

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

Oct. 23	\$1,428
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

*THE THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

Sat. Oct. 29	5:00 PM	For Tony and Wanda Bach [Living]
Sun. Oct. 30	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
Mon. Oct. 31	8:00 AM	For †Ralph Schadler

*THE SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)*

Tue. Nov. 1	8:00 AM	For the Celebrant's Private Intention
	7:00 PM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
Wed. Nov. 2	8:00 AM	For the †Deceased People of Our Parish
	7:00 PM	For †All the Faithful Departed
Thur. Nov. 3	8:00 AM	For †David Vitucci (Adoration & Confessions 6-7PM)
Fri. Nov. 4	8:00 AM	For †Steve Schadler

*THE THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

Sat. Nov. 5	5:00 PM	For †Anna Menefee
Sun. Nov. 6	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish

**PRAYER LIST**—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Charles Taylor, 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, 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, Roger High, and the family of Mary Louise Cross (RIP).

**BIRTHDAYS**— Oct. 29-Shelli Schroder, Nov. 3-Adam Bach, Nov. 10– Dina Ryan, Nov. 11-Lindsay Cooper, Nov. 16– Jason Feinauer, Nov. 17– Joanne Schlachter, Nov. 19– Frank Huffman, Nov. 20– Joseph Schmiade, Nov. 23– Sr. Georgia Messingschlager, Nov. 23-Katherine Broering, Nov. 25-Richard Broering

*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 THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 30, 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.

**THANK YOU NOTES**—Verna Payne and her family wish to thank everyone for their nice cards. They are especially thankful to the CCD children for their cards. Also, we wish to thank the person who anonymously agreed to pay the fees for all of our Sunday CCD class students. May God bless you for your generosity.

**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.

**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!

**SECOND COLLECTION**—This weekend will be the Seminarian Education Fund, which supports our future priests. Please give generously to the future of our church.

**MASS FOR THE DEAD**—We will have an evening Mass for remembering and praying for all our beloved dead on Wednesday, November 2, at 7:00 PM. Please join us in praying for our dead.

**INDULGENCES FOR THE DEAD**—From Nov. 1 to Nov. 8, one can earn a plenary indulgence each day for the faithful departed by visiting a cemetery and praying for the dead. This must be done together with receiving Holy Communion the day of, and praying for the Holy Father. Pray for all the dead, especially those you remember.

**LECTOR**—October 30-Linda Fryman, November 6-Bernie Rawe

**CLEANING**—October 24-Tim and Joanne, November 7-Chris and Linda

### FROM THE PASTOR—ON DISTRIBUTING HOLY COMMUNION

I would like to pause my recent series on current issues to discuss my decision announced last weekend. To be clear: effective the first Sunday of Advent, Holy Communion will only be distributed on the tongue of the recipient. It will no longer be permitted to receive in the hand. I would like to discuss a little of the recent history of this issue along with my justification for this action here at our parish.

While there seems to be some vague sense of the faithful receiving Holy Communion in the hand in antiquity (a few sermons exist calling people to do this reverently), it seems a practice that did not last long and faded into two practices: the reception of both species of Communion via spoon in the East and receiving the host on the tongue in the West. With the tumult of changes which occurred after and falsely “in the name of” the Second Vatican Council in the 60s, many priests began to force people to receive Communion on the hand, though it had never been mandated or encouraged. Pope Paul VI questioned the world’s bishops in 1969 about introducing this practice, and the overwhelming majority were against it (see the instruction *Memoriale Domini* from the Congregation for Divine Worship). As a compromise, the pope granted an exception to places that had practiced it, while mandating that bishops and pastors strengthen the faithful’s belief in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist and the traditional practice. Though this indulgence had not been initially approved for the US, it was forced through in 1976 despite many objections to the need for it.

In all of this, the Vatican has been consistent in demanding that pastors maintain reverence for the Eucharist in the faithful. The instruction *Redemptionis Sacramentum* issued in 2004 gave this provision: “If there is a risk of profanation, then Holy Communion should not be given in the hand to the faithful.” We also see time and again that belief in the Eucharist as the real presence of Jesus has not been aided by this practice. A poll this past month found only 50% of respondents believed in the Real Presence. Can we really be surprised when bad practices have been forced upon people and this doctrine is not preached or practiced?

Serious belief requires serious practice. I related to you my story last week of finding a host in a classroom at school. I have seen the Eucharist dropped on multiple occasions in my priesthood, as well as people walking off and not consuming the host. Worse, this practice allows the Eucharist to be more easily stolen and desecrated, which is occurring more frequently as people are attracted to witchcraft and demonic activities. What justification remains to continue a practice initiated in a terrible manner which does not reinforce our central beliefs and puts others in danger of losing their immortal souls? Let us come down to Jesus who comes down to us in the Eucharist. Let us humble ourselves to approach the Eucharist and receive Him in a worthy manner so as to be truly nourished and strengthened to gain eternal life.

Fr. Jacob Straub