

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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MASS SCHEDULE

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. Feb. 4	5:00 PM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
Sun. Feb. 5	9:00 AM	For †Ellarie Glenn
Mon. Feb. 6	8:00 AM	For †Jeff Callen
Tue. Feb. 7	8:00 AM	For †Nancy Tepe
Wed. Feb. 8	8:00 AM	For †Wayne Riley
Thur. Feb. 9	8:00 AM	For the †Poor Souls (Adoration & Confessions 6:00-7:00 PM)
Fri. Feb. 10	8:00 AM	For †Jimmy Jennings

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. Feb. 11	5:00 PM	For †Anna Menefee
Sun. Feb. 12	9:00 AM	For †Kenny Neuspickel

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Charles Taylor, Chris Rauf, Katie Davis, Barry Bergman, Andrew Lauck, Bradley Franzen, Pam Babbington, Dave Kordenbrock, Kate & Colton Sherold, Karen Reilly, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, John Jackson, Hank Bond, Hudson Feinauer, Mike and Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Kambie Perkins, Bonita & Jim Happe, Dave Verst, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Larry Slusher, Brenda Johnson, Verna Payne, Roger High, Rita Funke, Johnathan Briggs, Cheryl Miller, Missy Fryman, Sherry Jackson, Bernie Rawe (shoulder surgery), Sarah Gripshover, and Bill Schneider (In Storry-point Assisted Living, 9255 US 42, Apt. 44, Union, KY. 41091).

BIRTHDAYS—Feb. 1— Dan Cooper, Feb. 1—Jeanne Cooper, Feb. 5—Maxine Kordenbrock, Feb 6—Russell Neuspickel, Feb. 7—Jesse Rawe, Feb. 12—Mark Broering, Feb. 13—Cathy Oldiges, Feb. 20— Kathy Bach, Feb. 28— Chloe Cooper

ANNIVERSARIES— Feb. 16—Dan and Lisa Cooper

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

Religious Education – Roseanne Rawe (859) 635-1572

Bulletin/Prayer List – Linda Fryman (859) 240-2377

Parish History/Cemetery Info – Patty Neuspickel (859) 472-2508

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES—We will be having Lenten Bible studies on Monday evenings at 6:30 PM. These will be led by Matthew Wiseman who teaches Old Testament and Theology so we are in for a treat. The first meeting will be Monday, Jan. 30, at 6:30 PM and continue through Lent.

MASS FOR THE LOSS OF A CHILD—This Mass will take place Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at 7:00 PM at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Rev. Michael Comer will preside. It is offered for parents, grandparents, family members and friends of those who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, early infant death, abortion, illness, suicide, accident or any other reason. All are welcome to attend.

FISH FRIES—Keep in mind our fish fries will be March 10, 17, 24, and 31 this year. If you can help in the kitchen or garage you are more than welcome to help. We also could use some young people to run fish and fries from the garage to the kitchen. Thanks to all who continue to help each year to make our fish fries the best one around.

KNIGHTS SAY THANK YOU—The Knights of Columbus wish to thank everyone for their generous donations to their Tootsie Roll drive for the Special Olympics. If any of our St. Matthew men wish to become a Knight or want more information about the organization, please see Chris Fryman or Andy Hummel. Thank you.

BLESSING OF THROATS—The feast of Saint Blaise (Feb 3) is traditionally associated with the blessing of throats, due to the holy martyr's help when someone was choking. Father will offer the blessing of throats after both Masses this weekend to any and all who would like to receive it.

LECTOR— Feb. 5-Julie Feinauer, Feb. 12-Lisa Cooper, Feb. 19-Bill Funke

CLEANING— Jan. 30-Tim and Joann Schlachter

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK—MANIFESTATIONS OF GOD: THE HUMAN PERSON

I would like to conclude this series on how God manifests Himself to us by looking at one final means whereby we encounter God, albeit one we rarely acknowledge: the human person. By this term, I do not mean a certain group or type. Every human person is a manifestation of God. If one is human, then they are able to reflect God to us.

This manifestation of God within man happens first because of our particular creation. In Genesis, we hear God speak in a particular way concerning the creation of man: "Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, after our likeness.'" (Gen 1:26) In each human person is found this image and likeness of God. No matter one's gender, race, color, or other features, we are all created by God and are called to return to God. We are the only creature within the physical cosmos created for our own sake. Everything else was created to reflect God's glory and for our use and benefit, but we are meant to return to God and become like God.

We see this divine image in two main natural gifts: the faculties of reason and free will. We are rational creatures capable not only of communication but of deep thought and prayer. We are also capable of freely choosing the good which is ultimately found in God. All other creatures act in accord with the nature God gave them. Yet we are capable of far more, and are created to do far more thanks to the divine image within us.

But this is not the only way we can find God in the human person. Our Blessed Lord teaches us to see Himself in every person: "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." (Mt. 25:40) Through the Incarnation, God takes our humanity to Himself, so that it may be elevated beyond the natural image of God into a supernatural image. Each person we encounter is a lesser version of Christ. Each one of them reflects to us the Savior who came to save us from sin. Each one is an opportunity to live the two great commandments: to love God completely and to love our neighbor as ourself.

We may not know the circumstances that have led any random person into our life, but we must strive to see Christ in them. Remember that our Lord even commands us to love our enemies. Behold the Christ in your midst. Do not ignore Him or reject Him, but love Him in those



around us, especially the poor. Let us seek to see God present in our lives every day, that we may be made worthy to truly see Him face to face in eternal glory.

Fr. Jacob Straub