

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

June 22	\$514
June 29	\$775

MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Sat. July 5	5:00 PM	For †Imogene Fisk [from Sarah Gripshover]
Sun. July 6	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Mon. July 7	XXXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. July 8	XXXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Wed. July 9	XXXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Thur. July 10	XXXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Fri. July 11	XXXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Sat. July 12	5:00 PM	For †Brian Mattern [from Larry Eten]
Sun. July 13	9:00 AM	For †Kenny Neuspickel [from Patty Neuspickel]

**PRAYER LIST**—Eileen Ehlman, Kate & Colton Sherold, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Roger High, Cheryl Miller, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Bill Schneider (Dominion Assisted Living 4009 Seligman Dr. Florence, Room 215), Ree Wagner, Wanda Bach, Maverick Orth (3yrs old), Daniel Cahill, Pax Minch, Todd Kloentrup, Gina Cooper, Tom Breeze, Valetta Proctor, Ruth Elbert, Melba Hauser, Larry Cappel, Mary Beth Feldmann, Griffin Cornell, Nathan Thorwarth, Rosanne Rawe, and Lena Bach.

**BIRTHDAYS**—July 1-Louis Cooper, July 6-Margaret Redman, July 8-Fr. Jacob Straub, July 10-Addelyn Hummel, July 12-Emerson Rawe, July 16-Dennis Baker, July 17-Chris Fryman, July 20-Cliff Straub, July 23-Eden McDermott, July 24-Kevin Cooper, July 25-Warren Richardson, July 27-Tony Fariello, July 28-Darlene Schutte.

**ANNIVERSARY**—July 1-Bradley and Meggie Cooper, July 12-Richard and Marian Messingschlager, 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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Saturdays – 5:00 PM Sundays – 9:00 AM  
Weekdays [Tue through Fri] – 8 AM Holy Days– 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Confession Times:  
Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

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## THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 6, 2025

**DPAA**—The new DPAA campaign has begun! Our parish’s goal for this year is \$13,400. As of May 31, we have received \$9,350 in donations and commitments. You should be receiving envelopes in the mail to make your pledge. There are also purple envelopes available near the collection box. Thank you for your contributions!

**FESTIVAL NOTES**—Our festival will be held on Sunday, September 21. Mark your calendars! The next festival meeting is Thursday, July 17, at 6:30 PM. Thank you.

**FROM THE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE**—Dear parishioners: the parish festival is closer than you think. That’s why it’s time now to start asking for your help. After our first meeting we’ve decided to try some different things to make our festival more appealing. So we would like to start gathering donations right now. If you could donate a gift card - a bottle of wine or a gift basket for the silent auction it would greatly help. If we start now little by little we could have enough to fill our needs before festival time. (Gently used items accepted also). The Kiddie Land crew is hard at work already updating and adding new things. Also, there will be a sign up sheet soon for slots to be filled for workers. It’s a lot for each family - but we are small so we have to share the load - and it’s only once a year. Thank you for whatever you are able to do. If you have any questions about some of the jobs, just ask Linda Fryman or Lindsey Rawe.

**PRE-FESTIVAL CLEANING DAY**—Pre-festival cleaning day will be Saturday, Sep. 6 at 9AM. Please make plans to be at church. We need to clean the downstairs really well and the men will need help cleaning the garage. We will have donuts, coffee, and juice. If we are still at it at noon we will get pizzas.

**ITEMS FOR RAFFLE**—It’s not too early to begin to bring in new and gently used items for our raffles. Just put them on the tables downstairs. Thanks.

**LECTOR**— July 6-Lisa Cooper, July 13-Bill Funke

**CLEANING** – June-Genita and daughters

**CLARIFICATION**—Fr. Straub will be away from the parish beginning Monday, July 7, until August 4. If there is an emergency, please call him. All weekend Masses are covered, but weekday Masses will be canceled until he returns.

## 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 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 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*