

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

July 6	\$1,444.00
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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Sat. July 12	5:00 PM	For †Brian Mattern [from Larry Eten]
Sun. July 13	9:00 AM	For †Kenny Neuspickel [from Patty Neuspickel]
Mon. July 14	XXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. July 15	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Wed. July 16	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Thur. July 17	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Fri. July 18	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Sat. July 19	5:00 PM	For †Ed & Genoa Scott [from Linda Menefee]
Sun. July 20	9:00 AM	For †Sr. Georgia Messingschlager [from Ervin Erhardt]

PRAYER LIST—Eileen Ehlman, Kate & Colton Sherold, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Roger High, Cheryl Miller, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Bill Schneider (Dominion Assisted Living 4009 Seligman Dr. Florence, Room 215), Ree Wagner, Wanda Bach, Maverick Orth (3yrs old), Daniel Cahill, Pax Minch, Todd Kloentrup, Gina Cooper, Tom Breeze, Valetta Proctor, Ruth Elbert, Melba Hauser, Larry Cappel, Mary Beth Feldmann, Griffin Cornell, Nathan Thorwarth, Rosanne Rawe, and Lena Bach.

BIRTHDAYS—July 1-Louis Cooper, July 6-Margaret Redman, July 8-Fr. Jacob Straub, July 10-Addelyn Hummel, July 12-Emerson Rawe, July 16-Dennis Baker, July 17-Chris Fryman, July 20-Cliff Straub, July 23-Eden Haley, July 24-Kevin Cooper, July 25-Warren Richardson, July 27-Tony Fariello, July 28-Darlene Schutte.

ANNIVERSARY—July 1-Bradley and Meggie Cooper, July 12-Richard and Marian Messingschlager, July 14-Jesse and Lindsay Rawe, July 28-William and Rita Funke, July 31-Cliff and Terri Straub.

Please send any requests for prayers or memorials to the parish email or call to make a request. If anyone’s birthday or anniversary is not listed, let Linda Fryman know.



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Mass Schedule:
Saturdays – 5:00 PM Sundays – 9:00 AM
Weekdays [Tue through Fri] – 8 AM Holy Days– 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Confession Times:
Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Parish Staff and Volunteers
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THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 13, 2025

DPAA—The new DPAA campaign has begun! Our parish’s goal for this year is \$13,400. As of May 31, we have received \$9,350 in donations and commitments. You should be receiving envelopes in the mail to make your pledge. There are also purple envelopes available near the collection box. Thank you for your contributions!

FESTIVAL NOTES—Our festival will be held on Sunday, September 21. Mark your calendars! The next festival meeting is Thursday, July 17, at 6:30 PM. Thank you.

FROM THE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE—Dear parishioners: the parish festival is closer than you think. That’s why it’s time now to start asking for your help. After our first meeting we’ve decided to try some different things to make our festival more appealing. So we would like to start gathering donations right now. If you could donate a gift card - a bottle of wine or a gift basket for the silent auction it would greatly help. If we start now little by little we could have enough to fill our needs before festival time. (Gently used items accepted also). The Kiddie Land crew is hard at work already updating and adding new things. Also, there will be a sign up sheet soon for slots to be filled for workers. It’s a lot for each family - but we are small so we have to share the load - and it’s only once a year. Thank you for whatever you are able to do. If you have any questions about some of the jobs, just ask Linda Fryman or Lindsey Rawe.

PRE-FESTIVAL CLEANING DAY—Pre-festival cleaning day will be Saturday, Sep. 6 at 9AM. Please make plans to be at church. We need to clean the downstairs really well and the men will need help cleaning the garage. We will have donuts, coffee, and juice. If we are still at it at noon we will get pizzas.

ITEMS FOR RAFFLE—It’s not too early to begin to bring in new and gently used items for our raffles. Just put them on the tables downstairs. Thanks.

LECTOR— July 13-Bill Funke, July 20-Jesse Rawe

CLEANING – July-Kathy Bach and Wanda Bach

MASS COVERAGE

July 12-Fr. Matt Cushing

July 13-Fr. Greg Osburg

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? Will I lead others to sin by what I wear?

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 wear clothing that can adapt to the weather and the occasion. A general minimum rule as far as 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

NB: I am away until August 4. Thank you to the priests covering our weekend Masses in the interim.