

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

July 2	TBD
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MASS SCHEDULE

<i>THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. July 9	5:00 PM	For †George Bach
Sun. July 10	9:00 AM	For †Erman Long
Mon. July 11		NO MASS
Tue. July 12		NO MASS
Wed. July 13		NO MASS [NO ADORATION OR CONFESSIONS]
Thur. July 14	8:00 AM	For †Ellarie Glenn
Fri. July 15	8:00 AM	For †Mike Newcomb
<i>THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. July 16	5:00 PM	For †Tom Geiman
Sat. July 17	9:00 AM	For the Living and Dead Members of Our Parish

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Charles Taylor, Mary Louise Cross, Chris Rauf, Katie Davis, Barry Bergman, Andrew Lauck, Bradley Franzen, Pam Babbington, Dave Kordenbrock, Kate & Colton Sherold, Karen Reilly, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff who is suffering from Meniere’s disease, Brian Buckingham, Tony Bach, John Jackson, Hank Bond, Hudson Feinauer, Bobby Jo Glenn, Mike and Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Kambie Perkins, and Andy Sper.

BIRTHDAYS– July 1-Luca Cooper, July 2-Bernie Rawe, July 8-Fr. Jacob, July 10-Addelynn Hummel, July 12-Emerson Rawe, July 15-Jimmy Baker, July 16-Dennis Baker, July 16– Tristan Feinauer, July 17- Chris Fryman, July 17-Macy Feinauer, July 24-Kevin Cooper, July 25-Warren Richardson, July 27-Mary Jo Schmiade, July 27-Tony Fariello, July 28-Darlene Schutte.

ANNIVERSARY-July 1-Brad and Meggy Cooper, July 12-Richard and Marian Messenschlager, July 14-Jesse and Lindsay Rawe, July 28-Bill & Rita Funke; July 31-Cliff & Terri Straub

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 (please check each week’s schedule)

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Parish Staff and Volunteers

Religious Education – Roseanne Rawe (859) 635-1572

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THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 10

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPAA—The 2022 DPAA is now underway. Our parish goal this year is \$11,300. As of May 31, our pledge totals has reached \$7,045. If you cannot pledge now, you are always welcome to send in donations on a per-month basis through the parish collection basket (be sure they're marked for DPAA). God Bless Each and Every one of our Donors.

FESTIVAL— Our next meeting will be Thursday, July 21, at 7:00 PM. It is time to begin finding sponsors and bringing in silent auction and Chinese auction items. Please bring only new or like new items. Ask your local merchants for items for the auctions. We will also begin bringing in two liters and grocery items for baskets soon, Please let Linda or Father know if you are going to be able to work and what your preference is. Thank you.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY VESPERS—Bishop Iffert will celebrate Vespers at the Cathedral to honor couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries in 2022. Married couples celebrating their 1st, 25th, 50th, or 60+ wedding anniversary in 2022 are invited to the celebrations on Sunday, Oct. 2, 2022, at 3 PM. Anniversary couples should RSVP at covdio.org/wedding-vespers/ or contact Lisa Taylor at 859-392-1533 to register. Reservations are required for anniversary couples; family members and guests are welcome to attend.

ANNUAL ST. ANN NOVENA—Join in praying through the powerful intercession of St. Ann. There will be daily novena prayers and Mass at St. Ann July 18-26 at 7PM. This year's theme is "My vocation and who influenced me." The Feast of Sts. Joachim and Ann will be celebrated the final evening, July 26.

LECTOR— July 10-Lisa Cooper, July 17-Bill Funke

CLEANING TEAM— July 3-Penny and Patty.

FROM THE PASTOR—MODESTY:PRACTICES

Having looked at the principles behind the virtue of modesty, we should now see how to put it into practice. It must be understood from the beginning that this virtue is meant for everyone. It is not merely reserved to women, which seems to be how many people treat this topic. Both men and women need to practice modesty, though there are slight variances between the genders. We each have a responsibility of protecting our dignity and being respectful towards others.

We first begin by considering the purpose of what we are wearing. Just because someone is not showing skin does not mean that they are violating modesty. We must remember that the external ought to reflect the internal. What is the reason behind my wardrobe? Am I wearing this to accentuate my body in a lustful manner? Does my wardrobe reflect that I am a child of God and created in His image and likeness? Does it reflect my self-respect and my consideration of others? Do I seek to maintain humility and respect or am I wearing these items to puff up my selfish pride?

Next is what should be covered. When people think of modesty, this is most likely what first comes to mind, with images of burkas perhaps coming into their thoughts. Many think this virtue requires us to be covered from head to toe, but that is not the case. When treated respectfully, one can Our clothing can adapt to the weather and the occasion. A general rule as far as minimum that I often suggest when asked about this is shoulders to knees. Swimwear could get a pass, though doctors will probably say you should still keep covered to avoid skin cancer in the future.

This last item brings up another point of consideration: how does the clothing accentuate one's body. You could be completely clothed yet still be immodest because of how much the clothing reveals or emphasizes certain parts. The key term in all of this is respect: self-respect as well as respecting others. A mean between the extremes of too revealing and too covered-up ought to be achieved here. Our attire should be respectful but also tasteful. We should not uglify ourselves but we should not dress in a manner to intentionally cause others to sin. If in doubt, be more reserved rather than more showy.

Our overall practical attitude should follow the advice of St. Francis de Sales, who wrote on a number of topics for living the Christian life as a faithful layperson. As concerning dress and modesty, he wrote:

Study to be neat, and let nothing about you be slovenly or disorderly. It is an affront to those with whom you associate to be unsuitably dressed, but avoid all conceits, vanities, finery, and affectation. Adhere as far as possible to modesty and simplicity, which doubtless are the best ornaments of beauty and the best atonement for its deficiency. (*Introduction to the Devout Life*)

God has given great beauty to the human body, and we can appreciate that in a reverential manner. Our dress should reflect that, and call others to respect our God-given dignity within ourselves and others. May we radiate with the beauty of God in all we do, so that we may reflect the Light of the world for others and draw all to the eternal beauty of God which all the saints enjoy in eternal life.

Fr. Jacob Straub