

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Jan. 8	\$1,698
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MASS SCHEDULE

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. Jan. 14	5:00 PM	For †Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sun. Jan. 15	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
Mon. Jan. 16	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Tue. Jan. 17	8:00 AM	For John Jackson (Living)
Wed. Jan. 18	8:00 AM	For †Danny Tarvan
Thur. Jan. 19	8:00 AM	For †Mike Glenn (Adoration & Confessions 6:00-7:00 PM)
Fri. Jan. 20	8:00 AM	For †Alice Hyatt

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. Jan. 21	5:00 PM	For †Dick Kallmeyer
Sun. Jan. 22	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish

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, and Sherry Jackson.

BIRTHDAYS—Jan. 1-Sherry Jackson, Jan. 3-Christine Thorwarth, Jan. 3-Karly Bach, 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-Jerry Ehlman, Jan. 23-Tim Dickerson, Jan. 29-Maybalee Miller

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

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

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JANUARY 15, 2023

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

TAX STATEMENTS—Your tax statements are now available to be picked up at the church entrance. Any statements that are not picked up will be mailed on January 16. If anyone has a question regarding their tax statement please see Linda or Father.

MASS OFFERINGS—Consider having a Mass offered for someone you love, whether living or deceased. The greatest gift we can ever offer is the gift which Christ Himself gave on the Cross and continues to give at every Mass. Traditional donations are \$10 but any amount is accepted, and you can schedule one for any day, especially for a particular occasion such as a birthday or anniversary. Mass cards marking the occasion can be requested from Fr. Straub to be sent out or picked up. Feel free to talk to Father or to fill in an envelope found near the entrance of church and turn it in. Remember your loved ones at Mass!

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION NEEDED—St. Elizabeth Healthcare invites any parishioner in the Diocese of Covington who is a certified Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion at their parish to prayerfully consider extending their role into the hospital setting. For information about opportunities within the St. Elizabeth Healthcare network in Northern Kentucky, please call our new Vice President of Mission Services and Pastoral Care, David Johnson, Ph.D., at the St. Elizabeth Pastoral Care office in Edgewood at (859) 301-2190. Our hours are Monday – Friday, 8:00am-4:30pm.

LECTOR— Jan. 15-Linda Fryman, Jan.22-Bernie Rawe, Jan. 29-Kathy Bach, Feb. 5-Julie Feinauer

CLEANING— Jan. 16-Penny and Patty

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK—MANIFESTATIONS OF GOD: CREATION

In leaving behind Christmastide, we are beginning to see how the world first encountered Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Word manifested in time and space. From John the Baptist’s declaration today throughout the coming weeks, we will begin to draw closer to God through Christ. Yet this is not the only way we can see how God manifests Himself to us, albeit in lesser and limited ways. How do we encounter and know God? Only if we are open to Him can we come to know Him.

The first way any of us can encounter God is through creation. It is important that we use this language of “creation” versus “the universe” as a reminder that our center is to be found in God who, among His various acts, wills all of this into being through His love alone. God does not need any of this for His existence, like we need food and drink and shelter, yet God loved us and all of this into being. Most ancient myths had the gods accidentally make the universe or say that it was always here. But God reveals to us that He is the Creator who has made all of creation, and makes it good.

Every work reflects something about its maker, and every building reflects something about its architect. So too can we come to recognize God through His natural works of creation. While it is neither complete nor too revelatory, there is still much to understand about God if we but carefully observe the universe He has created. Philosophers before Christ could recognize the one true God because of creation: men like Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle understood that creation needs a Creator and how it is we could know this Creator merely from His works. St. Thomas Aquinas writing in the 13th century would use Aristotle’s ideas from nearly 2 millennia prior in devising the Five Ways of knowing God’s existence through creation: as the Unmoved First Mover, the Uncaused First Cause, the Absolutely Necessary Being, the completely Perfect Being, and the great Governor of all order.



However, we can also experience God through the wonder and beauty of creation. To marvel at the sunset on the beach with the waves gently lapping ashore, to behold the majesty of the fall leaves in a forest, to see the intricacies woven within the cosmos—all of these are ways in which we can know of God’s manifestation to us in ways we can comprehend. The psalmist wrote it well when he said:

The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.
There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;
yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world. (Ps. 19:1-4)

Let us behold God speaking and revealing Himself to us through creation and praise Him who has done all this, yet has also done so much more for us in Christ. *Fr. Jacob Straub*