

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

July 30	\$1,655
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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

<i>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD</i>		
Sat. Aug. 5	5:00 PM	For †James Brown
Sun. Aug. 6	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Mon. Aug. 7	8:00 AM	For Angie Hazel (L)
Tue. Aug. 8	8:00 AM	For Ashon McKinley (L)
Wed. Aug. 9	8:00 AM	For †Heather Adamkiewicz
Thur. Aug. 10	8:00 AM	For †Barb Maher (Adoration & Confessions 6-7:00PM)
Fri. Aug. 11	8:00 AM	For Tyler McKinley (L)
<i>THE 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Aug. 12	5:00 PM	For †Anna Menefee
Sun. Aug. 13	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish

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 Story-point Assisted Living, 9255 US 42, Apt. 44, Union, KY. 41091), Ree Wagner, Randy Goodhew, Rosanne Rawe, Patty Neuspickel’s son, Jim, the family of Madeline Ledford (RIP), Alan Fields, Marty Golden, Imogene Fisk, and Larry Cappel.

BIRTHDAYS—Aug.4-Branky 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

Parish Staff and Volunteers

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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

AUGUST 6, 2023

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN SYMPATHY— Sadly, parishioner, Mary (Madeline) Cross Ledford passed away on Saturday, July 29. Her visitation will be **Monday, Aug. 7, from 11-1 PM at Chambers and Grubbs with funeral service beginning at 1 PM with Fr. Robbins presiding.** Burial will be at St. Mary's immediately after. St. Matthew will host a meal after the burial. If you can help with that by preparing a dish or desert, please see Linda Fryman. Thanks for your help and please keep her daughter Nicole and the entire family in your prayers.

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 16 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 down-stairs 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.**

GENERAL PRE-FESTIVAL CLEANING— On Sunday, **August 20**, we will have a general cleaning of the garage out back and the kitchen/cafeteria area, and the cake cutting room. Please make plans to stay after the 9 AM Mass to help. We will have donuts before starting and pizza if we stay as late as noon. Bring the kids so they can see that it takes a village to get something completed. There are always small tasks for kids to do.

CAKE AUCTION—We will be hosting another cake auction this year. This has the potential to be a great source of income for us if we all help. Cake boxes are on the table in the front of church. Please consider making a cake to be raffled.

LECTOR— August 6-Lisa Cooper, August 13-Bill Funke

CLEANING—Kathy and Wanda Bach

FROM THE PASTOR—FUNERAL PLANNING

Some recent deaths both here and elsewhere have motivated me to write a few articles concerning the planning of funerals for Catholics. While it seems very obvious what should happen, the issue is of particular concern for those with children who are not practicing the Catholic faith. I have heard numerous stories from other priests of children who denied or nearly denied a proper Catholic funeral to their faithful parents. A downright unmerciful act from those claiming to love their parents! The fact that this would even occur let alone has occurred makes this article important for all no matter what age one may be.

We cannot deny the reality of death in our lives, but must face it confident in the power of Christ to overcome it. The Church in turn has her particular rituals to aid the recently deceased soul as well as assist the families and friends grieving the loss of their beloved one. The funeral is a necessary part of the life of the believer and the entire body of the faithful who hope in the Risen Lord. A funeral can even have a deep impact on those outside of practice or belief in showing them that there is hope for more than this world and its sorrow. I still remember the funeral of my great-grandmother when I was 14 as the first major occasion to attend Mass beyond holidays as well as the consolation it brought my family.

The denial of a funeral in whole or in part is an incredibly barbaric act that lacks love for the deceased and their desires. It is also a lack of mercy, as one of the corporal works of mercy is to bury the dead and one of the spiritual works of mercy is to pray for the dead. We are very rarely offered any glance into the judgment of particular souls after they have passed from this mortal coil: we do not know whether they have merited in Christ the reward of eternal life or rejected Him and lost all in eternal perdition. We must remember that all souls must be purified of all attachment to sin before entering into Heaven, thus having to endure the purifying fires of Purgatory. Our duty is to pray for them, as has been done for centuries (see 2 Maccabees 12:39-48 to see this being done even before Christ's coming). Perhaps by our intercession on behalf of these souls, their final purification may be relieved and they are able to enter more quickly into eternal life.

The first piece of advice I can offer if you wish to ensure that you receive all the proper rites and blessings offered by the Church for the deceased is to write your requests out in your will. I do not mean by this the entire plan for the funeral such as hymns or readings, but that you want a funeral Mass offered in a specific church as well as your burial plans. Beyond the few tales of ungrateful children, it helps the grieving family to know specifically what the deceased wanted when it comes time. If it's written in your will, then there is a legal obligation to ensure it is carried out. If nothing else, write your will out so that this information is concrete and prepared for when that fateful day will come. It can also be a good means of reflecting on the shortness of life and our duty to follow Christ even in death. Do not be surprised by your demise but prepared for your last day so that you may enter into eternal glory.

Fr. Jacob Straub