

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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MASS SCHEDULE

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat. May 6	5:00 PM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
Sun. May 7	9:00 AM	For †Drew Kordenbrock
Mon. May 8	8:00 AM	For †Terri Fariello
Tue. May 9	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK—SCHOOL MEETINGS
Wed. May 10	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK—SCHOOL MEETINGS
Thur. May 11	8:00 AM	For †Rosey Fariello Cupito (Adoration & Confessions 6-7 PM)
Fri. May 12	8:00 AM	For †Oops Cupito

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat. May 13	5:00 PM	For †Anna Meniffee
Sun. May 14	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 Good-hew, 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 7, 2023

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDIES—Matthew Wiseman has graciously agreed to extend our Monday evening bible studies so we will continue to meet 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 \$4,820. Our goal is \$12,100. If you have not responded to the appeal, please do so. You can donate any time throughout the year as well either through the collection or online. Any amount at any time will be greatly appreciated.

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 ARE HERE THIS WEEKEND— The baby bottles that we fill for Care Net will be out this weekend. 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.

— LOOKING AHEAD —

***FIRST COMMUNION & MAY CROWNING**—First Communion will be held on Sunday, May 14, as will our May crowning. Please keep our three communicants in your prayers.

***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 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 on Sunday, June 4, in the afternoon, starting with a gathering at the World Peace Bell at 1PM. The event is held behind Newport on the Levee at the river's edge. We will walk across the Purple People Bridge, then back across, and back to the starting location. By doing this we show the world our dedication to all life, born and unborn. There will be music, food, t-shirts, and information at the location as well.

LECTOR— May 7— Linda Fryman. May 14— Bernie Rawe

CLEANING—Lisa and Jeanne Cooper

FROM THE PASTOR – MONTH OF MARY: MARIAN APPARITIONS

With the arrival of May comes the month of Mary. May seems an appropriate month to honor the Mother of God not only because Mother's Day occurs during this time but it is also a time when the earth brings forth new life again as the season of spring turns up. I dedicate this month's articles not only to discussion on the Blessed Virgin Mary, but on a particular way she has shown her maternal care for her spiritual children throughout the ages: through the various apparitions of Our Lady.

By an apparition, the Church means a particular person or persons have somehow seen Mary appear before them and reveal something. This is not an appearance as in a dream or a vision, but that the Queen of Heaven and Earth appears to be physically present before the seer like any other person alive in the world might appear before them. This is obviously a supernatural phenomenon which does not occur to everyone, but the Church has documented many and verified that they are genuine apparitions of Mary.

It is important that we look to the Church for approval in these matters, because the devil can send a demon to appear as Mary in order to fool people into false faith. There have been quite a few examples throughout the centuries of apparitions happening at which "Mary" began to teach doctrine different from what our Lord has revealed and the Church proposed for belief. There have even been occasions where bishops and the Vatican have forbidden the faithful from discussing certain apparitions or spreading any messages received. The Church wants to ensure the faithful are not led astray through these deceptions. Remember that Satan was an angel of light originally, and is quite capable of deceiving us all too easily.



I will highlight some of the major Marian apparitions throughout this month, but the question that should arise is why these events happen. Isn't the Bible enough? Can't God send regular human messengers to us? Why does Jesus or Mary or any saint appear supernaturally to some? We should see in these particularly Marian apparitions the concern of a loving mother for all her spiritual children. Our Lady does not come to give us some new revelation or different truth, but to call us back to right belief and right living in her divine Son.

Let us heed the warnings and messages of Our Lady and draw closer to her Son every day. Let us not seek after or live any other message but the one word which the Virgin Mary left us in the Sacred Scriptures: "Do whatever He tells you." (John 2:5)

Fr. Jacob Straub