

THE 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

SUNDAY COLLECTION

Sept. 20: \$1,358
Festival Gift Donation: \$300

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

<i>THE 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Sept. 26	5:00 PM	For Lois Spangler
Sun. Sept. 27	9:00 AM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Mon Sep 28		No Public Mass
Tue Sept. 29	8:30 AM	For the Special Intentions of Jessie Cooper
Wed Sept. 30	6:30 PM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Thur. Oct. 1	8:30 AM	Special Int. of Pat Schalek
Fri Oct. 2		No Public Mass
<i>THE 27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Oct. 3	5:00 PM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Sun. Oct. 4	9:00 AM	For Helen Fariello

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, Jeffery Huffman, and everyone touched by the Corona virus.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays –September - September 25-Tony Bach. October 15 – Cadence Ryan, October 19-Kyleigh Huffman, October 24-Bob Huffman & Macyann Huffman, October 27-Lindey Kiser, October 28-Penny Kluesener & Julie Feinauer, October 29-Shellie Schroder
Anniversaries – 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. 31): \$9,370

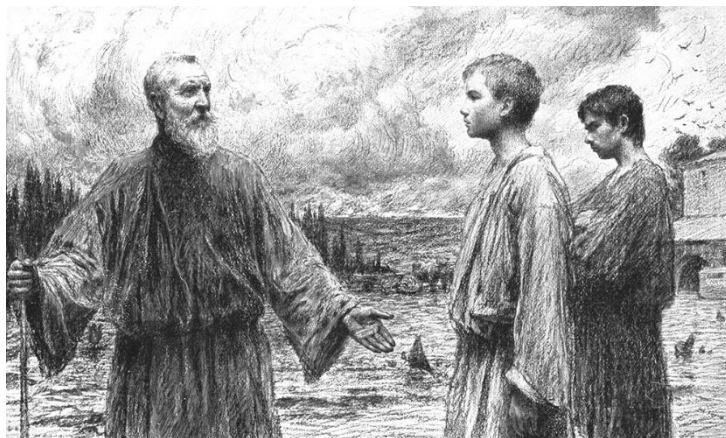
GRAND RAFFLE TICKETS – Please continue to sell tickets to your coworkers, friends, family members, or anyone you encounter. We have the potential to net \$1500 for our parish if we sell all 2,000 tickets. The drawing will be held at noon on October 18. Also, a big thank you to Warren Richardson who paid for the printing of the tickets.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP – U.S. Catholic Bishops remind us it is our duty to participate in political life as well as a moral obligation. Please check out Faithfulcitizenship.org to find help in forming your consciences through being open to the truth, studying scripture, and Church teaching. Use this info when casting your vote!

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.

RESPECT LIFE MASS AT CATHEDRAL- There will be Mass at the Cathedral and most parishes in our diocese at 7PM on October 13. St. Matthew will not have this Mass due to Father's teaching schedule. You are urged to attend a Mass somewhere and all pray together for our nation to respect life at every level: from conception to death.

PASTOR INSTALLATION MASS – The Sunday Mass on October 11 will be celebrated by Bishop Foys and will also be Father Straub's official installation as our pastor. This is our first installation of a pastor since Fr. Barth came in 2010. Please plan to attend to show the Bishop how thankful we are to have our own pastor and to show Fr. Straub your support. Hopefully, we will have a socially distanced reception afterwards out front if the weather cooperates. We will have a sign-up sheet in the gathering space.



FROM THE PASTOR – MORALITY BASICS

I'd like to use the next few weeks' bulletin articles to help y'all prepare for the upcoming election. While I do not hold the doom and gloom views promulgated by many on both sides of the aisle, it is important to understand how we should participate in this important process in our republic. We as Catholics have a duty to participate in the active life of our community and our nation.

In order to proceed further, we must understand the basics of Catholic morality. While this seems self-evident, it is good from time to time to review these essential principles of how to conduct our lives. The most basic principle of our morality is to live out the two great commandments given to us by Jesus: to love God with everything and to love our neighbor as ourselves (cf. Matthew 22:34-39). This is more than the perhaps universal principle of morality which is do good and avoid evil. Yet what does it mean to do this?

These two commandments mean we must not see morality as something imposed or only an obligation to fulfill. Many will view morality as the means whereby we appease others so that they do not force themselves on us and vice versa. However, this perspective of morality as obligation misses what Jesus tells us to do in these greatest commandments. There is more than obligation at work here.

Instead of seeing morality as an external and imposed obligation merely to maintain the peace among men, the Catholic Church sees morality as the means whereby we can discover the true happiness which is destined for all of humanity. While we think our happiness is found only in the pursuit of ephemeral pleasures and things, God has created us to be united with Him individually and in the Mystical Body of Christ which is the Church. We are not made for happiness in this broken and sin-filled world, but for the eternal joy that awaits in the new heavens and the new earth.

This is why Holy Mother Church speaks with authority and urgency on matters beyond what happens inside the church building. Every facet of our lives is meant to be oriented towards our true goal of eternal happiness. Our attendance at Mass does not baptize the rest of our actions. If we fail to live by the two great commandments which orient us towards this happiness, then we shall lose the joy predestined for us and regret it for all eternity.

Let us review the totality of our lives so that we may be truly oriented towards living the morality taught us by Christ and His Church. Let us strive to emulate the first son who, though he said "No" first, eventually relented and obeyed his father and worked. Let us also emulate Jesus who shows us how to obey the loving Father even to the point of death, so that we may share in His eternal glory in Heaven.

Rev. Jacob Straub