

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

*OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE*

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
Mon. Nov. 21	8:00 AM	For †Al Herringger
Tue. Nov. 22	8:00 AM	For †Esther Jackson
Wed. Nov. 23	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Thur. Nov. 24	<b>9:00 AM</b>	For †Poor Souls in Purgatory (NO ADORATION THIS WEEK)
Fri. Nov. 25	<b>10:00AM</b>	For †JoAnn Enderle
<i>THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>		
Sat. Nov. 26	5:00 PM	For Pauline Hughes & Jerry Nieheisel (Living)
Sun. Nov. 27	9:00 AM	For †Ellarie Glenn

**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 20, 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.

**LECTOR**—Nov. 20-Julie Feinauer, Nov. 27-Lisa Cooper

**CLEANING**—November 21-Kathy and Wanda Bach



*Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will  
of God for you in Christ Jesus.—1 Thes 5:18*

*Have a happy Thanksgiving!*

### FROM THE PASTOR—CURRENT ISSUES: CHURCH AND STATE

Modern Americans seem to be very oxymoronic when it comes to government: they will decry the increase of its presence in their lives while voting for those who advocate for greater governmental activity and at times even demand it. We cannot make up our minds as to how much government is too much or how wide the scope of regulation should be. How much should government be involved in schooling or food production or labor rights or healthcare? Yet the trend has been to increase government control and regulation in all areas, and this is not a healthy sign for our society.

Wherever the state intrudes, it is more often than not in the interests only of the state and in particular of those in power. We see this happen in a variety of manners in our own nation, from corn ethanol subsidies for the benefit of conservative farmers to the legalization of homosexual “marriage” for liberal donors. As consensus over morality and the direction of society disintegrates, the state becomes the means of imposing one’s culture upon all subjects. This idea is not new at all in history: the will of the king is usually meant to be the will of the people in monarchies. However, our broken system continues to benefit those hungry for power and domination rather than those who seek to serve God and country.

With the loss of a common belief comes the need for something to occupy the vacuum left behind. The state will naturally seek to replace and dominate all because men love to rule others rather than rule themselves. How many people do we know who look only to government for any concept of right or wrong, good or evil? Yet our country is not founded on actual Christian principles, despite the number of Founding Fathers who professed some form of Christianity. The United States is meant to be neutral, but this is ultimately an untenable position.



There can be no neutrality in morality just as there can be no neutrality in religion. As Catholics, we believe that our faith is the fullness of truth and that Christ should be the light by which all things are illuminated, including the state. It is not the Church which serves the state but ought to be reversed: all things in the service of the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Our first loyalty is not to a president, but the King.

Let us strive to live our lives subject to Christ the King in every way. Let us be vigilant in serving Him in all that we do, and eager to draw others to His throne. Let us pray for a conversion of this country away from godlessness towards the truth which shall be fully revealed on the Last Day: nothing is beyond His reach, and all shall be under Him forever.

*Fr. Jacob Straub*