

### SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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### MASS SCHEDULE

#### NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. Aug 7	5:00 PM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Sun. Aug. 8	9:00 AM	For Kenny Neuspickel
Mon. Aug 9	8:00 AM	For Randy Schoberg
Tue. Aug 10		<i>No Public Mass</i>
Wed. Aug 11	8:00 AM	For Vincent Fariello
Thur. Aug 12		<i>No Public Mass</i>
Fri. Aug 13		<i>No Public Mass</i>

#### THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Sat. Aug 14	5:00 PM	For Anthony Lynn Cross
Sun. Aug. 15	9:00 AM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish

**PRAYER LIST**—Jerry Ehlman, 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 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 8, 2021

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEW WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE**—Due to Fr. Jacob's new position at Covington Latin School, the weekday Mass schedule will have to change starting this week. Please check the Mass schedule page for the new schedule.

**NEW BISHOP CHOSEN**—Please welcome and pray for our newly appointed Bishop-Elect, Rev. John C. Iffert. He will be consecrated and installed Bishop of Covington on September 30th. May Almighty God bless him at the start of his service in Covington.

**CHOIR NEWS**—Do you like to sing? Are you interested in joining our choir? If so, please stop by after Sunday Mass and see Penny or Howard Kluesener. We would love to have you join.

**DPAA**—The latest update from the Diocese (July 22) tells us we have \$10,580 pledged toward our \$10,900 goal. Any and all donations will be appreciated. Thank you to everyone who has pledged and given so far this year.

**ALTAR SERVERS**—We would like to begin to have servers at Sunday Mass again. If your children are interested, please let Fr. Straub know. We will work on scheduling a training session over the summer for all servers, both new and experienced.

**FESTIVAL**—Festival plans are progressing. The next planning meeting is on Tuesday Aug. 17, at 6:30 PM. There will be papers for sign ups in the gathering space this weekend. Please pick up a 'needs' list on your way out of church.

**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.

**LECTOR -AUGUST 8**—Bill Funke, **AUGUST 15**-Linda Fryman

**CLEANING TEAM**—**AUGUST 8** —Tom & Darlene Schutte **AUGUST 22** —Lisa & Jeanne

### FROM THE PASTOR—HOLY ORDERS

In discussing the sacraments, we ought not to neglect how it is that we are able to receive these visible signs of God's grace which aid us in becoming holy. How can we receive these things if they are not given to us? But how are they given? We need someone who has the authority to hand on these things and to act as our mediator between God and man. This is the fundamental reason why Jesus established the sacrament of holy orders in the Church.

Every organized body of people needs leadership, and the Church is no different in that. Although we are never separated from Christ as the true Head of the Church, we still require visible leadership, even if they may fail in their responsibilities. However, sacred orders is more than just a political class of people. The most important character of this sacrament is the sacred power which is passed on through the laying on of hands on those who receive holy orders. It is by this sacred power that the clergy are able to confect the sacraments and hand on to us that much-needed grace by which we become holy.

Yet are the clerical classes merely sacrament machines, just churning out these things for us? Of course not! They are meant to be conformed to Christ who is the great High Priest who offers the one supreme sacrifice of Himself. Priests in every religion are meant to offer sacrifice and to mediate between the gods and humanity, and it is no different in the Church. Every priest is meant to be conformed to Christ so that we may encounter Him through him. It is not because of anything he is that the priest can confect these sacraments, but only the power of Christ working in him along with his conformity to the One who has given all of this to us.

There are three major orders in the Church. The lowest is that of deacons, who are conformed to Christ the Servant (in Greek *diakonia*). They are able to assist the other orders through conducting baptisms and marriages, and have the authority to preach in church. But it is only the priests and bishops who can pass on all the sacraments. The order of priests is traditionally seen as deriving from the full authority of bishops and aiding the bishop since he cannot be at every church in his diocese. The priest can offer all the sacraments and can even assist in ordaining new priests. But the bishop receives the fullness of authority, not only having the sacred power to offer the all seven sacraments but acts as a successor of the Apostles who received all of this—the sacraments, the teachings, the authority—from Jesus Christ Himself while He was personally present here on earth.

We must be thankful to God who gives us these clear signs of His power and authority so that we may know that we are on the way to salvation. But we must pray in particular for all who have received sacred orders to be faithful to the High Priest who has given them this power. Pray for your priests and pray for the bishop, that we may be faithful in all our works to Christ who continues to intercede for us before God. And pray for more priests!

*Fr. Jacob Straub*