

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sep 29	\$1,049
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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

<i>THE 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Oct. 5	5:00 PM	For †Verna Payne
Sun. Oct. 6	9:00 AM	For †Anna Menefee
Mon. Oct. 7	XXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. Oct. 8	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK-PRIESTS RETREAT
Wed. Oct. 9	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK-PRIESTS RETREAT
Thur. Oct. 10	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK-PRIESTS RETREAT
Fri. Oct. 11	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK-PRIESTS RETREAT
<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

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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Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – 8:00 AM

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-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 6, 2024

DPAA REMINDER—This year’s goal for our parish is \$13,000. As of the latest count, we have received \$13,055 in pledges and contributions. 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—CCD classes will be starting up this Sunday. 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! Also please sign up to provide snacks after Mass!

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 Nov. 2nd after 5:00 Mass on Saturday 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. 6-Bill Funke, Oct. 13-Lisa Cooper

CLEANING – Oct.-Lisa and Jeanne

FROM THE PASTOR – CATHOLIC ISSUES & VOTING

It is important that we understand what are the primary issues upon which we as Catholics should vote in our elections. We do not go with whatever has been our preference or regular choice. Politicians and parties change platforms frequently, and we must evaluate each by the light of the truth of our faith above and beyond what we have done in the past. The following list is based off the US bishops’ informative guide *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, though we will go into more details with some in the future.

Life Issues—these are the preeminent issues concerning our country. This of course involves the overturning of abortion and contraception, but also concerns end-of-life issues as well. With a growing desire for legal euthanasia and assisted suicide, along with huge issues of the use of embryonic stem cells, we must proclaim the sanctity of all life from conception to death.

Marriage & Families—the recent push to legitimize homosexuality and other so-called “marriages” reminds us that we cannot support the degradation of marriage as instituted by God between a man and a woman. We must also support families against all that seeks to destroy them or warp them into some anti-traditional form as well as support the family as the center of society.

Human Dignity—the recent wave of transgenderism as well as transhumanism challenge the very understanding of what it means to be human. We must work for policies that support and build up the dignity of the human person as an embodied spirit created in the image and likeness of God.

Religious Freedom—we must support the right to practice our religion in every sphere, not just the freedom to worship as some politicians have begun to advocate. Our Catholic faith is not just for our church building but every facet of life and cannot be legitimately impeded.

Concern for the Poor—The Gospel reminds us that we are to take care of the poor around us, and we must not be stopped from fulfilling this evangelical mission. We ought also to strive to overturn the sharks who prey on the poor through laws and policies that prohibit such reprehensible actions to some of our most vulnerable.

School Choice—we must remember that it is primarily the duties of parents to educate their children, not the state. Parents must be supported by the state in order to raise their children well.

Environment—a growing concern in recent years has been our care for our common home. God has made us stewards of creation, and we must utilize the goods of creation not merely for our ease but for the good of future generations.

We must evaluate every candidate based on these issues and how they seek to implement (or not) what we believe and hold to be true and good for humanity as revealed by God. A Catholic cannot vote for a candidate who goes against these principles or has a history of enacting policies that go against these principles, in particular issues concerning life. As the polls begin to open and we begin the final preparations for the election, let us pray to the Holy Spirit for the guidance we need to vote not merely as Americans, but as Catholics striving to enter and proclaim the Kingdom of God.

Rev. Jacob Straub