

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

July 7	\$1,732
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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

THE 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. July 13	5:00 PM	For Special Intention of Sarah Gripshover
Sun. July 14	9:00 AM	For †Henrietta Zellerer
Mon. July 15	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Tue. July 16	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Wed. July 17	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Thur. July 18	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Fri. July 19	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK

THE 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. July 20	5:00 PM	For †Lennie Collins
Sun. July 21	9:00 AM	For Jerry & Eileen Ehlman (L)

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Verna Payne, Imogene Fisk, Kate & Colton Sherold, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, Mike and Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Larry Slusher, Roger High, Cheryl Miller, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Jeanne Eanes, Bill Schneider (Dominion Assisted Living 4009 Siegalman Dr. Florence, Room 215), Ree Wagner, Randy Goodhew, Sean Timmerding, John Jackson, Wanda Bach, Maverick Orth (3yrs old), Daniel Cahill, & Pax Minch.

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

ANNIVERSARY—July 1-Bradley and Meggie Cooper, 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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Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – 8:00 AM

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

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JULY 14, 2024

DPAA REMINDER—This year’s goal for our parish is \$13,000. As of the latest count, we have received \$9,836 in pledges and contributions. Pledge envelopes are available if you haven’t made your commitment yet or did not receive an envelope in the mail. Thank you for all you do for our parish and for our diocese.

MASS INTENTIONS—Feel free to submit any and all Mass intention requests. There are lots of available dates if you would like to request a specific date. Remember that you can have Masses offered for the living as well as the deceased.

2024 ANNIVERSARY COUPLES VESPERS CELEBRATION—Bishop John C. Iffert will celebrate Vespers at Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington, to honor couples celebrating significant Wedding Anniversaries in 2024. Married couples celebrating their 1st, 25th, 50th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2024 are invited to a vespers celebration on **Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024**, at 2:00 pm. Anniversary couples **RSVP by July 16, 2024**, at covdio.org/wedding-vespers/ or contact Lisa Taylor at 859-392-1533 to register. Reservations are only required for anniversary couples; family members and guests are welcome to attend.

SAVE THE DATE!—The date for this year’s festival will be **September 22**. Please see the signup sheets at the entrance and let us know what you can do, We particularly need chicken fryers!

FR. ON VACATION—Fr. Straub will be away on vacation starting Tuesday until the end of the month. We are thankful to Fr. Michael Elmlinger from St. Timothy and Fr. Matt Cushing for covering our weekend Masses. Please give them a warm welcome!

NEXT FESTIVAL MEETING-WED. JULY 31-7:00 PM. Please try to be there if you are planning on working or have any ideas.

LECTOR— July 14-Linda Fryman, July 21-Rita Funke

CLEANING – July-Joanne and Tim Schlachter

FROM THE PASTOR—MODESTY: AN INTRODUCTION

With the brunt of summer beginning to fall upon us comes the adjustment in our outerwear. We may more often than not consider our garments only in regards to the weather and the occasion which is coming up, yet we should reflect more on the importance of what we wear and even how we wear it so as to uphold ourselves before God and before others. The external reflects the internal, as the saying goes. We should reflect on our outer appearance and behavior and whether they comport with Christ who lived humbly in the world and called us to do the same.

The practice of moderation in dress and behavior is known as modesty in traditional Catholic morality. This practice is seen as a virtue (a habitual practice which leads us to the good) because it builds up or flows from other virtues, specifically humility and temperance. We should start our reflection on modesty by considering the words of Jesus in regards to modesty in dress:

“And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these.” (Matthew 6:28-29)

How often we can be consumed with concern over what to wear, with fitting in to societal standards or wanting to look our best, when God has already crowned creation with such great dignity within itself. Hence, the virtue of modesty in the practice of our faith is to temper this attitude and redirect it so that we may be more concerned with pursuing the kingdom of God rather than pleasing men.

All of us are called to practice modesty not only to give up prideful displays but also as a sign of respect towards ourselves and our dignity as children of God. We can consider this in a negative way in remembering our first parents: Adam and Eve were originally naked and unashamed in the garden until after the Fall which clouded their judgment with sin, thus leading to their hiding in shame before God and even before each other. With the original sin came the loss of the proper balance in our moral thinking, which lead to God clothing our ancient parents due to their sin (cf. Gen 3). We cover ourselves because we are sinful creatures who lack the tact and reserve to respect the bodies of others without falling to sin.

But we should also see it in a positive way, in that modesty permits us not only to avoid sin but establishes a sign of dignity towards ourselves and others. Not everything is meant to be revealed or paraded around. We dress and act in a modest manner because we are not meant to be the center of attention but to point others to Christ. Let us be open to the virtue God calls us to practice and to emulate the words of Saint Paul to clothe ourselves in Christ (Romans 13:14) so that His glory may shine through us. Let us not give in to the lustful ways of the world but conduct ourselves worthily so that we may be clothed in glory forever with Christ.

Fr. Jacob Straub