

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Aug. 15	TBA
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MASS SCHEDULE

<i>TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Aug 21	5:00 PM	For Ed Gripshover
Sun. Aug. 22	9:00 AM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Mon. Aug 23	8:00 AM	For Anthony Lynn Cross
Tue. Aug 24		<i>No Public Mass</i>
Wed. Aug 25	8:00 AM	For Ed Gripshover
Thur. Aug 26		<i>No Public Mass</i>
Fri. Aug 27		<i>No Public Mass</i>
<i>TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Aug 28	5:00 PM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Sun. Aug. 29	9:00 AM	For Richard Cox

***PLEASE LET LINDA OR FATHER KNOW IF SOMEONE CAN BE REMOVED FROM OUR PRAYER LIST. SOME PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ON IT FOR MANY MONTHS.**

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & 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, Lena Bach, 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

Parish Staff and Volunteers

Religious Education – Roseanne Rawe (859) 635-1572

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THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 22, 2021

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPAA—Finally! We have reached our goal of \$10,900. Thank you to everyone who has contributed and is continuing to donate. Don't let that stop you from giving more if you can. Now that we have met our goal, everything sent above our parish goal comes back to our church.

FESTIVAL AND TICKETS—Festival plans are progressing. The next planning meeting is on Tuesday Aug. 31, at 6:30 PM. It's not too late to sign up to help. The raffle tickets are on the back table to take and sell. PLEASE mark down which tickets you take on the sheets provided.

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.

GIVING AWAY OLD BINGO BENCHES—If anyone would like one of the old benches that were used in the bingo tent, they are available. If interested see Father, Chris or Linda Fryman.

KITCHEN AND GARAGE CLEANING—ALL HANDS ON DECK! We will have a general cleaning of the kitchen, hall, and both garages on Saturday, **September 11**, to prepare for our festival. Please try to make time to come and help. Probably will start between 9 and 10AM. Donuts for morning and pizza for lunch!

***Don't forget to bring in two liter drinks, auction items, and glassware!**

LECTOR - AUGUST 22—Bernie Rawe **AUGUST 29**—Rita Funke

CLEANING TEAM—AUGUST 22—Lisa & Jeanne **SEPTEMBER 5**—Genita and daughters

FROM THE PASTOR—QUEEN OF HEAVEN

Last week we celebrated the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the end of her life on earth. This feast is normally concluded a week later with the celebration of Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth on August 22. This year it is impeded with the regular Sunday celebration, but it is still good to look at what this celebration means for Mary and for us.

We acclaim Jesus as the King of the universe in every part of our faith: not only celebrating it on the last Sunday of the liturgical year but throughout the Scriptures and in much of the sacred liturgy. What does it mean to call Mary “Queen” though? Isn't this normally associated with the wife of a king? This latter question is not necessarily what we mean when we acclaim Mary as Queen.

There is a tradition in many regal circles, especially in the biblical ancient Israelite kingdom's hierarchy, of the mother of the king being called the Queen or Queen Mother and becoming second in authority only to the king himself. Solomon the son and heir of David was famous for making his mother Bathsheba important in his kingdom (1 Kings 2:20). Many kings placed their trust in their mother, and it is no different between our Lord and our Lady. We can even find a biblical precedent for this in the Book of Revelation, when John sees a woman “clothed with the sun, ... and on her head a crown of twelve stars” (Rev. 12:1), an image often associated with Mary in biblical interpretation and commentary.

Mary receives this position of honor and authority not merely for her sake as a reward for her fidelity and humility, but for our sake as well. Standing at the right hand of her Son as he rules over all things, she is able to win for us anything we need or desire. If Jesus has placed His mother at His right, it is for our benefit. We should never hesitate to give her our wants, our desires, our needs, because she knows how best to present them to the King and to beseech on our behalf for all things necessary for our salvation.

This celebration of Mary as Queen also reminds us of what awaits us if we are faithful and humble before the King: that we too shall be crowned as kings co-reigning with Christ forever. If we are truly united to Jesus in eternity, then we shall share in everything He has, including His kingship. Our King Himself tells us this in the Book of Revelation when He says: “Be faithful even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.” (Rev. 2:10) All who strive willfully to avoid sin and be holy will share with the One who has already walked this life and earned the crown of victory.

Let us pray to our Queen that we may receive from her Son all we need to become holy in this life and be worthy to share with Him, with her, and with all the saints the crown of eternal life.

Fr. Jacob Straub