

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

July 31	\$822
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

<i>THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Aug. 6	5:00 PM	For †Herb Elbert
Sun. Aug. 7	9:00 AM	For the Living and Dead People of Our Parish
Mon. Aug. 8	8:00 AM	For †Charlie
Tue. Aug. 9	8:00 AM	NO PUBLIC MASS THIS WEEK—SCHOOL MEETINGS
Wed. Aug 10	8:00 AM	For †Tammy Ponder
Thur. Aug 11	8:00 AM	For †Janet Agnes Deck (Adoration & Confessions 6-7 PM)
Fri. Aug. 12	8:00 AM	For †Rhonda Ann Cross
<i>THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</i>		
Sat. Aug. 13	5:00 PM	For †Anna Menefee
Sat. Aug. 14	9:00 AM	For the Schultz Family (Living and Deceased)

**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, Jim Happe, Jenny McVey Alm, Dave Verst, and Andy Sper.

**BIRTHDAYS**– Aug. 7 Billie Jean Huffman, Aug. 15-Myra Cooper, Aug. 16-Mitchell Ryan, Aug. 17-Isaac Ryan, Aug. 18-Matthew Broering, Aug. 22-Cheyenne Kiser, Aug. 30-Bradley Cooper.

**ANNIVERSARY**– None this month

*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 (please check each week’s schedule)

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Parish Staff and Volunteers

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## THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 7, 2022

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DPAA- Our parish goal this year is \$11,300.** We still need \$2,330. Please help if possible.

**EASTERN KY. DISASTER COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND-**There will be an extra basket for Eastern Ky. Disaster Relief. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you!

**FESTIVAL—** Our next meeting is Thursday, Aug. 18 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 will also begin bringing in two liters and grocery items for baskets soon, 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 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.

**VIRTUS TRAINING CLASSES-**4 More added! If anyone wishes to become VIRTUS certified the next classes to attend are: St. Thomas School Cafeteria, Tues. Aug. 9th, 6:30 pm to 9 pm. Four new ones- Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, Covington, KY, Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 am., Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, Covington, KY Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., St Patrick, School Library, Maysville, KY 41056 Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., St Edward, School Cafeteria, Cynthia, KY, Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. See Linda or Father for forms to take with you.

**ADORATION TIMES—**Please note the new adoration times will be Thursday evenings 6:00-7:00 PM, with confession available during that time. Please take some time to spend an hour with the Eucharistic Lord.

**LECTOR—** August 7-Kathy Bach, August 14-Rita Funke, August 21-Julie Feinauer

**CLEANING TEAM—** Aug. 7- Kathy and Wanda Bach

### FROM THE PASTOR—SACRAMENTALS: AN OVERVIEW

As we move back into a more regular schedule with school starting and the festival coming up, it seems appropriate to dive into the importance of divine worship and how we do it. One of the parts of divine worship that we may not consider as much is everything that helps us to receive and participate in the sacraments. Holy Mother Church does not perform or distribute the sacraments in a merely functionary and legalistic manner but utilizes the goods of the earth along with the creative ability of man and even divine usage (as seen in the Scriptures) to help us draw closer to God in our reception and participation in the sacraments, especially at Mass. These items and actions which are not sacraments but are still helpful to our devotion are called sacramentals.

We must first distinguish a sacramental from a sacrament. A simple definition of a sacrament is a visible sign instituted by Christ and maintained by the Church which gives invisible grace necessary for salvation. There are only 7 sacraments but they are the greatest aids to our salvation, in particular baptism, confession, and the Eucharist. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* defines a sacramental as “Sacred signs which bear a certain resemblance to the sacraments, and by means of which spiritual effects are signified and obtained through the prayers of the Church.” The sacramentals have their foundation in the sacraments—the understanding of the former only comes from the importance and significance of the latter. While sacramentals are not absolutely necessary for our salvation and entry into eternal life, they are immense aids in our participation in the divine life.



### What is a sacramental?

How do sacramentals help us practice our faith? The *Baltimore Catechism* fleshes this out when it describes sacramentals as “anything set apart or blessed by the Church to excite good thoughts and to increase devotion, and through these movements of the heart to remit venial sin.” These actions or items are able to help recall to our mind the goal of the Christian life: to return to God in thanksgiving and praise all that we can for the mercy and the grace He has given us through Christ His Son in the Holy Spirit. Their usage or even their presence is a powerful means of drawing to our attention the need for God and the orientation of our hearts and minds towards God the giver of every good and perfect gift (cf. James 1:1).

A sacramental can be either an action (done by us or upon us) or an item (whether it has been blessed by a priest or not). Examples of actions include the sign of the Cross, the blessing of the priest at the end of Mass, our genuflection before the Eucharist when we enter church, and the bowing of our heads at the mention of the holy names of Jesus and Mary. Examples of items are numerous and include rosaries, priestly vestments, holy water, and icons or religious imagery. We shall look into these various items in more detail in the coming weeks, but we must understand above all why the Church gives us these things: to help us draw nearer to God, to avoid sin, and to seek eternal life. Let us make us of the good things God gives us to return to Him in every way and to be prepared to be with Him in Heaven.

Fr. Jacob Straub