

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

July 16	\$923
July 23	\$1,465

MASS SCHEDULE

<i>THE 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. July 29	5:00 PM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Sun. July 30	9:00 AM	For †Nancy Tepe
Mon. July 31	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Tue. Aug. 1	8:00 AM	For Donna Fariello (Living)
Wed. Aug. 2	8:00 AM	For †Heather Adamkiewicz
Thur. Aug. 3	8:00 AM	For †3 Little Boys in Monroe (NO ADORATION THIS WEEK)
Fri. Aug. 4	8:00 AM	For Bishop Strickland (Living)
<i>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD</i>		
Sat. Aug. 5	5:00 PM	For †James Brown
Sun. Aug. 6	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Verna Payne, Pam Babbington, Dave Kordenbrock, Kate & Colton Sherold, Karen Reilly, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, Hank Bond, ,Mike and Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Bonita & Jim Happe, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman (St. E. Ft. Thomas), Larry Slusher, Brenda Johnson Roger High, Cheryl Miller, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Jeanne Eanes, Bill Schneider (In Storypoint Assisted Living, 9255 US 42, Apt. 44, Union, KY. 41091), Ree Wagner, Randy Goodhew, Joanne Schlacter, Rosanne Rawe, Patty Neuspickel’s son, Jim, Madeline Ledford (in hospital), Alan Fields, Marty Golden, Imogene Fisk, and Larry Cappel.

BIRTHDAYS—Aug.4-Branky Kiser, Aug.7-Pat Leveridge, Aug.7-Billie Huffman, Aug.13-Teresa Grant, Aug.16-Mitchell Ryan, Aug. 17-Landon Moore, Aug.17-Isaac Ryan, Aug. 19-Matthew Broering, Aug.22-Cheyenne Kiser, Aug. 24-Angie Huffman, Aug. 25-Grace Moore, Aug. 27-Bryan Moore, Aug.30-Bradley Cooper

ANNIVERSARIES- July 28-Bill and Rita Funke, July 31-Cliff and Terri Straub,Aug. 4-Dennis and Brenda Baker, 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 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

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursdays 6-7:00 PM

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Thursdays—6:00-7:00 PM

Parish Staff and Volunteers

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JULY 30, 2023

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPAA 2023—As of last bulletin our parish has pledged or collected \$8,630. We are over the half-way mark! Our goal is \$12,100. If you have not responded to the appeal, please do so.

NEXT FESTIVAL MEETING—It's time to begin planning our next festival! The festival will be on Sunday, September 17, so mark your calendars. Our next festival meeting will be **Wednesday, August 2 at 7pm**. If you wish to volunteer, sponsor, or have ideas, please attend. Thanks!

RAFFLE TICKETS—Tickets for the Grand Raffle and the Quilt Raffle are now available at the church entrance. Please sign out the tickets you take, as we are required by law to track them.

SILENT AUCTION AND CHINESE BAG RAFFLE ITEMS—It's not too early to start bringing in items for the silent auction and/or the Chinese bag raffle for the festival. If you frequently go to a business, don't be afraid to ask for a donation. Also, mention that booths can be sponsored for \$200 which gets a large sign noting the business as a sponsor. If you bring in items please leave your items down-stairs on a table. Thanks.

2 LTR. DRINKS—We need 2 liter drinks for the dime pitch. There is a box under the table in the gathering space. **WE DO NOT NEED DIME PITCH GLASSWEAR. WE HAVE PLENTY.**

GENERAL PRE-FESTIVAL CLEANING— On Sunday, **August 20**, we will have a general cleaning of the garage out back and the kitchen/cafeteria area, and the cake cutting room. Please make plans to stay after the 9 AM Mass to help. We will have donuts before starting and pizza if we stay as late as noon. Bring the kids so they can see that it takes a village to get something completed. There are always small tasks for kids to do.

CAKE AUCTION—We will be hosting another cake auction this year. This has the potential to be a great source of income for us if we all help. Cake boxes will be available soon. Please consider making a cake to be raffled.

LECTOR— July 30-Julie Feinauer August 6-Lisa Cooper

CLEANING—Chris and Linda

FROM THE PASTOR—ON THE PRACTICE OF MODESTY

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 and simply while personally present 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:

“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?...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. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well.” (Matthew 6:25, 28-33)

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 led 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