#### SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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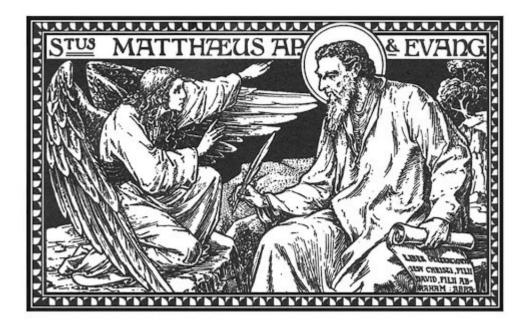
MASS SCHEDULE			
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER			
Sat. May 21	5:00 PM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish	
Sun. May 22	9:00 AM	For †Anna Menefee	
Mon. May 23	8:00 AM	For the Ehlman Family (Living & Deceased)	
Tue. May 24	8:00 AM	For †Mildred E. Blandford	
Wed. May 25		No Public Mass (Adoration & Confessions 6-7 PM)	
Thur. May 26		No Public Mass	
Fri. May 27		No Public Mass	
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD			
Sat. May 28	5:00 PM	For Greg and Reva Braunwart (L)	
Sun. May 29	9:00 AM	For †Pauline Stephany	

**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, 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 and Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, and 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.



### SAINT MATTHEW CHURCH

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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 <u>Parish Staff and Volunteers</u> Religious Education – Roseanne Rawe (859) 635-1572 Bulletin/Prayer List – Linda Fryman (859) 240-2377 Parish History/Cemetery Info – Patty Neuspickel (859) 472-2508

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

# MAY 22, 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. <u>**Our parish goal this year is \$11,300**</u>. As of April 30, our pledge totals has reached \$3,205. If you cannot pledge now, you are always welcome to send in donations on a per-month basis through the parish collection basket (be sure they're marked for DPAA). God Bless Each and Every one of our Donors.

**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 Fr. Straub or Rosanne Rawe with any questions or a willingness to help.

**PASTOR AWAY**—Fr. Straub will be away next weekend for a little R&R. Fr. Paul Berschied will cover our weekend Masses and will be available for confession a half-hour before each Mass.

LECTOR— May 22-Lisa Cooper May 29– Bill Funke June 5-Linda Fryman

CLEANING TEAM— May 22—Tom and Darlene Schutte

### FROM THE PASTOR – THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

We continue looking at various means of fostering devotion to Mary in this week's bulletin. We can live our devotion beyond prayers. We cannot remain in the church or at prayer all day as well; being in the world (yet not of it) means we must labor for our family and serve God in all things. To this end, we need protection from spiritual enemies just as we need protection from the elements (important now that it seems summer is already here). It is from this practice of devotion and invocation of divine aid and protection which led many Catholics over the centuries to wear religious items on their person. Few religious items have as recent of an impact and popularity as the Miraculous Medal.

The story of the Medal is fascinating in itself. St. Catherine Laboure was a religious sister in France in 1830 who began having visions of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The holy sister saw a vision of Mary in glory over the world, and was instructed by her to have the image she saw stamped onto metal and distributed to others. The image to the right is the result of that: a reproduction of the vision she saw along with the invocation to Mary under the title of the Immaculate Conception. It came to be called the Miraculous Medal due to the multitude of miracles which began to occur to many of its wearers:



in particular the healing of the sick especially in a time of severe cholera and the conversion of people to the Catholic Church.

To wear this medal is to keep Mary and her divine Son close to our hearts. It is a physical reminder to us of their loving care for us as we work throughout the day. Whether one wears the medal under their clothes or outside of them, the Miraculous Medal can be of great comfort to those who draw close to the Blessed Mother and be sure of her maternal care in all things. Mary also promised many graces to those who faithfully wear the medal and call out to her regularly because of it. Why would we avoid such a blessed item helping us to get to Heaven?

I have a small supply of Miraculous Medals which have been blessed by Pope Francis when I last went to Rome. Feel free to request one and to ask how to be enrolled in the Miraculous Medal. Let us draw closer to Jesus through His blessed mother Mary so that we may indeed be worthy of following Jesus and Mary into eternal joy.