

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK**SUNDAY, April 16, 2023**

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

- 9:00 am** Rose Littner (d)
11:00 am Deceased members of the Hellman Family
2:00 pm-4:00 pm Divine Mercy Devotions:
 Eucharistic Adoration and Confession
MONDAY, April 17, 2023
12:00 pm Phillip and Joseph Kelly (d)
TUESDAY, April 18, 2023
12:00 pm Robert Kessling (d)
12:30 pm Confession
WEDNESDAY, April 19, 2023
12:00 pm Jim Scharff (d)
THURSDAY, April 20, 2023
St. Anselm, Bishop, Doctor of the Church
12:00 pm Edwin and Ruth Brehm (d)
3:00 pm-5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
 (Confessions from 3:15...)
FRIDAY, April 21, 2023
8:30 am Don and Rose Ashcraft (d)
12:00 pm Francis and Delores Mahle (d)
SATURDAY, April 22, 2023
4:30 pm Charles Sayers (d)
SUNDAY, April 23, 2023
9:00 am Carl and Patricia Drone (d)
11:00 am Mary Ann Weidl (d)
7:00 pm Philip Hofmeyer (d)

SERVERS**April 22/23**

To Be Determined

LECTORS**April 22/23**

To Be Determined

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS**April 22/23**

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Good Friday	\$755.00
Easter Sunday	
April 9, 2023	\$13,749.00

Thank You for your Generosity!

Vocation View: ‘As the Father has sent me, so I send you.’ Jesus commissions us to be his witnesses to the end of the world, do not be afraid to proclaim him in thought, word, and deed. (John 20:21)

Thought for the Day: “For I trust, in whatever manner I die, that I shall not be deprived of the mercy of my God.”

St. Gertrude

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Fr. Watkins' Desk

Divine Mercy Sunday is today. This year at St. Lawrence we will have devotions for Divine Mercy Sunday including Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions from 2:00 to 4:00 Sunday afternoon.

Save the Date: Our Second Annual Summer Celebration is Saturday, August 12th this year! The evening will include dinner and an open bar, games, split the pot and the major award. More details and information to follow.

Glenmary Festival of Mercy Come celebrate God's love at the Glenmary Festival of Mercy, Sunday, April 30th at Glenmary Home Missioners. Open House - Noon to 4 pm at 4119 Glenmary Trace Fairfield OH 45014. Free bounce house and games for the kids; music to enjoy; and food for cash purchase. Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet every half hour – rotating between English, Spanish and Vietnamese. Learn more about the home missions at the Glenmary Festival of Mercy and Glenmary.org.

Christ lives in his church

My dear brethren, there is no doubt that the Son of God took our human nature into so close a union with himself that one and the same Christ is present, not only in the firstborn of all creation, but in all his saints as well. The head cannot be separated from the members, nor the members from the head. Not in this life, it is true, but only in eternity will God be all in all, yet even now he dwells, whole and undivided, in his temple the Church. Such was his promise to us when he said: *See, I am with you always, even to the end of the world.*

And so all that the Son of God did and taught for the world's reconciliation is not for us simply a matter of past history.

Here and now we experience his power at work among us. Born of a virgin mother by the action of the Holy Spirit, Christ keeps his Church spotless and makes her fruitful by the inspiration of the same Spirit. In baptismal regeneration she brings forth children for God beyond all numbering. These are the sons of whom it is written: *They are born not of blood, nor of the desire of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.*

In Christ Abraham's posterity is blessed, because in him the whole world receives the adoption of sons, and in him the patriarch becomes the father of all nations through the birth, not from human stock but by faith, of the descendants that were promised to him. From every nation on earth, without exception, Christ forms a single flock of those he has sanctified, daily fulfilling the promise he once made: *I have other sheep, not of this fold, whom it is also ordained that I shall lead; and there shall be one flock and one shepherd.*

Although it was primarily to Peter that he said: *Feed my sheep*, yet the one Lord guides all pastors in the discharge of their office and leads to rich and fertile pastures all those who come to the rock. There is no counting the sheep who are nourished with his abundant love, and who are prepared to lay down their lives for the sake of the good shepherd who died for them.

