

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

May 21	\$1,915
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

*PENTECOST SUNDAY*

Sat. May 27	5:00 PM	For Pauline Hughes and Jerry Nieheisel (Living)
Sun. May 28	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
Mon. May 29	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK—FR. ON VACATION
Tue. May 30	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK—FR. ON VACATION
Wed. May 31	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK—FR. ON VACATION
Thur. June 1	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK—FR. ON VACATION
Fri. June 2	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK—FR. ON VACATION

*THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY*

Sat. June 3	5:00 PM	For †Margaret Sternkorb
Sun. June 4	9:00 AM	For †Anabella Cooper

**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

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## PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 28, 2023

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**SPECIAL COLLECTION**—We are continuing having a special collection basket out for the benefit of a nearby family who lost everything when their house burned down a few weeks ago. They are Jerry and Kim Hicks who also have a son who is in high school. They lived just a few miles from church on Kenton Station Rd. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you for your help.

**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 half-way! Our goal is \$12,100. If you have not responded to the appeal, please do so.

**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.

### -SPECIAL RECOGNITION-

Please wish Ethan Thorwarth congratulations on his recent graduation from high school!! Ethan was awarded five scholarships and Outstanding Senior. Our parish is proud of him!

### - 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. Plan to attend and get better acquainted with the other ladies.

**\*CROSS THE BRIDGE FOR LIFE**—The annual Cross the Bridge for Life will also be held on Sunday, June 4, with festivities starting at 1:00PM at the World Peace Bell and walk starting at 2:00 PM.

**LECTOR**— May 28-Lisa Cooper, June 4-Bill Funke

**CLEANING**—Genita and her daughters

## FROM THE PASTOR – MONTH OF MARY: OUR LADY OF CHAMPION

We conclude this month's series on Marian apparitions with the only approved apparition to happen in the United States: Our Lady of Champion, WI. This apparition was approved as "worthy of belief" by the bishop of Green Bay (the diocese where this apparition occurred) in 2010. We ought to learn more of what happened in this event to see how Mary is even concerned for our relatively new country.

A young Belgian woman seeking to enter a religious order began seeing a woman in white while on her way to church in October, 1859. After the second appearance, the young woman asked her parish priest what she should do, and followed his advice the third time she saw her on her way home from Mass: she walked up to the woman and asked her in the name of God to say who she was and what she wanted. The lady replied, "I am the Queen of Heaven who prays for the conversion of sinners, and I wish you to do the same. You received Holy Communion this morning and that is well. But you must do more. Make a general confession and offer Communion for the conversion of sinners. If they do not convert and do penance, my Son will be obliged to punish them." The lady, having identified herself as Mary, Queen of Heaven, exhorted the young woman to work to teach the children their catechism. The young woman would spend the rest of her life dedicated to this essential mission until her death in 1896.

One prominent sign of Mary's favor over this area came in the midst of a natural disaster which struck that area of northern Wisconsin in 1871. Due to poor logging habits, the conditions were just right for a massive wildfire to spark in late summer which would eventually consume not just logging forests but entire towns. The wildfire threatened the chapel which had been built on the site, but the young woman who had seen Mary called for a procession around the church praying for the Queen of Heaven's intercession. The chapel was not touched by the fire nor were any of the people harmed, though much of the surrounding countryside was destroyed by the fire.

This apparition ought to stir in us a desire to draw nearer to Mary and through her to Jesus. We may often associate these apparitions or visions to other countries or other times, and yet it still happens in our own time and in our own nation! Let us be emboldened by the Holy Spirit to witness the Catholic faith and draw souls to Jesus through Mary. Let us not ask when shall we have our own apparition or vision, but to remain faithful to God as Mary was in her sorrows and struggles. May the Queen of Heaven draw us all to where she now reigns at the right hand of her Son, to rejoice eternally with her and all the saints in the blessed vision of the Trinity!

*Fr. Jacob Straub*

P.S. I will be on vacation for the next two weeks. Fr. Paul Berschied will cover next weekend's Masses and be available for confession before each Mass. May God bless you and Mary protect you while I am away for a short while!