

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Aug 10	\$1,626
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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

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
Mon. Aug. 18	XXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. Aug. 19	8:00 AM	For †Verna Payne [from Elizabeth Cahill]
Wed. Aug. 20	8:00 AM	For Joan Rawe (L) [from Meggy Cooper]
Thur. Aug. 21	8:00 AM	For †Rev. Thomas Robbins
Fri. Aug. 22	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Sat. Aug. 23	5:00 PM	For †Verna Payne [from Mary Jo Schmiade & Genita Kiser]
Sun. Aug. 24	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), Ree 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. 6-Anthony Jude Eten, Aug. 7-Billie Huffman, Aug. 7-Pat Leveridge, Aug. 11-Landon Moore, Aug. 13-Teresa Grant, Aug. 15-Myra Cooper, Aug. 16-Mtchell Ryan, Aug. 17-Isaac Ryan, Aug. 17-Landon Moore, Aug. 17-Andy Redmond, Aug. 19-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 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 17, 2025

**DPAA**—The new DPAA campaign has begun! Our parish's goal for this year is \$13,400. As of July 31, we have received \$11,485 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!

**CHURCH CLEANING**—Patty Neuspickel is heading up the monthly cleaning crew. We are down to a very few who are cleaning so if you have any free time, please see Patty to determine what needs to be done and if you would like to volunteer. It is once a week for a month. You pick the days. Patty can be reached at 859-322-3491.

**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**.

**GROCERY BASKETS**—There are empty grocery baskets in the back of church. Please take one and return it with at least \$25 worth of groceries in it to be raffled at the festival. Please be aware of expiration dates! Some people do a theme basket of all baby items, baking items or whatever else you fancy. Thanks for your help on this.

**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, and Rotating Relief Help.

**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. We are in need of these items and \$25 gift cards. Thanks.

**LECTOR**— Aug. 17-Linda Fryman, Aug. 24-Jesse Rawe

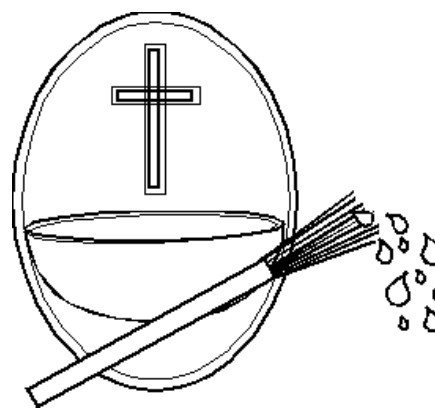
**CLEANING** – Aug-Joanne and Tim Schlachter

## FROM THE PRIEST – SACRAMENTALS: HOLY WATER

We cannot consider the sacramentals without first considering holy water. Its usage 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 regular entry into a 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*