But it is not only the martyrs who share in his passion by their glorious courage; the same is true, by faith, of all who are born again in baptism. That is why we are to celebrate the Lord's paschal sacrifice with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. The leaven of our former malice is thrown out, and a new creature is filled and inebriated with the Lord himself. For the effect of our sharing in the Body and Blood of Christ is to change us into what we receive. As we have died with him, and have been buried and raised to life with him, so we bear him within us, both in body and in spirit, in everything we do.

by St. Leo the Great, Pope

A new creation in Christ

I speak to you who have just been reborn in baptism, my little children in Christ, you who are the new offspring of the Church, gift of the Father, proof of Mother Church's fruitfulness. All of you who stand fast in the Lord are a holy seed, a new colony of bees, the very flower of our ministry and fruit of our toil, my joy and my crown. It is the words of the apostle that I address to you: *Put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh and its desires, so That you may be clothed with the life of him whom you have put on in this sacrament. You have all been clothed with Christ by your baptism in him. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man; there is neither male nor female; you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

Such is the power of his sacrament: it is a sacrament of new life which begins here and now with the forgiveness of all past sins, and will be brought to completion in the resurrection of the dead. *You have been buried with Christ by baptism into death in order that, as Christ has risen from the dead, you also may walk in newness of life.*

You are walking now by faith, still on pilgrimage in a mortal body away from the Lord; but he to whom your steps are directed is himself the sure and certain way for you: Jesus Christ, who for our sake became man. For all who fear him he has stored up abundant happiness, which he will reveal to those who hope in him, bringing it to completion when we have attained the reality which even now we possess in hope.

This is the octave day of your new birth. Today is fulfilled in you the sign of faith that was prefigured in the Old Testament by the circumcision of the flesh on the eighth day after birth. When the Lord rose from the dead, he put off the mortality of the flesh; his risen body was still the same body, but it was no longer subject to death. By his resurrection he consecrated Sunday, or the Lord's day. Though the third after his passion, this day is the eighth after the Sabbath, and thus also the first day of the week.

And so our own hope of resurrection, though not yet realized, is sure and certain, because you have received the sacrament or sign of this reality, and have been given the pledge of the Spirit. *If, then, you have risen with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your hearts on heavenly things, not the things that are on earth. For you have died and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, your life, appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.*

From a sermon by St. Augustine, Bishop



The Laurentian

The sacrament of unity and love

The spiritual building up of the body of Christ is achieved through love. As St. Peter says: *Like living stones you are built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.* And there can be no more effective way to pray for this spiritual growth than for the Church, itself Christ's body, to make the offering of his Body and Blood in the sacramental form of bread and wine. *For the cup we drink is a participation in the Blood of Christ, and the bread we break is a participation in the Body of Christ. Because there is one loaf, we who are many are one body, since we all share the same bread.* And so we pray that, by the same grace which made the Church Christ's body, all its members may remain firm in the unity of that body through the enduring bond of love.

We are right to pray that this may be brought about in us through the gift of the one Spirit of the Father and the Son. The holy Trinity, the one true God, is of its nature unity, equality and love, and by one divine activity sanctifies its adopted sons. That is why Scripture says that *God's love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit he has given us.* The Holy Spirit, who is the one spirit of the Father and the Son, produces in those to whom he gives the grace of divine adoption the same effect as he produced among those whom the Acts of the Apostles describes as having received the Holy Spirit. We are told that *the company of those who believed were of one heart and soul,* because the one Spirit of the Father and the Son, who with the Father and Son is one God, had created a single heart and soul in all those who believed.

That is why St. Paul in his exhortation to the Ephesians says that this spiritual unity in the bond of peace must be carefully preserved.

I, therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, he writes, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, with all humility and meekness and with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit.

God makes the Church itself a sacrifice pleasing in his sight by preserving within it the love which his Holy Spirit has poured out. Thus the grace of that spiritual love is always available to us, enabling us continually to offer ourselves to God as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to him forever.

by St. Fulgentius of Ruspe, Bishop

