

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Apr. 9	\$2,237
Apr. 16	\$896

MASS SCHEDULE

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sat. Apr. 22	5:00 PM	For Sarah Gripshover (Living)
Sun. Apr. 23	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
Mon. Apr. 24	8:00 AM	For †Heather Adamkiewicz
Tue. Apr. 25	8:00 AM	For †Josephine Fariello
Wed. Apr. 26	8:00 AM	For †Margaret Fariello
Thur. Apr. 27	8:00 AM	For † John Fariello (Adoration & Confessions 6-7 PM)
Fri. Apr. 28	8:00 AM	For †Frank Fariello

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY)

Sat. Apr. 29	5:00 PM	For †Genoa Scott
Sun. Apr. 30	9:00 AM	For John Jackson (Living)

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Charles Taylor, Chris Rauf, Katie Davis, Barry Bergman, Andrew Lauck, Bradley Franzen, Pam Babbington, Dave Kordenbrock, Kate & Colton Sherold, Karen Reilly, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, Hank Bond, Hudson Feinauer, Mike and Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Bonita & Jim Happe, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Larry Slusher, Brenda Johnson, Verna Payne, Roger High, Johnathan Briggs, Cheryl Miller, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Jeanne Eanes. Bill Schneider (In Storypoint Assisted Living, 9255 US 42, Apt. 44, Union, KY. 41091), Ree Wagner, Randy Goodhew, and Joanne Schlacter (surgery on Tuesday).

BIRTHDAYS—Apr. 3-William Beck, Apr. 4-Ethan Thorwarth, Apr. 10-Caity Schroeder, Apr. 11-Bailey Downs, Apr. 13-Gabrielle Feinauer, Apr. 13-Tori Schroder, Apr. 13-Cap Kiser, Apr. 14-Peter Cooper, Apr. 20– Hudson Feinauer, Apr. 27-Jill Schmiade.

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

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursdays 6-7:00 PM

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Thursdays—6:00-7:00 PM

Parish Staff and Volunteers

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APRIL 23, 2023

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

BIBLE STUDIES—Matthew Wiseman has graciously agreed to extend our Monday evening bible studies so we will continue to meet at church at 6:30 PM on Mondays. Don't miss this. It is very enlightening as Matthew is so knowledgeable about theology.

DPAA 2023—As of this bulletin our parish has pledged or collected \$2,140. Our goal is \$12,100. If you have not responded to the appeal, please do so. You can donate any time throughout the year if you feel that you cannot make a commitment at this time. Any amount at any time will be greatly appreciated.

OUR LADY'S MEMORARE ARMY—The Diocese is asking everyone to pray one Memorare prayer every day for and increase in holiness and an abundance of priestly vocations for the Diocese of Covington. Pray for priests! Pray for holy priests! Pray for more priests!

THE CHOSEN—The Chosen is a made for TV series offered on Youtube or Netflix. You can also download the "AngelStudio/streamthechosen" on your phone. It is free & gives a wonderful depiction of when Jesus started his ministry and carries out His Father's will. It is very inspiring and well worth watching.

FISH FRY INCOME—Our total fish fry income after expenses was \$2,263.96. Thank you to everyone who helped out and supported us!

- LOOKING AHEAD -

***FIRST COMMUNION**—First Communion will be held on Sunday, May 14. Please keep our three communicants in your prayers.

***LADY'S TEA**—St. Matthew will host a Lady's Tea on Sunday, June 4, at 10:30 AM. All women of the parish are invited to get to know each other better and enjoy an hour or so of fellowship over tea and snacks. If you would like, please bring cookies or other snacks to go with our tea.

***CROSS THE BRIDGE FOR LIFE**—The annual Cross the Bridge for Life will also be held on Sunday, June 4, after the Lady's Tea. The event is held behind Newport on the Levee at the river's edge. We will walk across the Purple People Bridge, then back across, and back to the starting location. By doing this we show the world our dedication to all life, born and unborn. There will be music, food, t-shirts, and information at the location as well.

LECTOR— Apr. 23—Bernie Rawe, April 30— Bill Funke

CLEANING—Tom and Darlene Schutte

FROM THE PASTOR – THE PASCHAL CANDLE

The great symbol of the Easter season is the Paschal candle blessed and ignited at the Easter Vigil every year. There is a long history of having this particular candle signify the risen Savior as the Light of the world restoring "innocence to the fallen" as the Exsultet sung at the Easter Vigil proclaims. This candle often has elaborate designs on it in celebration of the Resurrection and calling us to consider He whom that candle symbolizes. This year's candle is no different in the images that are painted on it for our consideration and contemplation. Our candle was made by a woman named Gina Switzer who has been making paschal candles for various churches for years. This is what she has to say about its design:

In this design the Cross is transformed into an image of Paradise restored. Each section overflows with delightful flowers. According to The Vulnery of Christ there is a veritable garden of flowers that are typically presented in red to symbolize the blood shed by Jesus in His passion. Among those I chose the anemone, strawberry, poppy and rose to represent Paradise restored. The only nontraditional flower is the red dahlia from my own garden. Its eight petals struck me this summer as a lovely and fitting representation of the Eighth Day so it is included. Instead of red alone, I painted the flowers in a profusion of natural color signifying a return to the fullness of the Garden. (Most flowers are also from my own or my sister's garden.)

The center of the Cross, the Heart if you will, is a ruby surrounded by pearls set in gold. The ruby has a long history in art of representing the heart and blood of Christ. The refined stone symbolizes the blood of Christ transformed into a gem by the Resurrection and Ascension. The pearls surrounding the ruby along with the alpha/omega are the Saints who sold everything to purchase the pearl of great price. The Saints united themselves to Christ on the Cross and they now enjoy the bliss of Paradise, life with Christ eternally.

Heraldic shields bearing the instruments of humiliation and torture surround the Cross pointing to His Passion—the flagellum, nails, dice, sponge, and spear. In each shield the wounded heart appears. Images of the wounded heart, pierced by the spear, date back to at least the 5th Century and are precursors to our contemporary devotions to the Sacred Heart. The field in which the flowers are set along with the shields are rich purple in color indicating Christ is King of the new heaven and new earth forever and ever.

It is my hope that viewers who see this Paschal candle cross will contemplate the depth of God's love and trust Jesus to see the overwhelming beauty of Paradise He restored for those who follow Him and love Him.

Let us rejoice that God has restored our access to Paradise through the Cross of Christ. Let us contemplate the depths of the love of God displayed in the Cross and the Resurrection by which we are redeemed for eternity. Let us love God and be renewed by His grace to live oriented not for this life, but in pursuit of everlasting life.

Fr. Jacob Straub