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Sunday Collection

Envelopes	\$ 4756.25
Loose	<u>356.00</u>
Total	\$5112.25

Remember the Sick and Suffering Linnebur family, Judy Klenklen, Evan Schupp, Mary Ann Kane, Patty Antry, Becky Quick, Ron Kaullen, Cheryl Bonen, Patty Oerly, Jodie Walje, Sandy Hezel, Mary Manning, Brittany Twenter Asbury, Kim Townlain, Sue Gerke, Pat Vollrath, Diane Elbert, Carol Lang, Angie Gill, Henry Brownfield, Don Aggeler, Elaine Felten-Smith, Vicki Shatto, Bernice Eichelberger, Jerry Hazlett, Pat Lammers, Dan Richerson, and all the sick and suffering in our Parish Family

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00 PM Altar Sodality
 6:00 PM James Gerling
 Sunday 7:00 AM Frank, Isabella &
 Rosemary Bauer
 9:00 AM Gene Stoecklein &
 Tony Townlain
 Monday 8:00 AM Ted Twenter (Memorial Day)
 Tuesday NO Mass
 Wednesday 6:30 PM Larry Schupp
 Thursday 8:05 AM Margaret Twenter
 Friday NO Mass
 Saturday 4:00 PM Vernon Twenter
 6:00 PM Young Family-
 Charles, Paul, Margaret, Jerry, Rick and Hope
 Sunday 7:00 AM John Lang &
 George Patterson
 9:00 AM Bobby Lorenz

The rosary is prayed before all weekday and weekend masses.

Before weekday evening mass: 5:00 - 6:20 pm
 St. Joseph (PG)

Confession Schedule

Saturday: 3:00-3:50 pm - St. Joseph (PG)
 5:45 pm - St. Joseph (Clifton)
 Sunday: 6:45 am - St. John's (CC)
 8:45 am - St. Joseph (PG)

Scrip Current Inventory:

Applebee's, Amazon, Arby's, Apple, Buffalo Wild Wings, Barnes & Noble, Bath & Body Works, Bass Pro, C&R, Casey's, Chili's, Dick's Sporting Goods, Discover, Hy-Vee, JCPenney, Menards, Maurice's, Old Navy, Olive Garden, Panera, Pizza Hut, Steak & Shake, Starbucks, Texas Roadhouse, Target, Walgreens, Walmart, Visa
 Card denominations are subject to availability.

“With heartfelt thanks, first of all to Fr. Derek for the beautiful sermon, the Mass for Terry while in the hospital and all the ordinary and extraordinary services that Father performs we thank you and God for sending you to us. To all the people who came for the Mass and Visitation and sent cards and gifts. For all the people who brought so much delicious and tasty food and to the ladies who helped prepare and serve it. To Jeff, Dan and Jerry of Meisenheimer Funeral Home for their passionate services. For the inspiring music which Yvonne and Jenny perform as well always. All of the acts of love and kindness, we appreciate the people of our Parish and Community. Thanks to God for sending my parents and grandparents for sending us here to Pilot Grove/Clear Creek. Sincerely- Jane, Butch, Glenn, MaDonna and Alma”

There will be a memorial prayer service (Rosary) on Sunday, May 29th, 6:00pm at St. Martin's Cemetery. Please bring a lawn chair and as always, weather permitting.

St. John's Cemetery Association Memorial Day Prayer Service will be on Monday, May 30th at 9:30 am. We will honor all military members and those who have been buried at St. John's Cemetery since we last gathered (Sherry Wessing, Theresa Bonicamp, and Terry Twenter). Our hometown hero speaker is Roger "Butch" Twenter, Jr. Come, bring a friend and spend part of your Memorial Day with us!

A Memorial Day Mass will be held at 8 a.m. at St. Joseph, Pilot Grove. After Mass, Father Smith will make a brief visit to the cemetery to bless graves before heading to the prayer service at Clear Creek.

Altar Sodality Meeting June 7, at 6:30 PM.

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, June 26th at 9:00am will be Fr. Derek's last weekend Mass at St. Joseph's. We invite everyone to join us for Mass and a brunch immediately following in the church basement.

