

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sat. Dec. 9	5:00 PM	For †Deceased of Hoffman & Gripshover Families
Sun. Dec. 10	9:00 AM	For †Drew Kordenbrock
Mon. Dec. 11	8:00 AM	For the Ehlman Family (L & D)
Tue. Dec. 12	8:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Wed. Dec. 13	8:00 AM	For †Judy Reilly
Thur. Dec. 14	8:00 AM	For †Gary D. Wood [Adoration & Confessions 6-7 PM]
Fri. Dec. 15	8:00 AM	For Juniper Musial (L)
<i>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i>		
Sat. Dec. 16	5:00 PM	For Greg & Rita Braunwart (L)
Sun. Dec. 17	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Verna Payne, Kate & Colton Sherold, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, Mike and Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Bonita & Jim Happe, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Larry Slusher, Roger High, Cheryl Miller, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Jeanne Eanes, Bill Schneider (Dominion Assisted Living 4009 Siegalman Dr. Florence, KY. 41042 Room 215), Ree Wagner, Randy Goodhew, Patty Neuspickel’s son Jim, Alan Fields, Imogene Fisk, Larry Cappel, Sean Timmerding, Rodney Gurren, Maverick Orth (2 years old), Bill Edelbroich, Jim Wolfe.

BIRTHDAYS– Dec. 2-Andrea Huffman, Dec. 3-Ryder Cooper, Dec. 14-Ella Dickerson, Dec. 16-Imogene Fisk, Dec. 18-Joseph Broering, Dec. 23-Kaylynn Cooper, Dec. 24-Patty Neuspickel, Dec. 29-Megan Oldiges, Dec. 30-Michael Ryan.

ANNIVERSARY– Nov. 27-Bill and Nancy Schneider, Dec. 7-Howard and Penny Kluesener, Dec. 13-Jason and Julie Feinauer, Dec. 18-Rosanne and Bernie Rawe

ANNIVERSARY– *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—6:00-6:50 PM

Parish Staff and Volunteers

Religious Education – Roseanne Rawe (859) 635-1572

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

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

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 2023

DPAA—We have achieved our goal!! Thanks to everyone who has given this year. Now, any DPAA donation given after meeting the goal comes directly back to St. Matthew and we do not have to pay the diocesan tax on it. Consider making an end-of-year donation through the DPAA so that it comes straight back to our parish.

GIVING TREE—Our giving tree is up and ready for you to take ornaments, purchase the gift, and put the receipt in the envelope on the table below the tree. Bring them back by **Dec. 17**. There are a couple items that may be over your budget. If that is the case, perhaps you can find someone with whom to split the purchase. Thank you for your generosity in helping families to have a better Christmas.

CHRISTMAS BREAKFAST AND CCD CHRISTMAS PLAY—We will have breakfast after the 9 AM Mass on Dec. 17 with the play following. All are invited. Come experience the joy of watching the students proudly put on their play and enjoy a delicious breakfast with our church family.

KENTUCKY MARCH FOR LIFE—Join other Pro-Life Kentuckians on Tuesday, January 23 for the 2024 Kentucky March for Life & “Love them Both” Rally. The program will begin with Mass at Good Shepard Parish in Frankfort, followed by a rally at the State Capital. The event will end with a procession to the Cemetery of the Innocents in the historical Frankfort Cemetery. The Pro-Life office will be organizing buses that will leave from Northern Kentucky. If you are interested in traveling with other parishioners from the Diocese, please contact the Pro-Life Office for more information, 859-392-1500.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

BLESSING OF BABIES—After Masses on Dec. 16 & 17 (bring your baby Jesus from your Nativity creche to be blessed by Fr. Straub)

CCD CONFESSIONS—After Mass on Sunday Dec. 10 (adults welcome to confess as well)

CCD PLAY & BREAKFAST—After Mass on Sunday, Dec. 17

LECTOR— Dec. 10-Linda Fryman (for Rita Funke), Dec. 17-Lisa Cooper

CLEANING –Dec. 10– Genita and daughters

FROM THE PASTOR—THE PROPHETS

Whenever we hear the word “prophet” we mostly think of someone saying something about the future. However, this is not what is meant whenever the ancient Israelites used the word “prophet”. The Hebrew word *navi* really means “one who speaks for a deity”, which was translated into Greek as *prophetes* which carries the same meaning. In this way, a prophet is not merely a soothsayer but reveals the word of God to those to whom God wishes to speak.

We can certainly consider many of the sayings of the prophets in a futuristic manner, in particular the passages clearly related to the coming of the Messiah or the Christ. Yet the Old Testament prophet also called the ancient people of God to live out the covenant promises they had made to God to truly be His particular people. From Abraham (the first to be called a prophet) all the way to John the Baptist (the last to be identified as one, as we hear in today’s Gospel), these chosen men spoke on behalf of the Lord who desires not the death of the sinner but that they live in Him.

There are two general divisions in the writings of the prophets.

- 1) Major Prophets—those who wrote the most; Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel and Daniel
- 2) Minor Prophets—those who wrote smaller works; Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, and Malachi

This division is only concerning volume of writing, not their importance. Every prophet spoke what God wanted them to say not just for those living in their time, but for us as well. The words of the prophets are the word of God meant for our edification and sanctification. We still need to hear God speaking to us today.

Take some time this Advent to read the prophets so as to hear how God has spoken throughout the centuries. Hear also the various ways in which God prepared the way for the coming of the Christ, to save not only ancient Israel but all of us throughout time. *Fr. Jacob Straub*

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE AND CLARIFICATION

With Christmas falling on Monday, this serves as a clarification for Mass obligations

ONE MASS FULFILLS ONLY ONE OBLIGATION! NO DOUBLE-DIPPING!

4th Sunday of Advent

Christmas

Sat. Dec. 23—5:00 PM

Sun. Dec. 24—6:00 PM

Sun. Dec. 24—9:00 AM

Mon. Dec. 25—9:00 AM