

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

Nov. 6	\$2,138
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

<i>THE THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Nov. 12	5:00 PM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
Sun. Nov. 13	9:00 AM	For †Drew Kordenbrock
Mon. Nov. 14	8:00 AM	For †Barb Willis
Tue. Nov. 15	8:00 AM	For †Poor Souls in Purgatory
Wed. Nov. 16	8:00 AM	For †Dave Hensley
Thur. Nov. 17	8:00 AM	For †Butch Holloway (Adoration & Confessions 6-7PM)
Fri. Nov. 18	8:00 AM	For †Leroy Surry
<i>OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE</i>		
Sat. Nov. 19	5:00 PM	For †Mary Louise Cross
Sun. Nov. 20	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, Brian Buckingham, Tony Bach, John Jackson, Hank Bond, Hudson Feinauer, Mike and Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Kambie Perkins, Bonita and Jim Happe, Jenny McVey Alm, Dave Verst, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Larry Slusher, Brenda Johnson, Verna Payne, Roger High, and Rita Funke.

**BIRTHDAYS**— Nov. 3—Adam Bach, Nov. 10—Dina Ryan, Nov. 11—Lindsay Cooper, Nov. 16—Jason Feinauer, Nov. 17—Joanne Schlachter, Nov. 19—Frank Huffman, Nov. 20—Joseph Schmiade, Nov. 23—Sr. Georgia Messing-schlager, Nov. 23—Katherine Broering, Nov. 25—Richard Broering

*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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NOVEMBER 13, 2022

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DPAA**— Thanks be to God! We have reached and exceeded our required goal by over \$800 and everything given to the DPAA going forward will come back to St. Matthew and will not be taxed by the Diocese as are our regular collections. If you plan to give any additional funds to the church, please give them through the DPAA so we will benefit from the entire amount without assessment. Thank you to everyone who has given.

**THANKSGIVING OFFERING**—Our Thanksgiving offering will be food and gift cards. These will be taken to St. Vincent de Paul at St. Cecilia who serves our area when people in need call.

**SOCK REQUEST FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**—The CCD kids will be collecting socks for the homeless again this year for Christmas. Please bring in a few pairs of new socks for them to use for this.

**GIVING TREE**—Our Giving Tree for the Christmas season will be put up after Thanksgiving. We are awaiting our family and their list to be sent to us by Hosea House. Once it is received, we will put up the tree so you can pick a gift.

**CHRISTMAS PANCAKE BREAKFAST & SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAM**—Plan now to attend our Christmas breakfast after the 9 AM Mass on Sunday, Dec. 18. The Sunday School kids are working on a program for our listening enjoyment for the event.

**CRAFT BAZAAR AT ST. CECILIA**—St. Cecilia Altar Society will hold their annual Craft Bazaar on Nov. 13, 2022 from 9AM-3PM. There will be 48 crafters, door prizes, drop ticket raffles, home-made baked goods and candy. Food available for purchase. Let's support our neighbors.

**LECTOR**—Nov. 13-Kathy Bach, Nov.20-Julie Feinauer (skipped Rita), Nov. 27-Lisa Cooper

**CLEANING**—November 7-Chris and Linda, November 21-Kathy and Wanda Bach

## FROM THE PASTOR—CURRENT ISSUES:TRANSGENDERISM

The hottest topic right now in society is the transgender and gender identity movement. This used to entail merely identifying as the opposite gender, whether cross-dressing or having total reconstructive surgery to “become” that gender. But now this movement has expanded beyond the two basic genders. Many now see a more “fluid” or “nonbinary” model of gender and seek to identify themselves outside of the “restrictive old constructs”. This is where the question of pronouns comes into play: it goes above a man calling himself a woman or vice versa but an individual establishing the pronouns that “properly” identify them at that moment. Hence why we see such outrageous choices like she/they, xe/xim, or whatever they feel it to be in the moment.

We must identify in this movement its first major component: a sign of the growing mental disorder of our society. The same people who will profess absolute confidence and belief in science are often the same people who will declare there are more than 2 genders. The fact that someone feels “uncomfortable” in their body and needs to redefine themselves shows an immense psychological disorder which ought to be treated, not accepted. What is worse is that people think it is fine to subject children of all ages to this treatment, even to give them drugs to block their hormones in the middle of puberty and perform surgeries on them to make them their desired gender. We don't even let these kids vote but they can make this lifechanging decision at such a young age?

Beyond the psychological or mental issues associated with this movement is the denial of the basic reality of the human person created by God. We are not flesh-trapped souls waiting to be freed from the prison of physicality; a human person is both body and soul. In the Nicene Creed we pray every Sunday and holy day, we profess “I look forward to the resurrection of the dead”. We shall not remain as souls after death, but shall rise to our full constitution at the Last Day just as Jesus rose from the dead on Easter Sunday. We do not become angels (though we may be like them, as last week's Gospel taught) but shall be human beings forever.

This means that we cannot separate our gender from our identity, nor can we define ourselves as something other than or different from our bodies. It also means that our gender is more than just our bodies but is also an integral part of our humanity. Our gender identity does not merely exist in the body but in our soul as well. Men are men in all of their parts and women are women in all of their parts. No matter what clothing you wear or whatever surgery you undergo, you can never change this fundamental part of yourself. You are what God has created you to be.

Let us pray for the people who are suffering from this disorder, especially children susceptible to pressure from peers as well as adults. Let us affirm the goodness of the body as well as our total humanity, so that we many embrace the I which God has created and seek to return this same I to Him in thanksgiving for the gift of life and the gift of salvation.

*Fr. Jacob Straub*