NOTICE St Joseph Cemetery: All Memorial Day flowers including statues, plaques and all other decorations on the grounds must be removed by June 7th to allow for mowing. 1 shepherd's hook, 1 solar light, flowers in vases attached to monument and on top are allowed. NO alcohol or glass containers are allowed. Anything on ground after June 7th will be removed and disposed of.
Thank you, The Cemetery Board

We are going to try a new idea for younger children during Mass to help them learn a little about the Catholic faith. There will be a box, when you come in the church, with a little packet of crayons and coloring sheet for children to color during Mass. Return the packet of crayons back to the box to receive a treat from the ushers. Packets will be available starting the first weekend in June.- Karen Twenter

June 4 4:00 PM (PG)	6:00 PM (Clifton)	June 5 7:00 AM (CC)	9:00 AM (PG)
Reader Dylan Schupp	Elaine Kempf	Joe Stoecklein	Christine Wirths
Organist Miranda Waibel	Michelle Wolfe	Bea McKinzie	Yvonne Kammerich
Gift Bearers Billy & Jaclyn Inskeep		Jim & Marjorie Wessing	Terry & Betty Vollmer
Euch. Mins. Joni Schupp		Joe Stoecklein	Christine Wirths
Servers Jackson Inskeep		Volunteers	Daylan Wirths
Natan Imhoff			Colton Hodges
Ushers Mitch Twenter		Jared Wells	Terry Vollmer
Clemence Twenter		Mark Vollrath	Paul Young
June 11 4:00 PM (PG)	6:00 PM (Clifton)	June 12 7:00 AM (CC)	9:00 AM (PG)
Reader Pat Rentel	Joyce Lorenz	Linda N. Gerke	Christen Stark
Organist Miranda Waibel	Michelle Wolfe	Bea McKinzie	Jenny Lorenz-Rudkin
Gift Bearers David & Cindy Williams		Howard & Mary Gerke	David & Terry Booker
Euch. Mins. Pat Rentel		Ronnie Felten	Linda Twenter
Servers Volunteers		Volunteers	Henry Stark
			Cooper Hoff
Ushers Mark Vollrath		Kenny Vollmer	Terry Lang
Philip Schuster		Steven Gerken	Dustin Townlain
June 18 4:00 PM (PG)	6:00 PM (Clifton)	June 19 7:00 AM (CC)	9:00 AM (PG)
Reader Linda Vollrath	Michelle Wolfe	Eric Kraus	Regina Reuter
Organist Miranda Waibel	Michelle Wolfe	Bea McKinzie	Yvonne Kammerich
Gift Bearers Jerry & Lu Gerling		Danny & Sally Gerke	Terry Lang
			Linda Twenter
Euch. Mins Mary Young		Ronnie Felten	Regina Reuter
Servers Volunteers		Volunteers	Garrett Reuter
			Keaton Reuter
Ushers Jerry & Lu Gerling		Avery Goehman	Tyler Watring
		David Wessing	Brady Rentel
June 25 4:00 PM (PG)	6:00 PM (Clifton)	June 26 7:00 AM (CC)	9:00 AM (PG)
Reader Pat Rentel	Natan Imhoff	Joe Stoecklein	Terry Lorenz
Organist Miranda Waibel	Michelle Wolfe	Bea McKinzie	Jenny Lorenz-Rudkin
Gift Bearers Bonnie Salmon		Patty Gerken	Russell & Amanda Rentel
Marilyn Wirths		Kenny Vollmer	
Euch. Mins Bonnie Salmon		Joe Stoecklein	Terry Lorenz
Servers Laila Leonard		Volunteers	Tyson Martin
Nolan Leonard			Lyle Christy
Ushers Todd Wessing		Mike Schupp	Russell Rentel
Bryan Vollrath		Eric Kraus	Robbi Rentel

Dear Parishioners,

There are several things that I wish to cover, so I am going to mark them kind of bullet point style.

Sharing one priest – As most of you know, starting July 1, Pilot Grove with its 3 churches/chapels and Boonville with its single one, will have to share a priest. The Pastoral Councils of both parishes will meet jointly this week on Wednesday, June 1, to share ideas and make proposals for a Mass schedule that can be handled by one priest on both the weekend and weekdays. Most likely this schedule will include 4 Saturday/Sunday Masses and one Mass most weekdays between the two parishes. Exceptions, of course, are possible, but the Bishop is not likely to approve a regular schedule with more than that. Please pray for the gift of wisdom during this meeting. While no one likes making these kinds of decisions, I am confident that if we (and especially I) let the Holy Spirit lead us, we will find ways for the spiritual needs of Cooper county to be met with only priest assigned here. As Fr. Derek and I mentioned at the weekend Masses, if it helps take any of the sting out of this process, know that two other counties (Phelps (where Rolla is) and Saline (where Marshall is)) both also have to make these kind of arrangements as they are also will be served by just one priest after July 1.

