

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

Oct. 9	\$1,731
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

<i>THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Oct. 15	5:00 PM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
Sun. Oct. 16	9:00 AM	For †Henrietta Zellerer
Mon. Oct. 17	8:00 AM	For †Patricia Ann Tolle
Tue. Oct. 18	8:00 AM	For †Ellarie Glenn
Wed. Oct. 19	8:00 AM	For †Brian Lawson
Thur. Oct. 20	8:00 AM	For †Butch Hendricks (Adoration & Confessions 6-7PM)
Fri. Oct. 21	8:00 AM	For †Claude Napier
<i>THE THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Oct. 22	5:00 PM	For †Billie Sams
Sun. Oct. 23	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish

**PRAYER LIST**—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Charles Taylor, Mary Louise Cross, Chris Rauf, Katie Davis, Barry Bergman, Andrew Lauck, Bradley Franzen, Pam Babbington, Dave Kordenbrock, Kate & Colton Sherold, Karen Reilly, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff who is suffering from Meniere’s disease, Brian Buckingham, Tony Bach, John Jackson, Hank Bond, Hudson Feinauer, Bobby Jo Glenn, Mike and Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Kambie Perkins, Bonita and Jim Happe, Jenny McVey Alm, Dave Verst, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Larry Slusher, Brenda Johnson, Verna Payne, and Roger High.

**BIRTHDAYS**– Oct. 15-Cadence Ryan, Oct. 16-Aubrey Hummel, Oct. 21-Andrea Hummel, Oct. 24-Bobby 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 you birthday or anniversary is not listed, let Linda know.*



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Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursdays 6-7:00 PM

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Thursdays—6:00-7:00 PM

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## THE TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 16, 2022

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DPAA**— Thanks be to God! We have reached and exceeded our required goal by over \$800 and everything given to the DPAA going forward will come back to St. Matthew and will not be taxed by the Diocese as are our regular collections. If you plan to give any additional funds to the church, please give them through the DPAA so we will benefit from the entire amount without assessment. Thank you to everyone who has given.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**—The St. Cecilia St. Vincent de Paul is in need of any type of food item. There will be bins out next week to collect items. Please be generous.

**ALTAR LINENS LAUNDERING**— Darlene Schutte has retired from assisting with the cleaning of the altar linens. We need someone else to help Rosanne with this job. You will be laundering them as often as necessary for a month at a time. You will alternate months with Rosanne. Rosanne will be happy to train you. How often you do them in your month is up to you. It can be weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly if you choose. Please see Rosanne or Father if interested.

**VOTE**—If you think your vote will not matter, remember we need all the votes we can get to help stop the overturn of the anti-abortion laws. Vote ‘Yes’ on issue #2. This will place an amendment into the Ky. Constitution prohibiting abortion which cannot be overturned.

**FALL CELEBRATION**—We will host a fall celebration on Saturday, October 22, starting at 6:00 PM in the parish hall. There will be food and drinks available, (chili, hot dogs, spaghetti), S’mores outside the door at the fire pit, pumpkin carving, and then a family movie. Children are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes or dress as a Saint. Father will attempt to guess which Saint they are. Bring your children, friends, grandchildren, and neighbors. Let’s share the spirit of fall and our love for the Lord. Please join us!

**REQUESTS FROM SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS**—Our class is making plastic mats for homeless people. These are made out of plastic grocery bags. Please bring in bags for them to use for this purpose. This will continue until we post in the bulletin that we have enough. Thanks!

**LECTOR**— October 16—Lisa Cooper, October 23—Bill Funke, October 30 —Linda Fryman

**CLEANING**— October 24—Tim and Joanne

### 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 the erotic. We are not merely 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 only or primarily or even 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*