

### SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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### MASS SCHEDULE

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Sat. July 31	5:00 PM	For Ed Gripshover
Sun. Aug 1	9:00 AM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Mon. Aug 2		<i>No Public Mass</i>
Tue. Aug 3	8:30 AM	For Brian Hazel
Wed. Aug 4	XXXXXX	<i>No Mass This Week</i>
Thur. Aug 5	8:30 AM	For the Poor Souls in Purgatory
Fri. Aug 6		<i>No Public Mass</i>
NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Sat. Aug 7	5:00 PM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Sun. Aug. 8	9:00 AM	For Kenny Neuspickel

**PRAYER LIST**—Jerry Ehlman, Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Charles Taylor, Joy Sowder, Sarah Hoffman, Mary Louise Cross, Cotton Teegarden, Mike Newcomb, Ed Grant, Vernon Dixon, Chris Rauf, Katie Davis, Barry Bergman, Andrew Lauck, Bradley Franzen, Pam Babbington, Dave & Barb Kordenbrock, Bob Gish, Kate and Colton Sherold, Karen Reilly, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff who is suffering with a horrible disease, Mike Leming, Dave Verst, Donnie Lauer, Mary Lamb, and Dave Neuspickel.

**BIRTHDAYS**— Aug. 7-Billie Jean Huffman, Aug. 16-Mitchell Ryan, Aug. 17-Isaac Ryan, Aug. 22-Cheyenne Kiser

**ANNIVERSARIES**— August—None

*Please send any requests for prayers or memorials to the parish email or call to make a request.*



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Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – please check each week's schedule

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

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## THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 1, 2021

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEW WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**—Due to Fr. Jacob’s new position at Covington Latin School, the weekday Mass schedule will have to change. Please check the Mass schedule page in the coming weeks for the new schedule.

**NEW BISHOP CHOSEN**—Please welcome and pray for our newly appointed Bishop-Elect, Rev. John C. Iffert. He will be consecrated and installed Bishop of Covington on September 30th. May Almighty God bless him at the start of his service in Covington.

**CHOIR NEWS**—Do you like to sing? Are you interested in joining our choir? If so, please stop by after Sunday Mass and see Penny or Howard Kluesener. We would love to have you join.

**DPAA**—The latest update from the Diocese (July 22) tells us we have \$10,580 pledged toward our \$10,900 goal. Any and all donations will be appreciated. Thank you to everyone who has pledged and given so far this year.

**ALTAR SERVERS**—We would like to begin to have servers at Sunday Mass again. If your children are interested, please let Fr. Straub know. We will work on scheduling a training session over the summer for all servers, both new and experienced.

**FESTIVAL**—Our first festival meeting was well attended on the 21st. The next one is on Tuesday, Aug. 3, at 6:30 PM. There will be papers for sign ups in the gathering space this weekend. Pick up a ‘needs’ list on your way out of church.

**LECTOR TRAINING**—There will be two training classes for new Lectors this Fall. If you are interested in attending please tell Father so he can send in nomination papers to get you registered.

**LECTOR -AUGUST 1**—Rita Funke **AUGUST 8**—Bill Funke

**CLEANING TEAM—AUGUST 8**—Tom & Darlene Schutte **AUGUST 22**—Lisa & Jeanne

### FROM THE PASTOR – THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Before all the excitement of a new bishop and looking at the efficacy of the sacraments, we have left behind my overview of the various sacraments that I began last month. I’d like to pick this series back up and look at the next sacrament which is the sacrament of confirmation. Although one known well through confirmation Masses done by the bishop, I think many do not fully appreciate the impact of this sacrament. What does confirmation do?

We ought to understand a sacrament by the signs and symbols of the sacrament. The form of confirmation is the laying on of hands and anointing with sacred chrism. These external actions by the cleric are meant to make visible to us the passing on of the Holy Spirit, for it is only when we receive Him that we are fully initiated into the Church. We need the indwelling of the Holy Spirit in order to fully cry out to God as Father (cf. Rom 8:15) and to become like Jesus Christ (whose very title “Christ” means “anointed one”).

We must first understand confirmation as the final act of the sacraments of initiation. One is not considered a full Christian or a full member of the Church until one has received confirmation. This is because the Church is not only bound together in Christ but is united through His Holy Spirit. This should not be understood as forming an eternal bond with the Church such that we cannot lose our salvation; this would be a sinful act of presumption and would merit us losing not only the Holy Spirit but the Holy Trinity forever. It does mean that we are joined completely to the Mystical Body of Christ which is the Church so that we may be worthy of receiving the sacraments and striving for salvation.

Some seem to compare the reception of confirmation to graduation, as if it completes one’s formation and makes one ready to go. This is unfair to both acts, for graduation is not the end of our education, nor is confirmation the end of our formation in Christ. We are given the seeds of holiness through the indwelling of the Spirit given in confirmation, but we must respond to those seeds. Confirmation is not a guarantee of eternity, but opens the way of God for us so that we may be led by the Spirit toward eternity.

If we are open to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit which we receive from confirmation, we will be strengthened by His presence to become the saints we were created to be. Confirmation comes from the Latin *confirmare* which means “to strengthen” or “to secure”, which is what the Spirit wants to do for our spiritual lives. We cannot achieve salvation without God, and God not only provides that help for us but gives Himself to be our help. Let us not ignore the Holy Spirit dwelling in us. If you have not been confirmed, speak with Fr. Straub to see how you can receive this sacrament. If you have been confirmed, pray to the Spirit and ask to be renewed that you may be the holy person God wants you to be.

Fr. Jacob Straub