

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

July 4	TBD
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MASS SCHEDULE

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Sat. July 10	5:00 PM	For Ed Gripshover
Sun. July 11	9:00 AM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Mon. July 12		No Public Mass
Tue. July 13	XXXXXX	No Weekday Mass-Father on Vacation
Wed. July 14	XXXXXX	No Weekday Mass-Father on Vacation
Thur. July 15	8:30 AM	For Tom Geiman
Fri. July 16		No Public Mass
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Sat. July 17	5:00 PM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Sun. July 18	9:00 AM	For Nancy Tepe

PRAYER LIST—Jerry Ehlman, Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Kathy Barth, Charles Taylor, Joy Sowder, Kathy Proctor, Sarah Hoffman, Mary Louise Cross, Cotton Teegarden, Mike Newcomb, Ed Grant, Don Bornhorst, Vernon Dixon, Chris Rauf, Katie Davis, Barry Bergman, Andrew Lauck, Bradley Franzen, Pam Babbington, Dave & Barb Kordenbrock, Larry Meyer, Bob Gish, Kate and Colton Sherold, Karen Reilly, Gavin Ward, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff who is suffering with a horrible disease, Mike Leming, Dave Verst, August Schroder, Donnie Lauer, and Dave Neuspickel.

BIRTHDAYS— July 2-Bernie Rawe, July 8-Fr. Jacob, July 16-Dennis Baker, July 17-Chris Fryman, July 17-Macy Feinauer, July 24-Kevin Cooper, July 25-Warren Richardson, July 28-Darlene Schutte.

ANNIVERSARIES—July 28-Bill & Rita Funke

Please send any requests for prayers or memorials to the parish email or call to make a request.



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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

Parish Staff and Volunteers

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THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 11, 2021

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHOIR NEWS—Do you like to sing? Are you interested in joining our choir? If so, please stop by after Sunday Mass and see Penny or Howard Kluesener. We would love to have you join.

DPAA—The latest update from the Diocese (May 31) tells us we have \$9,815 pledged toward our \$10,900 goal. We still need \$1,085. Any and all donations will be appreciated.

ALTAR SERVERS—We would like to begin to have servers at Sunday Mass again. If your children are interested, please let Fr. Straub know. We will work on scheduling a training session over the summer for all servers, both new and experienced.

FESTIVAL—Our first festival meeting will be on Wednesday, July 21 after the 6:30 PM Mass. If you plan on helping in any way, have ideas, or just want information please attend this first meeting.

ST. CECILIA NEWS—St. Cecilia will have their second party in the lot on July 17 from 6-11. Come out and listen to the music and support the K of C by buying dinner there. Their festival is Labor Day weekend and there are still tickets left for their Corvette/\$50,000 drawing. The tickets are \$25 and only 8,000 will be sold. You can buy your tickets by going to stcfest.com or call the office at 859-363-4311. There will be an early bird drawing for \$500 at the July 17 party in the lot. Help support our neighbors at St. Cecilia.

FR. ON VACATION—No weekday Masses until Thursday, July 15. Fr. Paul Berscheid is covering our Masses this weekend, and will also be available to hear confessions before Mass.

LECTOR -JULY 11—Linda Fryman

JULY 18—Bernie Rawe

CLEANING TEAM—JULY 11—Chris

and Linda **JULY 25**—Kathy and Wanda Bach



FROM THE PASTOR—BAPTISM AND ITS EFFECTS

Bouncing off of our discussion last week, we now look at the sacraments individually. We start at the beginning with the sacrament of baptism, which is our first sacramental step with Christ and His Church. Baptism simply put is pouring water over someone's head while saying "I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" while intending what the Church intends to be done in this action. The necessity of this sacrament is so immense that the Church allows anyone to administer this sacrament, even non-Catholics or non-Christians (although an ordained minister is still the ordinary minister of baptism).

What are the effects of baptism? What does it do? The most touted effect that we are all aware of is the complete forgiveness of sins committed to that point. Above all, we are cleansed of original sin which hinders us from union with God and our sanctification in His grace. The sin of Adam which we inherited is thus washed clean from our souls and forgotten by God. This is the primary reason why the Church allows anyone in an emergency to baptize an individual.

This action of washing one clean from all sins has another effect within the individual: it makes the person a new creature in Christ (cf. 2 Cor 5:17). The old man in Adam dies in union with the death of Christ on the Cross and rises with Him into a new creature no longer anchored down by sin. In fact, one becomes a member of Christ in the full extent of being incorporated into Him so that we may call God "our Father" (cf. Gal 4:5-7). We are also made temples of the Holy Spirit so that He may dwell within us and guide us onto salvation (cf. 1 Cor 6:19).

By the unitive action of baptism, we are not only washed clean of sin and incorporated into Christ, but we also receive that which we desperately need in order to maintain our status as adopted sons of God: sanctifying grace. This is the grace which justifies us unto salvation and also pours out upon us the theological virtues we need to exercise as believers: faith, hope, and love. Through baptism, we are able then to live out our universal vocation to holiness.

Baptism not only does all of this which we have seen, but is also our ticket of admission into the Church. Since the Church is the mystical Body of Christ, and baptism incorporates us into Christ, this means we are also incorporated into the Church. In fact, the Church recognizes many non-Catholic forms of baptism because it has the same effect as Catholic baptism (insofar as everything is done properly). Our reception of baptism makes us Catholics with all the rights, duties, and responsibilities which come with it.

Let us be mindful of what baptism has done for us and rejoice in the good work which God has begun in us. Let us also strive through the aid of God's grace to live what we promised at our baptism: to reject Satan, to believe in God, and to live in the Church both now and unto eternity.

Fr. Jacob Straub