

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT MATTHEW

Sat. Sep. 20	5:00 PM	For Tony & Wanda Bach (L) [from Joe & Kathy Bach]
Sun. Sep. 21	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
Mon. Sep. 22	XXXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. Sep. 23	8:00 AM	For the Mayer Family (L&†) [from Samantha Stange]
Wed. Sep. 24	8:00 AM	For †Barbara Barczak
Thur. Sep. 25	XXXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Fri. Sep. 26	XXXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK

THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. Sep. 27	5:00 PM	For †Mary Jo Schmiade [from Mark & Donna Freihofer]
Sun. Sep. 28	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish

PRAYER LIST—Eileen Ehlman, 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, Bill Schneider (Dominion Assisted Living 4009 Seligman Dr. Florence, Room 215), Ree Wagner, Wanda Bach, Maverick Orth (3yrs old), Daniel Cahill, Pax Minch, Todd Kloentrup, Gina Cooper, Tom Breeze, Valetta Proctor, Ruth Elbert, Melba Hauser, Larry Cappel, Mary Beth Feldmann, Griffin Cornell, Rosanne Rawe, Jeff Piehl, Annamarie Schroeder, Alyssa Baker, and Lena Bach.

BIRTHDAYS—Sep. 1-Sheri Hartman, Sep. 14-Terry Downs, Sep. 16-Genevieve Mayleben, Sep. 19-Bill Schneider, Sep. 20-Kevin Mayleben, Sep. 23-Brody Baker, Sep. 25-Tony Bach, Sep. 25-August Mayleben, Sep. 29-Owen Rawe.

ANNIVERSARY—Sep. 2-Tom and Darlene Schutte, Sep. 10-Tony and Wanda Bach, Sep. 12-William and Linda Beck.

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.



SAINT MATTHEW CHURCH

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Mass Schedule:
Saturdays – 5:00 PM Sundays – 9:00 AM
Weekdays [Tue through Fri] – 8 AM Holy Days– 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Confession Times:
Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Parish Staff and Volunteers
Religious Education – Lindsey Rawe (859) 250-7415
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Parish History/Cemetery Info – Patty Neuspickel (859) 472-2508

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SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

DPAA—The new DPAA campaign has begun! Our parish's goal for this year is \$13,400. As of July 31, we have received \$11,485 in donations and commitments. You should be receiving envelopes in the mail to make your pledge. There are also purple envelopes available near the collection box. Thank you for your contributions!

CHURCH CLEANING—Patty Neuspickel is heading up the monthly cleaning crew. We are down to a very few who are cleaning so if you have any free time, please see Patty to determine what needs to be done and if you would like to volunteer. It is once a week for a month. You pick the days. Patty can be reached at 859-322-3491.

SUNDAY SCHOOL/CCD SIGN UPS— There are Sunday School sign up sheets on the desk in the hallway of church. You may return it to Lindsay Rawe after filling it out. CCD will start on the first Sunday of October.

LECTOR— Sep. 21-Linda Fryman, Sep. 28-Jesse Rawe

CLEANING – Sep.-Kathy and Wanda Bach

*COME OUT TO THE
PARISH FESTIVAL!*

SUNDAY NOON-7PM

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

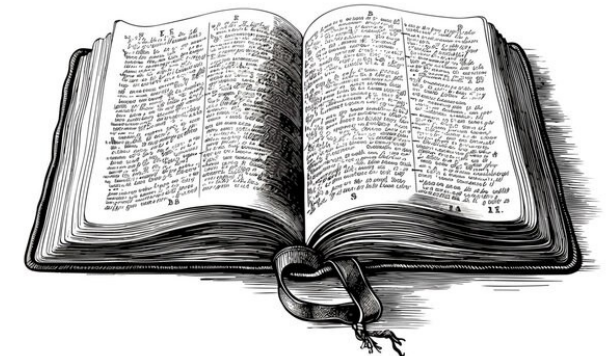


FROM THE PASTOR—SACRAMENTALS: THE BIBLE

We should remind ourselves that sacramentals help us to participate more fully in the sacraments and the divine life each day. Each of these items or practices are blessed by the Church to help us grow holier in Christ and practice our faith better. Sacramental blessings also set these items aside from regular non-religious usage, which means we are to use these blessed things in a responsible and reverential manner. What item could be considered more helpful for our growth in holiness than the bible?

The Bible is the inspired word which helps us to know the Word of God who died for us. It is the foundation of all our beliefs and theology. It is more than a history textbook: it is the divine revelation of God and His plan for our salvation and eternal life. Each bible printed on paper and bound into a book is the means whereby we access these texts and come to know and encounter God who is still working through these words and passages. It is not a Protestant book, for all of the human authors who worked in conjunction with the Divine Author were members of the people of God: whether of ancient Israel for the Old Testament writers, or the Catholic Church for the New Testament writers.

The Bible is more than a book, and thus it should be treated differently than other books. We should each have a physical copy of the Sacred Scriptures in the first place to have a dedicated copy easy to access and focus on in our study and prayer. It is great to access the Bible on our computers and smartphones, but having a physical bible allows one to segregate and sacralize the time spent with it in distinction from other activities done on the devices.



A physical bible also allows us to have mindful reading and devotional practices. There is a tangible difference in using a physical book versus a device which shares functions with other, less sacred actions. Would you sign your phone like the priest signs the lectionary at every Mass? I wouldn't! But to sign a physical, blessed bible reminds us that we are approaching God by reading the Scriptures in this form. To kiss the pages of the bible can be seen as offering a reverential kiss to Christ who is the true Word that endures forever. Holding that book, we can pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit to help understand and treasure what that same Spirit wrote so long ago for our benefit and edification.

Be sure that you have a Catholic edition of the Bible not only for accuracy of translation but also to avoid missing books which Protestants erroneously believe should not belong in there. Get a dignified copy to remind yourself of the value and importance of this divine work, just as good priests get fine vestments and metalware for the sacred liturgy. Above all, read well what God has written and live it out each day. In this way, you will be able to follow the path of our parish patron Saint Matthew and all of the holy biblical authors in being prepared for the fulfillment of the Bible which can only be found at the side of Christ forever in Heaven.

Fr. Jacob Straub