

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Oct. 13	\$1,005
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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

<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
Mon. Oct. 21	XXXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. Oct. 22	8:00 AM	For John Jackson (L)
Wed. Oct. 23	8:00 AM	For the Larry & Samantha Stange Family (L & †)
Thur. Oct. 24	8:00 AM	For Barbara Barczak (L)
Fri. Oct. 25	8:00 AM	For †Heather Adamkiewicz and Holy Souls in Purgatory
<i>THE 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Oct. 26	5:00 PM	For Pete and Sandy Collins (L)
Sun. Oct. 27	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 Huffinan, 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

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THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 20, 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EVENTS—On Oct. 26 and 27, the Knights will be collecting for the Ky. Assc. For Persons with Intellectual Disabilities. They will give a Tootsie Roll out with each donation. Also, on Nov. 2 and 3 they will have a food drive for St. Vincent de Paul's Thanksgiving distribution. Please be as generous as possible at both of these collections. Thank you.

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. 20-Bill Funke, Oct. 27-Linda Fryman

CLEANING – Oct.-Lisa and Jeanne

FROM THE PASTOR—CURRENT ISSUES: SEXUAL IDENTITY

The quickest trend to transform the political landscape has been the various alphabet agenda trends, the LGBT+ assembly. There is so much to address with this topic that it must be divided and conquered in its constituent parts. Before we can attack the individual items of this agenda, we must understand what is fueling this change: the concept of sexual identity.

The root of such things as homosexuality and transgenderism is the idea that we are only sexual creatures. What is meant by this is that we are primarily whatever we are attracted to, whatever satisfies our carnal pleasures. There is no other means of self-identity than this: it ranks above religion, nationality, even race. An individual who has been manipulated by sexual identity theory only sees themselves as a sexual creature, as one who can only find meaning and satisfaction in the sexual and physical. This means that they only see others also in their sexual identity, reducing us to a mere object weighed upon its pleurability towards themselves.

This must be understood as more than an orientation. While too many in this agenda may use the term "sexual orientation", that is not deep enough to name how this is treated. When homosexuals demand marriage rights and rights to children, they are not seeking acceptance of an orientation but an acknowledgement of identity. When transgenders demand you see them for the gender they wish to be and push for health care for their surgeries, this is not some flippant orientation that can be switched on or off or ignored, but a deep-set identification with oneself in this particular identity.

The exaltation of the sexual identity as the only identity betrays a misunderstanding of the human person as created and constituted by God. It cannot be denied that we have a sexual identity in that we are capable of expressing ourselves in a sexual manner (whether in a holy or sinful manner is a different issue), which sees its fulfillment in the conjugal act between husband and wife. However, we are far more than our sexual identity, far more than our urges.

Scripture reveals that we are created in the image and likeness of God and as such receive a great dignity as not only being creatures of God but oriented towards recreation in Christ to truly be sons of God. In Christ, we see how it is we can love beyond merely or only the erotic. We are not emotional creatures defined by sex but are far more and far greater than that. The call of chastity is issued to all: chastity which is the proper appreciation and use of the sexual gift one has received in one's vocation, whether married or single or celibate.

We as Catholics oppose the alphabet agenda because we are not oriented primarily or only towards sex. We hold not only the witness of so many pure and chaste saints throughout our history but even Christ Himself who remained celibate in His earthly life and called all who could to follow Him. May we bear witness to the love of Christ for all who struggle with sexual identity and may we bear witness to the truth of the Gospel to all people. *Fr. Jacob Straub*