

Aug 24	\$855
Aug 31	\$1,217

**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.

**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.*



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

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

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## THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 7, 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.

**FESTIVAL NOTES**—Our festival will be held on Sunday, September 21. Mark your calendars! Tell everyone! Our next festival meeting on **Thursday, Sep. 11, at 6:30 PM**.

**GROCERY BASKETS**—There are empty grocery baskets in the back of church. Please take one and return it with at least \$25 worth of groceries in it to be raffled at the festival. Please be aware of expiration dates! Some people do a theme basket of all baby items, baking items or whatever else you fancy. Thanks for your help on this.

**FESTIVAL VOLUNTEERS**—See flyers posted on the doors. Please help where you can.

**CAKES FOR RAFFLE AND DESSERTS FOR DINNER**— Cake boxes for the raffle are in the back of church. Also please bring a dessert for the dinner at the festival. Thank you.

**ITEMS FOR RAFFLE**—It’s not too early to bring in new and gently used items for our raffles. Just put them on the tables downstairs. We are in need of these items and \$25 gift cards. Thanks.

**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.

**RIGHT TO LIFE**— October is ‘Right to Life’ month. Watch for ways to participate in future bulletins.

**LECTOR**— Sept. 7— Bill Funke, Sept. 14— Lisa Cooper

**CLEANING** — Sept.-Kathy and Wanda Bach

## FROM THE PASTOR—SACRAMENTALS: ST. BENEDICT MEDAL

Many of the sacramental devotional medals made throughout the centuries have been attached to religious orders. These items serve as an aid to the consecrated religious who seeks protection against temptation and sin as well as blessings and graces from God and Our Lady. It is no different with the medal used by most Benedictine monasteries today known as Saint Benedict’s Medal.

The origin of this medal is not well known but attested to as early as the 15th century. You will see a picture of the two sides of the medal below. The middle figure on the left (front) is an image of Saint Benedict of Nursia. This holy monk is considered the founder of western monasticism thanks to his own example of living separate from the world as well as the rule he wrote in the 5th century for his monks to follow. In fact, you can see him holding a copy of the rule in his left hand, which he desires all who ascribe to be his spiritual children to follow. You can also note a



raven beneath the rule, from the story of a raven bringing bread to the holy monk when he was a hermit, living alone in a cave in modern Italy before others found him and wanted to follow his example.

The right (reverse) side shows a cross and lots of letters. All of these initials come from Latin terms. The CSPB stands for “Cross of our father Benedict” which has come to be called the Benedictine cross. At the top is the word “PAX” which is the Lat-

in word for “peace”. All the other letters stand for prayers of exorcism against the demons so as to protect the wearer from spiritual harm.

This medal is a powerful agent against demonic activity. The particular blessing given for this medal seems almost like an exorcism ritual. The medal has been used to bless and protect homes in a few ways, such as placing a medal over a door or on windowsills. The medal serves also to recognize one who has joined themselves to the spiritual rule and rigor of the Benedictines. While not all of us are called to enter the monastery, one is able to become an oblate at most monasteries and partake of some aspects of the rule and life of the monastery while still in the world. These oblates normally wear this medal as a sign of their union with the monks and nuns who pray and labor for the salvation of souls while being removed from the world.

Feel free to ask me to bless any of your Saint Benedict medals properly so that you may grow in single-minded pursuit of Christ just as the holy monk did and inspired numerous others to do so even to today. Use these sacramentals well for your protection and your pursuit of eternity.

*Fr. Jacob Straub*