

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Aug 15 & 17	\$2,062
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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

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
Mon. Aug. 25	XXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. Aug. 26	8:00 AM	For The Mayer Family (L&†) [from Samantha Stange]
Wed. Aug. 27	8:00 AM	For †Imogene Fisk
Thur. Aug. 28	8:00 AM	For †John Jackson [from Becky Darnell]
Fri. Aug. 29	8:00 AM	For †James Hurtt [from Andrew Redmond]
THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Sat. Aug. 30	5:00 PM	For †Anna Menefee [from Linda Menefee]
Sun. Aug. 31	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

Parish Staff and Volunteers
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THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 24, 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 sign-up 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.

DOMESTIC NEEDS COLLECTION—Collected next weekend. Please be generous.

LECTOR— Aug, 24-Jesse Rawe, Aug. 31-Brad Cooper

CLEANING – Aug-Joanne and Tim Schlachter, Sept.-Kathy and Wanda Bach

FROM THE PASTOR—SACRAMENTALS: BLESSED SALT

As we progress through the various sacramentals, we encounter one that seems immensely important throughout our history but seems to have disappeared in recent years: blessed salt. Perhaps this sounds weird to our ears when we normally associate salt with condiments and flavoring, but salt possessed (and still possesses in many areas) an immense value for the struggle to survive.

It is hard to recall to our very modern minds, but it has been a constant struggle throughout the history of humanity to preserve food beyond the growing and harvest seasons. Refrigeration did



not exist, and canning was only possible beginning in the 19th century. The most efficient means people have had throughout the millennia for preserving food involved salt. This property made salt a precious commodity in numerous cultures, with trade routes and operations established throughout the world to produce salt. It is even said to be the origin of the word “salary” (the Latin word *salarium* contains the Latin *sal* for salt and it is argued that salt was a part of the Roman soldier’s wages).

We encounter salt in a variety of texts in the Bible as well. Perhaps the most famous example in the Old Testament is the story of Lot’s wife who becomes a pillar of salt after looking longingly backwards at Sodom and Gomorrah as they are destroyed. We hear of the ancient practice of salting the earth to cause the ground to be barren (Judges 9:45). But the words of the Lord should be first in our hearts when He calls us to be the “salt of the earth” in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:13).

Taking all this to mind, holy mother Church began to use salt in her rituals and for the benefit of her spiritual children. We have accounts of the use of salt as part of the baptismal rites as early as the third century, along with accounts from various early Church fathers including St. Augustine. Not only is there a blessing associated with salt but also an exorcism (prayers to remove all demons and demonic influence from objects as well as persons).

How can we use blessed salt today? The sacramental power of blessed salt comes especially in preserving us from demonic attacks and influence. Traditional practice is to sprinkle blessed salt either at the four corners of one’s property or across the main threshold on a regular basis to ward off demons. One is also permitted to consume this salt so feel free to eat up. I will begin making this available for you to take home. Feel free to sprinkle it in a variety of ways in your life, that you may continue to be the salt of the earth, preserving yourself for eternity. *Fr. Jacob Straub*