of eternal happiness. For these are the books which tell us of eternal life, which were written not only that we might believe but also that we might have everlasting life. When we do live that life we shall understand fully, we shall love completely, and our desires will be totally satisfied. Then, with all our needs fulfilled, we shall truly know *the love that surpasses understanding and so be filled with the fullness of God.* The purpose of the Scriptures, which come to us from God, is to lead us to this fullness according to the truths contained in those sayings of the apostles to which I have referred. In order to achieve this, we must study holy Scripture carefully, and teach it and listen to it in the same way.

If we are to obtain the ultimate goal of eternal happiness by the path of virtue described in the Scriptures, we have to begin at the very beginning. We must come with a pure faith to the Father of Light and acknowledge him in our hearts. We must ask him to give us, through his Son and in the Holy Spirit, a true knowledge of Jesus Christ, and along with that knowledge a love of him. Knowing and loving him in this way, confirmed in our faith and grounded in our love, we can know *the length and breadth and height and depth* of his sacred Scripture. Through that knowledge we can come at last to know perfectly and love completely the most blessed Trinity, whom the saints desire to know and love and in whom all that is good and true finds its meaning and fulfillment.



The Laurentian

From a letter to his brothers by St. Jerome Emiliani

Sons of the Society of the Servants of the Poor, and dearly beloved brothers in Christ: Greetings from your poor father. I urge you to persevere in your love for Christ and your faithful observance of the law of Christ. In word and work, I set an example for you when I was with you. And so the Lord is glorified in you through me.

Our goal is God, the source of all good. As we say in our prayer, we are to place our trust in God and in no one else. In his kindness, our Lord wished to strengthen your faith, for without it, as the evangelist points out, Christ could not have performed many of his miracles. He also wished to listen to your prayer, and so he ordained that you experience poverty, distress, abandonment, weariness and universal scorn. It was also his desire to deprive you of my physical presence, even though I am with you in spirit as your poor, dear, beloved father.

God alone knows the reasons for all this, yet we can recognize three causes. In the first place, our blessed Lord is telling you that he desires to include you among his beloved sons, provided that you remain steadfast in his ways, for this is the way he treats his friends and makes them holy.

The second reason is that he is asking you to grow continually in your confidence in him alone and not in others. For God, as I said before, does not work in those who refuse to place all their confidence and hope in him alone. But he does impart the fullness of his love upon those who possess a deep faith and hope; for them he does great things. So if you have been endowed with faith and hope, he will do great things for you; he will raise up the lowly. In depriving you of myself and everyone else you have loved, he will offer you an opportunity to choose one of these alternatives: either you will forsake your faith and return to the ways of the world, or you will remain steadfast in your faith and pass the test.

Now there is a third reason. God wishes to test you like gold in the furnace. The dross is consumed by the fire, but the pure gold remains and its value increases. It is in this manner that God acts with his good servant, who puts his hope in him and remains unshaken in times of distress. God raises him up and, in return for the things he has left out of love for God, he repays him a hundredfold in this life and with eternal life hereafter.

This is the way God has dealt with all his saints. So it was with his people Israel after their period of trial in Egypt. He not only led them out of Egypt with many miracles and fed them with manna in the desert, he also gave them the promised land. If then you remain constant in faith in the face of trial, the Lord will give you peace and rest for a time in this world, and forever in the next.

