

**THE 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
SEPTEMBER 6, 2020**

SUNDAY COLLECTION – Aug. 30

Aug. 30: \$981
Domestic Needs \$50
Designated Donation \$50

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 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Sept. 5	5:00 PM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Sun. Sept. 6	9:00 AM	For Anna Mary Huffman
Mon Sep 7		No Mass
Tue Sept. 8	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS DAY FOR THIS WEEK ONLY
Wed Sept. 9	6:30 PM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Thur. Sep. 10	8:30 AM	For Lois Spangler
Fri Sept. 11		No Mass
<i>THE 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Sept. 12	5:00 PM	Special Int. of Anthony L Cross
Sun. Sept. 13	9:00 AM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish

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, Mke 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
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FROM THE PRIEST – ON LABOR & WORK

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 ARE HERE – Tickets are in. We will be distributing them after Masses and keeping 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.

CCD PARENTS – Please contact Rosanne Rawe if you have a child that you wish to be in our CCD program this year. This is especially important if your child wishes to be Confirmed during this CCD year. 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION - Next weekend we will have an extra collection for the Diocese of Lake Charles, LA. Out of their 39 parish churches, six were completely destroyed and a dozen others are so heavily damaged they cannot enter them for services. One third of all the priests are displaced. All money collected will go to the Diocese of Lake Charles with no administration fees taken out. Please remember to come with extra funds for this important collection and please pray for the people of the area which were devastated by the hurricane. If you wish to mail a check to the Diocese it goes to Diocese of Covington, Office of Stewardship and Missions, 1125 Madison Ave., Covington, KY. 41011-3115. Please note 'hurricane relief' on the memo line.

SPECIAL ROSARY AND CHAPLET AT ST. CECILIA FOR FR. MARIO ON MONDAY. The morning Mass on Labor Day will be at 9AM at St. Cecilia followed by a Rosary and Chaplet for Fr. Mario's health.

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