

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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| August 21 | \$1,329 |
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MASS SCHEDULE

| <i>THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i> | | |
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| Sat. Aug. 27 | 5:00 PM | For †Deceased Members of Hoffman & Gripshover Families |
| Sun. Aug. 28 | 9:00 AM | For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish |
| Mon. Aug. 29 | 8:00 AM | For †Terry Carmack |
| Tue. Aug. 30 | 8:00 AM | For †Sam Steinhouser |
| Wed. Aug. 31 | 8:00 AM | For †Billy Sams |
| Thur. Sept 1 | 8:00 AM | For †Andrew Jones (Adoration & Confessions 6-7 PM) |
| Fri. Sept. 2 | 8:00 AM | For †Bill Clifton (First Friday Mass) |
| <i>THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i> | | |
| Sat. Sept. 3 | 5:00 PM | For †Ed Gripshover |
| Sun. Sept. 4 | 9:00 AM | For †Ellarie Glenn |

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, Bonita and Jim Happe, Jenny McVey Alm, Dave Verst, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Larry Slusher, Brenda Johnson, Verna Payne, and Linda Fryman.

BRTHDAYS– Aug. 7 Billie Jean Huffman, Aug. 7– Pat Leverage, Aug. 13-Teresa Grant, Aug. 15-Myra Cooper, Aug. 16-Mitchell Ryan, Aug. 17-Isaac Ryan, Aug. 17– Landon Moore, Aug. 18-Matthew Broering, Aug. 19– Matthew Broering, Aug. 21-Matt Oldiges, Aug. 22-Cheyenne Kiser, Aug 24, Angie Huffman, Aug. 25-Grace Moore, Aug. 27– Bryan Moore, Aug. 30-Bradley Cooper.

ANNIVERSARY– Aug 4-Dennis and Brenda Baker, Aug. 8-Joe and Mary Jo 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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Mass 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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THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 21, 2022

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPAA- Our parish goal this year is \$11,300. As of July 31 we have \$9,790 in commitments and pledges. We still need \$1,510. Please help if possible. Thank you for your help.

FESTIVAL— Our next meeting is Thursday, Sep. 8 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 also need to begin bringing in two liters and grocery items for baskets. 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 **Saturday, 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. Please, please help us.

VIRTUS TRAINING CLASSES— The following list are the latest dates for attending VIRTUS Child Safety classes. See Linda or Father for forms to take with you.

- St Edward School Cafeteria, Cynthiana, KY, Tuesday, August 30th, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- St Philip, Parish Center, Melbourne, KY. Saturday, September 10th, 2022, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.,
- Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, Covington, KY. Thursday, September 15th, 2022, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Thomas More University, Steigerwald Hall, Crestview Hills, KY. Thursday, October 13th, 2022, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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. The entire schedule is on our website.

CAKE AUCTION—If you or someone you know can create beautiful cakes for our auction, please consider doing so. There will be a sign up sheet in the gathering space.

LECTOR— August 28— Lisa Cooper, September 4—Linda Fryman

CLEANING TEAM— Aug 21.-Tom and Darlene

FROM THE PASTOR—SACRAMENTALS: BLESSED SALT

As we progress through the various sacramentals, we encounter one that seems immensely important throughout our history but seems to have disappeared in recent years: blessed salt. Perhaps this sounds weird to our ears when we normally associate salt with condiments and flavoring, but salt possessed (and still possesses in many areas) an immense value for the struggle to survive.

It is hard to recall to our very modern minds, but it has been a constant struggle throughout the history of humanity to maintain food beyond the growing and harvest seasons. Refrigeration did



not exist, and canning was only possible beginning in the 19th century. The most efficient means people have had throughout the millennia for preserving food involved salt. This property made salt a precious commodity in numerous cultures, with trade routes and operations established throughout the world to produce salt. It is even said to be the origin of the word “salary” (the Latin word *salarium* contains the Latin *sal* for salt and it is argued that salt was a part of the Roman soldier’s wages).

We encounter salt in a variety of texts in the Bible as well. Perhaps the most famous example in the Old Testament is the story of Lot’s wife who becomes a pillar of salt after looking longingly backwards at Sodom and Gomorrah as they are destroyed. We hear of the ancient practice of salting the earth to cause the ground to be barren (Judges 9:45). But the words of the Lord should be first in our hearts when He calls us to be the “salt of the earth” in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:13).

Taking all this to mind, holy mother Church began to use salt in her rituals and for the benefit of her spiritual children. We have accounts of the use of salt as part of the baptismal rites as early as the third century, along with accounts from various early Church fathers including St. Augustine. Not only is there a blessing associated with salt but also an exorcism (prayers to remove all demons and demonic influence from objects as well as persons).

How can we use blessed salt today? The sacramental power of blessed salt comes especially in preserving us from demonic attacks and influence. Traditional practice is to sprinkle blessed salt either at the four corners of one’s property or across the main threshold on a regular basis to ward off demons. One is also permitted to consume this salt so feel free to eat up. I will begin making this available for you to take home. Feel free to sprinkle it in a variety of ways in your life, that you may continue to be the salt of the earth, preserving yourself for eternity. *Fr. Jacob Straub*