

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

July 14	\$1,628
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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

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)
Mon. July 22	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Tue. July 23	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Wed. July 24	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Thur. July 25	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Fri. July 26	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK

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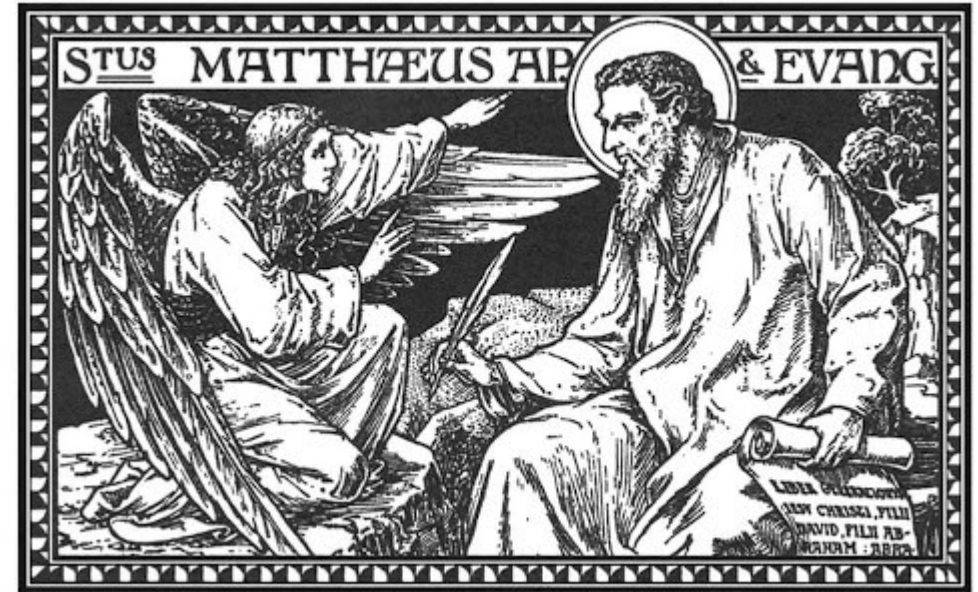
Sat. July 27	5:00 PM	For †Billy Hensley
Sun. July 28	9:00 AM	For †Mike Lemming

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Verna Payne, Imogene Fisk, Kate & Colton Sherold, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, 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, and the family of Mike Lemming.

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



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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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JULY 21, 2024

DPAA REMINDER—This year’s goal for our parish is \$13,000. As of the latest count, we have received \$10,344 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.

SAVE THE DATE!—The date for this year’s festival will be September 22. Next meeting will be July 31 at 7PM.

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

2024 LIFE’S A BALL—Please join us to celebrate our honorees on Saturday, September 7, 2024. Face of Pro-Life Recipients: Mary Rose Mission, Emergency Shelter of Northern Kentucky, Parish Kitchen, and Rev. Jeffrey Von Lehman. Cost: \$80 per person—includes a cocktail hour, sit down dinner, beer & wine, music, and dancing. *Please know that this is not a fund raiser – there will be no raffles and no asks for donations. Cost for guests to attend is approximate cost that we pay per person. Contact the Pro-Life Office for more information. 859-392-1545 or email Faye Roch at froch@covdio.org, The event will be held at the Raddison Ballroom, Covington, KY with cocktail hour from 6:00pm – 7:00pm. Dinner will be served at 7:00pm. The awards will be presented at 8:00pm. Music by The Remains and dancing to follow the program until 11:00pm.

LECTOR— July 21-Rita Funke, July 28-Bernie Rawe

CLEANING – July-Joanne and Tim Schlachter

FROM THE PASTOR—MODESTY PRACTICES

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 attire 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 and draw all to the eternal beauty of God which all the saints enjoy in eternal life.

Fr. Jacob Straub