

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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MASS SCHEDULE

<i>THE 14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. July 8	5:00 PM	For †Genoa Scott
Sun. July 9	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Mon. July 10	8:00 AM	For †Dave Mullins
Tue. July 11	8:00 AM	For Michelle Fariello (Living)
Wed. July 12	8:00 AM	For Nicole Fariello (Living)
Thur. July 13	8:00 AM	For Connie Hazel (Living) (NO ADORATION THIS WEEK)
Fri. July 14	8:00 AM	For Thomas Hazel (Living)
<i>THE 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. July 15	5:00 PM	For †Anna Menefee
Sun. July 16	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, Hudson Feinauer, Mike and Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Bonita & Jim Happe, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Larry Slusher, Brenda Johnson, Roger High, Johnathan Briggs, 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, Alan Fields, & Marty Golden.

BIRTHDAYS—July 1-Louis Cooper, July 2-Bernie Rawe, July 8-Fr. Jacob, July 10-Addelynn Hummel, July 12-Emerson Rawe, July 15- Jimmie Baker, July 16-Tristan Feinauer, July 16-Dennis Baker, July 17-Chris Fryman, July 17-Macy Feinauer, July 20-Cliff Straub, July 24-Kevin Cooper, July 25- Warren Richardson, July 27- Tony Fariello, July 28- Darlene Schutte.

ANNIVERSARIES-July 1-Brad and Meggy Cooper, July 14- Jessie and Lindsay Rawe, July 28-Bill 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 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

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 9, 2023

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDIES—Matthew Wiseman continues to lead our bible study series which meets at church at 6:30 PM on Mondays. Don't miss this. It is very enlightening as Matthew is so knowledgeable about theology. Due to Matthew's family moving to Texas soon there will only be a few more classes left to attend.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST GOODBYE—We will be having a pancake breakfast after the 9 AM Mass this Sunday. This is to say goodbye to the Wiseman family who will be moving to Texas in late July for a different job for Matthew. Please try to attend.

DPAA 2023—As of last bulletin our parish has pledged or collected \$8,335. We are over the half-way mark! Our goal is \$12,100. If you have not responded to the appeal, please do so.

SECOND 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, July 12 at 7pm. If you wish to volunteer, sponsor, or have ideas, please attend. Thanks!

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. Just leave your items down-stairs on a table. Thanks.

OUR LADY'S MEMORARE ARMY—The Diocese is asking everyone to pray one Memorare prayer every day for an increase in holiness and an abundance of priestly vocations for the Diocese of Covington. Pray for priests! Pray for holy priests! Pray for more priests!

LECTOR— July 9-Bill Funke, July 16- Linda Fryman

CLEANING—Chris and Linda

FROM THE PASTOR – ON THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION

Summer is a time for lots of travel and vacation for many families. One question that arises in the midst of all this is about Sunday Mass. Some will see this as difficult to do while travelling. Yet the question remains: what does it mean to be obligated to attend Mass on Sundays? Are there any legitimate reasons why we cannot attend? Can we substitute something for the Mass?

Holy Mother Church obliges us to attend Mass on Sundays in order to fulfill the first great commandment Jesus gave us: to love God. This is highlighted for us also in the Ten Commandments where God commands the Israelites to honor the Sabbath. For the ancient Israelites (and even Jews today), this was done on Saturday. The Church moved this obligation to Sunday in honor of the Resurrection—the sign of Christ's victory over our enemies. Christians have worshipped on Sunday since then, as can be witnessed from the Church Fathers (especially St. Justin Martyr). It has only been in the last few decades that this obligation has been extended to attending Mass on Saturday evening, though Sunday is still the main day of celebration.

But can there be any valid reason which excuses us from attending Sunday Mass? There have only been 2 valid categories of reasons offered in the eyes of moralists throughout the centuries.

- 1) **Sickness or Infirmary**—either because we are sick or we are caring for those who are sick or infirm (this includes homebound elderly and even babies as well as small toddlers)
- 2) **Inability to Attend**—we are unable to go to Mass either because we are inaccessible (weather, emergencies, great distances to travel [I would say more than an hour to travel one way]) or no Mass is offered (for example, when our parish was closed for public worship)

These are the only reasons which legitimately excuse us from the Sunday obligation. Everything else is a distraction from our duty to God. We are bound by the Church and by our profession as Christians to worship as a community on Sunday in order to give to God what we owe Him: adoration, praise, thanksgiving, worship, ultimately everything. If we make something more important than the Sunday Mass, then we are demonstrating what we truly worship.

What ought we to do if we cannot attend Sunday Mass for a legitimate reason? First, if you will have a temporary inability to attend, you can discuss the matter with me and I can grant you an individual dispensation. Pastors have the right to do this for a just cause, so please discuss this with me if this matter comes up. Second, we should still consecrate the day with some prayer and rest from serious labors. We can watch Mass on the TV (although this does not fulfill our obligation), we could pray some prayers including the Rosary, and we can rest in the work which God is still doing through us.

Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day and go to Mass, even when you are on vacation. Do not see this as a burden but a means to loving God and rejoicing with Him now & forever!

Fr. Jacob Straub