

**THE 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 23, 2020**

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Aug. 16

Aug. 16: \$738
Assumption Collection: \$160

Please do not forget to mail or drop off your weekly offerings for our collection.
Any and all help is greatly appreciated.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

<i>THE 21st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Aug. 22	5:00 PM	For Larry Hoffman
Sun. Aug. 23	9:00 AM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Mon Aug 24		No Mass
Tue Aug 25	8:30 AM	For Anna Huffman
Wed Aug 26	6:30 PM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Thur. Aug 27	8:30 AM	For Joe Kordenbrock
Fri Aug 28		No Mass
<i>THE 22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Aug. 29	5:00 PM	For the Special Intentions of Ken Steffen
Sun. Aug. 30	9:00 AM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish

PRAYER LIST

Jerry Ehlman, Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Kenny Neuspickel, Kathy Barth, Yandell Schneider, Charles Taylor, Ed Gripshover, Joy Sowder, Kathy Proctor, David Roland, Steve Elmlinger, Richard Bacon, Albert Proctor, Sarah Hoffman, Mary Louise Cross, Ken Steffen, Cotton Teegarden, and everyone touched by the Corona virus.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays - August 22-Cheyenne Kiser, September 19-Bill Schneider, September 24-Madeline Thorwarth, September 25-Tony Bach.

Anniversaries-September 2-Tom and Darlene Schutte, September 6-Dina and Michael Ryan, September 10-Tony and Wanda Bach, September 26-Jerry and Eileen Ehlman.



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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
Bulletin/Prayer List – Linda Fryman (859) 240-2377
Parish History/Cemetery Info – Patty Neuspickel (859) 472-2508

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPAA –If you missed giving, there are envelopes in the back of church for your convenience. We have been asked at this time to encourage those who have not given to please prayerfully consider doing so. Please be generous in helping us reach our goal.

Parish Goal: \$10,700 Total Commitments (as of Aug. 18): \$9,800

MASS VIEWINGS – There is a link to our videotaped Mass through our website (www.stmatthewskenton.org) if you are unable to get to Mass or know anyone who cannot attend. You can also watch Mass on your TV – the Cathedral Mass is broadcast on MeTV channel 5.2 Sundays at 5:00PM, or on the following websites: *WatchTheMass.com*, *EWTN.com*, *TheSundayMass.org*

MASS INTENTIONS – We are currently accepting Mass intentions. What a wonderful way to honor our beloved dead who have gone before us or to request added prayers for the living who need them. The suggested stipend is \$10 per Mass. Envelopes are available in the back of church.

FESTIVAL NEWS – Due to the virus, we are forced to cancel our festival in September. We have grand raffle tickets on order and plan to draw the winner on October 17 or 18. We plan to have something on that weekend to help us make up for the lost income of the festival, but nothing is in writing yet. We welcome ideas if anyone has thoughts on it.

CCD NEWS – Info about upcoming CCD classes and the class schedule can be found on our website and in the back of church. It will tell how the at-home classes will take place. Call Rosanne Rawe at 859-635-1572 with any questions.

DOMESTIC NEEDS COLLECTION – Next weekend (Aug. 29 & 30) there will be an additional collection for various Domestic Needs. You can designate which area to which you would like your offering to go on the provided envelope. Thank you.



FROM THE PASTOR – PAPAL INFALLIBILITY

In hearing and considering today's Gospel of Our Lord giving the keys of the Church to Simon Peter, we confront one of the great stumbling blocks for our Protestant brethren: the office of the papacy. They will say that we do not need any human authority but only the Bible. They will claim that the papacy is a later invention imposing pagan ways on the Church. They will also scoff at the claim of the Catholic Church that the pope teaches infallibly, that is without error. We will already see how the first few claims are plain wrong. But what is meant by this concept of papal infallibility?

The First Vatican Council in 1870 defined papal infallibility as follows:

the Roman Pontiff, when he speaks *ex cathedra*, that is, when in discharge of the office of pastor and doctor of all Christians, by virtue of his supreme Apostolic authority, he defines a doctrine regarding faith or morals to be held by the universal Church, by the divine assistance promised to him in blessed Peter, is possessed of that infallibility with which the divine Redeemer willed that his Church should be endowed for defining doctrine regarding faith or morals; and that therefore such definitions of the Roman Pontiff are irreformable of themselves, and not from the consent of the Church.

What does all this mean? Does it mean that the pope is never wrong? Does it mean we must believe everything he says? Incorrect; this does not mean that the pope always and everywhere speaks without error. The key phrase to understand papal infallibility is *ex cathedra*, which is Latin for "from the chair". The principle of papal infallibility is that the pope is able to teach without error on faith and morals when he exercises the full authority of his office as the Bishop of Rome and the Successor of Saint Peter.

How does this work? This means that if Pope Francis says something in a press conference on an airplane, it does not carry with it the gravity and seriousness of papal infallibility. But if Pope Francis issues a document affirming the grave sinfulness of contraception or the inability of the Church to ordain women to Holy Orders (as Pope St. John Paul II did), those teachings must be believed with certain faith. It is not something that the pope uses or exercises on a daily basis.

How often has papal infallibility been used? Theologians and historians vary in their answers, but we know of at least two instances in the past few centuries: Blessed Pius IX affirmed the dogma of the Immaculate Conception of Mary in 1854, and Venerable Pius XII affirmed the dogma of the Assumption of Mary in 1950. We should not see infallibility as creating new ideas but as an aid in preserving and growing in the faith given to us by Jesus Christ through the Apostles. May we trust that Jesus Christ is still with us through the Church he founded on Peter and the apostles & their successors. *Fr. Jacob Straub*