

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 23, 2023

INTENTIONS OF THE WEEK

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)

MONDAY, April 24, 2023

St. Fidelus of Sigmaringen

- 12:00 pm Edward Simon (d)

TUESDAY, April 25, 2023

ST. MARK, EVANGELIST

- 12:00 pm Joseph Dao (d)

- 12:30 pm Confession

WEDNESDAY, April 26, 2023

- 12:00 pm Frank and Ruth Westrup (d)

THURSDAY, April 27, 2023

- 12:00 pm Albert Littner (d)

3:00 pm-5:00 pm EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

(Confessions from 3:15...)

FRIDAY, April 28, 2023

St. Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr;

St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest

- 8:30 am Vera Rizzo (d)

- 12:00 pm Thomas Martino (d)

SATURDAY, April 29, 2023

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church

- 4:30 pm Norma Erhardt (d)

SUNDAY, April 30, 2023

- 9:00 am Scott Braun (d)

- 11:00 am Connie Zimmerman (d)

- 7:00 pm Carl Armbruster (d)

SERVERS

April 29/30

To Be Determined

LECTORS

April 29/30

To Be Determined

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

April 29/30

To Be Determined

Easter Sunday	\$13,749.00
Additional	\$2,851.00
Total	\$16,600.00
April 16, 2023	\$6,741.48

Thank You for your Generosity!

Vocation View: ‘Conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning.’ Now that Christ is raised from the dead, our actions must be changed to reveal this great gift to the world. (1 Peter 1:17)

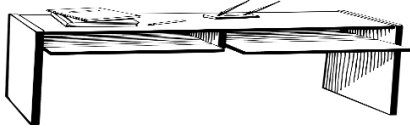
Thought for the Day “The devil fears hearts on fire with love of God.”

St. Catherine of Siena



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Fr. Watkins' Desk

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

The precious and life-giving cross of Christ

How precious the gift of the cross, how splendid to contemplate! In the cross there is no mingling of good and evil, as in the tree of paradise: it is wholly beautiful to behold and good to taste. The fruit of this tree is not death but life, not darkness but light. This tree does not cast us out of paradise, but opens the way for our return.

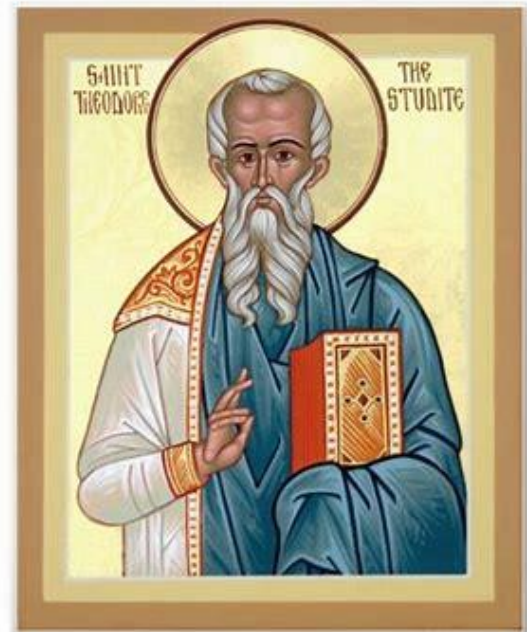
This was the tree on which Christ, like a king on a chariot, destroyed the devil, the Lord of death, and freed the human race from his tyranny. This was the tree upon which the Lord, like a brave warrior wounded in hands, feet and side, healed the wounds of sin that the evil serpent had inflicted on our nature. A tree once caused our death, but now a tree brings life. Once deceived by a tree, we have now repelled the cunning serpent by a tree. What an astonishing transformation! That death should become life, that decay should become immortality, that shame should become glory! Well might the holy Apostle exclaim: *Far be it for me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world!* The supreme wisdom that flowered on the cross has shown the folly of worldly wisdom's pride. The knowledge of all good, which is the fruit of the cross, has cut away the shoots of wickedness.

The wonders accomplished through this tree were foreshadowed clearly even by the mere types and figures that existed in the past. Meditate on these, if you are eager to learn. What is not the wood of a tree that enabled Noah, at God's command, to escape the destruction of the flood together with his sons, his wife, his son's wives and every kind of animal? And surely the rod of Moses prefigured the cross when it changed water into blood, swallowed up the false serpents of Pharaoh's magicians, divided the sea at one stroke and then restored the waters to their normal course, drowning the enemy and saving God's own people? Aaron's rod, which blossomed in one day in proof of his true priesthood, was another figure of the cross, and did not Abraham foreshadow the cross when he bound his son Isaac and placed him

on the pile of wood?

By the cross death was slain and Adam was restored to life. The cross is the glory of all the apostles, the crown of the martyrs, the sanctification of the saints. By the cross we put on Christ and cast aside our former self. By the cross we, the sheep of Christ, have been gathered into one flock, destined for the sheepfolds of heaven.

by St. Theodore the Studite



The Laurentian

The celebration of the Eucharist

No one may share the Eucharist with us unless he believes that what we teach is true, unless he is washed in the regenerating waters of baptism for the remission of his sins, and unless he lives in accordance with the principles given us by Christ.

We do not consume the Eucharist Bread and wine as if it were ordinary food and drink, for we have been taught that as Jesus Christ our Savior became a man of Flesh and Blood by the power of the Word of God, so also the food that our flesh and blood assimilates for its nourishment becomes the Flesh and Blood of the incarnate Jesus by the power of his own words contained in the prayer of thanksgiving.

The apostles, in their recollections, which are called gospels, handed down to us what Jesus commanded them to do. They tell us that he took bread, gave thanks and said: *Do this in memory of me. This is My Body.* In the same way he took the cup, he gave thanks and said: *This is My Blood.* The Lord gave this command to them alone. Ever since then we have constantly reminded one another of these things. The rich among us help the poor and we are always united. For all that we receive we praise the Creator of the universe through his Son Jesus Christ and through the Holy Spirit.

On Sunday we have a common assembly of all our members, whether they live in the city or in the outlying districts. The recollections of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as there is time. When the reader has finished, the president of the assembly speaks to us; he urges everyone to imitate the examples of virtue we have heard in the readings. Then we all stand up together and pray.

On the conclusion of our prayer, bread and wine and water are brought forward. The president offers prayers and gives thanks to the best of his ability, and the people give their assent by saying, "Amen." The Eucharist is distributed, everyone present communicates, and the deacons take it to those who are absent.

The wealthy, if they wish, may make a contribution, and they themselves decide the amount. The collection is placed in the custody of the president, who uses it to help the orphans and widows and all who for any reason are in distress, whether because they are sick, in prison, or away from home. In a word, he takes care of all who are in need.

We hold our common assembly on Sunday because it is the first day of the week, the day on which God put darkness and chaos to flight and created the world, and because on that same day our savior Jesus Christ rose from the dead. For he was crucified on Friday and on Sunday he appeared to his apostles and disciples and taught them the things that we have passed on for your consideration.

by St. Justin, martyr

