SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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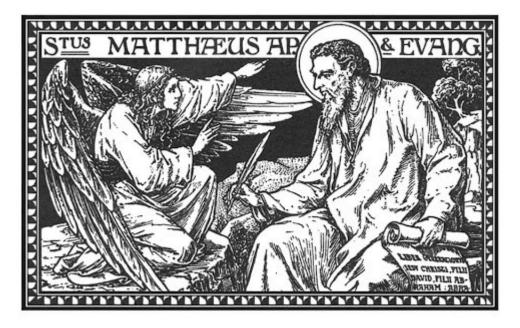
MASS SCHEDULE		
THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Sat. Sept. 10	5:00 PM	For †Anna Menifee
Sun. Sept. 11	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
Mon. Sep. 12	8:00 AM	For †Donna Guinn
Tue. Sep. 13	8:00 AM	For †Jim Humeldorf
Wed. Sep. 14	8:00 AM	For †Dusty Bowman
Thur. Sep. 15	8:00 AM	For †Steve Woodall (NO ADORATION THIS WEEK)
Fri. Sep. 16	8:00 AM	For †Joey Kenny
THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. MATTHEW (OBSERVED)		
Sat. Sep. 17	5:00 PM	For Bobby Bach (Living)
Sun. Sep. 18	9:00 AM	For †Joe Kordenbrock

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Charles Taylor, Mary Louise Cross, Chris Rauf, Katie Davis, Barry Bergman, Andrew Lauck, Bradley Franzen, Pam Babbington, Dave Kordenbrock, Kate & Colton Sherold, Karen Reilly, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff who is suffering from Meniere's disease, Brian Buckingham, Tony Bach, John Jackson, Hank Bond, Hudson Feinauer, Bobby Jo Glenn, Mike and Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Kambie Perkins, Bonita and Jim Happe, Jenny McVey Alm, Dave Verst, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Larry Slusher, Brenda Johnson, Verna Payne, and Roger High.

BIRTHDAYS– Sept. 17-Tonja Fariello, Sept. 23-Brody Baker, Sept. 24– Madeline Thorwarth, Sep. 25-Tony Bach, Sept. 29-Owen Rawe

ANNIVERSARY— Sept. 2-Tom and Darlene Schutte, Sept. 6-Michael and Dina Ryan, Sept. 12, William and Linda Beck, Sept. 13-Tony and Tonja Fariello, Sept. 13-Brian and Trisha Moore, Sept. 26-Jerry and Eileen Ehlman.

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

<u>Confession Times:</u>

 $Saturdays - 4:00-4:50 \ PM \quad Sundays - 8:00-8:50 \ AM \quad Thursdays - 6:00-7:00 \ PM$

Parish Staff and Volunteers

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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPAA- Our parish goal this year is \$11,300. We still need \$1,610. Please help if possible.

FESTIVAL— Festival set up will be on Thursday evening at 6PM. Please come and help. Also bring in those two liters, grocery baskets, desserts for the Sunday meal, sold raffle tickets (and take more to sell), and see Genita to purchase the meat raffle tickets. We can still use more workers. We especially need another bingo worker and another split the pot seller.

MANY THANKS FOR CLEANUP-We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to Warren Richardson for graciously purchasing the paint for our porch. Our thanks also goes out to everyone who helped at the general grounds, church, and garage clean up on Saturday morning. Once again, it takes all of us to keep our parish looking its best. Thanks again.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—Signup sheets are available in the front of church. Please sign up your children this weekend, so we can order the books in time. Please spread the word; this is earlier than past years. Our Sunday School will begin the first Sunday of October. The entire schedule is on our website.

ALTAR LINENS LAUNDERING— Darlene Schutte has retired from assisting with the cleaning of the altar linens. We need someone else to help Rosanne with this job. You will be laundering them as often as necessary for a month at a time. You will alternate months with Rosanne. Rosanne will be happy to train you. How often you do them in your month is up to you. It can be weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly if you choose. Please see Rosanne or Father if interested.

CAKE AUCTION—If you or someone you know can create beautiful cakes for our auction, please consider doing so. There will be a sign up sheet in the gathering space.

LECTOR— September 11-Bernie Rawe, September 18-Kathy Bach

CLEANING TEAM— Sept. 19-Genita and Grand-daughters.

FROM THE PASTOR—SACRAMENTALS: STATUES & IMAGERY

Our article about crucifixes last week reminds us about the power of religious imagery in the church and in the home. Catholics are accused by other Christians of committing idolatry with the religious imagery available, yet this is far from the case. We are not worshipping these images but we use them to aid us in our worship of God and in our prayer life. Not only are these images made in honor of our blessed Lord but also the blessed Virgin Mary and the multitude of saints and angels.

These statues or images can help us feel closer to the saint portrayed, even if we do not have a photograph of them. Just as have pictures to remember important occasions, so too should we have images to help us remember these important people. It is in particular usage within churches



a reminder of the reality that whenever we are at Mass, we participate in the communion of saints here on earth as well as in Heaven. The saints are not dead and gone but are alive in Christ and eagerly awaiting the final consummation of the earth on the Last Day.

We ought to have religious imagery in our homes to remind us of the fraternity and closeness of the saints in our everyday life. They stand before the Most Holy Trinity not only

singing God's praises but intercede for us generally and specifically if we but ask them. This imagery can also remind us of our need for prayer in our daily lives, and lift our hearts and minds towards the saints who can help us to pray and worship God as well as they did.

No Catholic home would be complete without at least one statue or religious image of the blessed Virgin Mary within it, since we ought to become her spiritual children just as Christ humbled Himself to become her Son. We should also have an image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, who promised innumerable blessings on homes where His image was enshrined. As for any other saints, we should try to have saints that we have a devotion towards such as our name saints or patron saints or the saints associated with our birthdays. We should treat these images with respect and reverence and have a place worthy of them in our homes so that we can grow in holiness just as the saints have done in their earthly life. Let us draw close to our holy friends in Christ so that we may be worthy of joining them in eternal life!

Fr. Jacob Straub