

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

*THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

Sat. Feb. 15	5:00 PM	For †George Bach [from Kathy Bach]
Sun. Feb. 16	9:00 AM	For †Sr. Georgia Messingschlager [from John Jackson]
Mon. Feb. 17	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Tue. Feb. 18	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Wed. Feb. 19	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Thur. Feb. 20	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Fri. Feb. 21	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK

*THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME*

Sat. Feb. 22	5:00 PM	For Sherry Bryant & Roger High (L) [from Kathy Bach]
Sun. Feb. 23	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish

**PRAYER LIST**—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Imogene Fisk, Kate & Colton Sherold, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Roger High, Cheryl Miller, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Bill Schneider (Dominion Assisted Living 4009 Seligman Dr. Florence, Room 215), Ree Wagner, John Jackson, Wanda Bach, Maverick Orth (3yrs old), Daniel Cahill, Pax Minch, Todd Kloentrup, Gina Cooper, Tom Breeze, Valetta Proctor, and Mary Lou Kaub.

**BIRTHDAYS**– Feb. 1-Dan Cooper, Feb. 1-Jeanne Cooper, Feb. 1-Traci Hudson, 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 anyone’s birthday or anniversary is not listed, let Linda Fryman know.*



**SAINT MATTHEW CHURCH**

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Mass Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays [Tue through Fri] – 8 AM

Holy Days– 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Parish Staff and Volunteers

Religious Education – Lindsey Rawe (859) 250-7415

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## THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 16, 2025

**DPAA**—We have met our goal so all DPAA donations going forward until the new campaign starts in March will come directly back to St. Matthew Parish without any assessments from the Diocese. This is a great opportunity to give to the parish to make the most of your donations. Please do so before the new campaign begins in March.

**VISITORS**—If you have been attending St. Matthew and think you would like to become a registered member of the parish, please fill out a form that can be found by the bulletins in the front of church. Return it to Father Straub and you will become registered as a member of St. Matthew. We would love to have you become a part of our parish family.

**LECTOR**— Feb. 16-Jesse Rawe, Feb. 23-Bill Funke, Mar. 2-Lisa Cooper

**CLEANING** – Feb.-Genita and daughters

*Behold, your reward will be great in heaven.*



## FROM THE PASTOR—ON THE DPAA

Next month sees the start of this year's Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal-the DPAA. The 2024 appeal is coming to a close, but you are still free to donate and see that money returned 100% to the parish. I am very happy to report that, as of January 31st, we not only met our goal from last year but reached a grand total of \$19,880 collected. This exceeds our 2024 goal of \$13,000 by over \$6,000! Once again, thank you to everyone who contributes to this essential collection. Also: everything collected above our 2024 goal will be returned to the parish, so feel free to give as much as you want until the new campaign begins in March.

A reminder about the importance of this appeal. We are not a church operating on our own, but are part of a diocese. We have a duty to support the work of the Church beyond our parish. We do this throughout the year in various collections, not just for our diocese but for the Church across the country and around the world. Collections like the Peter's Pence and the Domestic Needs Collection provide financial support to the work of the Church. We also have a duty as Catholics to support the work of the diocese, which is the purpose of this appeal. It takes a lot to keep any diocese running, from educating seminarians and caring for elderly priests to supporting charity works and our schools.

With the recent executive orders and action by the federal government in the new presidential administration, we should also reflect on the Christian duty to charity. A government's primary duty is the maintenance of peace and order, and it is supposed to act in accord with this duty. Anything that looks like charity from the government is done either for this task or as an act of corruption to sway the people to support the government no matter what. As disciples of Christ, we are called to love, and this must also be reflected in how we treat others. Heed the words of the Lord in today's Gospel and reflect on how you can do your part not merely with your money but with your very self. Our contributions to the DPAA are one way among many for us to act in love of God and our neighbor.

This year, our parish's goal has been slated at \$13,400. It is a slight increase, but one that seems reachable given our previous contributions. Consider this an extension of your Lenten almsgiving. You can either give by sending money in through the parish (be sure it is either in the DPAA envelopes or labelled "DPAA"), making a pledge through the envelopes sent to your homes, or giving online through the diocesan website [covdio.org](http://covdio.org), making sure you mark any contribution for Saint Matthew. Remember that all we have received is a gift from God, and that we should return it to Him in every way possible. Thank you for all you do for our parish and for our diocese!

*Fr. Jacob Straub*