

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Jan. 15	\$719
Jan. 22	\$866

MASS SCHEDULE

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. Jan. 28	5:00 PM	For †JoAnn Seelie Sekowski
Sun. Jan. 29	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
Mon. Jan. 30	8:00 AM	For †Pope Benedict XVI
Tue. Jan. 31	8:00 AM	For †All Babies that have died in abortions
Wed. Feb. 1	8:00 AM	For †Barb Clifton
Thur. Feb. 2	8:00 AM	For †Norman Holden (Adoration & Confessions 6:00-7:00 PM)
Fri. Feb. 3	8:00 AM	For †David Holden

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

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, and Bernie Rawe (shoulder surgery).

BIRTHDAYS—Jan. 29-Maybalee Miller, 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

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

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JANUARY 29, 2023

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

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.

TOOTSIE ROLL SALES THIS WEEKEND-After this weekend's Masses, a representative of the Knights of Columbus (Chris Fryman and Andy Hummel) will be selling tootsie rolls for a donation of your choice which will be given to the Children's Special Olympics. Please help if you are able.

LECTOR— Jan. 29-Kathy Bach, Feb. 5-Julie Feinauer, Feb. 12-Lisa Cooper

CLEANING— Jan. 30-Tim and Joann Schlachter

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK—MANIFESTATIONS OF GOD: THE SACRED LITURGY

How does God come and manifest Himself to us? We can read in the Bible of multiple occasions where the Almighty appears before one of the various patriarchs: from Abraham and the 3 travelers to Moses and the burning bush and Elijah in the still, small voice, multiple theophanies occur which can seem so far-fetched in our modern age. How do I encounter God now?

We must understand that Christ Himself has given us a means of encountering God on a regular basis, if only we know and see with the eyes of faith what is happening. This mystical manifestation happens through the sacred liturgy of the Church. The Mass is not primarily a gathering focused upon the community, but the worship of the Most Holy Trinity-to the Father through the Son in the Holy Spirit. This means that God is manifested before us when we are at Mass.

We may say that this is obvious because the Eucharist is made present, and isn't the Eucharist the Real Presence of Jesus? Yet this is only the peak of God manifesting Himself to us. The entire sacred liturgy is done so that we may encounter Him in the still, small voice of the Church at prayer. But we must see what is happening and to Whom it is pointing or symbolizing for us.

The priest himself is a sign of Christ the Bridegroom drawing to His Bride the Church as well as Christ the High Priest offering the one perfect sacrifice of the Cross for our redemption from sin and our salvation into eternal life. The church building is meant to point us upward and outward to the God who transcends all time and space yet humbles Himself to come down to our little corner of the universe. The altar reminds us of Christ who is the true Altar upon which sacrifice, holocausts, and prayers are offered up to God from man. The tabernacle contains the living Christ hidden under the Eucharist, with the lamp light burning brightly to remind us of His continual presence with us. And this is not to mention the prayers, readings, and actions which occur within the Mass!



How can we say God is not near to us if we have all of this? But we must see with the eyes of faith. We must recall and recognize Christ the manifestation of God is near to us when we are at Mass. The words of St. John Vianney say it best: "If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy." Pray for the grace to encounter God through the Mass, and see Him come to you so that you may know that He is close. Do not have hearts of doubt, but see in faith God in Christ drawing near to us and calling us to Himself. May we worship God more fully so that we may be readied to worship Him forever in eternal life.

Fr. Jacob Straub