

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

*THE 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

Sat. Aug. 10	5:00 PM	For †Ed Gripshover
Sun. Aug. 11	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Mon. Aug. 12	XXXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. Aug. 13	8:00 AM	For †Dan Turner
Wed. Aug. 14	8:00 AM	For Todd Klenstrup (L)
Thur. Aug. 15	8:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
	7:00 PM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Fri. Aug. 16	8:00 AM	For †Genoa Scott

*THE 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

Sat. Aug. 17	5:00 PM	For †Mike Lemming
Sun. Aug. 18	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish

**PRAYER LIST**—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Verna Payne, Imogene Fisk, Kate & Colton Sherold, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Larry Slusher, Roger High, Cheryl Miller, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Jeanne Eanes, Bill Schneider (Dominion Assisted Living 4009 Siegalman Dr. Florence, Room 215), Ree Wagner, Randy Goodhew, Sean Timmerding, John Jackson, Wanda Bach, Maverick Orth (3yrs old), Daniel Cahill, Pax Minch, and Todd Kloentrup.

**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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Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – 8:00 AM

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

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## THE 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 11, 2024

**DPAA REMINDER**—This year’s goal for our parish is \$13,000. As of the latest count, we have received \$10,394 in pledges and contributions. Pledge envelopes are available if you haven’t made your commitment yet or did not receive an envelope in the mail. Thank you for all you do for our parish and for our diocese.

**MASS INTENTIONS**—Feel free to submit any and all Mass intention requests. There are lots of available dates if you would like to request a specific date. Remember that you can have Masses offered for the living as well as the deceased.

**ASSUMPTION HOLY DAY**—This Thursday, August 15, is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a holy day of obligation which means you are required to attend Mass. There will be Mass here at Saint Matthew at 8AM and 7PM.

**SAVE THE DATE!**—The date for this year’s festival will be September 22. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church to help. If you don’t know what you want to do, just sign up and write “anything” and we will find you a job. Thanks!

**NEXT MEETING**—The next festival meeting will be Wednesday, Aug. 14, at 7:00 PM.

**2024 LIFE’S A BALL**-Please join us to celebrate our honorees on Saturday, September 7. 2024 Face of Pro-Life Recipients: Mary Rose Mission, Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky, Parish Kitchen, and Rev. Jeffrey Von Lehman. Cost: \$80 per person—includes a cocktail hour, sit down dinner, beer & wine, music, and dancing. \*Please know that this is not a fund raiser – there will be no raffles and no asks for donations. Cost for guests to attend is approximate cost that we pay per person. Contact the Pro-Life Office for more information. 859-392-1545 or email Faye Roch at froch@covdio.org. The event will be held at the Raddison Ballroom, Covington, KY, with cocktail hour from 6:00pm – 7:00pm. Dinner will be served at 7:00pm. The awards will be presented at 8:00pm. Music by The Remains and dancing to follow the program until 11:00pm.

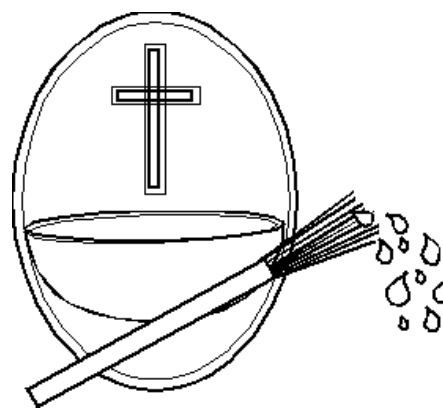
**LECTOR**—Aug. 11-Lisa Cooper, Aug. 18-Linda Fryman

**CLEANING** – Aug.-Kathy Bach and Wanda Bach

## FROM THE PRIEST – SACRAMENTALS: HOLY WATER

We cannot consider the sacramentals without considering holy water. Its usage also seems to be from the beginnings of the Church. What we mean by “holy water” is water that has been blessed by a cleric according to the official ritual of the Church. While there are many different waters utilized by Catholics (I think in particular of Lourdes water obtained from the holy shrine in France), holy water is distinct in its blessing and usage. Holy water is used not only for our entry into church but also as an aid to the blessing of peoples and objects.

We are radically renewed as disciples of Jesus Christ through the sacrament of baptism, and the Church wants us to recall this sacrament in our daily life. The primary way we have of recalling our baptism in a physical manner is through the use of holy water. Have you ever asked yourself



why it is that we dunk our fingers in a bowl and cross ourselves using water? It is a reminder of that fact that God has washed us clean in the blood of Christ through the waters of baptism. It also serves as a reminder of our continual need for purification from sin. Yet holy water is more than just a reminder; it is a useful aid in the sanctification of life.

The Church instructs her pastors to bless and distribute holy water not only for its sacramental remembrance, but also as a great tool to sanctify the world. Just as Christ sanctifies the waters of the world through his baptism, so too does holy water sanctify the things of the world. As water is the primary means of washing things, so too does holy water help to cleanse all that we have and use, along with cleansing us in a way. This is why items which are blessed are also sprinkled with holy water, as if the item were receiving baptism itself.

Holy water is also a great deterrent against our primary spiritual enemy: Satan and his legion of demons. The devil hates anything blessed and nothing more so that holy water which has been exorcised and blessed by a priest. St. Teresa of Avila wrote in her Autobiography:

I have found by experience that there is nothing from which the devils fly more quickly than from holy water. They also fly from the cross, but they return almost immediately. Certainly, the power of holy water must be great; for my part, my soul feels particular comfort in taking it, and very generally a refreshment and interior delight which I cannot express.

There is always holy water available in the container in the back of church. Take some home and sprinkle the house on occasion or use it as is intended. Continue to live in the grace of your baptism through the use of holy water, that God may continue to bless you every day.

*Fr. Jacob Straub*