

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

Oct. 20	\$943
DPAA Rebate	\$3,176

**MASS SCHEDULE**

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

*THE 30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

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
Mon. Oct. 28	XXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. Oct. 29	8:00 AM	For †Verna Payne [from William Homan]
Wed. Oct. 30	8:00 AM	For the Larry & Samantha Stange Family (L & †)
Thur. Oct. 31	8:00 AM	For Lillian Cooper (L)
Fri. Nov. 1	8:00 AM	For †Verna Payne [from Wendy Rogers]
<i>ALL SAINTS</i>	7:00 PM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
<i>ALL SOULS DAY / THE 31ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Nov. 2	5:00 PM	For all the Deceased People of the Parish & the Cemetery
Sun. Nov. 3	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. 26-Andy Hummel, Oct. 27-Lindy Kiser, Oct. 28-Celia Cooper, Oct. 28-Julie Feinhauer, Oct. 29-Shelli Schroder, Nov. 3-Adam Bach, Nov. 10-Bernadina Ryan, Nov. 11-Lindsay Rawe, Nov. 16-Jason Feinauer, Nov. 17-Joann Schlachter, Nov. 19-Frankie Huffman, Nov. 20-Joseph Schmiade, Nov. 23-Sr. Georgia Messingschlager, Nov. 23– Katherine Broering, Nov. 25-Dr. Richard Broering,

**ANNIVERSARY**—Nov. 7-Andy and Amy Redmond, Nov. 27-Bill and Nancy Schneider

*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

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## THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 27, 2024

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**—Friday, November 1, is the solemnity of All Saints, which is a holy day of obligation. We will have Masses at 8AM and 7PM.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EVENTS**— This weekend, 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 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. 27-Linda Fryman, Nov. 3-Bernie Rawe

**CLEANING** – Nov.-Joann and Tim Schlachter

## FROM THE PASTOR—CURRENT ISSUES: SCHOOL CHOICE

While there are a number of issues and races which are heating up locally and nationally, one in particular seems to draw a line between people: the school choice amendment, or Amendment 2 on our state ballots. People seem to be quite divided, and especially Catholics. This article will address what the amendment means, as well as why our local Catholic churches are in favor of this amendment passing.

The school choice amendment seeks to change our state constitution to permit the use of public funding beyond state schools. It does not establish any means of doing this, but merely makes it legal for public funds to be used for private schools. When the current state constitution was written in 1891, certain sections were written as a means of promoting anti-Catholic bigotry by refusing public funds for any religious-based school. These were some of the famous "Blaine Amendments" done in other states as well in the late 19th century. What Amendment 2 seeks to do is remove this injustice and blatant bias in order to give Kentucky parents alternatives to public schools.

We must remember as Catholics that the primary duty of educating children belongs to parents, not governments. The duty of the state is to assist in this matter, not to replace or supplant parents. We established schools in our parishes not only to help Catholic children grow in their faith but as an alternative to a secular system which could not permit religion to have a place in the curriculum. Our advocacy for Amendment 2 is to help all parents, not merely Catholics, in having different choices for helping their children grow in God.

We used to despise and break up monopoly corporations for throttling the economic systems and harming consumers. Why is the state allowed a monopoly on education? Education has been a private matter until the last few centuries with industrialization, and the Catholic Church has been at the forefront of education for centuries, from schools and universities to educating the poor and unfortunates. Even if we may find fault with some practices within Catholic schools today, this does not mean we should board them up forever and leave everything to the state.

I hear parents who send their children to public schools increasingly complain about the failures of these institutions to do their basic jobs, yet some will say out of the same mouth that it is our only solution. This is absolute madness! We are not beholden to the state for everything and would normally despise government intrusion in most matters. Why do we just give up our children to such a declining system when there are other solutions or possibilities which can be utilized?

A friend of mine put it best when he said: "some people are concerned about schools, while I am concerned about learning." I agree with his sentiment: we must seek the best education for our children wherever it can be found, and cannot be limited by government. Join your yes to thousands of others across the state for better school choice, to give our children the best education they can receive. Every Catholic has a duty to vote in favor of this amendment. Make your voice heard and support the children first.

*Fr. Jacob Straub*