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(L=Living, †=Deceased)

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL		
Sat. June 28	5:00 PM	For †Mary Jo Schmiade [from Elizabeth Caudill]
Sun. June 29	9:00 AM	For †John Jackson [from Jeanne Cooper]
Mon. June 30	XXXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. July 1	8:00 AM	For †John Jackson [from anonymous]
Wed. July 2	8:00 AM	For †Lawrence Redmond [from Andrew Redmond]
Thur. July 3	XXXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Fri. July 4	XXXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
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

BIRTHDAYS—June 29-Amanda Eten, 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.

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

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

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JUNE 29, 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!

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN—Please be sure to return your baby bottles ASAP. Thank you for your caring donations.

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.

PETER'S PENCE—This week is the annual Peter's Pence collection, which helps support the work of the Holy Father. Please give to support Pope Leo in his work of confirming the brethren and strengthening the Church universal.

LECTOR— June 29-Lisa Cooper, July 6-Linda Fryman

CLEANING – June-Genita and daughters

FROM THE PASTOR—A PERSONAL UPDATE

It is always difficult to announce changes or personal matters. You are probably like me in wanting to keep changes to a minimum and keep personal matters out of the spotlight. Yet that is impossible to do for a public person like a priest. Our lives are rather public and affect people in a multitude of ways we may not even know. So when a change happens for a priest, it cannot be a private matter but must be announced.

For some years now, I have had an interest in the Oratory of Saint Philip Neri. Saint Philip (1515-1595) gathered priests together to live in community for the work of sanctifying the laity. Distinct from regular religious orders, those who enter the Oratory do not take vows but promise to live in a bond of charity and pledge themselves to the work of the Oratory, usually involving parishes. After personal prayer and discernment, I acquired permission from the bishop to begin a more intense process of discernment, which included making visits to various houses. After prayer and discernment, I have been accepted to make a month visit to the Cincinnati Oratory beginning July 1 towards permanent entry at a later date.

This change will mean that I will not be present in the parish for a month, starting July 7. There will be no daily Masses during that time, and I am arranging for priests to cover the weekend Masses so that it will not affect the regular schedule. I will return in early August, after which will be a period of discernment on my permanent entry to the Oratory. For now, nothing has been set in stone and I remain your pastor until any other announcement or appointment is made.

I have now spent half of my priesthood here at Saint Matthew, between my first year and my current time as your pastor—six years out of twelve total as of last Sunday. This has been the longest post of my priesthood, and the first to go beyond two years at a time. I am immensely grateful for the opportunity to serve you here at Saint Matthew during this time. I have never been more welcomed or accepted among all the parishes and communities I have served but here. You all have been a blessing to me as well as a help to my growth in Christ as a priest and as one of His disciples.

I do not want you to feel as if you have wronged me in any way so as to cause me to make this decision. I have been blessed to be here and would remain here if it was God's will. Yet the Spirit moves where He wants to, as the saying goes. Saint Philip's life was shaped by the action of the Holy Spirit, and so has mine. For now, nothing major will be changing although I will be away for a month. I will miss all of you while I am making my month visit. You will remain in my prayers and Mass intentions as you have been during my entire time here. Please pray for me, and for the fulfillment of God's will in all of this. May we never be far from each other in the Sacred Heart of our Lord!

Rev. Jacob Straub