

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

May 15	\$1,366
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MASS SCHEDULE

<i>THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>		
Sat. May 14	5:00 PM	For †Ed Gripshover
Sun. May 15	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
Mon. May 16	8:00 AM	For †Peggy Vater
Tue. May 17		<i>No Public Mass</i>
Wed. May 18	8:00 AM	For †Shadeen Johnson (Adoration & Confessions 6-7 PM)
Thur. May 19		<i>No Public Mass</i>
Fri. May 20		<i>No Public Mass</i>
<i>THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</i>		
Sat. May 21	5:00 PM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
Sun. May 22	9:00 AM	For †Anna Menefee

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Charles Taylor, Mary Louise Cross, Vernon Dixon, Chris Rauf, Katie Davis, Barry Bergman, Andrew Lauck, Bradley Franzen, Pam Babbington, Dave Kordenbrock, Kate & Colton Sherold, Karen Reilly, Judy Reilly, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff who is suffering from Meniere’s disease, Brian Buckingham, Tony Bach, John Jackson, Hank Bond, Hudson Feinauer, Billie Jean Huffman, Bobby Jo Glenn, Mike & Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Andy Sper.

BIRTHDAYS– May 9-Bill Funke, May 11-Meggy Cooper, May 17-Brenda Baker, May 18-Rosanne Rawe, May 18-Nathan Thorwarth, May 23– Estelle Thorwarth, May 30-Mark Cooper

ANNIVERSARY-May 3– Kathy and Joe 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 – please check each week’s schedule

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Parish Staff and Volunteers

Religious Education – Roseanne Rawe (859) 635-1572

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MAY 15, 2022

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. VINCENT COLLECTION—St. Vincent de Paul has had a huge donation of the items they needed so they are in good shape at the moment. They said they are not in need of anything at this moment but will take what we have up to this point. They will notify us if they are in need of anything else. Thank you to those who helped.

DPAA—The 2022 DPAA is now underway. Our parish goal this year is \$11,300. We are getting a very slow start in meeting our goal. As of March 31st, we only had two pledges or donations. Please let us know if you have given or pledged already so that we may be sure to have an accurate count of all donations.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST—The parish will host a pancake breakfast on Sunday, May 22, after the 9 AM Mass. Stay and enjoy this wonderful breakfast of scrambled eggs, pancakes (regular and blueberry), potato casserole, link sausages, and fruit. Build fellowship with your church family.

ST. CECILIA'S RACE TO ZERO NEEDS HELP—St. Cecilia's is asking for our support in their Race to Zero campaign set up to pay off their large bank loan for their recently completed parish center and gym. Their goal is to get it paid off by the end of the year. St. Cecilia and St. Matthew have had a long sense of togetherness and pride over the Catholic communities we represent. Please visit the St. Cecilia parish website for more details including how to donate.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN—It's baby bottle time again. Please take one home and bring it back filled with change, bills, or a check. The money goes to Care Net.

NEEDED: SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS IN THE FALL—St. Matthew is in need of Sunday School teachers. Is this for you? Please pray about it and speak with Rosanne Rawe with any questions.

LECTOR— May 15-Julie Feinauer May 22-Lisa Cooper May 29— Bill Funke

CLEANING TEAM— May 8-Kathy and Wanda Bach

May 22—Tom and Darlene Schutte

FROM THE PASTOR – THE LITANY OF LORETO

As I stated in last week's article, I would like to discuss a few different devotions to Mary for the remainder of May. While it may seem obvious to discuss the rosary, I think we all know of its existence and importance enough that I can present some other devotions to help you grow closer to the Mother of God in your prayer life. I would like to instead discuss another act of devotion which we used in last week's May crowning: the Litany of Loreto or the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

First: what is a litany? A litany in general is a long list of petitions and prayer requests, usually recited in a public manner with a leader leading the litany and the people making a general response. For instance, the Easter Vigil contains a form of the Litany of the Saints, in which the Trinity is invoked along with many of the saints in order to bless the baptismal water. Scholars believe the "Lord, have mercy" in the Mass is the remnant of a longer litany to begin the sacred liturgy.

Of course, there is one litany dedicated to the holy Mother of God. It is normally called the Litany of Loreto, named after the Italian town from whence it originated and which houses the Holy House in which the Holy Family dwelt after Jesus' birth. This litany first invokes the Most Holy Trinity before calling upon Mary under a multitude of titles given to her.

These titles help us to praise her virtues and her great love of mankind. An example might help, and we shall consider the title of Mary invoked in the Litany of Loreto as "Refuge of Sinners". This title (portrayed in the image to the right) can be traced at least to the 8th century, and is a reminder of her maternal care for all true sons of God seeking redemption. We sinners need to find refuge from the onslaught of temptation and trouble. She is our shelter in the storm, lifting us up to God so that we may achieve the goal of our salvation: eternal life in God and with God. Just as she has already reached this goal, so also does she wish to aid us in our earthly pilgrimage.

The Litany of Loreto is thus not only a devotional prayer to Mary, but also gives us some means of contemplating her glory and the greater glory of God which shines through her. Let us call out to Mary in our time of need, in particular through our prayerful use of the Litany of Loreto, so that we may find our refuge in her in these troublesome times.

Fr. Jacob Straub

P.S. I want to thank the Geiler Company (and Jason Feinauer's crew) for the installation and startup of our new A/C and heating system. I pray it will be a lot more comfortable and quieter in church as we enter the summer months. Also another thank you for Champion Windows for their quality work with all our new windows.

