

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

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| May 28 | TBD |
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

*THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY*

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| Sat. June 3  | 5:00 PM | For †Margaret Sternkorb           |
| Sun. June 4  | 9:00 AM | For †Anabella Cooper              |
| Mon. June 5  | XXXXX   | NO MASS THIS WEEK—FR. ON VACATION |
| Tue. June 6  | XXXXX   | NO MASS THIS WEEK—FR. ON VACATION |
| Wed. June 7  | XXXXX   | NO MASS THIS WEEK—FR. ON VACATION |
| Thur. June 8 | XXXXX   | NO MASS THIS WEEK—FR. ON VACATION |
| Fri. June 9  | XXXXX   | NO MASS THIS WEEK—FR. ON VACATION |

*THE BODY AND THE BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)*

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| Sat. June 10 | 5:00 PM | For †Anna Menefee                                |
| Sun. June 11 | 9:00 AM | For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish |

**PRAYER LIST**—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Charles Taylor, Chris Rauf, Katie Davis, Barry Bergman, Andrew Lauck, Bradley Franzen, 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, Verna Payne, 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, and Alan Fields,

**BIRTHDAYS**—June 1-Lucca Cooper, June 3-Sandy Lyle, June 5-Linda Beck, June 9-Wanda Bach, June 9-Tom Schutte, June 19-Genita Kiser, June 22-Lisa Cooper, June 27-Austin Schroeder,

**ANNIVERSARIES**-June 4-Adam and Kristen Bach, June 6-Andy and Andrea Hummel, June 7-Allen and Sandy Lyle, June 29-Tim and Joanne Schlacter

*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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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

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## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

JUNE 4, 2023

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LADY'S TEA**—St. Matthew will host a Lady's Tea after Sunday Mass at 10:30 AM. All women of the parish are invited to get to know each other better and enjoy an hour or so of fellowship over tea and snacks. If you would like, please bring cookies or other snacks to go with our tea.

**CROSS THE BRIDGE FOR LIFE**—The annual Cross the Bridge for Life will also be held this Sunday, June 4, starting at 1:00PM at the World Peace Bell. Please come out and bear witness for life!

**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.

**DPAA 2023**—As of this bulletin our parish has pledged or collected \$6,555. We have reached the halfway mark! Our goal is \$12,100. If you have not responded to the appeal, please do so.

**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!

**BABY BOTTLES FOR CARE NET**—The baby bottles fundraiser for Care Net is here. Please take one or two home and fill them with change, cash, or a check made out to Care Net. This is a big fund raising program for Care Net and helps them in their ministry to pregnant women struggling to keep the child. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you.

**ST. VINCENT COLLECTION**—The St. Vincent people have let us know that they are in need of personal care items such as deodorant, shampoo and conditioner, bar soap, shower gel, body lotion, tooth brushes and tooth paste. A bin will be in the gathering space for these items.

**LECTOR**— June 4-Bill Funke

**CLEANING**—Genita and her daughters

## FROM THE PASTOR—MARY AND THE TRINITY

As we transition from the Easter season to the season of Ordinary Time, we celebrate today the solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, revealed to us as completely as we can understand it through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. It is only with this final outpouring that we can pierce this deepest of mysteries of our faith. Without the grace and presence of the Holy Spirit, we cannot even understand what our Lord taught about who and what God is. But who better to teach us who the Trinity is and how we are to draw close to God than the one most closest to them all: Mary.

Mary is the favored daughter of God the Father. Every Christian is a child of the Heavenly Father, able to cry out through the Spirit of adoption, "Abba! Father!" (Romans 8:15), yet Mary's filial relationship is far greater. She is the one chosen by the Father from before all time to become the Mother of God, and the Father prepared her with the singular privileged grace of the Immaculate Conception so as to be worthy of this salvific role. Mary shows us how to live as the adopted children of God the Father.

Mary is not only the Mother of God the Son incarnate, but she is the greatest disciple of Jesus Christ. We must never denigrate her divine election to be the Mother of the Savior, but she continually gave her "Yes" to God throughout her life. Her openness to the will of God, her fidelity to His commands, her union with Jesus in His immense sufferings and cruel death, all show us how we are meant to follow Jesus daily. Being His immaculate mother and the Queen of Heaven, she is also able to intercede for us before her Son, who is incapable of denying any request of hers.

Mary is the spouse of the Holy Spirit. It was not by any action of a man that Mary became the Mother of God, but through the Holy Spirit overshadowing her and conceiving the divine Child within her virginal womb. Every Christian is called to be a temple of the Holy Spirit, but Mary lives out this call in a unique way through the fruit of her spousal relationship to the Spirit: Christ her Son. Her openness to the action of the Spirit prompts us to a similar openness to the outpouring and prompting of the Spirit within us.

In Mary we are presented the ultimate relationship with the Most Holy Trinity. However, we cannot merely brush all of this off as being only for Mary. Each one of us is called to a filial relationship with the Father through the Son by the Holy Spirit. Jesus reminds us of this when He declares that "whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother, and sister, and mother." (Matthew 12:50) There is no lesser path for being a disciple of Jesus Christ except the way which Mary demonstrates to us.

Let us call upon Mary to help us become better disciples of Christ. Let us call upon our spiritual mother to pray for us to be renewed by the Holy Spirit. Let us follow the way of Mary so as to be worthy of beholding the Trinity in their complete glory for all eternity. Ave Maria!

*Rev. Jacob Straub*