

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

August 7	\$1,783
Eastern KY	\$1,427

MASS SCHEDULE

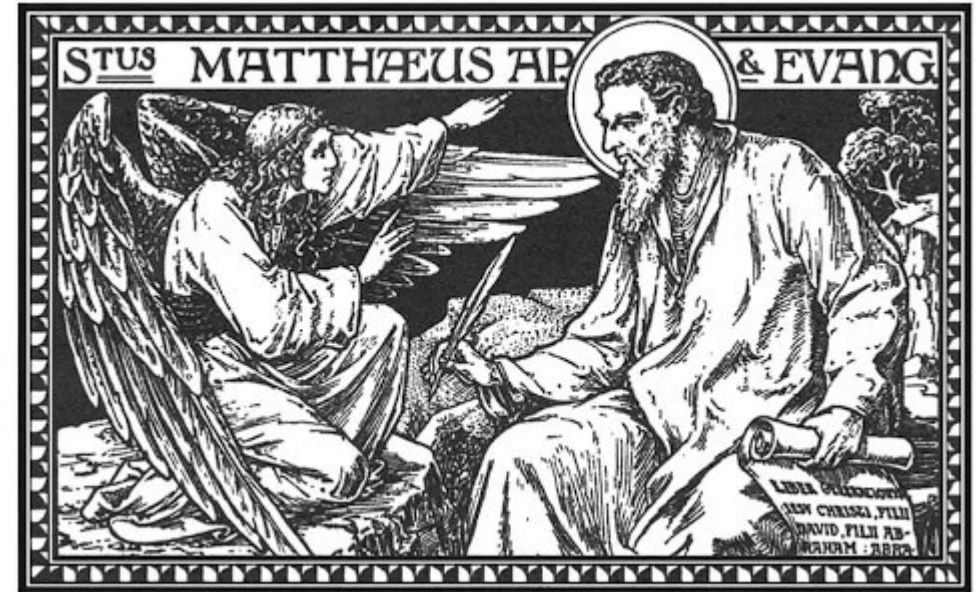
THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY		
Sat. Aug. 13	5:00 PM	For †Anna Menefee
Sat. Aug. 14	9:00 AM	For the Schultz Family (Living and Deceased)
Mon. Aug. 15	8:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
Tue. Aug. 16	8:00 AM	For †Junior Wolf
Wed. Aug 17	8:00 AM	For †Ellarie Glenn
Thur. Aug 18	8:00 AM	For the †Poor Souls in Purgatory (Adoration & Confessions 6-7 PM)
Fri. Aug. 19	8:00 AM	For †Jeff Scott
THE 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Sat. Aug. 20	5:00 PM	For Regina Bach and Dudley Magee (Living)
Sat. Aug. 21	9:00 AM	For †Mike Newcomb

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Charles Taylor, Mary Louise Cross, Chris Rauf, Katie Davis, Barry Bergman, Andrew Lauck, Bradley Franzen, Pam Babbington, Dave Kordenbrock, Kate & Colton Sherold, Karen Reilly, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff who is suffering from Meniere’s disease, Brian Buckingham, Tony Bach, John Jackson, Hank Bond, Hudson Feinauer, Bobby Jo Glenn, Mike and Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Kambie Perkins, Jim Happe, Jenny McVey Alm, Dave Verst, and Andy Sper.

BIRTHDAYS— Aug. 7 Billie Jean Huffman, Aug. 15-Myra Cooper, Aug. 16-Mitchell Ryan, Aug. 17-Isaac Ryan, Aug. 18-Matthew Broering, Aug. 22-Cheyenne Kiser, Aug. 30-Bradley Cooper.

ANNIVERSARY— None this month

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 (please check each week’s schedule)

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Parish Staff and Volunteers

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AUGUST 14, 2022

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPAA- Our parish goal this year is \$11,300. We still need \$2,330. Please help if possible.

FESTIVAL— Our next meeting is Thursday, Aug. 18 at 7 PM. It is time to begin finding sponsors and bringing in silent auction and Dollar auction items. Please bring only new or like new items. Ask your local merchants for items for the auctions. We will also begin bringing in two liters and grocery items for baskets soon, Please let Linda or Father know if you are going to be able to work and what your preference is. Tickets to sell are in; please take some & sign them out. Thank you.

CLEANING EVENT—Save the date of Sept. 10 to come and help with pre-festival cleaning. We need to clean the kitchen, eating area and the garage. Plus we are hoping we can get the porch ceiling painted that day as well. We will have donuts in the morning and pizza if we are still there at lunch time.

VIRTUS TRAINING CLASSES— If anyone wishes to become VIRTUS certified the next classes to attend are: St Patrick, School Library, Maysville, KY, Saturday, August 20th, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., St Edward School Cafeteria, Cynthiana, KY, Tuesday, August 30th, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. See Linda or Father for forms to take with you.

ADORATION TIMES—Please note the new adoration times will be Thursday evenings 6:00-7:00 PM, with confession available during that time. Please take some time to spend an hour with the Eucharistic Lord.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Signup sheets will be in the front of church beginning this Sunday. Please sign up your children by September 1, so we can order the books in time. Please spread the word; this is earlier than past years. Our Sunday School will begin the first Sunday of October.

ASSUMPTION—The feast of the Assumption is NOT a holy day this year due to Aug. 15 falling on a Monday. We are celebrating it over the weekend instead.

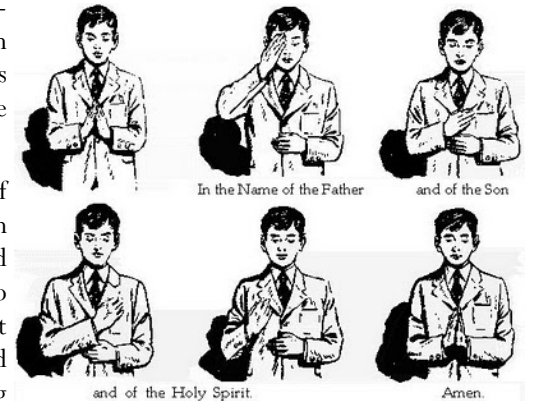
LECTOR— August 14-Rita Funke, August 21-Julie Feinauer

CLEANING TEAM— Aug. 7- Kathy 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*