

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

Sept. 19	TBD
Sept. 26	

**MASS SCHEDULE**

*TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

Sat. Oct. 2	5:00 PM	For Anthony Lynn Cross
Sun. Oct. 3	9:00 AM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Mon. Oct. 4	8:00 AM	For All the Poor Souls
Tue. Oct. 5		<i>No Public Mass</i>
Wed. Oct. 6	8:00 AM	For Ed Gripshover
Thur. Oct. 7		<i>No Public Mass</i>
Fri. Oct. 8		<i>No Public Mass</i>

*TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

Sat. Oct. 9	5:00 PM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Sun. Oct. 10	9:00 AM	The Health of the Ehlman Family

**PRAYER LIST**—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Charles Taylor, Barbara Dirkes, Mary Louise Cross, Cotton Teegarden, Mike Newcomb, Ed Grant, Vernon Dixon, Chris Rauf, Katie Davis, Barry Bergman, Andrew Lauck, Bradley Franzen, Pam Babbington, Dave & Barb Kordenbrock, Kate & Colton Sherold, Karen Reilly, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff who is suffering with a horrible disease, Mike Leming, Dave Verst, Donnie Lauer, Mary Lamb, Lena Bach, Wayne Huffman, Justin Seiter, Rhonda Hawn, Brian Buckingham, and Dave Neuspickel.

**BIRTHDAYS**— Oct. 13— Cadence Ryan, Oct. 19— Kyleigh Huffman, Oct. 24— Bobby Huffman, Oct. 27— Lindy Kiser, Oct. 28— Penny Kleusener, Oct. 28— Julie Feinauer, Oct. 29— Shelli Schroder, Oct. 29 — Kelsey Schneider.

**ANNIVERSARIES**— None

*Please send any requests for prayers or memorials to the parish email or call to make a request.*



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Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – please check each week’s schedule

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

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OCTOBER 3, 2021

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FESTIVAL THANK YOU**— Soon we will let you know the date of our parish festival thank you meal. We are still in the planning stages so watch the bulletin for the date.

**NEW BISHOP**— Our new bishop, Bishop John Iffert, has officially taken the reins of the Diocese of Covington. His prayer is “Wherever I go from here, Lord, let me be strong in faith and poor in spirit. Make me a man after your own heart.” Please pray for his well being and for him to have a smooth transition.

**OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY**—Prayer before the Rosary - Queen of the Holy Rosary, you have deigned to come to Fatima, to reveal to the three shepherd children, the treasures of grace hidden in the Rosary. Inspire my heart with a sincere love of this devotion, in order that by meditating on the Mysteries of our Redemption which are recalled in it, I may obtain peace for the world, the conversion of sinners, and the favor which I ask of you in this Rosary (Mention your request). I ask it for the greater glory of God, for your own honor, and for the good of souls, especially for my own. —Amen

**CCD STARTS THIS WEEK**—The first week of CCD classes will be this Sunday after the 9 AM Mass. Plan for your child to be there. If you have not signed up yet, there is still time.

**LECTOR**— OCTOBER 3—Linda Fryman, OCTOBER 10— Lisa Cooper

**CLEANING TEAM**—October 10—Chris and Linda

PRAY THE ROSARY DAILY!



### FROM THE PASTOR – DANGERS TO MARRIAGE

With the focus on marriage in this week’s Gospel, we ought to see what are some of the dangers that threaten the sacrament of marriage. Just as we can be individually tempted in our spiritual lives, so also can we be tempted in our marital lives to avoid living the vows we made before each other and God. We must steel ourselves with God’s grace from these dreadful temptations so that our marriages may be fruitful and sanctifying.

**ADULTERY**—This is obviously the greatest threat to marriage: being intimate with one you have not vowed yourself to in marriage. But Jesus reminds us that we can commit adultery in more ways than just the physical act. “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that every one who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.” (Matthew 5:27-28) To gaze lustfully at another is to violate the marital vow. This does not mean that we cannot have interactions with the opposite sex, but it does mean we ought to be on our guard that we do not objectify and stare them down. Our intimacy belongs to our spouse.

**PORNOGRAPHY**—There has been a rise in couples who use this material as an “assistance” in the bedroom. It is even at times recommended by marriage counselors or therapists. However, this is no better than adultery. Just because the people are virtual (on the TV or the computer) does not make it any less of a sharing intimacy with others whom you have not vowed yourself to. It is also wrong in that you are making it obvious that your spouse is not sufficient for helping you achieve unity in the conjugal act. Using this material opens a path toward destroying the trust and support which marriage is supposed to bring to both spouses.

**KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES**—We can desire to fit in to our neighbors so much that we become obsessed with having the latest trendy goods or houses or lawns or stuff for the kids. With social media increasing in our lives, this desire grows even worse, seeing the people we know on there seeming to have such picture-perfect lives. Marriage is messy and hard at times, as is life. Do not compare yourself or your spouse to anything you see or experience from others. You are what you are. Also remember: very few people share the hard things online.

**CHILDREN**—What?!? How could children—the natural result of marriage—be a danger to marriage? It happens when we overemphasize our children to the point of losing the unitive relationship that is central to marriage. This can also be bad in the context of keeping up with the Joneses in being worried about our children being exactly like the rest. We need to care for our spousal relationship as well as caring for our children. This cannot be neglected or put on the backburner.

May we strive to recognize the dangers that creep up in marriage and pray and work together to maintain your living out of this sacrament for your good and the good of your spouse & family.

*Fr. Jacob Straub*