

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

*THE 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

Sat. Aug. 26	5:00 PM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Sun. Aug. 27	9:00 AM	For †Len Cooper
Mon. Aug. 28	8:00 AM	For Steve Fariello (L)
Tue. Aug. 29	8:00 AM	For Stephanie Fariello (L)
Wed. Aug. 30	8:00 AM	For †Heather Adamkewicz & Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thur. Aug. 31	8:00 AM	For †James Brown [Adoration and Confessions 6-7:00 PM]
Fri. Sep. 1	8:00 AM	For Ryder Cooper (L) [First Friday Mass]

*THE 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

Sat. Sep. 2	5:00 PM	For †Paul Schmitt
Sun. Sep. 3	9:00 AM	For †Ed Roberts

**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, Larry Slusher, 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, Imogene Fisk, Larry Cappel, Sean Timmerding, and Rodney Gurren.

**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—6:00-6:50 PM

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AUGUST 27, 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. We are especially in need of silent auction items. 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. We would like to have at least 20 cakes for auction.

**HAWAIIAN WILDFIRE RELIEF COLLECTION**—We will have a second collection on Sept. 2 and 3 to support those affected by the devastating wildfires on the island of Maui. These funds will be used to support the activities of the Diocese of Honolulu as they respond to emergency needs for necessities such as water, food, shelter, and medical care. Online gifts can be made at: [bit.ly/CovingtonHawaiiRelief](http://bit.ly/CovingtonHawaiiRelief)

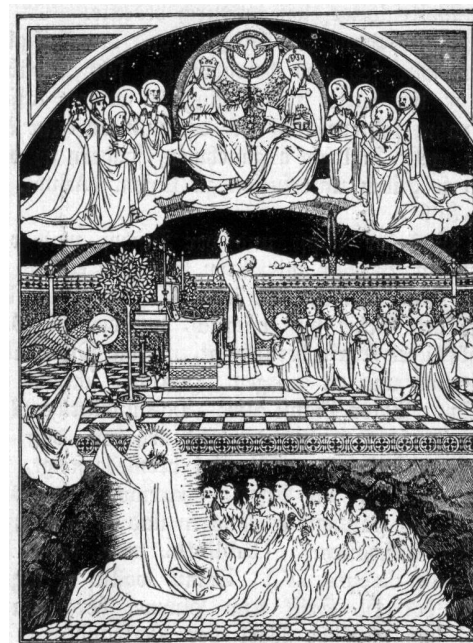
**NEW HOTLINE NUMBER**—The USCCB has notified us that the number to call for the Suicide and Crisis Hotline has been changed to just "988". This replaces the old 10 number phone number. Calling this Lifeline will give the caller free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress for free 24 hours a day, seven days a week in the US.

**LECTOR**— August 27-Linda Fryman, Sept. 3-Julie Feinauer

**CLEANING**—Kathy and Wanda Bach

## FROM THE PASTOR—FUNERALS: MORE MASSES

In considering end of life matters, we usually think of the preparation for the funeral and the burial of the body. But what about after that day? What happens after we are buried in the ground? Is that all we do for the dead? It should only be the beginning of our loved ones' concern for us after death. We are all obliged as part of the spiritual works of mercy to pray for the dead, and that not only includes our personal prayers but must include the offering of Masses for our beloved dead.



As we discussed last week in seeing the merit and value of the Mass over a funeral service: 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.

Though every Mass has the general intention of the glorification and worship of God as well as the sanctification of souls, we can apply a specific intention to each Mass. You should note the weekly Masses offered not only at our parish but every Catholic church usually have a specific intention for which that Mass is applied. It is usually done on behalf of someone who is deceased, though we can apply it to the living as well. We ought to not only offer some Masses for our beloved dead, but have some offered for us when we have gone to our eternal reward.

Two traditional practices for Mass intentions should be done. The first is the month's mind—having a Mass offered 30 days (or generally one month) after the funeral and burial. This was done to offer a formal close to the period of mourning and grief over the recently deceased. The other is to offer a series of Gregorian Masses. This comes from a practice documented by Pope St. Gregory the Great in the late 6th century of a soul being freed from Purgatory after 33 consecutive Masses were offered for the soul. These Gregorian Masses are hard to do in parishes which have many obligations, but religious orders can usually do it. If you want some information, please feel free to ask me how these can be arranged. As you make your final preparations, be sure that some Masses will be said for you beyond your burial day. Do not presume that you will go straight to Heaven, but be aided by all the prayers and graces you need to make it through Purgatory.

*Fr. Jacob Straub*