

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Mar. 30	\$873
Mar. 28 Fish Fry	\$2,357

MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat. Apr. 5	5:00 PM	For †Verna Payne [from Jill Schmiade]
Sun. Apr. 6	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Mon. Apr. 7	XXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. Apr. 8	8:00 AM	For Rosanne Rawe (L) [from John Jackson]
Wed. Apr. 9	8:00 AM	For Austin & Kimberly Cooper (L)
Thur. Apr. 10	8:00 AM	For †Connie Sue McKean [from John Jackson]
Fri. Apr. 11	8:00 AM	For †Anna Menefee [from Linda Menefee]
<i>PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION</i>		
Sat. Apr. 12	5:00 PM	For †Edward Gripshover [from Sarah Gripshover]
Sun. Apr. 13	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Kate & Colton Sherold, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Roger High, Cheryl Miller, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Bill Schneider (Dominion Assisted Living 4009 Seligman Dr. Florence, Room 215), Ree Wagner, John Jackson, Wanda Bach, Maverick Orth (3yrs old), Daniel Cahill, Pax Minch, Todd Kloentrup, Gina Cooper, Tom Breeze, Valetta Proctor, Mary Lou Kaub, Ruth Elbert, Melba Hauser, Elbert Hauser, Larry Cappel, Mary Beth Feldmann, Pope Francis, Griffin Cornell, and family/friends of parishioner, Jeff Ralenkotter, whose mother passed away on Saturday, March 29.

BIRTHDAYS—Apr. 1-Lawrence Eten, Apr. 3-William Beck, Apr. 10-Caitly Schroder, Apr. 11– Tony Bach, Apr. 11-Bailey Downs, Apr. 13-Cap Kiser, Apr. 13 Tori Schroder, Apr. 14-Peter Cooper, Apr. 27-Jill Schmiade, Apr. 29-Mark Messingschlager.

ANNIVERSARY—none

Please send any requests for prayers or memorials to the parish email or call to make a request. If anyone’s birthday or anniversary is not listed, let Linda Fryman know.



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Mass Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays [Tue through Fri] – 8 AM

Holy Days– 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Parish Staff and Volunteers

Religious Education – Lindsey Rawe (859) 250-7415

Bulletin/Prayer List – Linda Fryman (859) 240-2377

Parish History/Cemetery Info – Patty Neuspickel (859) 472-2508

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DPAA—The new DPAA campaign has begun! Our parish’s goal for this year is \$13,400. You should be receiving envelopes in the mail to make your pledge. There are also purple envelopes available near the collection box. Thank you for your contributions!

CCD SNACKS—Don’t forget to sign up to bring snacks, milk, and juice to share before classes begin each Sunday. There is a sign-up sheet in the front of church.

LINEN CLEANERS WANTED—We are looking for volunteers to help with cleaning the sacred linens used at Mass. This would be done on a rotational (month-by-month) basis. Please speak with Lisa Cooper if you are interested.

FISH FRY—We have one more fish fry remaining. Meals will be available 4:30-7:00 PM in the hall or to go. **ALL HANDS ON DECK!** If you can help with anything whether for the full time or for only a bit, please do what you can to help. We are also in need of deserts, especially single-serving deserts. Thank you for your help. Spread the news!

EASTER EGG HUNT CANDY NEEDED— The parish Easter Egg Hunt will be on April 27th. We are asking parishioners to bring in some candy that will be used to fill the eggs. Please bring your candy donation in by Sun. April 13 so we will be able to stuff them the weekend before the hunt. Thank you.

LECTOR— Apr. 6-Linda Fryman, Apr. 13-Jesse Rawe

CLEANING – Apr.-Kathy and Wanda Bach



FROM THE PASTOR – VEILING OF STATUES

This weekend, we receive a visual reminder that we are nearer to Holy Week and Easter with the veiling of statues. The traditional reason for covering the statues and images the Sunday before Holy Week was related to the Gospel that was traditionally heard on this Sunday. That Gospel is John 8:46-59, in which it is related that Jesus chastises the Pharisees for their hard-heartedness in relation to His preaching. The Evangelist relates that Jesus declares Himself to be God by saying, “I AM”, and the Jews seek to stone Him. John writes, “Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.” (v. 59) This veiling of images is a further sign that we are joining Christ more completely in His journey to Calvary. If Jesus must hide Himself due to the animosity of the Pharisees, what does that imply for our discipleship in Christ?

The veiling of statues also ought to recall our need for repentance. Heaven is often described as the communion of saints, in which all are joined together to rejoice in God and with each other. To cover the images of the saints ought to recall that other place that we can spend our eternity: Hell. While Heaven is sharing in the joy, Hell could be described as the individual punishment of the damned. In Hell the damned lose the glory of the vision of God which the saints already receive. There is no happiness for those who lose the sight of God forever.

There are times of darkness along our walk with Jesus. We are not promised that everything will be sunshine and rainbows; on the contrary, Jesus declares as blessed in the Beatitudes those who are persecuted for His name’s sake and those hated because of Him (Matthew 5:10-11). Suffering always brings the darkness of gloom and even despair with it. But our hope is in the Lord who has walked with us and has triumphed over every shadow of death and sin.

Let us prepare ourselves to walk more completely with Christ as we enter into the deeper mysteries of this season. Let us be strengthened by the sacraments, in particular confession, so that we can carry the Cross with Christ. May the saints help us to bear patiently with the worries of the world so that we may behold them and the divine glory for all eternity in Heaven.

Fr. Jacob Straub

CHURCH RULES FOR LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE

FASTING – ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY

Must be done by all aged 18-59; only one main meal; two other lesser meals may be consumed which must not equal as much as one main meal; liquids permitted

ABSTINENCE – ASH WEDNESDAY & ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT

Must be done by all who are at least 14 years old; no consumption of flesh meat (beef, pork, chicken, etc.); seafood (fish, shrimp, shellfish, etc.) permitted

Other circumstances may merit a dispensation from these rules (pregnancy, disease, etc); please talk with Fr. Straub if you have any issues or questions or would like a dispensation from these rules.