#### SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Oct. 19 \$1,806
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MASS SCHEDULE			
(L=Living, †=Deceased)			
THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Sat. Oct. 25	5:00 PM	For Kenny and Carolyn Bach [From Joe and Kathy Bach]	
Sun. Oct. 26	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish	
Mon. Oct. 27	XXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS	
Tue. Oct. 28	8:00 AM	For George Maybelan [From Meggy Cooper]	
Wed. Oct. 29	8:00 AM	For Nathaniel and Esther Cooper [From Meggy Cooper]	
Thur. Oct. 30	8:00 AM	For Ed and Genoa Scott [From Linda Menefee]]	
Fri. Oct. 31	8:00 AM	For † Anna Menefee [From Linda Menefee]	
THE THIRTIETH —FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Sat. Nov. 1	5:00 PM	For † Herbie Elbert [Fro Joe and Kathy Bach]	
Sun. Nov. 2	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish	

PRAYER LIST—Eileen Ehlman, Kate & Colton Sherold, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere's disease, Tony Bach, Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Roger High, Cheryl Miller, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Bill Schneider (Dominion Assisted Living 4009 Seligman Dr. Florence, Room 215), Ree Wagner, Wanda Bach, Maverick Orth (3yrs old), Daniel Cahill, Pax Minch, Todd Kloentrup, Gina Cooper, Tom Breeze, Valetta Proctor, Ruth Elbert, Melba Hauser, Larry Cappel, Mary Beth Feldmann, Griffin Cornell, Rosanne Rawe, Jeff Piehl, Annamarie Schroeder, Elissa Baker, Lena Bach, and Jody Rodriguez.

BIRTHDAYS—, Sep. 29-Owen Rawe, Oct. 3-Amy Redmond, Oct. 7-George Mayleben, Oct. 9-Magdalene Haley, Oct. 15-Cadence Ryan, Oct. 16-Aubrey Hummel, Oct. 21-Andrea Hummel, Oct. 24-Bob Huffman, Oct. 26-Andy Hummel, Oct. 26-Grace Hensley, Oct. 27-Lindy Kiser, Oct. 28-Penny Kluesener, Oct. 28-Celia Cooper, Oct. 29-Shelli Schroder.

### ANNIVERSARY—Oct. 23-Tom and Darlene Schutte

Please send any requests for prayers or memorials to the parish email or call to make a request. If anyone's birthday or anniversary is not listed, let Linda Fryman know.



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Saturdays – 5:00 PM Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays [Tue through Fri]  $-~8~\mathrm{AM}$   $~\mathrm{Holy~Days}-~8:00~\mathrm{AM}$  and  $7:00~\mathrm{PM}$ 

Confession Times:

Saturdays — 4:00-4:50 PM Sundays — 8:00-8:50 AM

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# THETHIRTIETH SUNNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 25, 2025

**DPAA**—The new DPAA campaign is still underway! Our parish's goal for this year is \$13,400. Please be generous if you have not contributed.

CHURCH CLEANING—Patty has a new cleaning list. It can be found on the hall bulletin board or as a hand out on the table. You can still get on the list, Just call Patty for info. Her numbers are H:859-472-2508 and C: 859-308-0467.

ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS CELEBRATION-Please join us <u>Sat.</u>, <u>Nov. 1st</u> after the 5PM Mass for our All Soul's Day/All Saint's Day Fall Fest. Children are welcome to dress up as their favorite Saint while they participate in the age-old tradition begging for soul cakes and praying for the soul's in Purgatory. A movie will also be playing for the children. Candy donations are welcomed. There will also be a Chili Potluck, so bring a crockpot of chili to share. Parents are encouraged to enjoy fellowship by the fire pit. Flyers are in the back of church for more information.

**CEMETERY VISIT-**Fr. Lange will visit and bless our cemetery at St. Mary's on Nov. 2 at 11:30 AM. Please come out for prayers and the blessing is you are able.

LECTOR—Oct. 26-Linda Fryman, Nov. 2-Jesse Rawe

CLEANING - Oct.-Lisa and Jeanne Cooper

## FROM THE PASTOR

"The Holiday Season" - Really??

The other day on the radio I heard someone say, "The 'Holiday Season' is almost upon us!

Halloween, then Thanksgiving, then Christmas or Hanukkah or Kwansa!" I know we have to be careful about confusing the secular world's language with ou church language. I know there are secular holidays and there are religious holidays. And that's fine —that's the nature of living in a Republic with Religious Liberty like ours.

But I can't help but think that this is one more thing about our culture that can be confusing to people. Because now we seem to be lumping Halloween in with holidays that are far more important - and really, wholesome. The culture is inadvertently saying, "Halloween is as important as Christmas. Gouls, goblins, witches, and even demons are as important decorations as Christmas trees and lights on the house." (In fact, I think I've noticed that Halloween decorations may have surpassed Christmas ones in some areas!) Without becoming too paranoid or "stick-in-the-mud-ish", I think we need to be careful. Halloween is not as important as Christmas. In fact, it's not nearly as important as the next day that it was originally connected to in the popular mind – All Saints Day, November 1. (Which, somewhat anti-climactically in this article, is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year because it falls on a Saturday. It's always a Holy Day, just not a day we have to attend mass.) And, I think I should say it at least once: Witches and demons can be fun and games with decorations, but we have to be careful. We have to remember that these things represent things that are real, and they're really evil. So we should be a little bothered by their being put on an equal footing with holy symbols of Christmas, and other wholesome holidays like Hanukkah, Thanksgiving, and more.

Here's one way you can counter-balance the "Tyranny of Halloween". Come to the annual Cemetery Visitation at St. Mary Cemetery on the Hill! It is so perfect that it will be on All Souls Day this year (Sunday, November 2 – see this bulletin for details). It will be a great opportunity to pray for your loved ones that are buried there, and all those we don't know, and those buried elsewhere too. We are called to help one another with our prayers on the way to the Father and the Heavenly Kingdom. And remember, our prayers really do help our loved ones who are going through that final preparation to see God in Purgatory. That's what All Souls Day is all about.

-Father Josh Lange