

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Jan. 10	\$1,376.00
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Please do not forget to mail or drop off your weekly offerings for our collection.

MASS SCHEDULE

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. Jan. 16	5:00 PM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Sun. Jan. 17	9:00 AM	For Tony Klump
Mon. Jan. 18		<i>No Public Mass</i>
Tue. Jan. 19	8:30 AM	For Maurice Klump
Wed Jan. 20	6:30 PM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Thur. Jan. 21	8:30 AM	For Ray Klump
Fri. Jan. 22		<i>No Public Mass</i>

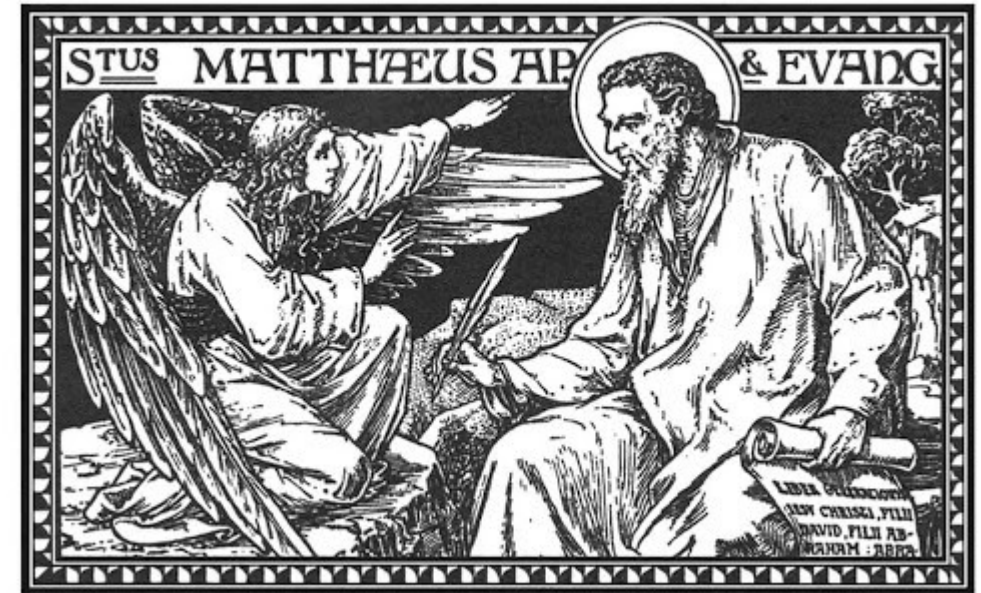
THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. Jan. 23	5:00 PM	For Charlie Cross
Sun. Jan. 24	9:00 AM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish

Prayer List—Jerry Ehlman, Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Kenny Neuspickel, Kathy Barth, Charles Taylor, Ed Gripshover, Joy Sowder, Kathy Proctor, Steve Elmlinger, Sarah Hoffman, Mary Louise Cross, Cotton Teegarden, Mike Newcomb, Jeffery Huffman, Ed Grant, Don Bornhorst, John Hofstetter, Vernon Dixon, Bill Schneider, Chris Rauf, Katie Davis, Barry Bergman, Andrew Lauck, Bradley Franzen, Pam Babbington, Dave & Barb Kordenbrock, and everyone who has been touched by the Corona virus.

BIRTHDAYS – Jan. 1-Mary Cross, Jan. 3-Christine Thorwarth, Jan. 4-Caedan Feinauer, Jan.5-Barb Dirkes, Jan. 15-Linda Fryman, Jan. 19-Justin Huffman, Jan. 20-Joe Bach, Jan. 23-Jerry Ehlman

ANNIVERSARIES – Jan. 17-Mark & Jeanne Cooper, Jan. 17-Nathan & Christine Thorwarth



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Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – please check each week's schedule

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Wed. 5:30-6:20 PM

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JANUARY 17, 2021

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MONTHLY COLLECTIONS FOR NEEDY—Our February collection for St. Vincent de Paul will be canned goods. Containers will be in the gathering space for your donations. Thanks so much.

DAY OF PRAYER & PENANCE FOR LIFE—January 29 has been designated by Bishop Foy as a Day of Prayer & Penance for Life, in conjunction with the annual March for Life. We are encouraged to offer prayers and penances for the promotion of life and overcoming the culture of death.

9 DAYS FOR LIFE—As part of our witness for life, we are called to pray for the conversion of our nation and individuals to the God-given culture of life. You can pray a 9 day novena for life beginning January 21. The website is 9daysforlife.com. There are wonderful prayers, reflections, acts of reparation, and methods to witness for pro life. This is a wonderful tool for Catholics. There are a few printed copies in the back of church if you prefer those.

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FROM THE PRIEST – THE BIBLE: THE WORD OF GOD

Pope Francis recently announced that the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time will be declared the “Sunday of the Word of God” and that the Christian faithful ought to be urged to a greater understanding and a greater love of the Sacred Scriptures. I would like to take this bulletin and the next few bulletins to talk in some detail about the Bible: what it is, what it means for us, some tips on how to read it, and so on. If you’d like a more in-depth study, we could perhaps arrange something for Lent.

The first principle we must understand about the Bible is what it is. This seems a bit obvious when we call it the “Word of God”, but what does that entail? The Bible is a work of human beings. It was written, composed, and assembled into the unified work we have received from humans who came before us. The Bible did not float down to us wholesale from Heaven as Jesus ascended up after His resurrection. The various books that we see and read in the Bible are human works similar to any other book we may pick up from the local library, yet there is more than meets the eye as far as the Bible.

The Church affirms in her designation of the 73 books in both the Old and New Testaments as biblical that there is something more to these works. What we must believe as Christians and as Catholics is that the Bible is inspired by God such that not only do they have human authors, but also God is their author as well. How this precisely happens is unclear, but we know and believe that God sent forth the Holy Spirit to inspire the human authors with everything God wanted known and read in the Bible. This is how we can truly proclaim the Bible as the Word of God.

What does this inspiration mean as far as our encounter with the Bible? It means firstly that the Sacred Scriptures have a sacramental character to them such that when we read these writings, we encounter the living and true God through them. This inspiration also instills in the Bible a charism of authority – in fact, the highest authority – to it, since it comes to us from God. Finally, divine inspiration means that the Bible contains within it the saving truth we need to know and that it is communicated to us faithfully, fully, and without error in it.

This is why we fill the sacred liturgy not only with various readings from the Bible but also use the Scriptures throughout it. Phrases like “The Lord be with you” and “Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts” come straight from the Bible. This is why we ought to devote time in our lives to reading and better understanding the Scriptures, so that we may know God better. Let us open our bibles up with joy and seek to encounter, learn from, and love more deeply the God who still speaks to us through these sacred writings today.

Fr. Jacob Straub