

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

<i>THE 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Aug. 17	5:00 PM	For †Mike Lemming
Sun. Aug. 18	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Mon. Aug. 19	8:00 AM	For †Verna Payne
Tue. Aug. 20	8:00 AM	For †Henrietta Zellerer
Wed. Aug. 21	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Thur. Aug. 22	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Fri. Aug. 23	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
<i>THE 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Aug. 24	5:00 PM	For Albert Bach (L)
Sun. Aug. 25	9:00 AM	For †Len Cooper

**PRAYER LIST**—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, 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, Sean Timmerding, John Jackson, Wanda Bach, Maverick Orth (3yrs old), Daniel Cahill, Pax Minch, Todd Kloentrup, and the friends and family of Todd Goodhew and Verna Payne upon their passing.

**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 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 18, 2024

**DPAA REMINDER**—This year’s goal for our parish is \$13,000. As of the latest count, we have received \$10,594 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.

**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, Sept. 4, at 7:00 PM.**

**UNITED IN PRAYER**—There will be a community prayer meeting on Tues. Aug. 20 at 6 PM in Goebel Park in Covington. The focus of the prayers will be for our country. If you are able, please join.

**DOMESTIC NEEDS COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND**—Aug. 24 and 25 are designated for the Domestic Needs Collection. Several smaller collections have been consolidated into this collection. If you are able, please donate to this important fund. Thank you.

**NEEDS FOR FESTIVAL**—There are baskets available in the back of church to be filled with \$20 worth of non perishable groceries for the grocery raffle. We also need 2 liter soft drinks for the ring toss, donations for the \$5 bag raffle (formally Silent Auction), cakes made for the cake raffle (boxes will be available next week), and raffle tickets sold for the grand raffle and quilt raffle. Thank you for any help you are able to give.

**DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT**—Please pray for the repose of the soul of longtime parishioner Verna Payne, who went to her eternal reward on Friday. Funeral arrangements are pending. May she rest in peace.

**LECTOR**— Aug. 18-Linda Fryman, Aug. 25-Rita Funke

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

## FROM THE PASTOR – ON DISTRIBUTING THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

With the recent reading of the Bread of Life Discourse in the Gospel of John over the past few weeks, we should consider our reception of the Eucharist. We need to be sure we are receiving the Eucharist worthily and well for it to truly be the Bread of Life for us. We know about the reception of the Sacred Host from the priest, but what of the Precious Blood?

There has emerged very recently the optional practice of the reception of both species: not only the Sacred Host but the Precious Blood as well. This was reintroduced into the Latin (Roman) Rite in the 1970s after the Second Vatican Council as an option for parishes. The coronavirus pandemic saw an extended pause in this practice, but now our bishop has permitted this once again. For the record, I am not planning on reintroducing the distribution of the Precious Blood via separate chalices. Here are some of my reasons:

- Many who receive both say that they feel that they receive more of Jesus than the more traditional way. This is actually an error against our Catholic faith, which holds that it is the same Jesus really and truly present and living in BOTH species (as emphasized by the Council of Trent against the Protestants). We do not get “more Jesus” by receiving both species. How can you have more of the infinite?
- The distribution of the Precious Blood via separate chalices is far more susceptible to spreading germs than the distribution of the Sacred Hosts. Not only during the coronavirus pandemic, but also during major flu seasons, this distribution has been eliminated for the safety of the congregation and the priest celebrant. If there will be so much fluctuation in the health of our people, we should be more generally cautious in our practices.
- There can emerge (reflective perhaps of the first point above) in the minds and hearts of some who receive both species a form of spiritual pride. They may think to themselves that they are better than others because they receive both whereas many only receive the Sacred Host. Our reception of Holy Communion should never lead to pride but humility before God.

While we may not receive the Precious Blood in an individuated way at our parish, we are still receiving the full Christ in the Eucharist. You are not denied anything if you do not partake of the chalice. We believe Jesus gives Himself totally in the Eucharist, and just as a living body has both body and blood, so too does the Eucharist in which the living Christ is given to us have His full Body and Blood. Let us partake of the Eucharist well so that we may have not only the words but the fullness of everlasting life beginning here and opening up unto eternity.

*Fr. Jacob Straub*

P.S. I will be away at a conference next weekend, then on one last vacation for Labor Day weekend. Fr. Paul Berschied will cover the weekend Masses and be available for confession. Don’t miss this opportunity to go to another priest to be forgiven of your sins and made worthy for the Eucharist!