

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Nov. 19	\$1,520
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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Sat. Nov. 25	5:00 PM	For †Herb Elbert
Sun. Nov. 26	9:00 AM	For the Living & Deceased People of the Parish
Mon. Nov. 27	8:00 AM	For Mike Lemming (L)
Tue. Nov. 28	8:00 AM	For †Heather Adamkiewicz & Holy Souls
Wed. Nov. 29	8:00 AM	For †Patricia Groeschen
Thur. Nov. 30	8:00 AM	For †Samantha Glen [Adoration & Confessions 6:00-7:00 PM]
Fri. Dec. 1	8:00 AM	For Louis Cooper (L) [First Friday Mass]
<i>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>		
Sat. Dec. 2	5:00 PM	For †Genoa Scott
Sun. Dec. 3	9:00 AM	For the Living & Deceased People of the Parish

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. 25-Richard Broering, Dec. 2-Andrea Huffman, Dec. 3-Ryder Cooper, Dec. 14-Ella Dickerson, Dec. 16-Imogene Fisk, Dec. 18-Joseph Broering, Dec. 24-Patty Neuspickel, Dec. 29-Megan Oldiges, Dec. 30-Michael Ryan.

ANNIVERSARY– Nov. 27-Bill and Nancy Schneider, Dec. 7-Howard and Penny Kluesener, Dec. 13-Jason and Julie Feinauer, Dec. 18-Rosanne and Bernie Rawe

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

Religious Education – Roseanne Rawe (859) 635-1572

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

THE SOLEMNITY OF JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

NOVEMBER 26, 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 any last minute donations you'd like to make before the year ends, please consider giving through the DPAA.

YEARLY SOCK DONATIONS-Our CCD classes will be participating in their yearly service project of collecting socks for the homeless. We ask that you bring in new warm socks for this project. Socks should be in by Dec. 10 when the students ready them for Christmas distribution. Thanks.

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST AND CCD CHRISTMAS PLAY-We will have breakfast after the 9 AM Mass on Dec. 17 with the play following. All are invited. Come experience the joy of watching the students proudly put on their play and enjoy a delicious breakfast with our church family.

KENTUCKY MARCH FOR LIFE-Join other Pro-Life Kentuckians on Tuesday, January 23 for the 2024 Kentucky March for Life & "Love them Both" Rally. The program will begin with Mass at Good Shepard Parish in Frankfort, followed by a rally at the State Capital. The event will end with a procession to the Cemetery of the Innocents in the historical Frankfort Cemetery. The Pro-Life office will be organizing buses that will leave from Northern Kentucky. If you are interested in traveling with other parishioners from the Diocese, please contact the Pro-Life Office for more information, 859-392-1500.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION—Friday, Dec. 8 (holy day of obligation); Masses on Thur. Dec. 7 @ 7:00 PM and Fri. Dec. 8 @ 8:00 AM

BLESSING OF BABIES—After Masses on Dec. 16 & 17 (bring your baby Jesus from your Nativity creche to be blessed by Fr. Straub)

CCD PLAY & BREAKFAST—After Mass on Sunday, Dec. 17

LECTOR— Nov. 26-Linda Fryman for Bill Funke, Dec. 3-Linda Fryman, Dec. 7 (7 PM Immaculate Conception) Bernie Rawe.

CLEANING -Dec. 3 Joanne and Tim Schlacter

FROM THE PASTOR—ETERNAL LIFE AND NON-CATHOLICS

In discussing the Last Things and in particular the gift of eternal life in Heaven, there ought to arise within us a question about the fate of those outside of the Catholic Church. Is there any hope for them? Are they automatically condemned to Hell because they were not members of the Church? This can be a thorny question to handle, especially when we are concerned with family members who are either not practicing the faith or have been a part of some other religion without any sign of conversion.

We must first acknowledge the reality that there is no salvation outside of the Church. This first of all means there is no other means of participating in eternal life (the goal of salvation) separate from the Church, for the Church is not only those who are joined to Christ in this life but also those in Purgatory and Heaven. There is no Protestant Heaven or Nirvana or any other means of having life in God after death outside of that which God Himself has established in Christ. This also means that one must become a part of the Church in some way in order to enjoy eternity.

Some have taken this to mean that only those who have been baptized are saved, yet the Church has condemned this extremely rigid understanding of grace and salvation. For instance, there are a number of saints venerated in the Church who were not baptized by water yet are still said to have gained everlasting life because of their death for Christ in martyrdom (called baptism by blood in theological terms). There are also those who earnestly desired to receive baptism by were unable to receive it before their death due to unforeseen circumstances (baptism by desire).

What of those who remain visibly separate or outside of the Church during their earthly life? It must be understood that God is not limited to the sacraments as the only means of distributing the grace of Christ necessary for salvation. When each one of us stands before God in judgment, we will be judged on what we did know and acted on or avoided, but we will not be judged on those things we could not have known in our lives. How many are still in total ignorance of even the name of Jesus Christ in this world!

This does not excuse one from all judgment, however. God has written into our hearts a natural law and a natural desire for Him, and we are free to respond positively in pursuit of Him or negatively in avoiding or rejecting Him. It is possible for one who has been ignorant of Christ and the Gospel to merit salvation, but it is a mighty struggle for that one. Which is easier: to ascend Mount Everest fully equipped and with a trusty guide, or to ascend naked, without equipment, without a guide and on one's own?

Jesus Christ established and maintains the Catholic Church as the fullness of truth and the proper way of obtaining salvation. This is why all of us are called to be missionaries: to bring as many souls in to save them from eternal perdition. Live your faith that your light may shine before others and draw them towards eternal life.

Fr. Jacob Straub