

July 27	\$1,180
Aug 3	\$1,507

MASS SCHEDULE		
(L=Living, †=Deceased)		
THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Sat. Aug. 9	5:00 PM	For †Verna Payne [from Elizabeth Cahill]
Sun. Aug. 10	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
Mon. Aug. 11	XXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. Aug. 12	8:00 AM	For Sylvia Cooper (L)
Wed. Aug. 13	8:00 AM	For †Verna Payne [from Wendy Rogers]
Thur. Aug. 14	8:00 AM	For †Mary Jo Schmiade [from Jeanne Cooper]
ASSUMPTION	7:00 PM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
Fri. Aug. 15	8:00 AM	For †John Jackson [from Rita Jackson]
THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Sat. Aug. 16	5:00 PM	For †Ed & Genoa Scott [from Linda Menefee]
Sun. Aug. 17	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish

**PRAYER LIST**—Eileen Ehlman, Kate & Colton Sherold, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere's disease, Tony Bach, Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Roger High, Cheryl Miller, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Bill Schneider (Dominion Assisted Living 4009 Seligman Dr. Florence, Room 215), Reece Wagner, Wanda Bach, Maverick Orth (3yrs old), Daniel Cahill, Pax Minch, Todd Kloentrup, Gina Cooper, Tom Breeze, Valetta Proctor, Ruth Elbert, Melba Hauser, Larry Cappel, Mary Beth Feldmann, Griffin Cornell, Nathan Thorwarth, Rosanne Rawe, and Lena Bach.

**BIRTHDAYS**—Aug. 4-Brandy Kiser, Aug. 7-Billie Huffman, Aug. 7-Pat Leveridge, Aug. 13-Teresa Grant, Aug. 16-Mitchell Ryan, Aug. 17-Isaac Ryan, Aug. 17-Landon Moore, Aug. 18-Matthew Broering, Aug. 22-Cheyenne Kiser, Aug. 24-Angie Huffman, Aug. 25-Grace Moore, Aug. 27-Bryan Moore, Aug. 30-Bradley Cooper

**ANNIVERSARY**—Aug. 4-Dennis and Brenda Baker, Aug. 8-Mary Jo and Joe Schmiade.

*Please send any requests for prayers or memorials to the parish email or call to make a request. If anyone's birthday or anniversary is not listed, let Linda Fryman know.*



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Mass Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM	Sundays – 9:00 AM
Weekdays [Tue through Fri] – 8 AM	Holy Days– 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM

### Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM                      Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

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## THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 10, 2025

**DPAA**—The new DPAA campaign has begun! Our parish’s goal for this year is \$13,400. As of June 30, we have received \$11,285 in donations and commitments. You should be receiving envelopes in the mail to make your pledge. There are also purple envelopes available near the collection box. Thank you for your contributions!

**HOLY DAY**—A reminder that this Friday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a holy day of obligation, which means every Catholic is required to attend Mass. Our holy day Mass times are Thursday 7:00 PM and Friday 8:00 AM.

**FESTIVAL NOTES**—Our festival will be held on Sunday, September 21. Mark your calendars! Our next festival meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 27, at 6:30 PM.

**FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS**—Thank you to everyone who has signed up so far to do something for the festival, whether all day or for a few hours. Please check the signup sheet at the church entrance for ways to help. We still have a need for volunteers in these places:

- Bingo
- Kitchen Line
- Dishwashers
- Cooks
- Gift Card Booth

**PRE-FESTIVAL CLEANING DAY**—Pre-festival cleaning day will be Saturday, Sep. 6 at 9AM. Please make plans to be at church. We need to clean the downstairs really well and the men will need help cleaning the garage. We will have donuts, coffee, and juice. If we are still at it at noon we will get pizzas.

**ITEMS FOR RAFFLE**—It’s not too early to bring in new and gently used items for our raffles. Just put them on the tables downstairs. Thanks.

**LECTOR**— Aug. 10-Lisa Cooper, Aug. 17-Linda Fryman

**CLEANING** – Aug-

## FROM THE PASTOR—SACRAMENTALS: AN OVERVIEW

As we move back into a more regular schedule with school starting and the festival coming up, it seems appropriate to dive into the importance of divine worship and how we do it. One of the parts of divine worship that we may not consider as much is everything that helps us to receive and participate in the sacraments. Holy Mother Church does not perform or distribute the sacraments in a merely functionary and legalistic manner but utilizes the goods of the earth along with the creative ability of man and even divine usage (as seen in the Scriptures) to help us draw closer to God in our reception and participation in the sacraments, especially at Mass. These items and actions which are not sacraments but are still helpful to our devotion are called sacramentals.

We must first distinguish a sacrament from a sacramental. A simple definition of a sacrament is a visible sign instituted by Christ and maintained by the Church which gives invisible grace necessary for salvation. There are only 7 sacraments but they are the greatest aids to our salvation, in particular baptism, confession, and the Eucharist. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* defines a sacramental as “Sacred signs which bear a certain resemblance to the sacraments, and by means of which spiritual effects are signified and obtained through the prayers of the Church.” The sacramentals have their foundation in the sacraments: the understanding of the former only comes from the importance and significance of the latter. While sacramentals are not absolutely necessary for our salvation and entry into eternal life, they are immense aids in our participation in the divine life.



## What is a sacramental?

How do sacramentals help us practice our faith? The *Baltimore Catechism* fleshes this out when it describes sacramentals as “anything set apart or blessed by the Church to excite good thoughts and to increase devotion, and through these movements of the heart to remit venial sin.” These actions or items are able to help recall to our mind the goal of the Christian life: to return to God in thanksgiving and praise all that we can for the mercy and the grace He has given us through Christ His Son in the Holy Spirit. Their usage or even their presence is a powerful means of drawing to our attention the need for God and the orientation of our hearts and minds towards God the giver of every good and perfect gift (cf. James 1:1).

A sacramental can be either an action (done by us or upon us) or an item (whether it has been blessed by a priest or not). Examples of actions include the sign of the Cross, the blessing of the priest at the end of Mass, our genuflection before the Eucharist when we enter church, and the bowing of our heads at the mention of the holy names of Jesus and Mary. Examples of items are numerous and include rosaries, priestly vestments, holy water, and icons or religious imagery. We shall look into these various items in more detail in the coming weeks, but we must understand above all why the Church gives us these things: to help us draw nearer to God, to avoid sin, and to seek eternal life. Let us make us of the good things God gives us to return to Him in every way and to be prepared to be with Him in Heaven.

Fr. Jacob Straub