

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

<i>THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</i>		
Sat. Apr. 2	5:00 PM	For Donna Lauer
Sun. Apr. 3	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased Members of Our Parish
Mon. Apr. 4	8:00 AM	For Darrel Marcum
Tue. Apr. 5		<i>No Public Mass</i>
Wed. Apr. 6	8:00 AM	For Hazel Gallagher
Thur. Apr. 7		<i>No Public Mass</i>
Fri. Apr. 8		<i>No Public Mass</i>
<i>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</i>		
Sat. Apr. 9	5:00 PM	For Edward Stephany
Sun. Apr. 10	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased Members of Our Parish

**PRAYER LIST**—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Charles Taylor, Mary Louise Cross, Vernon Dixon, Chris Rauf, Katie Davis, Barry Bergman, Andrew Lauck, Bradley Franzen, Pam Babbington, Dave Kordenbrock, Kate & Colton Sherold, Karen Reilly, Judy Reilly, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff who is suffering from Meniere’s disease, Lena Bach, Brian Buckingham, Tony Bach, John Jackson, Jeff Elbert, Hank Bond, Hudson Feinauer, Billie Jean Huffman, Bobby Jo Glenn, and Andy Sper.

**BIRTHDAYS**– April 3-William Beck, April 4-Ethan Thorworth, April 8– Hogan Oldiges, April 10– Caity Schroder, April 11– Baily Downs, April 13– Cap Kiser, April 13-Tori Schroder, April 13– Gabrielle Feinauer, April 20– Hudson Feinauer, April 27– Jill Schmiade.

**ANNIVERSARY**-April 22-Cathy & Matt Oldiges

*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 – please check each week’s schedule

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

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## THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

APRIL 3, 2022

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ST. VINCENT COLLECTION**—We received a call from the St. Vincent people and they are in need of cleaning supplies, both laundry and house cleaning. There will be a bin for these items in the gathering space. Thanks!

**DPAA**—The 2022 DPAA is now underway. Our parish goal this year is \$11,300. There are envelopes available in the back of church for you to take home and return for your 2022 pledge if you haven't received one in the mail. You may make a one time pledge, a monthly pledge, a pledge of stock, or an online donation by logging on to [covdio.org](http://covdio.org). Don't forget to list St. Matthew as your parish so we receive credit for it. Also remember, 100% of what is given above our goal will come directly back to St. Matthew without the usual assessment from the Diocese. Thank you.

**CRAFT BAZAAR AT ST. CECILIA**—Our friends from the St. Cecilia Altar Society will be holding their spring craft bazaar in the undercroft on Sunday, April 3, from 9AM-3PM. There are 48 vendors this year. Door prizes and raffles, baked goods, breakfast casserole or lunch for sale.

**SYNOD ANSWERS**—If you have not answered the SYNOD questions that are beside the bulletins, please do so and return them. We have to turn them in after this weekend. Remember you can also go the website [www.covdio.org/synod](http://www.covdio.org/synod).

**CHRISM MASS**—The annual Chrism Mass will be held at the Cathedral on April 12 at 7PM. If anyone wishes to attend and carry our banner or receive our oils, please see Father Straub. This is a beautiful Mass so please try to attend and be inspired by its beauty and reverence.

**LECTOR**— April 3—Bernie Rawe April 10—Rita Funke

**CLEANING TEAM**— APR.11-Tim and Joanne Schlacter

### UPCOMING LENTEN SCHEDULE

**Wed. April 6**—Penance Service @ St. Matthew (with Adoration) 6:00-7:00 PM (2 priests)

**Thu. April 7**—Penance Service @ St. Cecilia starting at 6:30 PM (4+ priests available)

### FROM THE PASTOR – VEILING

This weekend, we receive a visual reminder that we are nearer to Holy Week and Easter with the veiling of images. The traditional reason for covering the statues and images the Sunday before Holy Week was related to the Gospel that was traditionally heard read 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 images 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 will be lost the glory of the vision of God which the saints already receive. Do we want to avoid seeing them in the next life?

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 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; 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.