

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Oct. 6	\$555
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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

<i>THE 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Oct. 12	5:00 PM	For †Edward Scott
Sun. Oct. 13	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Mon. Oct. 14	XXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. Oct. 15	8:00 AM	For Sherri Moffett (L)
Wed. Oct. 16	8:00 AM	For Barb Windholtz (L)
Thur. Oct. 17	8:00 AM	For Audrey Windholtz (L)
Fri. Oct. 18	8:00 AM	For †Heather Adamkiewicz and Holy Souls in Purgatory
<i>THE 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Oct. 19	5:00 PM	For †Verna Payne [from Elizabeth Cahill]
Sun. Oct. 20	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Imogene Fisk, 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, Jeanne Eanes, Bill Schneider (Dominion Assisted Living 4009 Siegalman Dr. Florence, Room 215), Ree Wagner, John Jackson, Wanda Bach, Maverick Orth (3yrs old), Daniel Cahill, Pax Minch, Todd Kloentrup, Gina Cooper, and Rita Funke.

BIRTHDAYS—Oct. 15-Cadence Ryan, Oct. 16-Aubrey Hummel, Oct. 21-Andrea Hummel, Oct. 24-Boby Huffman, Oct. 26-Andy Hummel, Oct. 27-Lindy Kiser, Oct. 28—Celia Cooper, Oct. 28-Julie Feinhauer, Oct. 29-Shelli Schroder.

ANNIVERSARY—Oct. 10-Kevin and Kaylynn Cooper, Oct. 15-Richard and Rachel Broering, 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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Mass Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays [Tue through Fri] – 8 AM

Holy Days– 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM

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

THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 13, 2024

DPAA REMINDER—This year's goal for our parish is \$13,000. We have met our goal and surpassed it. THANK YOU FOR HELPING US REACH OUR GOAL! Pledge envelopes are available if you haven't made your commitment yet or did not receive an envelope in the mail. Thank you for all you do for our parish and for our diocese. Remember: anything we collect in the DPAA from now until March will return to the parish.

MASS INTENTIONS—Feel free to submit any and all Mass intention requests. There are lots of available dates if you would like to request a specific date. Remember that you can have Masses offered for the living as well as the deceased.

CCD CLASS SIGNUPS—There's still time to register your kids! Please pick up a form to register your children for the classes as well as a schedule. Our classes will meet on Sundays after the 9AM Mass. Help your children to know and love God better!

SNACKS FOR CCD AND PARISH—There is a sign up sheet in the back of church to bring snacks and drinks to be shared after the Sunday Mass before and during the CCD classes. If you would like to bring snacks for a week, please sign up. If you have questions, please see Lindsay Rawe.

LECTORS WANTED—We are looking to add some more Sunday Mass lectors to our roster. The more we have, the less often you'll have to read! If you are interested, please speak with Fr. Straub.

ALL SAINTS AND SOULS CELEBRATION—Please join us Saturday, Nov. 2nd after the 5:00PM Mass for our "All Souls' Day, All Saints' Day Fall Fest". Children are welcome to dress up as their favorite Saint while they participate in the age-old tradition of begging for soul cakes and praying for the souls in Purgatory. Candy donations are welcomed. There will be a Chili Potluck, so please feel free to bring a crockpot of chili to share. Parents are encouraged to enjoy fellowship by the fire. Flyers are in the back of the church for more information.

VOTE 'YES' ON 2— Please take a 'Vote Yes on 2' sign for your yard, business, and family's yards. It is just a 'yes' on agreeing that the state constitution can be changed so our lawmakers can have the option of exploring ways to allow families to pick the school their children attend. 48 states have this and Kentucky needs it.

LECTOR— Oct. 13-Lisa Cooper, Oct. 20-Bill Funke

CLEANING – Oct.-Lisa and Jeanne

FROM THE PASTOR—CURRENT ISSUES: POLITICS & VOTING

I doubt I would stir waves by saying that it seems that politics has gone off the rocker in recent years. One reason I don't watch regular TV is so I don't have to be bombarded by political ads, but I still see them even watching something on my phone or computer. If you think that is crazy, you should see social media and the frenetic screens from both sides: liberals saying this election is for either "democracy or fascism" and conservatives pushing their candidates as the savior of the nation. It really is too much.

What is our part to play in politics as Catholics? We cannot remain on the sidelines but must be active in converting the world, and that includes nations. Traditionally we sought the conversion of kings as a means of converting entire peoples, but now we must seek to work within current political systems to help Christ reign supreme. We have a duty to promote and elect leaders whose policies are consistent with our Catholic faith. No Catholic may openly support a candidate or politician with anti-Catholic positions such as abortion, contraception and the transgender agenda.

However, it is very frustrating to see that very little seems to change in Washington. We see Democrats increase their drive for an anti-life, anti-marriage, anti-family and anti-human agenda, while Republicans say they oppose this agenda but do nothing about it. We can also be fed up with so many remaining in office for so long and being more concerned with their own welfare rather than their constituents. It is of course a sign of the decline of our age that our governments fail and there seems nowhere to turn in these dark days, but we must not lose hope in God and His plan for us and our country.

While we can exercise a right to vote in this country, we should try to exercise it. However, reiterating the principle that we cannot support candidates who support moral evils, we can excuse ourselves from voting in certain races because we do not trust any of the candidates. One should never vote because one needs to, but because one has the moral certitude that the candidate chosen is most consistent with our beliefs. Besides, there are quite a few local races which we should invest more time and energy into deciding than only the federal races. These positions need good people to be there to support families and children at vulnerable times. Be informed and vote for the best candidate locally as well as the major races.

While we will probably not fix everything with this election, we have an opportunity to influence our government in favor of Christ and His Church. Let us pray for the upcoming election and in particular for the success of amendment #2, so that we may be a state supportive of families. May God help our country to become more united to Him and ruled by Him each day so that all may flourish under the kingship of Christ in this life and in eternal life.

Fr. Jacob Straub