

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

July 21	\$922
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

*THE 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

Sat. July 27	5:00 PM	For †Billy Hensley
Sun. July 28	9:00 AM	For †Mike Lemming
Mon. July 29	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Tue. July 30	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Wed. July 31	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Thur. Aug. 1	8:00 AM	For †Brenda Lemming Auther
Fri. Aug. 2	8:00 AM	For †Frances Scudder [First Friday Mass]

*THE 18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

Sat. Aug. 3	5:00 PM	For †Anna Menefee
Sun. Aug. 4	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish

**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 Mikie Lemming.

**BIRTHDAYS**—Aug. 4-Brandy Kiser, Aug. 7-Billie Huffman, Aug. 7-Pat Leveridge, Aug. 13-Teresa Grant, Aug. 16-Mtchell Ryan, Aug. 17-Isaac Ryan, Aug. 17-Landon Moore, Aug. 18-Matthew Broering, Aug. 22-Cheyenne Kiser, Aug. 24-Angie Huffman, Aug. 25-Grace Moore, Aug. 27-Bryan Moore, Aug. 30-Bradley Cooper

**ANNIVERSARY**—July 28-William and Rita Funke, July 31-Cliff and Terri Straub, Aug. 4-Dennis and Brenda Bakekr, Aug. 8-Mary Jo and Joe Schmiade.

*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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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

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JULY 28, 2024

**DPAA REMINDER**—This year’s goal for our parish is \$13,000. As of the latest count, we have received \$10,394 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. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of church to help. If you don’t know what you want to do, just sign up and write “anything” and we will find you a job. Thanks!

**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](mailto: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.

**FR. ON VACATION**—Fr. Straub will be away on vacation until August 1. 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!

**LECTOR**— July 28-Bernie Rawe, Aug. 4-Bill Funke

**CLEANING – Aug.-**Kathy Bach and Wanda Bach

## 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 God Almighty every Sunday in praise and thanksgiving?

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 forget 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 is why I seek to use fancier vestments: not for my 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*