

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

THE 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. Sep. 2	5:00 PM	For †Paul Schmitt
Sun. Sep. 3	9:00 AM	For †Ed Roberts
Mon. Sep. 4	XXXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Tue. Sep. 5	XXXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK-SCHOOL MEETING
Wed. Sep. 6	8:00 AM	For †Edward Windholtz
Thur. Sep. 7	8:00 AM	For Tony Fariello (L) [Adoration and Confessions 6-7:00 PM]
Fri. Sep. 8	8:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish

THE 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. Sep. 9	5:00 PM	For †Anna Menefee
Sun. Sep. 10	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, and two year old, Maverick Orth.

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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Parish History/Cemetery Info – Patty Neuspickel (859) 472-2508

THE 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

HAWAIIAN WILDFIRE RELIEF COLLECTION—There will be a second collection this weekend for helping to relieve those affected in the horrendous wildfires in Hawaii. Please support them as best as you can and keep them in your prayers.

DPAA—The DPAA pledges and collections as of now stand at \$10,600 which is only \$1,500 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.

FESTIVAL MEETING—The festival is fast approaching! The festival will be on Sunday, September 17, so mark your calendars. Our next festival meeting will be **Wednesday, Sept. 6 at 7pm**. If you wish to volunteer, sponsor, or have ideas, please attend. Thanks!

SILENT AUCTION AND CHINESE BAG RAFFLE ITEMS—We are in need of items for the silent auction and/or the Chinese bag raffle for the festival. If you frequently go to a business, don't be afraid to ask for a donation. Also, mention that booths can be sponsored for \$200, which gets a large sign noting the business as a sponsor. We are especially in need of silent auction items **(especially in need of baby items, kitchen items, gardening items, UK items, and kids toys and games to finish out some baskets)**. If you are making your own basket, please have it in by Wed. Sept. 13. All donations should be left downstairs.

2 LTR. DRINKS—We need 2 liter drinks for the ring toss. There is a box under the table in the gathering space. **WE DO NOT NEED DIME PITCH GLASSWEAR; WE HAVE PLENTY.**

CAKE AUCTION—We will be hosting another cake auction this year at the festival. Cake boxes are on the table in the front of church. Please write down what you are making to prevent duplicates. We would like to have at least 20 cakes for auction. We need several more cakes! Please consider baking one for the auction!

FESTIVAL SET UP—We will have setup for the festival on Thursday, Sep. 14 at 5pm or whenever you can make it. Mark your calendars and come help out.

LECTOR— Sept. 3-Julie Feinauer, Sept. 10-Lisa Cooper

CLEANING—Lisa and Jeanne Cooper

FROM THE PRIEST – ON LABOR & WORK

With the Labor Day holiday on Monday, which gives many of us an additional rest from our labors, we ought to consider the place of labor or work in the spiritual life as taught to us by the Church. What is the role or purpose of labor? Are we meant to be workers? What about rest and relaxation?

We see the progress of work within the story of the Bible. God is the primary Laborer who works to create the universe and rests from His great work on the seventh day (Gen 1-2:3). God created Adam and Eve and called them to work in the garden in which He has created and placed them (Gen. 2:15). But after the disobedience of our first parents, work becomes the toil by which man must earn his bread and woman must toil to give birth (Gen. 3:16-19), yet this “curse” by God is only due to the effects of sin upon us.

God continues throughout salvation history to call upon humanity to work in conjunction with Himself not only for their own needs but for their flourishing as well. One of the “sins that cries to Heaven” in the Church’s tradition is the defrauding of the laborer’s wages, which has numerous prescriptions against this deceitful practice in the Scriptures (Deut 24:14-15; Sirach 34:26-27; Is 58:3-7; Jer 22:13). We must work to provide for our needs but we are also called to rest by God and not to be perpetual busybodies (Deut 5:13-15; Mark 2:27).

This goodness of labor finds its fullest expression in the life of Jesus. Before His public ministry, Jesus was willing to be known as the son of a carpenter and worked in that business with His earthly father. Pope Francis highlights this point in a recent magisterial document: “Jesus worked with his hands, in daily contact with the matter created by God, to which he gave form by his craftsmanship. It is striking that most of his life was dedicated to this task in a simple life which awakened no admiration at all: ‘Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary?’ (*Mk 6:3*).” (*Laudato Si* paragraph 98)

The most important event to happen in the history of salvation and the history of humanity is what Jesus does over the Triduum: His passion, death, and Resurrection. This is the work for which Jesus was sent into the world. Not only that, but Jesus calls each of His disciples to continue this work of salvation in themselves by carrying the Cross daily (Mt 10:38, 16:24; Mk 8:34; Lk 9:23, 14:27). Yet we are also called to rest in Christ on the new Sabbath – Sunday – to rejoice in the day that the Lord has made by His work on the life-giving Cross. Let us indeed work with Christ in the great work of salvation, and let us also rest in Him as we await that place where our work shall be done forever.

Fr. Jacob Straub