

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Feb. 11	\$1,947
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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

<i>THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</i>		
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
Mon. Feb. 19	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Tue. Feb. 20	8:00 AM	For †Vincent Rawe
Wed. Feb. 21	8:00 AM	For †Josephine Thoerner
Thur. Feb. 22	8:00 AM	For Carter Maher (L) [Adoration & Confessions 6-7 PM]
Fri. Feb. 23	8:00 AM	For Oliver Cooper (L)
<i>THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</i>		
Sat. Feb. 24	5:00 PM	For †Eugene Bach
Sun. Feb. 25	9:00 AM	For †Hugh and Helen Kloentrup

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, 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

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

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

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

‘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. lindafryman@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.



LECTOR— Feb. 18-Lisa Cooper, Feb. 25-Bill Funke

CLEANING –Feb. 11-Genita and daughters

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Wed. Feb. 21—Extra Lenten Confessions 6:00-8:00 PM

Thu. Feb. 22—Adoration with Confessions 6:00-7:00 PM

Fri. Feb. 23—Stations of the Cross with Veneration of the True Cross Relic 7:00 PM

Upcoming Fish Fries—March 8, 15, and 22

FROM THE PASTOR – LENT OVERVIEW

While we began this holy season a few days ago on Ash Wednesday, the more traditional start of Lent was today (just as most of our liturgical season begin on Sundays). We are called to join in Jesus’ journey in the desert with our 40 days of Lent. While we have seen about the traditional Lenten practices for the past few weeks, we ought to consider some of the distinctive traits which have emerged in our tradition around this sacred season.

First is the number 40. We say talk about the 40 days of Lent in conjunction with the 40 days in the desert. The ancients saw in the number 40 a reference to purification and renewal. We ought to think of the 40 days of the great flood, in which Noah and the few humans chosen by God were saved from destruction. We ought to consider the 40 years of wandering in the desert by the Israelites after they had sinned against God and made the golden calf, thus condemning that generation to remain away from the Promised Land. We should also recall the journey of Jesus in the desert as preparing for His public ministry, and His eventual death and resurrection.

We should also consider the vestment color of purple or violet. Whereas most of the vestments seen in church are of a joyful color like white or green, this season sees the church covered in purple or violet. This darker color should invoke within us feelings of regret and remorse over our sins. We should recall as well the purple cloak which covered Our Lord when He was mocked by the soldiers (Mk 15:17-20). Purple was also a color for wealthy people in antiquity because of the difficult process to acquire it. The Lord tells a parable about a rich man wearing fine purple who eventually dies and is condemned to hell for his sins (Lk 16:19-31). We should repent and avoid his fate lest we lose everything as well.

Lastly, we should have notice the absence of one word: Alleluia. The Roman Rite sees the absence of this word of praise and glory during these 40 days of Lent as a preparation for that feast which will come so soon after, in which we shall truly rejoice at the day which the Lord has made. Let us walk with the Lord in our Lenten desert so that we may be worthy to be with Him forever in the eternal Easter of 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.