

THE 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Sept. 6

Sept. 6: \$902.00

Votive Candles: \$33

Please do not forget to mail or drop off your weekly offerings for our collection.

Any and all help is greatly appreciated.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

THE 24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Sat. Sept. 12	5:00 PM	Special Int. for Anthony L. Cross
Sun. Sept. 13	9:00 AM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Mon Sep 14		No Mass
Tue Sept. 15	8:30 AM	For Dave and Nora Ducker
Wed Sept. 16	6:30 PM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Thur. Sep. 17	8:30 AM	For A. G. Lockhart
Fri Sept. 18		No Mass
THE 25 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME		
Sat. Sept. 19	5:00 PM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Sun. Sept. 20	9:00 AM	For Drew Kordenbrock

PRAYER LIST

Jerry Ehlman, Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Kenny Neuspickel, Kathy Barth, Yandell Schneider, Charles Taylor, Ed Gripshover, Joy Sowder, Kathy Proctor, David Roland, Steve Elmlinger, Sarah Hoffman, Mary Louise Cross, Ken Steffen, Cotton Teegarden, Mike Newcomb, Fr. Mario Tizziani, and everyone touched by the Corona virus.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays –September 19-Bill Schneider, September 24-Madeline Thorwarth, September 25-Tony Bach.

Anniversaries – September 2-Tom and Darlene Schutte, September 6-Dina and Michael Ryan, September 10-Tony and Wanda Bach, September 26-Jerry and 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

Religious Education – Roseanne Rawe (859) 635-1572

Bulletin/Prayer List – Linda Fryman (859) 240-2377

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

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

DPAA –If you missed giving, there are envelopes in the back of church for your convenience. Please be generous in helping us reach our goal.

Parish Goal: \$10,700 Total Commitments (as of Aug. 18): \$9,800

GRAND RAFFLE TICKETS – Tickets are going pretty well. We have them in envelopes in the gathering space. We must keep track of who has what numbers for the Gaming Commission's requirements. We will also be mailing an order sheet out to those who have not been attending Mass. If you received tickets at church, please just ignore the order sheet you receive in the mail. Ticket stubs will be mailed back to those who return their order sheets and payment. The drawing will be held at noon on October 18. Also, a big thank you to Warren Richardson who paid for the printing of the tickets.

CCD PARENTS – Please contact Rosanne Rawe. This year's classes will use new books and will be done at home until we are able to resume in-person meetings/classes. Roseanne's number is 859-635-1572. There are also forms for you to fill out that we must return to the Diocese.

BOOK STAND IN GATHERING SPACE – The Knights of Columbus have placed a stand filled with free books in the gathering space. Please take some to read. There are a variety of subjects from which to pick.

NO. KY. RIGHT TO LIFE – Melissa Ohden, an abortion survivor, will be the guest speaker at the Annual Celebration for Life, sponsored by No. Ky. Right to Life, which will be held on Sunday, Sept. 27, at Cincinnati Airport Marriott (2395 Progress Dr., Hebron, KY 41018). Offering the invocation will be Fr. Matthew Cushing of All Saints Church in Walton. At 1 PM, exhibits and refreshments will be available, along with a pro-life film; and the guest speaker at 2 PM. Tickets are \$10 and can be obtained from Stan Barczak (859-431-6380), or at the door. Free childcare will be available.

SERRA CLUB SERVER AWARD – Due to COVID the awards ceremony was cancelled but this year the Serra Club Server award was given to Brody Baker from St. Matthew. Each year the club presents awards to servers who are in 7th grade or above who are nominated by their churches. Even though we are not using servers at this time we congratulate Brody on this honor and hope to see him wearing his award while serving in the future.

FROM THE PRIEST – THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS

The intense emphasis of today's Gospel on the mutual mercy we ought to practice towards one another should remind us of the infinite mercy God has shown to us in forgiving our sins. However, this mercy came at a cost: the very life of Jesus Christ. It is only in the death of Jesus that we are able to once more have life in God. This is why the Church is so vehement in its display and even adoration of the means whereby Jesus died: the wood of the Cross.

Monday, September 14, is the feast of the Exultation of the Cross. This feast was introduced in the early centuries to commemorate the rediscovery of the true Cross by St. Helena in the fourth century, after it had been buried to avoid desecration or loss. Many non-Christians see this as a rather morbid practice. "Would you venerate an electric chair if Jesus died that way?" they will ask mockingly. In part, the answer would be yes, yet there are a few particular reasons that we venerate the Cross.

We first venerate the Cross because it is the particular means chosen as the altar of sacrifice by Jesus. The Cross is literally sanctified because of the Precious Blood spilled upon it, the blood which "speaks more eloquently than Abel's" (Heb 12:24) in overcoming the bonds of sin so that we may be free to love and worship God. It is the holiest item on the planet because by Jesus' salvific action on the Cross we are remade as sons of God and children of light (Eph 5:8). The only thing that is venerated and adored on a higher level than the Cross is the Most Holy Eucharist.

We exalt the Cross because it also shows the full triumph of God over all our enemies. Victors would traditionally march in triumphs and demonstrate not only their weapons and armies, but also the spoils of war. We Christians hold high the Cross because it is the means whereby the King of Kings fought and defeated the enemies of man: sin, Satan, and death. In obtaining this victory through the "weak" means of the suffering and death of the Cross, Jesus demonstrates the true power and wisdom of God (see 1 Cor. 1:20-24).

"Let us ever glory in the Cross of Christ," as the hymn goes. Let us constantly look to the Cross to find our consolation and our strength in times of trouble or tribulation. Let us display the Cross to confound the wisdom of this world that seeks strength over mercy. But let us demonstrate the power of the Cross in the forgiveness and mercy we share with one another. It is only if we begin to forgive as we have been forgiven that we can then glory in the Cross here and now, so that we may be worth to rejoice in the fruits of the Cross for all eternity.

Fr. Jacob Straub