

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Aug. 29	\$1,125
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MASS SCHEDULE

<i>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Sept. 4	5:00 PM	For Anthony Lynn Cross
Sun. Sept. 5	9:00 AM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Mon. Sept. 6	XXXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Tue. Sept. 7		<i>No Public Mass</i>
Wed. Sept. 8	8:00 AM	For the Poor Souls
Thur. Sept. 9		<i>No Public Mass</i>
Fri. Sept. 10		<i>No Public Mass</i>
<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

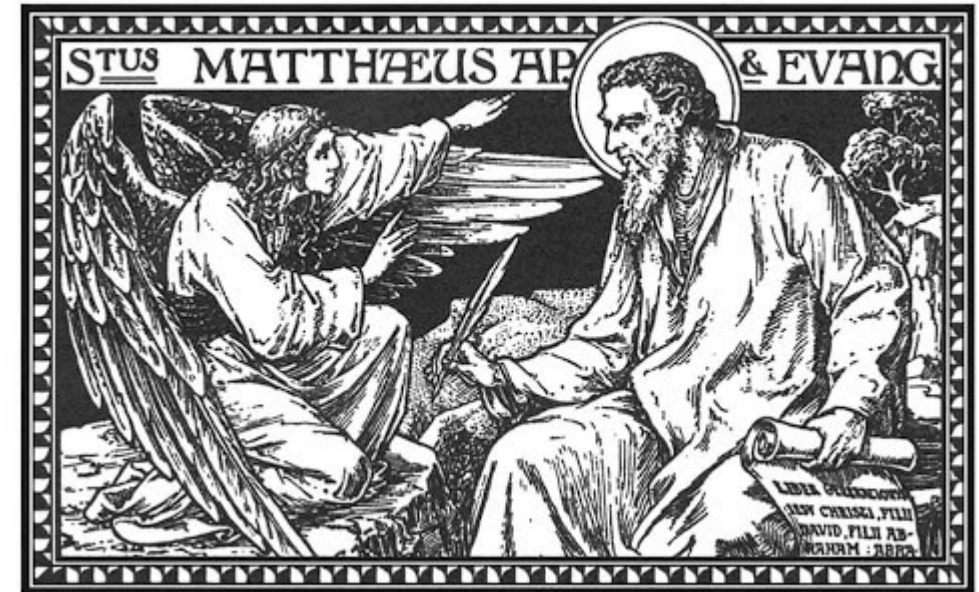
***PLEASE LET LINDA OR FATHER KNOW IF SOMEONE CAN BE REMOVED FROM OUR PRAYER LIST. SOME PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ON IT FOR MANY MONTHS.**

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, 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

Please send any requests for prayers or memorials to the parish email or call to make a request.



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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

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THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FESTIVAL AND TICKETS—Festival plans are progressing. The next planning meeting is on Tuesday Sept. 7 at 6:30 PM. It's not too late to sign up to help. The tickets are on the back table to take and sell. ***Don't forget to bring in two liter drinks, auction items, and glass-ware!**

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.

GIVING AWAY OLD BINGO BENCHES—If anyone would like one of the old benches that were used in the bingo tent, they are available. If interested see Father, Chris or Linda Fryman.

KITCHEN AND GARAGE CLEANING—ALL HANDS ON DECK! We will have a general cleaning of the kitchen, hall, and both garages on Saturday, **September 11**, to prepare for our festival. Please try to make time to come and help. Probably will start between 9 and 10AM. Donuts for morning and pizza for lunch!

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. Thanks.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN WAS A SUCCESS—Care Net has sent a thank you note for our great donations to the baby bottle campaigns for the last two years. In 2020 we collected \$336.48 and in 2021 we collected \$574.95. Don't forget to keep bringing in pop tabs for the purchase of diapers for the little babies through Care Net.

ST CECILIA FESTIVAL— Don't forget St. Cecilia's festival is this weekend including Monday!

LECTOR—SEPTEMBER 5—Lisa Cooper SEPTEMBER 12—Bill Funke

CLEANING TEAM SEPTEMBER 5— Genita and daughters **SEPTEMBER 11**—Everyone

FROM THE PRIEST – ON LABOR & WORK

With the Labor Day holiday on Monday, which gives many of us an additional rest from our labors, we ought to consider the place of labor or work in the spiritual life as taught to us by the Church. What is the role or purpose of labor? Are we meant to be workers? What about rest and relaxation?

We see the progress of work within the story of the Bible. God is the primary Laborer who works to create the universe and rests from His great work on the seventh day (Gen 1-2:3). God created Adam and Eve and called them to work in the garden in which He has created and placed them (Gen. 2:15). But after the disobedience of our first parents, work becomes the toil by which man must earn his bread and woman must toil to give birth (Gen. 3:16-19), yet this “curse” by God is only due to the effects of sin upon us.

God continues throughout salvation history to call upon humanity to work in conjunction with Himself not only for their own needs but for their flourishing as well. One of the “sins that cries to Heaven” in the Church's tradition is the defrauding of the laborer's wages, which has numerous prescriptions against this deceitful practice in the Scriptures (Deut 24:14-15; Sirach 34:26-27; Is 58:3-7; Jer 22:13). We must work to provide for our needs but we are also called to rest by God and not to be perpetual busybodies (Deut 5:13-15; Mark 2:27).

This goodness of labor finds its fullest expression in the life of Jesus. Before His public ministry, Jesus was willing to be known as the son of a carpenter and worked in that business with His earthly father. Pope Francis highlights this point in a recent magisterial document: “Jesus worked with his hands, in daily contact with the matter created by God, to which he gave form by his craftsmanship. It is striking that most of his life was dedicated to this task in a simple life which awakened no admiration at all: ‘Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary?’ (*Mk 6:3*).” (*Laudato Si* paragraph 98)

The most important event to happen in the history of salvation and the history of humanity is what Jesus does over the Triduum: His passion, death, and Resurrection. This is the work for which Jesus was sent into the world. Not only that, but Jesus calls each of His disciples to continue this work of salvation in themselves by carrying the Cross daily (Mt 10:38, 16:24; Mk 8:34; Lk 9:23, 14:27). Yet we are also called to rest in Christ on the new Sabbath – Sunday – to rejoice in the day that the Lord has made by His work on the life-giving Cross. Let us indeed work with Christ in the great work of salvation, and let us also rest in Him as we await that place where our work shall be done forever.

Fr. Jacob Straub