

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. Jan. 13	5:00 PM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Sun. Jan. 14	9:00 AM	For †Marie Roth
Mon. Jan. 15	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Tue. Jan. 16	8:00 AM	For Cora Cooper (L)
Wed. Jan. 17	8:00 AM	For †Heather Adamkiewicz & Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thur. Jan. 18	8:00 AM	For Lisa Cooper (L) [Adoration & Confessions 6-7 PM]
Fri. Jan. 19	8:00 AM	For Patty Neuspickel (L)

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. Jan. 20	5:00 PM	For Bobby Bach (L)
Sun. Jan. 21	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Verna Payne, Kate & Colton Sherold, 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 Griphover, Jeanne Eanes, Bill Schneider (Dominion Assisted Living 4009 Siegalman Dr. Florence, KY. 41042 Room 215), Ree Wagner, Randy Goodhew, Patty Neuspickel’s son Jim, Alan Fields, Imogene Fisk, Larry Cappel, Sean Timmerding, Rodney Gurren, Maverick Orth (2 years old), Bill Edelbroich, Jim Wolfe, Steve Vaughn, and John Jackson.

BIRTHDAYS— Jan. 3-Karly Bach, Jan. 3-Christine Thorwarth, Jan. 4-Caedan Feinauer, Jan. 6-Trisha Moore, Jan. 8-Myra Cooper Jan. 10-Rachel Broering, Jan. 11-John Mills, Jan. 15-Linda Fryman, Jan. 20-Joe Bach, Jan. 23 -Tim Dickerson, Jan. 23-Jerry Ehlman, Jan. 29-Maybalee Miller.

ANNIVERSARY— Jan. 17-Mark and Jeanne Cooper, Jan. 17-Christine and Nathan Thorwarth,

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

Parish Staff and Volunteers

Religious Education – Roseanne Rawe (859) 635-1572

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

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JANUARY 14, 2024

KENTUCKY MARCH FOR LIFE—Join other Pro-Life Kentuckians on Tuesday, January 23 for the 2024 Kentucky March for Life & “Love them Both” Rally. The program will begin with Mass at Good Shepard Parish in Frankfort, followed by a rally at the State Capital. The event will end with a procession to the Cemetery of the Innocents in the historical Frankfort Cemetery. The Pro-Life office will be organizing buses that will leave from Northern Kentucky. If you are interested in traveling with other parishioners from the Diocese, please contact the Pro-Life Office for more information, 859-392-1500.

TAX LETTERS— Your year end tax statements are available in the back of church. If you do not see yours or believe there is a mistake, please see Father Straub.

‘PRAYERS FOR THE SICK’ LIST—Please review the ‘prayers for the sick’ list and let Linda or Father know if changes or additions need to be made. lindafryman@gmail.com is Linda’s email.

LECTOR— Jan. 14—Bernie Rawe, Jan. 21—Rita Funke

CLEANING—Jan. 14—Lisa and Jeanne Cooper, Jan. 28—Tim and Joanne Schlacter



What are you looking for?

Rabbi, where are you staying?

Come, and you will see.

FROM THE PASTOR – OCTAVE OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This week sees on January 18 the beginning of what is known as the “Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity”. This informal period of prayer is concerned with Christians fulfilling the divine command of Christ prayed for at the Last Supper: “that they may be one” (Jn. 17:21). From the 18th until the 25th, there are many services done around the world that bring Christians of different denominations together in prayer, drawing us closer to the desire of the Lord.

Why are there so many denominations of Christians now? It is because there have been multiple divisions from the one Church of Christ which is the Catholic Church. When our blessed Lord gathered His disciples together, He made them one assembly, from which we eventually get the word “Church”. He did not delegate each apostle to start their own assembly independent of each other, but put them collectively in charge, with the apostles passing that authority and unity down through the ages.

Yet history sees many splitting themselves off from the one Church for a multitude of reasons. The Orthodox and the Copts argue over the primacy of the papacy. The Protestants hold the Bible as the only supreme authority and anything Catholics due as an invention or reversion to paganism. Evangelicals are more concerned with fitting Christ into their worldview rather than the reverse. It is a sad scene to see so many who profess Jesus is Lord yet do not follow the most basic of His commands to be one with His Church.



There can be no real unity with Christ without the Church. St. Ignatius of Antioch, who learned the faith from St. John the Evangelist, famously wrote in the AD 80s: “Wherever there is Jesus Christ, there is the Catholic Church.” The fullness of the Faith is found exclusively in the Catholic Church, with the bishop of Rome (the Pope) as the visible head and center of unity. To proclaim anything else is to betray the truth of Christ.

Why were these dates picked for this octave of prayer? January 18 is traditionally the feast of the chair of Saint Peter at Rome (versus Feb. 22 as the chair of St. Peter at Antioch where he first went when he left Jerusalem). The octave starts on the ancient feast celebrating the Rock upon which Christ built His Church. January 25 is the feast of the conversion of St. Paul—from a persecutor of the Church to one of her Apostles and great teachers. May Saints Peter and Paul pray for true unity in the body of believers, that they may indeed be one with Christ in His One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church.

Fr. Jacob Straub