

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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MASS SCHEDULE

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY)

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| Sat. Apr. 29 | 5:00 PM | For †Genoa Scott |
| Sun. Apr. 30 | 9:00 AM | For John Jackson (Living) |
| Mon. May 1 | 8:00 AM | For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish |
| Tue. May 2 | 8:00 AM | For †Lorraine Fariello |
| Wed. May 3 | XXXXX | NO MASS THIS WEEK—SCHOOL MEETING |
| Thur. May 4 | 8:00 AM | For †Mel Fariello (Adoration & Confessions 6-7 PM) |
| Fri. May 5 | 8:00 AM | For Chloe Cooper (Living) [First Friday Mass] |

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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| Sat. May 6 | 5:00 PM | For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish |
| Sun. May 7 | 9:00 AM | For †Drew Kordenbrock |

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.

BIRTHDAYS—Apr. 27-Jill Schmiade, Apr. 28-Terri Straub, May 3-Marian Messingschlager, May 9-Bill Funke, May 11-Meggie Cooper, May 14 - Richard Messingschlager, May 17-Brenda Baker, May 18– Nathan Thorwarth, May 18– Rosanne Rawe, May 23-Estelle Thorwarth, May 30-Mark Cooper.

ANNIVERSARIES—May 3-Joe and Kathy Bach

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

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APRIL 30, 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 \$4,020. 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.

- 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, tshirts, and information at the location as well.

LECTOR— April 30-Bill Funke, May 7– Linda Fryman

CLEANING—Lisa and Jeanne Cooper

FROM THE PASTOR—THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

As we enter into the remainder of the Easter season, we ought to note the change in the readings we hear at the Sunday Mass. Normally, the schedule is to hear a reading from the Old Testament, a psalm, a reading from the New Testament, followed by a reading from one of the Gospels. Yet, during Easter, we do not hear from the Old Testament, but hear instead from the Acts of the Apostles. What is the significance behind this? Why this change?

We must understand the context and background of this book of the New Testament and the Bible. Acts comes both chronologically and in canonical order after the Gospels. This book, written by Luke (who also wrote the Gospel attributed to him), details the beginnings of the Church, from the Ascension of Jesus to when St. Paul reaches Rome. This time period is dated usually AD 33-62, which means Luke provides for us an account of the first 60 years of the Christian era.

In reading along in this biblical book, we see how the Church grows from the initial community of believers (all Jews from the Roman province of Judea) to its first spread throughout most of the known western world. By the end of Acts, we hear about disciples spreading the Gospel to places in modern-day Syria, Lebanon, Egypt, Turkey, Greece, and even reaching and establishing a community in the heart of the empire in Rome. We see not only the expansion of the Church to these areas, but also the growth in the body of Christ to not only preach to the Jews (who are also an ethnicity besides being a religion) but to include the Gentiles (the non-Jews).

But what does this have to do with Easter? We are called by the Church to recognize and remember the feats that are accomplished only by the power and grace that flows from the mystery of the Resurrection. None of this can occur outside of the triumph of Jesus Christ in the Paschal Mystery: suffering, dying, and rising victorious from death. This proclamation by the Church is also meant to spur us on to emulate the actions of the early Church: to announce the Gospel to all and to draw everyone into the body of Christ which is the Church, to boldly follow the Apostles in calling all to repent and believe.



Let us listen with the ears of our hearts to the inspired words on the Scriptures, especially listening to the Acts of the Apostles. Let us not just be hearers of the Word but also doers and actors of the Word. Let us announce the victory of Christ over sin, Satan, and death to all so that they may merit the rewards of eternal life.

Rev. Jacob Straub