

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Aug 18	TBA
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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

<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
Mon. Aug. 26	XXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. Aug. 27	8:00 AM	For †Nancy Tepe
Wed. Aug. 28	8:00 AM	For the Ehlman Family (L & †)
Thur. Aug. 29	8:00 AM	For †Jerome Groeschen
Fri. Aug. 30	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
<i>THE 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Aug. 31	5:00 PM	For †Judy Bloom
Sun. Sep. 1	9:00 AM	For †Arabella 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, and Todd Kloentrup.

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

Parish Staff and Volunteers

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AUGUST 25, 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.**

DOMESTIC NEEDS COLLECTION—This weekend is 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.

LOCAL COLLECTION—We will have a special collection over Labor Day weekend to help Faye Perry, a local woman whose house burned down recently. Please give whatever you can to help.

LECTOR— Aug. 25-Rita Funke

CLEANING – Aug. -Kathy Bach and Wanda Bach

FROM THE PASTOR—SACRAMENTALS:THE SIGN OF THE CROSS

In looking at the various sacramentals of the Church, we ought to start with the most basic and perhaps most used one: the Sign of the Cross. When we hear this phrase, we normally associate it with the vertical motion of moving our hand from forehead to breast, followed by a horizontal motion from left shoulder to right shoulder, forming a cross over ourselves. But this is not the only way we can make this sign. Consider the way we sign ourselves before the Gospel is proclaimed: a small cross made with our thumbs on our foreheads, on our lips, and on our hearts. One custom seen in Spanish-influenced cultures (both Spain and Latin America) is to lay the thumb over the forefinger and make a visible cross, use that configuration to cross oneself, then kiss the finger cross. Whatever method, this sacramental is a crucial part of our prayer life and a symbol of our discipleship in Jesus Christ through His Catholic Church.

We have no clear indications of when the Sign of the Cross began, though there are numerous records about it in antiquity. The Church father Tertullian writes in the early third century that Christians mark their forehead with the cross, while St. Basil the Great in the fifth century remarks that this sign was learned from the apostles and handed down as part of tradition. Many see this as a conversion of the ancient Jewish practicing of using signs (see Ezekiel 9:4). No matter its origin, the Sign of the Cross is a fundamental aspect of the daily life of the Christian.

In using the Sign of the Cross, we ought to be mindful of its benefits. It is first-off a reminder of our baptism, in which we were rescued by Christ through the power and victory of the Cross to no longer be a slave of Satan but to become a child of God and a member of the Church. At baptism, we first received this sign and were sealed through the Cross, so we should remember that we belong with and to Christ when we make the sign. We are also professing our faith in making the Sign of the Cross. We typically associate this sign with the phrase “In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit”, so we ought to recall that we are acknowledging the reality of the Trinity in this sign along with showing that we are Catholics. Most other Christians do not use this sign, so it has become associated specifically with Catholics.

The Sign of the Cross is also a great deterrent against sin and the attack of the demons. It is in the Cross that Christ overcame the wickedness and malice of Satan and his demonic legions through His humility. We ought to be humble ourselves in our fight with temptation and the enemies of Christ and invoke God through this sign. Tracing the Cross on ourselves not only recalls the saving power of Christ but also is abhorrent to the demons. Finally, it is a great beginning into prayer by recalling He who interceded for us on the Cross and still intercedes for us at the right hand of the Father.

Let us never be afraid to use the Sign of the Cross in our lives but utilize it with simplicity and humility so as to call upon God in our every need and to place all things under the Cross. Let us follow Mary in tracing this sign throughout our lives so that we may be worthy to share in Christ’s victory forever. *Fr. Jacob Straub*