Tree Planting – If anyone is interested in being part of a small committee that will explore where and what kind of trees we might plant around the property in the near and intermediate future, please let Alicia at the office or me know. I know there have been several trees removed in the past couple of years, and several more are not at the peak of their age or health, so formulating a tree plan may be the way to go, so that we don't have a treeless set of lots in the not-too-distant future.

Parish Picnic Date – I know that for decades the parish picnic here in Pilot Grove has been on Labor Day weekend. And I know that some folks were and are upset that it wasn't on that weekend last year (I received two anonymous letters about it). The parish picnic committee approached me a couple of weeks ago and asked if they could schedule it for the weekend before Labor Day, as it happened last year. I consulted with the Pastoral Council and they unanimously recommended that it would be OK for the picnic to be on a date other than Labor Day weekend.

The reasons given by the committee seem reasonable to me. Namely, so many people/parish families have stated that they would not work a shift at the picnic if it were held on Labor Day weekend, the committee didn't see how they would be able to present an event where the majority of folks would be satisfied with so few workers available. The committee stated that if required to attempt it on Labor Day weekend, they anticipated that they would only be able to serve a meal, with no other activities, because the people that normally worked the activities would be required to help with the meal in some manner. The committee understood how it has been a long tradition that they are breaking, but with so many people being firm in refusing to work a shift on Labor Day weekend, they didn't see how they could continue as in the past. Therefore, I agreed to their suggestion to host the picnic the weekend before.

Please keep the picnic committee in your prayers. They have a big job ahead of them. Please also start telling folks of the new date. I know change is sometimes difficult and irritating, but to paraphrase St. John Henry Newman: To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed a lot. With the Holy Spirit's assistance this too, can be an opportunity for flourishing.

Mass intentions – Universal Church law has some specific regulations regarding the receiving and offering of Mass intentions. One of the rules that sometimes gets overlooked or forgotten is that parishes are not to collect more than one year’s worth of Mass intentions. This rule exists for at least two reasons. One is that the donors (and the people/objects) of the intentions have a right to have their intentions fulfilled in a timely manner (normally within one year). The second reason is that experience has shown that sometimes temptation can lead a parish/priest to spend the money given for intentions before the intentions are fulfilled and the larger the amount of intentions/offerings, the bigger the temptation – therefore the one year limit to attempt to keep the temptation minimized.

Both St. Joseph’s and Ss. Peter and Paul currently have more than one year’s worth of Mass intentions stockpiled or booked. This situation will become more significant with the reduced number of Masses to be celebrated in the near future. There are many parishes in the diocese (and throughout the world) that do not generate enough Mass intentions such that there is one at every Mass (I have been assigned to parishes where I solicited ‘extra’ Mass intentions from other parishes because my own did not have enough for one per day/Mass). Therefore, in the weeks to come, I will be working with the parish secretaries and bookkeepers to identify how many Masses we can celebrate in the coming year, and thus how many will need to be shared with other parishes and priests, so that the intentions can be offered within a year. I know that the international/missionary priests serving in our diocese and their bishops are super grateful for the sharing of Mass intentions because a \$10 Mass intention can be a major source of a priest’s/parish income in many parts of the developing world. I can share stories of how grateful some priests and bishops can be when Mass intentions and the donations for them are shared.

Along with trying to get the number of Mass intentions we have in some better order, I will also be implementing a policy that the parishes are not to accept donations for intentions for more than one year in the future. Thus, going forward, I will ask Alicia and Diane to not accept and schedule Mass intentions more than one year out. I know this will be an irritating change for some that have given a donation to have Mass celebrated for a particular intention on a particular day for the next several years in a row. Given that the church asks me to celebrate all intentions I receive within the year, or make provision for someone else to celebrate them in a year, I don’t believe I can in good conscience accept multi-year intention donations. I hope you understand. If you have questions, I will try my best to answer them.

Peace,
Fr. Mark