

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

July 28	\$484
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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

THE 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. Aug. 3	5:00 PM	For †Anna Menefee
Sun. Aug. 4	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Mon. Aug. 5	XXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. Aug. 6	8:00 AM	For †Nancy Tepe
Wed. Aug. 7	8:00 AM	For †Emily Ann Daniels
Thur. Aug. 8	8:00 AM	For †Joseph A. Schuler
Fri. Aug. 9	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK

THE 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. Aug. 10	5:00 PM	For †Ed Gripshover
Sun. Aug. 11	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Verna Payne, 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, Randy Goodhew, 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

Religious Education – Roseanne Rawe (859) 635-1572

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AUGUST 4, 2024

DPAA REMINDER—This year’s goal for our parish is \$13,000. As of the latest count, we have received \$10,394 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, Aug. 14, at 7:00 PM.

2024 LIFE’S A BALL-Please join us to celebrate our honorees on Saturday, September 7. 2024 Face of Pro-Life Recipients: Mary Rose Mission, Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky, Parish Kitchen, and Rev. Jeffrey Von Lehman. Cost: \$80 per person—includes a cocktail hour, sit down dinner, beer & wine, music, and dancing. *Please know that this is not a fund raiser – there will be no raffles and no asks for donations. Cost for guests to attend is approximate cost that we pay per person. Contact the Pro-Life Office for more information. 859-392-1545 or email Faye Roch at froch@covdio.org. The event will be held at the Raddison Ballroom, Covington, KY, with cocktail hour from 6:00pm – 7:00pm. Dinner will be served at 7:00pm. The awards will be presented at 8:00pm. Music by The Remains and dancing to follow the program until 11:00pm.

BLUEGRASS & BARBEQUE EVENT-Happening next Saturday, August 10th from 6:00-9:00 pm in the lower parking lot at St. Cecilia. This event will help with the purchase of ultrasound machines for pregnancy centers. This event will feature good music (our own Howard Kluesner), good food, and a bourbon raffle! A \$15 ticket for a large meal gets you pulled pork & two sides plus a complimentary raffle ticket for the bourbon raffle. A small meal is also available for \$12 (does not include a raffle ticket). Beer, water & soft drinks will also be available.

LECTOR— Aug. 4-Bill Funke, Aug. 11-Lisa Cooper

CLEANING – Aug.-Kathy Bach and Wanda Bach

FROM THE PASTOR—SACRAMENTALS

As we move back into a more regular schedule with school starting and the festival coming up, it seems appropriate to dive into the importance of divine worship and how we do it. One of the parts of divine worship that we may not consider as much is everything that helps us to receive and participate in the sacraments. Holy Mother Church does not perform or distribute the sacraments in a merely functionary and legalistic manner but utilizes the goods of the earth along with the creative ability of man and even divine usage (as seen in the Scriptures) to help us draw closer to God in our reception and participation in the sacraments, especially at Mass. These items and actions which are not sacraments but are still helpful to our devotion are called sacramentals.

We must first distinguish a sacrament from a sacramental. A simple definition of a sacrament is a visible sign instituted by Christ and maintained by the Church which gives invisible grace necessary for salvation. There are only 7 sacraments but they are the greatest aids to our salvation, in particular baptism, confession, and the Eucharist. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* defines a sacramental as “Sacred signs which bear a certain resemblance to the sacraments, and by means of which spiritual effects are signified and obtained through the prayers of the Church.” The sacramentals have their foundation in the sacraments—the understanding of the former only comes from the importance and significance of the latter. While sacramentals are not absolutely necessary for our salvation and entry into eternal life, they are immense aids in our participation in the divine life.



What is a sacramental?

How do sacramentals help us practice our faith? The *Baltimore Catechism* fleshes this out when it describes sacramentals as “anything set apart or blessed by the Church to excite good thoughts and to increase devotion, and through these movements of the heart to remit venial sin.” These actions or items are able to help recall to our mind the goal of the Christian life: to return to God in thanksgiving and praise all that we can for the mercy and the grace He has given us through Christ His Son in the Holy Spirit. Their usage or even their presence is a powerful means of drawing to our attention the need for God and the orientation of our hearts and minds towards God the giver of every good and perfect gift (cf. James 1:1).

A sacramental can be either an action (done by us or upon us) or an item (whether it has been blessed by a priest or not). Examples of actions include the sign of the Cross, the blessing of the priest at the end of Mass, our genuflection before the Eucharist when we enter church, and the bowing of our heads at the mention of the holy names of Jesus and Mary. Examples of items are numerous and include rosaries, priestly vestments, holy water, and icons or religious imagery. We must understand above all why the Church gives us these things: to help us draw nearer to God, to avoid sin, and to seek eternal life. Let us make us of the good things God gives us to return to Him in every way and to be prepared to be with Him in Heaven.

Fr. Jacob Straub