

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Nov 1 & 3	TBD
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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

<i>THE 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Nov. 9	5:00 PM	For †Genoa Scott
Sun. Nov. 10	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Mon. Nov. 11	XXXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. Nov. 12	8:00 AM	For †Verna Payne [from William Homan]
Wed. Nov. 13	8:00 AM	For the Larry & Samantha Stange Family (L & †)
Thur. Nov. 14	8:00 AM	For Margaret Wolf (L)
Fri. Nov. 15	8:00 AM	For Elsie Cooper (L)
<i>THE 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Nov. 16	5:00 PM	For †Verna Payne [from Sarah Gripshover]
Sun. Nov. 17	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Imogene Fisk, Kate & Colton Sherold, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Andy Sper, Billie Huffinan, Roger High, Cheryl Miller, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Jeanne Eanes, Bill Schneider (Dominion Assisted Living 4009 Siegalman Dr. Florence, Room 215), Ree Wagner, John Jackson, Wanda Bach, Maverick Orth (3yrs old), Daniel Cahill, Pax Minch, Todd Kloentrup, Gina Cooper, Tom Breeze, and Rita Funke.

BIRTHDAYS—Nov. 3-Adam Bach, Nov. 10-Bernadina Ryan, Nov. 11-Lindsay Rawe, Nov. 16-Jason Feinauer, Nov. 17-Joann Schlachter, Nov. 19-Frankie Huffman, Nov. 20-Joseph Schmiade, Nov. 23-Sr. Georgia Messing-schlager, Nov. 23- Katherine Broering, Nov. 25-Dr. Richard Broering,

ANNIVERSARY—Nov. 7-Andy and Amy Redmond, Nov. 27-Bill and Nancy Schneider

Please send any requests for prayers or memorials to the parish email or call to make a request. If anyone’s birthday or anniversary is not listed, let Linda Fryman know.



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Mass Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays [Tue through Fri] – 8 AM

Holy Days– 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM

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

Bulletin/Prayer List – Linda Fryman (859) 240-2377

Parish History/Cemetery Info – Patty Neuspickel (859) 472-2508

THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 10, 2024

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EVENT—The food collection basket from the Knights of Columbus for St. Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving distribution will be left out for next weekend so you still have time to bring food to be given out. Please be as generous as possible. Thank you.

EXTRA FOOD COLLECTION—The St. Vincent de Paul people have put out a special request for some items for which they are in dire need. They need canned beans, canned corn, canned tomato soup, chicken noodle soup, boxes of macaroni and cheese, and shopping bags with handles (either paper, plastic, or fabric). This can be dropped off in the Thanks-giving collection basket if you have any of these items. Thanks.

SNACKS FOR CCD AND PARISH—There is a sign up sheet in the back of church to bring snacks and drinks to be shared after the Sunday Mass before and during the CCD classes. If you would like to bring snacks for a week, please sign up. If you have questions, please see Lindsay Rawe.

LECTORS WANTED—We are looking to add some more Sunday Mass lectors to our roster. The more we have, the less often you'll have to read! If you are interested, please speak with Fr. Straub.

LECTOR— Nov. 10-Bill Funke, Nov. 17-Lisa Cooper

CLEANING – Nov.-Joann and Tim Schlachter



“She has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood.”

FROM THE PASTOR—FUNERALS: BURIAL

The first concern one must have when it comes to preparation for funerals is what to do with the body. There appears to have been an increase in the number of options available in recent years, but they all reduce to two options: either dispose of the body or bury the body. What does the Church say about all of this?

Since the late 1960s, there has been approval in this country for a Catholic to have the body cremated after death. However, it is still mandated by the Church that a deceased person is buried, whether their body has been cremated or not. It is immoral to spread ashes anywhere for any reason. There are no legitimate reasons for the dispersal or spreading of any human remains from a Catholic perspective. Why?

Every Sunday and holy day, in the Creed we recite to affirm our Catholic faith, we say, “I look forward to the resurrection of the dead.” As disciples of the crucified and risen Christ, we believe that we too shall not experience death for the rest of eternity. Our souls shall not remain separated from our bodies, but God will raise everyone back to full life as a human being. Saint Paul speaks deeply on this matter in 1 Corinthians 12, reminding his readers that “as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive” (ver. 22). Since Christ has been raised from the dead, and calls us to follow Him, then we shall also rise from the dead, hence we bury the dead.

There is another reason for burying the body, and it concerns our understanding of what the body is in relation to ourselves and to God. There has existed throughout much of Christian history an idea that the body is some sort of prison or restrictive device upon the soul, and that it is not good for anything but should be disregarded as soon as possible. This idea denies the reality of the Incarnation: God takes on our flesh to become one of us. If the body is evil or useless, why would God take one to Himself? We cannot just toss the body aside as if it is trash no longer needed. We bury the body out of reverence for the gift which God has given to that person and which will be renewed on the Last Day.

One last reason why we bury bodies is for the good of those of us who are left behind. Some will claim that dropping ashes in a beloved spot will make relatives and friends happy to be there, but there is no actual place to go and properly pray for the person. If each person is a singular entity in life and not spread across a broad area, why would we want them spread out after death? The burial site gives a singular place for a single person to be reposed in morose sleep as they await the final trumpet call. We who are left behind—both the mourners and the Church in general—have a place to go to pray and remember the dead while we await our turn.

As you make your funeral preparations, be sure you have a place designated for your body. Whether you use our cemetery or another one, be clear where you want your body to rest while you await the return of the Lord on the Last Day.

Fr. Jacob Straub