

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Nov. 1 & 5	\$1,670
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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

THE 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. Nov. 11	5:00 PM	For †George Bach
Sun. Nov. 12	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Mon. Nov. 13	8:00 AM	For †Genoa Scott
Tue. Nov. 14	8:00 AM	For †Heather Adamkiewicz & Holy Souls
Wed. Nov. 15	8:00 AM	For †Jerome & Elizabeth Groeschen
Thur. Nov. 16	8:00 AM	For †Ed Vizenor [Adoration & Confessions 6-7PM]
Fri. Nov. 17	8:00 AM	For †Joyce Wells

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Sat. Nov. 18	5:00 PM	For Albert Bach (L)
Sun. Nov. 19	9:00 AM	For †Jimmy Deaton

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Verna Payne, Kate & Colton Sherold, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, Mike and Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Bonita & Jim Happe, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Larry Slusher, Roger High, Cheryl Miller, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Jeanne Eanes, Bill Schneider (Dominion Assisted Living 4009 Siegalman Dr. Florence, KY. 41042 Room 215), Ree Wagner, Randy Goodhew, Patty Neuspickel’s son Jim, Alan Fields, Imogene Fisk, Larry Cappel, Sean Timmerding, Rodney Gurren, Maverick Orth (2 years old), Bill Edelbroich, Jim Wolfe.

BIRTHDAYS– Nov. 3-Adam Bach, Nov, 5-John Bergman, Nov. 10-Dina Ryan, Nov. 11– Lindsay Rawe, Nov. 16-Jason Feinauer, Nov. 17-JoAnn Schlachter, Nov. 19-Frank Huffman, Nov. 20-Joseph Schmiade, Nov. 21-Allen Lyle, Nov. 21-Ava Mae Hummel, Nov. 23-Sr. Georgia Marie Messenschlager, Nov. 23-Katherine Broering, Nov. 25-Richard Broering

ANNIVERSARY– Nov. 27-Bill and Nancy Schneider

ANNIVERSARY– *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—6:00-6:50 PM

Parish Staff and Volunteers

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NOVEMBER 12, 2023

DPAA—We have achieved our goal!! Thanks to everyone who has given this year. Now, any DPAA donation given after meeting the goal comes directly back to St. Matthew and we do not have to pay the diocesan tax on it. If you have not yet donated or wish to increase your offering, now is the time to do so.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR DONATIONS TO THE YARD SALE-Thanks to your generous donations we cleared over \$600 at the yard sale. We couldn't have done this without you. We may be open to having another sale in late spring. Start saving your items now!

CEMETERY VISIT—Fr. Straub will have a prayer service at Saint Mary Cemetery on **Sunday, Nov. 12, at noon**. Please join us and pray for our beloved dead as well as all those buried from our parish and in our cemetery.

ST VINCENT DEPAUL COLLECTION—SVDP will be collecting food for their Thanksgiving collection all this month. We will have collection baskets out and available for whatever you can provide. Please remember the poor as the weather gets worse this season.

LECTOR— Nov. 12-Lisa Cooper, Nov. 19-Julie Feinauer

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS—Thursday, Nov. 23 @ 9:00 AM

Keep your lamps trimmed!



FROM THE PASTOR— PURGATORY

In reflecting on the Last Things of life, we cannot avoid discussing the state of purgatory. This topic seems to be neglected or misunderstood in our day. Some seem to think of it as a third possibility for life after death. Others think it is a manmade invention. Others may not even know or understand what is so important about it. Yet we cannot escape consideration of our end without knowing about this particular place.

The Church teaches that purgatory is the “final state of purification after death and before entrance into Heaven for those who died in God’s friendship but were only imperfectly purified.” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*) Purgatory is not a middle ground between Heaven and Hell, where the so-so people will be forever. In fact, it is not even an eternal state. We can see it as the antechamber of Heaven: all who are in Purgatory will eventually enter Heaven. An apt image might be a mudroom in your house: the area where dirty shoes are removed and you wash yourself before going into the house.

The grandest scriptural justification comes from 2 Maccabees 12:42-45, where some of the Maccabee rebels send money to Jerusalem to offer prayers for the soldiers who had died with idol jewelry on their person. While Protestants will refuse to acknowledge this as a biblical book (though they cannot say why any book should be in the Bible), we have other sources in the New

Testament. Saint Paul talks about every man’s work being tried by fire (1 Cor. 3:15), while Saint Peter compares our faith to gold being tested under fire (1 Peter 1:7).



What kind of state is Purgatory? It is similar in many ways to Hell: a state of fire and pain. Yet there is one marked difference: the souls in Hell know they will never leave and never be relieved of their torment, whereas the souls in Purgatory know their time is temporary and that they will enter into eternal life. It is not a fire of torment for them but a fire of purification, just as is done to purify gold from other elements and sediments after digging it out of the ground. It is painful, but a necessary pain to grow from an attraction of sin to single-mindedly loving God. There can be no stain or remainder of sin in the presence of God.

We are able to help the poor souls in Purgatory through our prayers for them. We must offer up Masses and make prayers and penances on their behalf so that their term may be shortened and they can enter more quickly into Heaven. They will remember us in their prayers both in Purgatory and in Heaven. Do not forget these poor souls but keep them ever in your prayers.

Fr. Jacob Straub