

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Sept. 5	\$1,786
Domestic Needs	\$145

MASS SCHEDULE

<i>TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Sept. 11	5:00 PM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Sun. Sept. 12	9:00 AM	For Henrietta Zellerer
Mon. Sept. 13	8:00 AM	For Vincent Fariello
Tue. Sept. 14		<i>No Public Mass</i>
Wed. Sept. 15	8:00 AM	For Ed Gripshover
Thur. Sept. 16		<i>No Public Mass</i>
Fri. Sept. 17		<i>No Public Mass</i>
<i>THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT MATTHEW (OBSERVED)</i>		
Sat. Sept. 18	5:00 PM	For Helen Fariello
Sun. Sept. 19	9:00 AM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish

***PLEASE LET LINDA OR FATHER KNOW IF SOMEONE CAN BE REMOVED FROM OUR PRAYER LIST. SOME PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ON IT FOR MANY MONTHS.**

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Charles Taylor Sarah Hoffman, Mary Louise Cross, Cotton Teegarden, Mike Newcomb, Ed Grant, Vernon Dixon, Chris Rauf, Katie Davis, Barry Bergman, Andrew Lauck, Bradley Franzen, Pam Babbington, Dave & Barb Kordenbrock, Bob Gish, Kate and Colton Sherold, Karen Reilly, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff who is suffering with a horrible disease, Mike Leming, Dave Verst, Donnie Lauer, Mary Lamb, Lena Bach, Wayne Huffman, Justin Seiter, and Dave Neuspickel.

BIRTHDAYS— Sept. 19-Diane McMahan, Sept. 19-Bill Schneider, Sept. 24-Madeline Thorwarth, Sept. 25-Tony Bach

ANNIVERSARIES— Sept. 2-Tom and Darlene Schutte, Sept. 6-Michael & Dina Ryan, Sept. 10-Tony and Wanda Bach, Sept. 26-Jerry & Eileen Ehlman



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Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – please check each week’s schedule

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Parish Staff and Volunteers

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THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

****SET UP FOR FESTIVAL IS THURSDAY EVENING AT 6PM. ALL HANDS NEEDED!
IF YOU CAN'T HELP OUTSIDE, YOU CAN HELP INSIDE WITH SILENT AUCTION
AND CAFETERIA SET UP.**

FESTIVAL MEETING—Our final official festival meeting is this Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM.

GROCERY BASKET RAFFLE—There are white laundry baskets in the back of church. If you are able, please take one and fill it with \$20-25 worth of groceries so they can be raffled off at the festival. Please make sure none of the food is out of date or will expire by the festival. Thanks.

TICKETS—There are still many raffle tickets on the table in the back to take and sell. Also see Genita for tickets for the meat raffle. **Remember**— we need all unsold tickets back. The KY Charitable Gaming Commission requires us to account for all tickets, sold or unsold.

THINGS WE NEED FOR FESTIVAL—Please continue to bring in two liters, filled grocery baskets, glassware, and auction items.

COST FOR DINNERS—Dinners will be \$10 for a large and \$8 for a small. The large dinner is a 4 piece chicken dinner, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans or succotash, slaw, dessert and drink. Small has two pieces of chicken. Beef dinners have a large portion and small portion as well.

CCD SIGN UP SHEETS—If you are planning on your child being in Sunday School/CCD classes this coming year, please pick up a registration sheet in the back of church and return it next week.

SOLEMNITY OF SAINT MATTHEW—We will observe the solemnity of our church patron Saint Matthew next weekend in conjunction with our festival. The regular date to celebrate Saint Matthew is September 21, but we are able to celebrate on the Sunday nearest to the date.

LECTOR—SEPTEMBER 12-Bill Funke, SEPTEMBER 19-Linda Fryman

CLEANING TEAM—SEPTEMBER 11-EVERYONE!!!!!!

PRAY FOR GOOD WEATHER FOR THE FESTIVAL!!!

FROM THE PASTOR—FAITH VERSUS WORKS

One of the major sticking points between Catholic and Protestants is on the question of faith versus works. Protestants will argue that we Catholics reject the “biblical” truth that all we need to do is believe and we are saved, no matter what happens. They will quote Romans 5:1 which says (in the King James Bible): “Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ”. They will argue that when we believe that Jesus is Lord and that He has mercy on us through the merits of His Passion and Death, then we are justified by Jesus and thus are saved. They argue that we have introduced a theology of works for a multitude of reasons, all of which boil down to our resistance to God’s grace. Yet the Catholic position on this matter has some points of agreement and cooperation.

We do indeed believe that our salvation begins through God’s grace and the justification Jesus has merited for us through His passion, death, and resurrection, but we must receive this justification first through the sacraments. The sacraments are efficacious—they have an effect on us when we receive them. Baptism not only washes away our sins but revives us in Christ so that we may be called the adopted children of God. Without baptism, our salvation is extremely difficult to receive. However, our salvation is not an absolute guarantee, either.

We must believe that God saves us, but we are also called to cooperate with His grace and work together with Him for our salvation to be permanent. Our second reading today from the Letter of Saint James greatly emphasizes this point: we are not merely saved by believing but this salvation comes through both faith and works. Saint James writes: “Demonstrate your faith to me without works, and I will demonstrate my faith to you from my works.” (James 2:18) Through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the apostles challenge the Protestants’ erroneous reading of the Scriptures, challenging them to show how they believe without doing works, while he emphasizes the true position.

Even our Lord stresses our need to cooperate and work for our salvation in the Gospel passage for today, when He declares at the end: “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” (Mark 8:34) How can one see this and argue that all we have to do is believe? To take up the Cross is to work with Christ, not against Him, in the great work of salvation. We are still weak creatures prone to temptation, and we are capable of losing our salvation if we err through sin or through pride in believing the lie of “once saved, always saved.”

We must understand our faith enough to rebuke the false teachings of other Christian denominations but also to bear witness to the fullness of truth which is found in the Catholic Church. Let us pray for our separated brethren, that they may truly enter into the one fold of the Redeemer. Let us pray also for one another, that we may work together in this life to earn not only our salvation, but to rejoice in the rest God offers the faithful in everlasting life.

Father Jacob Straub