

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. Feb. 10	5:00 PM	For †Anna Menefee
Sun. Feb. 11	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Mon. Feb. 12	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Tue. Feb. 13	8:00 AM	For †Vincent Rawe
Wed. Feb. 14	7:00 PM	For †Kenny Neuspickel
Thur. Feb. 15	8:00 AM	For Barbara Windholtz (L) [Adoration & Confessions 6-7 PM]
Fri. Feb. 16	8:00 AM	For Fr. Harry Settle (L)

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat. Feb. 17	5:00 PM	For †Heather Adamkiewicz & the Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sun. Feb. 18	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 Griphover, 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, Steve Vaughn, and John Jackson.

BIRTHDAYS– Feb. 1-Dan Cooper, Feb. 1-Jeanne Cooper, Feb. 2-Marie Cooper, Feb. 5-Maxine Kordenbrock, Feb. 6-Russell Neuspickel, Feb. 7-Jesse Rawe, Feb. 12-Mark Broering, Feb. 20-Kathy Bach, Feb. 28-Chloe Cooper

ANNIVERSARY– Feb. 16-Dan and Lisa Cooper.

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

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FEBRUARY 11, 2024

TAX LETTERS— Your year end tax statements are available in the back of church. If you do not see yours or believe there is a mistake, please see Father Straub.

‘PRAYERS FOR THE SICK’ LIST—Please review the ‘prayers for the sick’ list and let Linda or Father know if changes or additions need to be made. lindastryman@gmail.com is Linda’s email.

DISCERNMENT DINNER—Do you know someone who is a male age 14 or older who prays the rosary daily, or attends Eucharistic Adoration regularly? Maybe he is an altar server, or a lector. Or maybe he is restless in his chosen career. Ask him if he has ever considered becoming a priest! The Diocese has a Sacred Heart Discernment Dinner coming up on March 3rd at St. Agnes Parish to answer any questions or concerns he or his family might have which will be answered by Diocesan Vocations Director, Fr. Conor Kunath. An RSVP is requested. The dinner runs from 5-8 PM and is free. RSVPs should be sent to sbarnes@covdio.org. If this date does not work, there will be several more dinners offered throughout the summer.

MORNING OF REFLECTION—Give yourself the gift of a mini-retreat from 9 AM until Noon one Saturday a month to ensure you have the tools you need to follow God’s will in your life. The next Morning of Reflection will be at Sts. Boniface and James parish in Ludlow on Feb. 17 and will cover Lectio Divina. Schedule is as follows: 9AM—Presentation of the given topic with opportunity for questions and discussion. 10 AM—Mass in the Church. 11AM Adoration with Confession available.

LECTOR— Feb. 11—Bernie Rawe, Feb. 14 (Ash Wed.)—Rita Funke, Feb. 18—Lisa Cooper

CLEANING —Feb. 11—Genita and daughters

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Wed. Feb. 14—Ash Wednesday Mass with imposition of ashes @ 7:00 PM (Confessions 6-6:50)

Thu. Feb. 15—Adoration with Confessions 6-7 PM

Fri. Feb. 16—Stations of the Cross 7:00 PM

FROM THE PASTOR – FASTING & ABSTINENCE

This coming week sees the start of Lent with Ash Wednesday. “Again we keep this solemn fast,” as the famous hymn begins. We begin this solemn season with the usual fasting and abstinence (see the table below). Yet this is not the only way that we can fast or abstain in this penitential time. Here are some other ideas to help you more properly observe this season.

- **ADDITIONAL DAYS**—Besides the mandated days of fasting and abstinence (see below), we ought to willingly practice these acts on other days. The traditional days of penance are Wednesdays as well as Fridays. We could do more fasting on those days or more abstinence.
- **SWEETS**—While this has been the classic example done by children, we can and should seriously abstain from sweets in Lent. The intentional self-denial of that which is pleasing to us reminds us that our true sweetness and joy are found in God and not in the things of this life. Not only ought we to give up sweets, but we should even be willing to take on some more bitter or less pleasing foods, or not use as many spices or condiments to make something tasteful to our tongue.
- **ENTERTAINMENT**—We should abstain from the multitude of media which entertains us, and give that time instead to growing closer to God. Instead of the TV or the computer or the devices, spend that time in prayer or sacred reading, or go out and do some act of almsgiving.
- **MATERIAL GOODS**—This is the time of year for spring cleaning. We should clean out our closets not merely with the mindset of what haven’t I worn or used in a while, but whether I can get along without this thing. Let’s be honest: most of us have more than we need, and we can afford to give to others.

This is the time to grow in God and to become holy. Let us take up the practices of prayer, almsgiving, and fasting to increase in the Lord. Let us not merely complete the minimum but strive to become all we can be, so that our earthly Lent may prepare us for the eternal Easter.

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.