

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

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
Mon. Sep. 1	XXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. Sep. 2	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Wed. Sep. 3	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Thur. Sep. 4	8:00 AM	For †Verna Payne [from Elizabeth Cahill]
Fri. Sep. 5	8:00 AM	For Emerson Rawe (L) [from Jesse & Lindsey Rawe; First Friday]
THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Sat. Sep. 6	5:00 PM	For †Mary Jo Schmiade [from Joe & Kathy Bach]
Sun. Sep. 7	9:00 AM	For †John Jackson

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. 30-Bradley Cooper, Sep. 1-Sheri Hartman, Sep. 14-Terry Downs, Sep. 16-Genevieve Mayleben, Sep. 19-Bill Schneider, Sep. 20-Kevin Mayleben, Sep. 23-Brody Baker, Sep. 25-Tony Bach, Sep. 25-August Mayleben, Sep. 29-Owen Rawe.

ANNIVERSARY—Sep. 2-Tom and Darlene Schutte, Sep. 10-Tony and Wanda Bach, Sep. 12-William and Linda Beck.

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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 31, 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! Tell everyone! Our next festival meeting on **Thursday, Sep. 11, 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—See flyer included with bulletin.

CAKES FOR RAFFLE AND DESSERTS FOR DINNER— Cake boxes for the raffle are in the back of church. Also please bring a dessert for the dinner at the festival. Thank you.

PRE-FESTIVAL CLEANING DAY—Pre-festival cleaning day will be this **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 this weekend. Please be generous.

LECTOR— Aug. 31-Brad Cooper, Sept. 7— Bill Funke

CLEANING — Sept.-Kathy and Wanda Bach

FROM THE PASTOR—SACRAMENTALS: MARIAN ITEMS

While the sacramentals can help us to foster and inflame the graces received from the sacraments, they also help us to practice our devotions to God and the saints. These physical items do not merely serve as some reminder or sign, but can offer aid and protection in our daily struggle against sin. In particular, we should look at the various items related to the greatest of all saints and the Queen of Heaven and Earth: the Blessed Virgin Mary.

The most well-known Marian devotional item is the Rosary, and it is one of the most obvious signs that one is a faithful Catholic when one pulls their rosary beads out of their pocket or bag. The basic shape is of a circle of beads divide into decades of one isolated bead (for the Our Father) and ten grouped beads (for the Hail Marys), with a cross or crucifix leading off of the circle. There are varieties of styles and sizes, but the basic outline is the same. We should make sure to have our rosaries blessed and available whenever we need to pray. The tactile use of the Rosary helps us to focus our minds and hearts on the mysteries we are meditating upon in to draw us deeper into prayer and contemplation of Christ.

Second to the rosary is the Brown Scapular. This small wool object is still a part of the religious habit for the Carmelite orders, although usually larger than the one the laity wear. To wear the Brown Scapular is to place our total trust in Jesus through Mary. It is not an automatic guarantee of salvation as if one could wear it and avoid repenting or converting their lives to Christ. The Brown Scapular is a reminder that we are under the protection of Mary just as Jesus was for the majority of His life. It should also remind us of its original designation as a sign of the yoke of Jesus Christ: to work for our sanctification and salvation. The scapular should call us to prayer and to labor for our good and for the good of all.

Last of the major Marian sacramentals is the Miraculous Medal, introduced through a vision of Our Lady to St. Catherine Laboure in 1830. To wear this medal is to keep Mary and her divine Son close to our hearts. It is a physical reminder to us of their loving care for us as we work throughout the day. Whether one wears the medal under their clothes or outside of them, the Miraculous Medal can be of great comfort to those who draw close to the Blessed Mother and be sure of her maternal care in all things. Mary also promised many graces to those who faithfully wear the medal and call out to her regularly because of it.

These items are a physical way to keep us close to Jesus through Mary. If you have not been enrolled in the Brown Scapular or the Miraculous Medal and wish to be enrolled, please talk with me. If you have these items but they have not been blessed, please ask me and I will bless them for you. May we remain under the protection of our blessed Mother in this life and work to join her and all the saints before God in Heaven.

Fr. Jacob Straub