

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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| May 7 | \$1,938 |
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MASS SCHEDULE

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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| Sat. May 13 | 5:00 PM | For †Anna Menefee |
| Sun. May 14 | 9:00 AM | For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish |
| Mon. May 15 | 8:00 AM | For †Leona Sternkorb |
| Tue. May 16 | 8:00 AM | For †Jack Ginn |
| Wed. May 17 | XXXXX | NO MASS THIS WEEK—SCHOOL MEETINGS |
| Thur. May 18 | 8:00 AM | For †Mary Ann Sullinger (Adoration & Confessions 6-7 PM) |
| Fri. May 19 | 8:00 AM | For †Herman & Florence Cooper |
| <i>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (OBSERVED)</i> | | |
| Sat. May 20 | 5:00 PM | For †Helen Bach |
| Sun. May 21 | 9:00 AM | For the Living and Deceased People of Our 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, and Joanne Schlacter.

BIRTHDAYS—May 3-Marian Messingschlager, May 9-Bill Funke, May 11-Meggie Cooper, May 14 - Richard Messingschlager, May 17-Brenda Baker, May 18– Nathan Thorwarth, May 18– Rosanne Rawe, May 23-Estelle Thorwarth, May 30-Mark Cooper.

ANNIVERSARIES—May 3-Joe and Kathy Bach

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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MAY 14, 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.

DPAA 2023—As of this bulletin our parish has pledged or collected \$4,880. 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 and 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 fundraising 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.

- LOOKING AHEAD -

***LADY'S TEA**—St. Matthew will host a Lady's Tea on Sunday, June 4, at 10:30 AM. All women of the parish are invited.

***CROSS THE BRIDGE FOR LIFE**—The annual Cross the Bridge for Life will also be held on Sunday, June 4, starting at 1:00PM at the World Peace Bell.

LECTOR— May 14—Bernie Rawe, May 21—Julie Feinauer

CLEANING—Lisa and Jeanne Cooper

CONGRATULATIONS to our First Holy Communion recipients: Maybalee Cooper, Mitchell Ryan, and Isaac Ryan! May God bless you as you receive Christ!

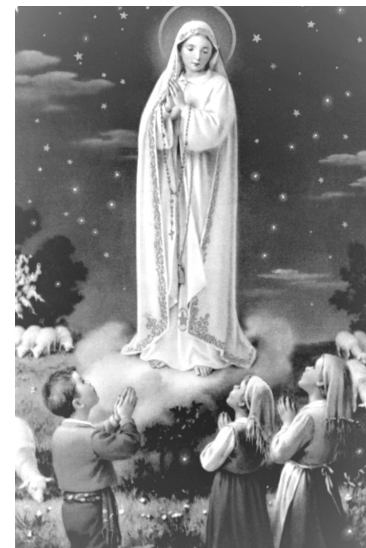
FROM THE PASTOR – MONTH OF MARY:OUR LADY OF FATIMA

The first major Marian apparition I would like to discuss for this month's article series is the most famous apparition of the 20th century, if not perhaps in the history of the Church. This is the appearance of Our Lady in the small town of Fatima in Portugal. This event is celebrated every year on May 13, the first day of the apparition. What happened? What makes this event so significant?

In 1917, three shepherd children (a brother and sister and their cousin) were tending their family flocks when they saw a beautiful woman in white. She invited them to pray the Rosary together, asked them to pray the Rosary every day and to pray for an end to the war ravaging the world (this occurring in the midst of World War I). The children would see the lady a total of six times, usually on the 13th of the month. It is the last vision which perhaps garners the most attention from the devout.

On October 13, 1917, with news of the apparition spreading across the country and even through Europe, thousands of people came to follow the three children to the knoll where they were to wait for the lady. When she appeared to the children, she declared herself to be "the Lady of the Rosary" and urged amendment of life and for people to ask God for mercy for their sins. While the large crowd gathered around them did not see her, many saw the Sun miraculously peek out of the rain clouds and seemingly dance and even appear to fall to earth before returning to normal. Many people felt their clothes and the ground dry from the rain which had been occurring all day to that point.

Much of what Mary told the children did come true: the war ended the next year, but only twenty years later World War II would start with Hitler seizing Austria and invading Czechoslovakia, which Mary warned would be preceded by a miraculous sign in the sky. It is said that Mary even predicted the assassination attempt on Pope St. John Paul II in 1981. The two siblings would die in 1918 from the Spanish flu sweeping the world, while the cousin would become a religious sister who received additional visions of Jesus and Mary and spread the word of what they wanted until her death in 2005.



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The main message of Fatima is the same as the Gospel: to repent and to follow Jesus. Mary comes to push us to avoid further calamity and disaster by returning to God through Jesus. We ought to take her message to heart and pray our rosaries for conversion of souls and peace in the world. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

Fr. Jacob Straub