

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

*THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT MATTHEW [OBSERVED]*

Sat. Sep. 16	5:00 PM	For Tony & Wanda Bach (L)
Sun. Sep. 17	9:00 AM	For †Henrietta Zellerer
Mon. Sep. 18	8:00 AM	For James Hyatt (L)
Tue. Sep. 19	8:00 AM	For Becky Hyatt (L)
Wed. Sep. 20	8:00 AM	For †Heather Adamkiewicz & Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thur. Sep. 21	8:00 AM	For the People of the Parish [Adoration & Confessions 6-7:00PM]
Fri. Sep. 22	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
<i>THE 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Sep. 23	5:00 PM	For †Genoa Scott
Sun. Sep. 24	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish

**PRAYER LIST**—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Verna Payne, Pam Babbington, Dave Kordenbrock, Kate & Colton Sherold, Karen Reilly, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, Mike and Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Bonita & Jim Happe, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Larry Slusher, Roger High, Cheryl Miller, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Jeanne Eanes, Bill Schneider (In Storypoint Assisted Living, 9255 US 42, Apt. 44, Union, KY. 41091), Ree Wagner, Randy Goodhew, Rosanne Rawe, Patty Neuspickel’s son Jim, Alan Fields, Imogene Fisk, Larry Cappel, Sean Timmerding, Rodney Gurren (2 years old), Maverick Orth and Bill Edelbroich.

**BIRTHDAYS**—Tonja Fariello-Sept. 17, Bill Schneider-Sept. 19, Brody Baker– Sept. 23, Madeline Thorwarth-Sept. 24, Tony Bach-Sept. 25, Owen Rawe-Sept. 29.

**ANNIVERSARIES**– Tom and Darlene Schutte-Sept. 2, Dina and Michael Ryan-Sept. 6, Tony and Wanda Bach-Sept. 10, William and Linda Beck-Sept. 12, Tony and Tonja Fariello-Sept. 13, Brian and Trisha Moore-Sept 13, Jerry and Eileen Ehlman-Sept. 26.

*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—6:00-6:50 PM

Parish Staff and Volunteers

Religious Education – Roseanne Rawe (859) 635-1572

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## THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT MATTHEW [OBSERVED]

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

**DPAA**—The DPAA pledges and collections as of now stand at \$11,370 which is only \$730 less than our goal (\$12,100). If you have not contributed, please consider doing so. Remember all monies collected over the goal comes back to us. We are getting so close!

**HELPING AT THE FESTIVAL**—Even if you have not pre-registered, you can still help out with the festival. Just ask at the booths to see who needs a rest to go eat or just to get off their feet. If no one needs help, see Linda in the kitchen and she will find you a place to work.

**NEW RAFFLE ITEMS**—American Sound (Brad Cooper's employer) has given us two sets of Bengals tickets to raffle. These are suite tickets with food, drinks, deserts, and private bathrooms! The raffle tickets to win these suite tickets will be \$10. Don't miss this great opportunity to buy tickets to win these wonderful prizes!

**RAFFLE TICKETS**—Please be sure to bring back any raffle tickets you have, whether sold or unsold. We need to keep track of all of them, as well as try to sell them all.

**LECTOR**— Sept. 17-Bill Funke, Sept. 24-Linda Fryman

**POST FESTIVAL CLEANING**—Everyone-date to be determined.

*COME OUT TO THE  
PARISH FESTIVAL!*

*SUNDAY NOON-7PM*

*(Dinners served 12:30-6:30PM)*



## FROM THE PRIEST – OUR PATRON SAINT MATTHEW

It is a standard practice in the Catholic Church to dedicate a church building to a specific saint. This practice is known as patronage, and the saint is given as the heavenly patron of that church. What does this mean? It means that we have a special relationship with Saint Matthew compared to other saints, and that he is our particular and special intercessor before God for us and for our church. We ought to be devoted to Saint Matthew for our good and the good of our church.

Who is Saint Matthew? We hear about his calling in the Gospel today when Jesus calls him from his post as a tax collector. One must understand the vitriol that people of those days had for tax collectors versus our modern despoising of the IRS. A tax collector's duty was to collect a certain amount of taxes for the Roman Empire. The empire set the amount, and the tax collector was to pay it by a certain time, and if he collected any more, he was permitted to keep it as profit. This gave rise to the corruption of this class of imperial workers as being greedy and self-centered.



After his conversion and elevation to being one of the 12 Apostles, Matthew would work closely with Jesus and be a witness to his teachings and miracles, in particular serving as a witness of the Resurrection. This would lead to his call to compose the Gospel which is attributed to him. This particular gospel account is seen as demonstrating Jesus to be the Messiah foretold in the Old Testament who fulfills the prophecies spoken about him. You will often see Matthew use the phrase, "this happened to fulfill what was written in the prophet..." to demonstrate Jesus' fulfilling mission in this world.

After the Ascension of our Lord, Matthew would go on to proclaim the Gospel not just in writing but in his words and his actions. It is traditionally said that he focused his ministry on his fellow Jews so that they would accept Jesus as the prophesied Messiah and believe in Him. The last years of his life are not well recorded, with various accounts of where he was martyred for the faith. Yet his memory persists not only as an author but as an apostle and witness to the Risen Lord.

Let us grow closer to our patron Saint Matthew each day by fostering devotions to him. Let us pray and ask him to help our little church in the country to persevere over any and all difficulties so that we may emulate his witness in the resurrected Jesus to all around us. May we rejoice to have such a heavenly patron, but may we seek his help and guidance daily so that we may be worth to join him forever in eternal glory.

*Fr. Jacob Straub*