

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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| June 23 | \$404 |
| June 30 | \$1,057 |

MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

THE 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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| Sat. July 6 | 5:00 PM | For †Genoa Scott |
| Sun. July 7 | 9:00 AM | For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish |
| Mon. July 8 | XXXXX | NO PUBLIC MASS |
| Tue. July 9 | 8:00 AM | For Marie & Cole Musial (L) |
| Wed. July 10 | 8:00 AM | For †Norb Wagner |
| Thur. July 11 | 8:00 AM | For Jessie Cooper and Joshua Richards (L) |
| Fri. July 12 | XXXXX | NO MASS THIS WEEK |

THE 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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| Sat. July 13 | 5:00 PM | For Special Intention of Sarah Gripshover |
| Sun. July 14 | 9:00 AM | For †Henrietta Zellerer |

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

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 anniversary is not listed, let Linda Fryman know.



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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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Parish History/Cemetery Info – Patty Neuspickel (859) 472-2508

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JULY 7, 2024

DPAA REMINDER—This year’s goal for our parish is \$13,000. As of the latest count, we have received \$9,836 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.

2024 ANNIVERSARY COUPLES VESPERS CELEBRATION—Bishop John C. Iffert will celebrate Vespers at Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington, to honor couples celebrating significant Wedding Anniversaries in 2024. Married couples celebrating their 1st, 25th, 50th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2024 are invited to a vespers celebration on **Sunday, Sept. 15, 2024**, at 2:00 pm. Anniversary couples **RSVP by July 16, 2024**, at covidio.org/wedding-vespers/ or contact Lisa Taylor at 859-392-1533 to register. Reservations are only required for anniversary couples; family members and guests are welcome to attend.

SAVE THE DATE!—The date for this year’s festival will be **September 22**.

NEXT FESTIVAL MEETING—WED. JULY 10-7:00 PM. Please try to be there if you are planning on working or have any ideas.

LECTOR— July 7-Lisa Cooper, July 14-Linda Fryman

CLEANING – July-Joanne and Tim Schlachter

FROM THE PASTOR – ON THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

The month of July is traditionally dedicated to devotion to the Precious Blood of Christ. It is by the shedding of His blood that Christ bought us from sin and death. It is in that blood and water pouring from the pierced side of Our Lord that we are refreshed in the sacraments. Only one drop of that Precious Blood was needed to save us, yet Jesus freely offered every drop upon the Cross for our salvation.

This is how the Divine Physician seeks to heal our souls from the deadly effects of sin: by washing us clean in His Precious Blood. Jesus so loves each one of us that He freely offers every drop of blood in His body so that we may be cleansed from sin and restored to the Father. It was by the sprinkling of blood on the doorposts that saved the Israelites from the final plague in Egypt, and it is in the blood of Christ that we are saved from the plague of sin.

What ought to be our response to this wonderful gift? The psalmist asks the same question: “How can I repay the Lord for all the great good done for me?” And his response is ours: “I will raise the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.” (Ps 116:12-13) We do this as the people of God each Sunday when we worship the living God at Mass. We join ourselves to the priest who offers the sacrifice of thanksgiving to express our gratitude to the Lord who freely shed His blood for us, and we call upon Him to continue to bless us.



Yet we are called to be thankful not on Sunday alone, but we are meant to live thank-filled lives. “Give thanks in all circumstances,” Saint Paul tell us (1 Thes. 5:18). If we are to be truly thankful for the Precious Blood of Christ by which we are saved, we must exude that gratitude in our daily living. Each day, we ought to rejoice that God has done such marvels for us, and seek to repay the Lord with the little that we can offer Him: our time, our talents, our treasure.

One of the old charges Protestants laid upon Catholics was that they were feasting too often, which supposedly being lazy and prone to avoid work. Yet the opposite is true: we are always willing to work if we are true to our faith. It is in those feast days that we remind ourselves that it is not we who have earned our salvation, but Jesus Christ who has done it for us by the shedding of His blood.

Let us give thanks for the great good that God has done for us through His Son. Let us seek to repay the Lord for the good He has done for us every day, so that we may be prepared for the eternal banquet of thanksgiving that awaits us in the glories of eternal life.

Fr. Jacob Straub