

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

Aug 13 & 15	\$1,238
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

<i>THE 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Aug. 19	5:00 PM	For †Ed Gripshover
Sun. Aug. 20	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Mon. Aug. 21	XXXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK—SCHOOL COVERAGE
Tue. Aug. 22	XXXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK—SCHOOL COVERAGE
Wed. Aug. 23	XXXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK—SCHOOL COVERAGE
Thur. Aug. 24	XXXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK—SCHOOL COVERAGE
Fri. Aug. 25	XXXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK—SCHOOL COVERAGE
<i>THE 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Aug. 26	5:00 PM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Sun. Aug. 27	9:00 AM	For †Len Cooper

**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

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

## THE 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 20, 2023

**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 30 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 downstairs 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.**

**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.

**MASSES THIS WEEK**—Fr. Straub is doing some emergency class coverage at school this week which requires him to be at school earlier than usual. There will not be daily Mass or adoration this week. Things should return to normal next week.

**LECTOR**— August 20-Bernie Rawe, August 27-

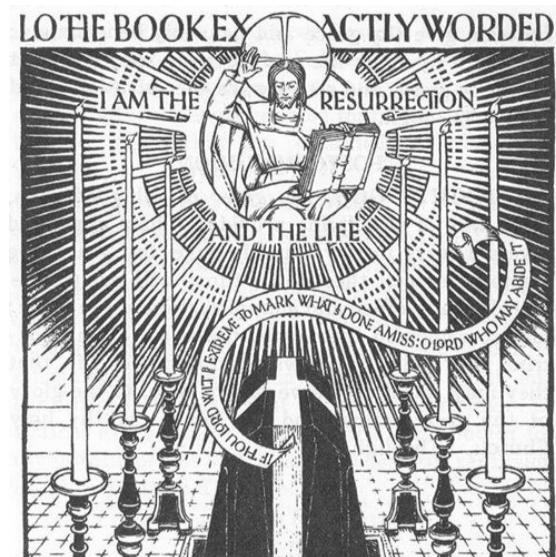
**CLEANING**—Kathy and Wanda Bach

## FROM THE PASTOR—FUNERALS: MASS VS. SERVICE

A recent trend I have seen occur with funerals is the lack of Mass and the use of the funeral service in the funeral home. The frequency with which this has occurred with some recent deaths was in fact the inspiration for this series of articles concerning funerals. There seems to be an idea among some Catholics that either is fine and to just do the easier one which is the service. Perhaps there are more costs associated with having a funeral Mass. Perhaps also too many children have fallen away from the faith and want to do the minimum necessary for their parents. No matter what, you should be sure that a funeral Mass is a part of your funeral.

There is a world of difference between the funeral Mass and the funeral service, just as there is a world of difference between a Mass and any other prayer service we do. The Mass is the re-offering of the sacrifice of Calvary through Christ the High Priest. The Mass is of infinite value, therefore, since it is not the work of men but the work of the God-man, whose every action is a divine action. Nothing we plan out and do ourselves can ever equal the Mass. To deny a funeral Mass for the deceased is thus to deny the offering of the supreme sacrifice of Christ for the benefit of the deceased.

The only reason I might see why someone would legitimately request a funeral service instead of a Mass would be if they were a convert out of a non-Catholic family and there is a desire to have something for the entire family. This is an understandable position and I do not envy those in such a position. But for a Catholic family to not hold a funeral Mass for their dearly departed shows a lack of appreciation for the Mass as well as an ultimate lack of charity. I have heard terrible stories from other priests about children denying a funeral Mass or even a service to their parents because they have left the Church and want nothing to do with Christ. Lord, have mercy on them!



If you are concerned about this happening, be sure you write out your requests in your will. You could even make any inheritance contingent upon the offering of the funeral Mass or any subsequent Mass requests. No Catholic should be denied a funeral Mass or even a Mass offered for their intentions after their death. When we list a special intention for a Mass, we are offering the infinite merits of the Cross for that specific person that they may be with God. The deceased need those merits even more since they cannot pray for themselves after death. We have a duty to bury as well as pray for the dead. May we all be strengthened by Christ to gain eternal life. *Fr. Jacob Straub*