

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

August 28	\$868
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**MASS SCHEDULE**

<i>THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Sept. 3	5:00 PM	For †Ed Gripshover
Sun. Sept. 4	9:00 AM	For †Ellarie Glenn
Mon. Sept. 5		NO MASS THIS WEEK—OUT OF TOWN
Tue. Sept. 6		NO MASS THIS WEEK—SCHOOL MEETINGS
Wed. Sept 7	8:00 AM	For the †Poor Souls in Purgatory
Thur. Sept 8	8:00 AM	For the Living & Deceased People of Our Parish (Adoration 6-7 PM)
Fri. Sept. 9	8:00 AM	For †Donny Miler
<i>THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Sept. 10	5:00 PM	For †Anna Menifee
Sun. Sept. 11	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 Linda Fryman.

**BRTHDAYS**– Sept. 17-Tonja Fariello, Sept. 23-Brody Baker, Sept. 24– Madeline Thorwarth, Sept. 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 (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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**FESTIVAL**— Our next meeting is Thursday, Sept. 8 at 7 PM. It is time to begin finding sponsors and bringing in silent auction and Dollar auction items. Please bring only new or like new items. Ask your local merchants for items for the auctions. We also need to begin bringing in two liters and grocery items for baskets. Please sign up on the sheets in the back of church if you wish to help at the festival.. Tickets to sell are in; **please** take some & sign them out. Thank you.

**CLEANING EVENT**—Save the date of Sept. 10 to come and help with pre-festival cleaning. We need to clean the kitchen, eating area and the garage. Plus we are hoping we can get the porch ceiling painted that day as well. We will have donuts in the morning and pizza if we are still there at lunch time. Please, please help us.

**VIRTUS TRAINING CLASSES**— The following list are the latest dates for attending VIRTUS Child Safety classes. See Linda or Father for forms to take with you.

- St Philip, Parish Center, Melbourne, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.,
- Diocesan Curia, Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium, Covington, Sep 15<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- Thomas More University, Steigerwald Hall, Crestview Hills, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022, 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**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.

**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 4—Linda Fryman, September 11-Bernie Rawe

**CLEANING TEAM**— Sept. 4-Lisa and Jeanne

## FROM THE PASTOR—SACRAMENTALS:THE CRUCIFIX

It seems appropriate to begin this month in which we celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (feast on Sept. 14) by continuing our sacramentals articles by looking at the use of crucifixes. We began this series looking at the Sign of the Cross which is an action that we do upon our person. But we as human beings desire images to help facilitate our thoughts along with serving as reminders and indicators of those things important and necessary to us.

As the Roman Empire was converted to the Catholic faith and cruel punishments such as crucifixion began to disappear, fewer and fewer people actually saw a person crucified in their everyday lives. The Church began to see the prudence of displaying an image of Christ crucified in the sanctuary as a reminder of all that He suffered because of us and for us. Not only has the image of the crucifix been added to churches for remembrance but as an object of devotion and meditation. Its location at the center of the sanctuary reminds us that whenever we attend and assist at Mass, we are present in a mystical way at the foot of the Cross to behold the depths to which Christ displayed His love for us and offered the sacrifice of obedience and propitiation for us.



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With the advent of greater production methods and greater wealth came the production of crucifixes not just for churches or religious but for people to have at home as well. This provided a center for the home spiritually as well as providing a constant reminder of Christ for the family. In many Catholic households, the crucifix was the central part of a home altar,

at which various statues or icons were placed along with reminders of deceased family members or those who were away.

Every Catholic home should have a crucifix prominently placed within the house. It should not be displayed out of pride but as a means of drawing attention so that one can make it a call to prayer and reflection. It should hold a far more prominent spot in our house than the TV which is only meant for entertainment. Not only should you work to get one but be sure to have it blessed so that it may truly be connected to God. Let us never shy away from the gaze of the crucifix but hold Christ crucified ever near to us.

*Fr. Jacob Straub*