

THE 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
NOVEMBER 8, 2020

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Oct. 25: \$1,272

Nov.1: \$1,367

Please do not forget to mail or drop off your weekly offerings for our collection.
 Any and all help is greatly appreciated.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

<i>THE 32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Nov. 7	5:00 PM	For Carroll Kloeker
Sun. Nov. 8	9:00 AM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Mon. Nov. 9		No Public Mass
Tue. Nov. 10	8:30 AM	Spec. Int. of Audrey Windholtz
Wed Nov. 11	6:30 PM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Thur. Nov. 12	8:30 AM	Special Int. of Journee Johnson
Fri Nov. 13		No Public Mass
<i>THE 33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Nov. 14	5:00 PM	Spec. Int.-Health of Thomas Geiman
Sun. Nov 15	9:00 AM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish

PRAYER LIST

Jerry Ehlman, Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Kenny Neuspickel, Kathy Barth, Charles Taylor, Ed Gripshover, Joy Sowder, Kathy Proctor, David Roland, Steve Elmlinger, Sarah Hoffman, Mary Louise Cross, Ken Steffen, Cotton Teegarden, Mike Newcomb, Fr. Mario Tizziani, Jeffery Huffman, Ed Grant, Don Bornhorst, Tom Geiman, John Hofstetter, Bill Schneider, and everyone who has been touched by the Corona virus.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays Nov.10-Dina Ryan, Nov.16-Jason Feinauer, Nov.17-JoAnn Schlachter, Nov.19-Frank Huffman, Nov. 20-Joe Schmiade, Nov. 23-Sr. Georgia Messingschlager
Anniversaries-Nov. 12-Chris & Linda Fryman, Nov 18-Cap & Brandy Kiser, Nov. 27-Bill & Nancy Schneider.



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Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – please check each week's schedule

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPAA –If you missed giving, there are envelopes in the back of church for your convenience. We are getting close! Please be generous in helping us reach our goal.

Parish Goal: \$10,700 Total Commitments (as of Sept. 30): \$10,395

IMPORTANT SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTE – Parents, Rosanne needs a copy of the Safety Form to keep on file at church. There is a Sunday School folder on the desk in the hallway at church. Please put the forms and one or two pages of the chapter work sheets in the folder so we can show attendance. You may also take a picture and email them to Rosanne at rrawe@nku.edu. Call her at 859-635-1572 with questions.

SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND – There is a basket for our second collection for this collection. Please be as generous as possible when giving to this important collection. The cost of educating our seminarians is very high. We can help.

FOOD COLLECTION – Thanks to all who brought food for the St.Vincent de Paul Thanksgiving meal project. The Knights of Columbus are collecting it for St. Vincent de Paul to be distributed at a later date.

CEMETERY VISITATION – Fr. Straub will have a cemetery visitation service on Sunday, November 8 at noon (weather permitting). We will gather at St. Mary Cemetery to bless the graves and pray for our beloved dead. Please join us to remember the dead of our parish.



THE TEN VIRGINS.

FROM THE PRIEST – JUDGMENT

With the last few weeks of the liturgical year remaining, our Gospel comes from Jesus' eschatological discourse. It seems appropriate to speak of the last things over these last weeks. After looking at death last week, we look now on to judgment, of which there are two judgments: first our particular judgment by God at the end of our lives, then the general judgment at the end of time.

The Scriptures are filled with warnings of judgment upon us. The Old Testament speaks often about the "Day of the Lord" at which all the nations will be gathered to be judged by God (cf. Joel 3:4; Ezekiel 13:5; Isaiah 2:12). Jesus Himself describes that last day as the day of the separation of the goats and the sheep, where the goats will be eternally punished while the sheep are eternally glorified (cf. Matthew 25). The Church has held this day deep in her liturgy. The traditional funeral Mass has a hymn sung called the *Dies Irae* which mourns the coming of that day. The opening stanzas are translated poetically as follows:

Day of wrath and doom impending, David's word with Sibyl's blending, Heaven and earth in ashes ending.	Oh, what fear man's bosom rendeth, When from heaven the Judge descendeth, On whose sentence all dependeth.
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How terrifying that day shall be! Yet this judgment is not merely held at the end of time, but at the end of our days. When death comes for us and we are separated from this mortal coil, we shall stand before the Just Judge to be evaluated upon our love (see the quote from St. John of the Cross in the Catechism paragraph). We shall be naked before this judge: there is nowhere we can hide, no excuse we can make, no other we can cover behind as our thoughts, our words, and our actions are presented before us.

This sounds very jarring to us with our sensitive, modern ears. How often do we hear the phrase, "Who are you to judge?" Indeed, no human being is truly capable of passing complete judgment over another. It is only God Almighty – all-holy, all-good, all-knowing, and all-just – who has the final and absolute right to pass judgment. Though our sins may affect and hurt other people, they ultimately offend God to whom is due our love, our loyalty, and our reverence. Only the one who is offended can pass judgment upon those who offend.

This is why the Church preaches against sin without necessarily passing judgment. God has revealed to us the way of salvation, a way that at times is quite narrow and difficult. The Church acts out of maternal love and concern for every human being in declaring what is right and wrong, what is true and false. It is driven by the realization that only God will judge, but that His judgment is final and absolute. Let us meditate upon our coming judgment, beseech God for His mercy, and strive to be judged worthy to enter into the glories of eternal life.

Fr. Jacob Straub