

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

May 26	TBD
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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

Sat. June 1	5:00 PM	For Darlene Schutte (L)
Sun. June 2	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Mon. June 3	XXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. June 4	8:00 AM	For †Anna Menefee [Rescheduled]
Wed. June 5	8:00 AM	For Kyle & Ruthie Cooper (L)
Thur. June 6	8:00 AM	For Austin & Kimberly Cooper (L) [NO ADORATION]
Fri. June 7	8:00 AM	For †Louis Hofstetter [Feast of the Sacred Heart]

THE 10TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

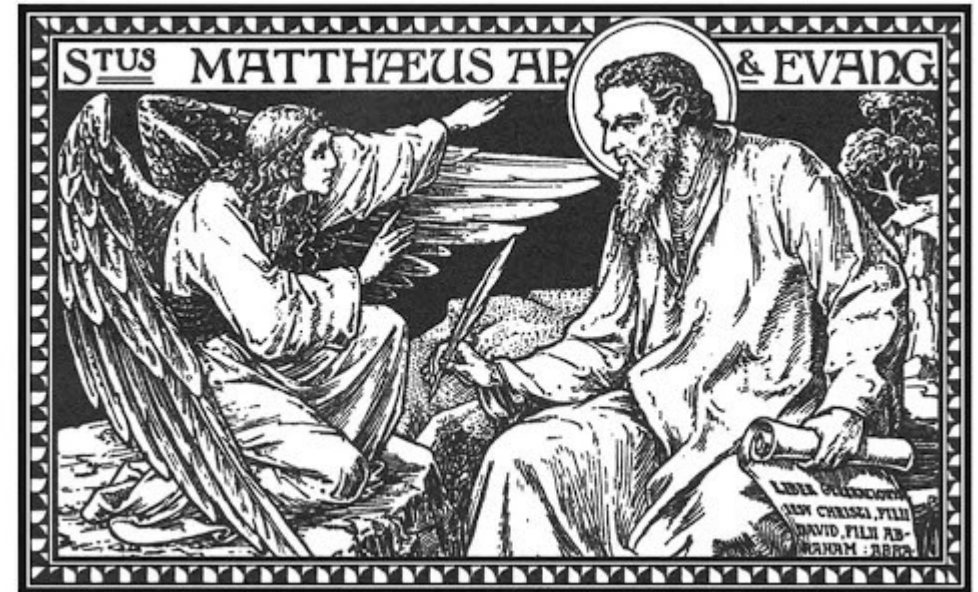
Sat. June 8	5:00 PM	For †Edward Scott
Sun. June 9	9:00 AM	For †Len Cooper

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), & Pax Minch.

BIRTHDAYS—June 1-Luca Cooper, June 3-Sandy Lyle, June 5- Linda Beck, June 9-Wanda Bach, June 22-Lisa Cooper, June 27-Austin Schroder

ANNIVERSARY— June 4-Adam and Kristen Bach, June 6-Andy and Andrea Hummel, June 7-Sandy and Allen Lyle, June 29-Tim and Jo Ann Schlachter

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

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SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY & BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

JUNE 2, 2024

DPAA REMINDER—This year's goal for our parish is \$13,000. As of the latest count, we have received \$6,365 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.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN—Don't forget to pick up your baby bottle and fill it for Care Net. The collection will end on Father's Day-June 16.

MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS TEA—The ladies and daughters of the parish will have a Tea on Sunday, June 9th, after the 9AM Mass. Ladies of the parish, their daughters, and friends are invited to enjoy this event. We will serve finger food and tea, with other drinks as well.

DIOCESAN CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION—Bring the family on Sunday, June 2, at 2 PM, for a Liturgy of the Word service and Eucharistic Procession led by Bishop John Iffert at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption in Covington. Following the procession, please join the Bishop for an ice cream social announcing the kick-off of the diocesan Campaign of Mercy at St. Mary's Park located across from the Cathedral.

ADORATION PAUSE—With the start of summer and lots of vacations and activities going on, we will be pausing our Thursday Eucharistic adoration and confessions.

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

FATHER ABSENT—Fr. Straub will be out of town for the next two weekends, assisting at an old seminary friend's parish. Fr. Paul Berschied will cover Mass as well as hear confessions for 30 minutes before each weekend Mass.

LECTOR— June 2-Lisa Cooper, June 9-Linda Fryman

CLEANING – May-Lisa and Jeanne Cooper

FROM THE PASTOR – ON THE SUNDAY OBLIGATION

With summer arriving, this is the time for vacations as well as some relaxation in the coming heat. The question often arises during this time: how obligated are we 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 and obligation.

But can there be a valid reason which excuses us from attending Sunday Mass? There have only been two 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).
- 2) **Inability to Attend**—we are unable to go to Mass either because we are inaccessible (weather, emergencies, great distances to travel [usually over an hour's journey one way]) or no Mass is offered (for example, when our parish was closed for public worship during the lockdowns)

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 could grant you an individual dispensation on a case by case basis. 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.

May you not see this as a burden but a means to loving God and rejoicing with Him now & forever!

Fr. Jacob Straub