

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Aug 6	\$1,820
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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

THE 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. Aug. 12	5:00 PM	For †Anna Menefee
Sun. Aug. 13	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Mon. Aug. 14	8:00 AM	For †Madeline Cross Ledford
Tue. Aug. 15	8:00 AM	For the Intentions of Blessed Virgin Mary
	7:00 PM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Wed. Aug. 16	8:00 AM	For †Genoa Scott
Thur. Aug. 17	8:00 AM	For †Heather Adamkiewicz (Adoration & Confessions 6-7:00PM)
Fri. Aug. 18	8:00 AM	For †Mary Louise Cross

THE 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

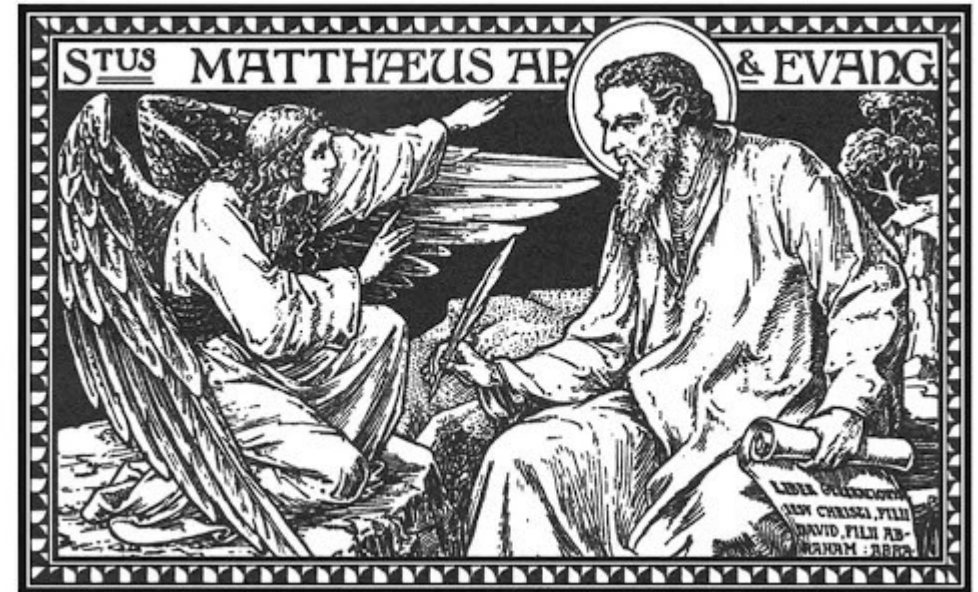
Sat. Aug. 19	5:00 PM	For †Ed Gripshover
Sun. Aug. 20	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Verna Payne, Pam Babbington, Dave Kordenbrock, Kate & Colton Sherold, Karen Reilly, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, Mike and Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Bonita & Jim Happe, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman (St. E. Ft. Thomas), Larry Slusher, Brenda Johnson, Roger High, Cheryl Miller, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Jeanne Eanes, Bill Schneider (In Storypoint Assisted Living, 9255 US 42, Apt. 44, Union, KY. 41091), Ree Wagner, Randy Goodhew, Rosanne Rawe, Patty Neuspickel’s son, Jim, Alan Fields, Marty Golden, Imogene Fisk, and Larry Cappel.

BIRTHDAYS—Aug.4-Brandy Kiser, Aug.7-Pat Leveridge, Aug.7-Billie Huffman, Aug.13-Teresa Grant, Aug.16-Mitchell Ryan, Aug. 17-Landon Moore, Aug.17-Isaac Ryan, Aug. 19-Matthew Broering, Aug.22-Cheyenne Kiser, Aug. 24-Angie Huffman, Aug. 25-Grace Moore, Aug. 27-Bryan Moore, Aug.30-Bradley Cooper

ANNIVERSARIES- 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 you birthday or anniversary is not listed, let Linda know.



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Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursdays 6-7:00 PM

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Thursdays—6:00-7:00 PM

Parish Staff and Volunteers

Religious Education – Roseanne Rawe (859) 635-1572

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Parish History/Cemetery Info – Patty Neuspickel (859) 472-2508

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AUGUST 13, 2023

FAMILY OF MADELINE LEDFORD—The family of Madeline Ledford wishes to thank all the parishioners of St. Matthew for supplying food for the meal after burial, all the cards, and all the prayers that have been offered up for Madeline and the family upon her passing.

