JULY 12 - SATURDAY Gn 49:29-32, 50:15-26a; Mt 10:24-33 *Vigil Reading: See Sunday* 4:00 PM – *English* - Fr. Jim – *Mary Barlage* 5:00 – 5:45 PM: Confessions 6:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy

JULY 13 – SUNDAY Dt 30:10-14; Col 1:15-20; Lk 10:25-37 9:00 AM – Spanish - Fr. Rudy 11:00 AM – English – Fr. Samuel - Bob Wuerth 12:30 PM – Spanish - Fr. Samuel

JULY 14 – MONDAY Ex 1:8-14, 22; Mt 10:34 – 11:1

JULY 15 – TUESDAY Ex 2:1-15a; Mt 11:20-24

JULY 16 - WEDNESDAY Ex 3:1-6, 9-12; Mt 11:25-27

JULY 17 – THURSDAY Ex 3:13-20; Mt 11:28-30 7:00 PM – *Spanish* - Fr. Rudy

JULY 18 – FRIDAY Ex 11:10 – 12:14; Mt 12:1-8

JULY 19 - SATURDAY Ex 12:37-42; Mt 12:14-21 Vigil Reading: See Sunday 4:00 PM – English - Fr. Jim – Bob Wuerth 5:00 – 5:45 PM: Confessions 6:00 PM – Spanish - Fr. Rudy

JULY 20 – SUNDAY Gn 18:1-10a; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42 *Sunday Readings:* 9:00 AM – *Spanish* – Fr. Rudy 11:00 AM – *English* – Fr. Samuel – *Arthur Redden* 12:30 PM – *Spanish* – Fr. Samuel

English Mass Ministry Schedule: July 19-20

Lectors: 4:00 PM – P. Wesseler 11:00 AM – S. Orth

Eucharistic Ministers: 4:00 PM – L. Ashbrook/H. Wesseler 11:00 AM – J. Chesher/S. Terschack

Servers: 4:00 PM – D. Mercer/M. Sonenschein 11:00 AM – M. Crosby

Offertory Family: 4:00 PM: LeSaint 11:00 AM: N/A

FROM THE FINANCE COMMISSION

Last Week's Collection: \$6,213 Offerings received to-date: \$12,605 Amount needed to catch up: \$3,395 Our Weekly Goal is \$8,000

Thank you for your generosity.

Make it easy on yourself. Use our direct debit system for your Sunday Stewardship offering. To take advantage of this convenience, please call 513-541-1563

CELEBRATING THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Larry Kuhlmann (13), Shannon Closson (13), Hatke Levasseur (14), Marie Dickman (14), Becky Holzapel (14), Mitchell Colyer (15), Martha Metz (16), Susan Laupola (16), Steve Terschak (16), Mark Wright (16), Trinity Circle (16), Kendall Circle (17), Tom Coby (18), Brian Gelly (18), John Hagerman (18).

FOUR GRAND CLUB: Congratulations to our week 46 winners: David Brinker, Kevin & Seretha Kreiner, and Linda Lane. Each won \$25.

Make a long-lasting difference! Leave a Legacy by remembering St. Boniface Church in your Will. For more information contact Jenni Lindgren at <u>513-541-1563, ext. 151.</u> **FR. RUDY'S REFLECTION:** "Who is my neighbor?" Perhaps you've asked a similar one yourself, though in different words. Maybe it comes when we see someone struggling on a street corner, or hear of a tragedy in a distant place. Our instinct might be to look away, to justify our distance, or to ask, as the lawyer did in today's Gospel, "Does this really concern me?"

In Luke 10, a lawyer poses this question to Jesus, not from curiosity, but as a way to limit the demands of love. If "neighbor" can be defined narrowly—maybe just close friends, family, or those who share my beliefs—then I don't have to stretch myself. But Jesus doesn't answer with a definition. He answers with a story.

The Parable of the Good Samaritan is one of the most famous teachings of Jesus, and yet its challenge is still radical. A man is left beaten on the side of the road. Two respected religious figures—a priest and a Levite—see him and walk away. Maybe they're afraid. Maybe they're busy. Maybe they've convinced themselves that this stranger doesn't fall under the category of "neighbor." Then, along comes a Samaritan. An outsider. Someone from a group despised by the Jewish people. And yet, he's the one who stops, binds the man's wounds, and goes out of his way to ensure the man's recovery.

Jesus turns the question on its head. It's not "Who is my neighbor?" but rather, "Am I being a neighbor?" The Samaritan didn't ask the wounded man where he was from or what he believed. He simply saw someone in need and responded with compassion. In our own lives, how often do we hesitate to help because the person in need doesn't fit our definition of neighbor? Maybe it's someone who disagrees with us politically, someone from a different faith, or someone whose life choices we don't understand. The parable breaks down all those boundaries. It insists that the love God calls us to is not selective or convenient. It is sacrificial. It is inconvenient. It is universal.

Jesus ends the story not with a suggestion, but a command: "Go and do likewise." The Gospel is not just something we hear. It's something we live. Each day, we pass by people in need—not just those lying

in the road, but those broken in spirit, those wounded by loneliness, by fear, by poverty, by rejection. Will we stop? Will we be moved with compassion?

St. Vincent de Paul, who spent his life in service of the poor and forgotten, said it best: "We should strive to keep our hearts open to the sufferings and wretchedness of others and pray, continually, that God may grant us that spirit of compassion which is truly the Spirit of God."

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED: Due to some much-needed electrical work, the Parish office will be closed on Monday, July 14. Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, July 15.

FOUR GRAND CLUB: Now is your chance to enter our Year 25-26 Four Grand Club. Registration sheets are being mailed soon. We hope you will be able to participate either again this year or as a new member. Chances include a weekly drawing (for 51 weeks) of three names and all three will win \$25. Winning names then get put back in the hopper and you can win again! Plus, the final week (week 52) gives four lucky people a \$1,000 prize. How often do you get a wonderful opportunity like that? If you don't receive an entry registration, please call the Parish Office, 513-541-1563, and they will be happy to send you one.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025: The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has launched a web page with information for the Jubilee Year 2025: <u>https://catholicaoc.org/jubilee-</u> <u>2025</u> to learn about the Church's celebration of an Ordinary Jubilee every 25 years, obtaining the Jubilee Indulgence, pilgrimage sites within the archdiocese, and a special pilgrimage to Italy in October 2025.

JUBILEE WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WITH ARCHBISHOP CASEY: Couples celebrating jubilee anniversaries (25th, 50th, 55th, 60th, etc.) in 2025 are invited to Mass with Archbishop Casey on September 6 (Dayton) or 7 (Cincinnati). Family members are welcome to attend as well, and a special blessing will be offered to the jubilarian couples. Couples should RSVP online by August 25.