

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Jan. 14	\$1,214
Jan. 21	\$465

MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. Jan. 27	5:00 PM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Sun. Jan. 28	9:00 AM	For †Frank Roth
Mon. Jan. 29	XXXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Tue. Jan. 30	XXXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Wed. Jan. 31	8:00 AM	For Maybalee Cooper (L)
Thur. Feb. 1	8:00 AM	For Adelyn Cooper (L) [Adoration & Confessions 6-7 PM]
Fri. Feb. 2	8:00 AM	For †Boots Jackson [First Friday Mass]

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. Feb. 3	5:00 PM	For †Ed Gripshover
Sun. Feb. 4	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 Gripshover, 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. 29-Maybalee Miller, Feb. 1-Dan Cooper, Feb. 1-Jeanne Cooper, Feb. 2-Marie Cooper, Feb. 5-Maxine Kordenbrock, Feb. 6-Russell Neuspickel, Feb. 7-Jesse Rawe, Feb. 12-Mark Broering, Feb. 20-Kathy Bach, Feb. 28-Chloe Cooper,

ANNIVERSARY— 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—6:00-6:50 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 28, 2024

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.

MASS TO HONOR WOMEN AND MEN RELIGIOUS—The Diocese of Covington will honor our women and men religious with a special Mass on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at 10:00 am at the Cathedral. Bishop John Iffert will be the main celebrant. A reception will follow in Howard Hall. All people are cordially invited to attend.

LECTOR— , Jan. 28-Lisa Cooper Feb. 4— Bill Funke

CLEANING —Jan. 28-Tim and Joanne Schlacter



“He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey Him.”

FROM THE PASTOR—PRAYERS AND DEVOTIONS

With only a few weeks remaining until Lent begins, it is time to begin thinking about how we are to observe this sacred season. This Sunday in the traditional liturgical calendar starts the season of Septuagesima: the period of three Sundays and the accompanying days in-between until Ash Wednesday which are a reminder to us that Lent is approaching and gearing us up for penance. While the current liturgy does not have this venerable tradition in it, we should still begin to orient ourselves towards the three Lenten practices of the Church: prayer, almsgiving, and fasting.

How can you grow in your prayer life this upcoming Lent? While we priests may often preach on prayer, we may not offer many concrete ways for how to do it. Here are some practices that have been recommended by the saints throughout the ages.

- **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**—What better way do we have to pray than to spend time before Jesus really present in the Eucharist? Beyond our reception of the Eucharist at Mass, the Church encourages us to spend time before the Most Blessed Sacrament in true prayer: to adore the Lord who humbles Himself to become our living Bread. We have formal Eucharistic adoration on Thursdays as well. I encourage you to join me in spending time with the Eucharistic Lord.
- **THE ROSARY**—One of the greatest tools for devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Rosary is also an opportunity to prayerfully consider the mysteries of our redemption: from the conception and birth of our Savior to His passion, death, and resurrection. Through the Rosary we can pray to and about Jesus through the help of His blessed mother Mary.
- **THE BIBLE**—The Sacred Scriptures are not a textbook on salvation, but the writings inspired by the Holy Spirit to sanctify us. We should read the Bible in a prayerful manner, not merely seeing the words but praying about what we read. We should not only hear what it says, but adore the God speaking to us through this text and calling us to Himself.
- **DAILY DEVOTIONS**—We should have a regular routine of prayer in our daily lives. We should wake up and immediately pray to give the day to God. We should pray at meals. We should take time to pray to particular saints who we are close to, such as our guardian angel & name saint. It should grow to become as natural as breathing to us to pray throughout the day.

No matter what, we need to pray. Lent is our opportunity to increase not only our prayer time but to grow better at it. The only real way to grow is to do it. How will you begin to pray this Lent? Let us pray as Jesus commands us to pray so that we may be close to Him in this life and receive the desire of our prayers in being with Him forever in the next life.

Fr. Jacob Straub