

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

July 3	\$1,112
July 10	TBD

**MASS SCHEDULE**

<i>THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. July 16	5:00 PM	For †Tom Geiman
Sun. July 17	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased Members of Our Parish
Mon. July 18	8:00 AM	For †Edwin Stahl
Tue. July 19	8:00 AM	For †Esther Jackson
Wed. July 20	8:00 AM	For the Batsch Family (NO ADORATION THIS WEEK)
Thur. July 21	8:00 AM	For †Myrna Barnhizer
Fri. July 22	8:00 AM	For †John Sebastian
<i>THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. July 23	5:00 PM	For Special Intentions of Jim & Connie Fuehner
Sat. July 24	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased 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 20-Cliff Straub, 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

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## THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 17

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DPAA- Our parish goal this year is \$11,300.** As of June 30, our pledge totals has reached \$7,810. 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 is Thursday, July 21 at 7 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/](http://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 17-Bill Funke, July 24-Linda Fryman, July 31-Bernie Rawe

**CLEANING TEAM—** July 17-Tim and Joanne Schlachter

### FROM THE PASTOR—MODESTY & SUNDAY BEST

In discussing the application and practice of the virtue of modesty, we may seem to understand this virtue as a sort of sheltering or even belittling of the self, with the concern for covering ourselves well but not too garishly. Yet we should not see in modesty an extreme of covering up or avoiding the fancy. In fact, modesty calls us to show respect not only to ourselves in our comportment and garb but also towards others, including God. This naturally brings out discussion about wearing one's "Sunday best" for church, and whether it really is important to God what we wear as long as we are present.

Perhaps we can remember when it seemed everyone was in more formal wear while attending Sunday Mass. Perhaps we may decry the loss of this not just in church but even in society. Others may perhaps say that it is more important to be present than to be concerned about what we wear. There is a great truth in being present at the most sacred action to happen in our lives. Yet we must remember that the external reflects the internal to a great extent. What we wear reflects our attitude about what is happening right now and its significance to us. Does our outer wear reflect the joy and reverence that we are meant to have in approaching the Triune God every Sunday in praise and thanksgiving or does it reflect that this is the same thing as going to the grocery store or working in the yard?

The general cultural trend of casual wear and the loss of the formal reflects a loss of the mystery and wonder of life within our culture. As we lose God, we lose any sense of the divine within the activities of our lives, and we soon lose any real meaning to our activities except as a way to cope with the meaninglessness of it all. If there is no sacred or divine, then nothing is sacred and nothing matters and what is the point of emphasizing one thing over the other? But if we truly believe in the God who is love and is really near to us, then we find meaning and value in all that we do, and we desire to give it our best in every aspect. This includes how I appear before the Lord when I enter His holy temple to give what is due to Him on the day He has prescribed, to praise Him for His goodness and love, to thank Him for His infinite mercy and graces to sustain me, and to beseech Him for all I need to remain with Him now and forever.

This is a large part of why I am doing what I can to improve our church building, and in improving our vestment collection over the years. This is also why I wear much of the fancier garb and vestments: not for my own sake but for the greater glory of God. God deserves the best from us, not just what we can spare. Of course our little actions cannot compare to the multitude of gifts which God pours out upon us daily. What we offer does not complete or perfect God since He is complete in Himself. Yet we ought to return to Him all that we can in all that we do and not spare the cost or energy in doing so.

What should constitute as our "Sunday best"? That I will leave to your prudential judgment. But I urge you to consider how it is you can show God your respect and love not just internally but externally as well. I have always loved hearing the old stories about the average farmer who was in overalls and shirt all week working in the field or the barn, but he still had that one suit which he would wear for Sundays and special occasions, even when he voted. Consider also that you have been clothed in Christ (cf. Gal. 3:27) and let your garb reflect that. Let us desire to remain clothed in Christ here below in all things so that we may be worthy of the wedding garment which the saints already wear in eternal life.

*Fr. Jacob Straub*