

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

Sept. 18	TBA
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

<i>THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Sep. 24	5:00 PM	For †Bill Gripshover
Sun. Sep. 25	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
Mon. Sep. 26	8:00 AM	For †Ellarie Glenn
Tue. Sep. 27	8:00 AM	For †Chris Wade
Wed. Sep. 28	8:00 AM	For †Mark Cross
Thur. Sep. 29	8:00 AM	For †Anthony Cross (Adoration & Confessions 6-7 PM)
Fri. Sep. 30	8:00 AM	For †Irene Jennings
<i>THE TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Oct. 1	5:00 PM	For †Herb Elbert
Sun. Oct. 2	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish

**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**— Sep. 24— Madeline Thorwarth, Sep. 25-Tony Bach, Sep. 29-Owen Rawe, Oct. 15-Cadence Ryan, Oct. 16-Aubrey Hummel, Oct. 21-Andrea Hummel, Oct. 24-Boby Huffman, Oct. 26-Andy Hummel, Oct. 27-Lindy Kiser, Oct. 28—Celia Cooper, Oct. 28-Julie Feinhauer, Oct. 29-Shelli Schroder.

**ANNIVERSARY**— Sept. 26-Jerry and Eileen Ehlman, Oct. 10-Kevin and Kaylynn Cooper, Oct. 15-Richard and Rachel Broering, Oct. 23-Tom and Darlene Schutte,

*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—6:00-7:00 PM

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## THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**DPAA- Our parish goal this year is \$11,300.** As of August 31, we have \$10,430 in commitments, which means we are still \$870 short. Please consider helping in any way.

**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.

**PRO-LIFE MASS**—The annual Diocesan Pro-Life Mass will be held at the Cathedral on **Tuesday Oct. 4, at 7 PM**. A rosary will be prayed prior to Mass at 6:15 PM. Please invite your family and friends as we join together in our greatest defense of life—celebrating the Eucharist.

**CHICKEN FOR SALE**—The extra chicken has been frozen with two cut up chickens in each bag. We have 11 bags. If anyone wishes to purchase a bag, they are \$7 a bag. Please pay Father Jacob. You can find the chicken in the chest freezer to the right when you go downstairs.

**REGISTER TO VOTE**—You have until October 11 to register to vote. You can register online, in person, or by mail before that date. If you think your vote will not matter, remember we need all the votes we can get to help stop the overturn of the anti-abortion laws. Get registered and watch the bulletin for more info on this subject.

**LECTOR**— September 25-Rita Funke, October 1-Julie Feinhauer

**CLEANING TEAM**— Oct. 1-Penny and Patty.

### FROM THE PASTOR—SACRAMENTALS: CANDLES

I wish to conclude our little series on sacramentals by covering one that may be overlooked in our modern world of electric lights: candles. We may think of candles only as an ancient means of providing light at night, but there is far more to the candle in our faith than that. We ought to recall the ways that candles are used in church. The first instance is the tabernacle lamp, where the flame is kept burning to signify that God is really present to us, hidden in the Eucharist within the tabernacle. Many a night, as I walk around the property, I am always pleased to see that small flame burning in the church and remember that Jesus is near to us.

We also have the Paschal candle, the great symbol of Christ risen from the dead and triumphant over all His enemies and ours. This candle, blessed during the Easter vigil and lit from the blessed Easter fire, remains burning throughout the Easter season as an indicator of the Resurrection and a reminder of Christ shining the light of truth and mercy and love unto the entire world. We should also recall the candle we received at baptism, when we were charged to keep the flame of Christ burning within us and not to return to the darkness of sin. Of course we also have altar candles, which remind of us that Christ is the Light of the world.



There are two ways we can use candles in the practice of our faith. The first is in church: the practice of votive candles. We offer up prayers through our Lord or the saints and leave a candle lit as a reminder of our prayer. You are welcome to light one of our votive candles at the devotional stand at the entrance of the church. Remember that these are signs of prayer and not replacements for prayer.

We can also do this at home with our home altars. We are welcome to have candles blessed for use during our prayer time at home. Many families will have a candle burning before their icons or religious imagery as a constant reminder to pray and to seek God in all things. We can also join our home altars to the church altar through our use of candles. We can have our own Advent wreath in preparation for Christmas, along with having a smaller Paschal candle to remind ourselves of the Easter season.

We must do what we can to keep our lives illuminated by Christ. While our main encounter with Him is in the sacraments, we can and must encounter Him in the totality of our lives. These sacramentals help us to remember that Jesus is near and calls us to Himself daily. Let us orient our lives to Christ through these little things so that we may not lose Him forever, but be ready to receive Him when our time is finished.

*Fr. Jacob Straub*