HOLY DAY—Reminder that Tuesday, August 15, is the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a holy day of obligation which means Catholics must attend Mass on this day. We will have Masses at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

DPAA—The DPAA pledges and collections as of now stand at \$9,520 which is only \$2,580 less than our goal (\$12,100). If you have not contributed, please consider doing so. Remember all monies collected over the goal comes back to us.

FESTIVAL MEETING—The festival is fast approaching! The festival will be on Sunday, September 17, so mark your calendars. Our next festival meeting will be **Wednesday, August 16 at 7pm**. If you wish to volunteer, sponsor, or have ideas, please attend. Thanks!

SILENT AUCTION AND CHINESE BAG RAFFLE ITEMS—It's not too early to start bringing in items for the silent auction and/or the Chinese bag raffle for the festival. If you frequently go to a business, don't be afraid to ask for a donation. Also, mention that booths can be sponsored for \$200 which gets a large sign noting the business as a sponsor. If you bring in items please leave your items down-stairs on a table. Thanks.

2 LTR. DRINKS—We need 2 liter drinks for the dime pitch. There is a box under the table in the gathering space. **WE DO NOT NEED DIME PITCH GLASSWEAR. WE HAVE PLENTY.**

GENERAL PRE-FESTIVAL CLEANING—On Sunday, **August 20**, we will have a general cleaning of the garage out back and the kitchen/cafeteria area, and the cake cutting room. Please make plans to stay after the 9 AM Mass to help. We will have donuts before starting and pizza if we stay as late as noon. Bring the kids so they can see that it takes a village to get something completed. There are always small tasks for kids to do.

CAKE AUCTION—We will be hosting another cake auction this year at the festival. Cake boxes are on the table in the front of church. Please consider making a cake to be raffled. Please write down what you are making to prevent duplicates.

LECTOR— August 13-Bill Funke, August 20-Bernie Rawe

CLEANING—Kathy and Wanda Bach

FROM THE PASTOR—FUNERALS: BURIAL

The first concern one must have when it comes to preparation for funerals is what to do with the body. There appears to have been an increase in the number of options available in recent years, but they all reduce to two options: either dispose of the body or bury the body. What does the Church say about all of this?

Since the late 1960s, there has been approval in this country for a Catholic to have the body cremated after death. However, it is still mandated by the Church that a deceased person is buried, whether their body has been cremated or not. It is immoral to spread ashes anywhere for any reason. There are no legitimate reasons for the dispersal or spreading of any human remains from a Catholic perspective.

Every Sunday and holy day, in the Creed we recite to affirm our Catholic faith, we say, “I look forward to the resurrection of the dead.” As disciples of the crucified and risen Christ, we believe that we too shall not experience death for the rest of eternity. Our souls shall not remain separated from our bodies, but God will raise everyone back to full life as a human being. Saint Paul speaks deeply on this matter in 1 Corinthians 12, reminding his readers that “as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive” (ver. 22). Since Christ has been raised from the dead, and calls us to follow Him, then we shall also rise from the dead, hence we bury the dead.

There is another reason for burying the body, and it concerns our understanding of what the body is in relation to ourselves and to God. There has existed throughout much of Christian history an idea that the body is some sort of prison or restrictive device upon the soul, and that it is not good for anything but should be disregarded as soon as possible. This idea denies the reality of the Incarnation: God takes on our flesh to become one of us. If the body is evil or useless, why would God take one to Himself? We cannot just toss the body aside as if it is trash no longer needed. We bury the body out of reverence for the gift which God has given to that person and which will be renewed on the Last Day.

One last reason why we bury bodies is for the good of those of us who are left behind. Some will claim that dropping ashes in a beloved spot will make relatives and friends happy to be there, but there is no actual place to go and properly pray for the person. If each person is a singular entity in life and not spread across a broad area, why would we want them spread out after death? The burial site gives a singular place for a single person to be reposed in morose sleep as they await the final trumpet call. We who are left behind—both the mourners and the Church in general—have a place to go to pray and remember the dead while we await our turn.

As you make your funeral preparations, be sure you have a place designated for your body. Whether you use our cemetery or another one, be clear where you want your body to rest while you await the return of the Lord on the Last Day.

Fr. Jacob Straub