

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat. Feb. 24	5:00 PM	For †Eugene Bach
Sun. Feb. 25	9:00 AM	For †Hugh and Helen Kloentrup
Mon. Feb. 26	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Tue. Feb. 27	8:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Wed. Feb. 28	8:00 AM	For †Edward Windholtz
Thur. Feb. 29	8:00 AM	For Bill Schneider (L) [Adoration & Confessions 6-7 PM]
Fri. Mar. 1	8:00 AM	For John Jackson (L) [First Friday Mass]

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat. Mar. 2	5:00 PM	For †Genoa Scott
Sun. Mar. 3	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, Bill Edelbroich, Jim Wolfe, Steve Vaughn, and John Jackson.

BIRTHDAYS— Feb. 28-Chloe Cooper, Mar. 3-Andy Schroder, Mar. 4-Russel Neuspickel, Mar. 6-Rita Funke, Mar. 8-Kristen Bach, Mar. 9-Caroline Rawe, Mar. 9-Sarah Gripshover, Mar. 11-Bill Kappesser, Mar. 16-Avery Bach, Mar. 18-Elissa Baker, Mar. 21-Howard Kluesener, Mar. 25-Joe Schmiade, Mar. 27-Tim Schlachter, Mar. 29 -Esther Cooper, Mar. 31-Eileen Ehlman

ANNIVERSARY— Mar. 14-Andy and Shelli Schroder, Mar. 17-Tim and Ella Dickerson

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

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FEBRUARY 25, 2024

ST. MATTHEW FISH FRY—Keep the dates of March 8, 15, and 22 marked in your calendars. Our Lenten fish fries will occur on those Fridays 4:30-7:00 PM. Carryout as well as dine-in will be available. All hands on deck to help!

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.

INTERNATIONAL NEEDS COLLECTION—The International Needs Combined Collection will be on **March 9th and 10th**. Your one gift will be divided among five mission organizations: Catholic Relief Services, Churches in Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, Christians in the Holy Land, and the Pontifical Mission Aid Societies. Your contribution to this Collection will continue to preserve and protect churches and Christians across the globe.

LECTOR— Feb. 25-Bill Funke, Mar. 3-Bernie Rawe

CLEANING —Feb. 11-Genita and daughters

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Wed. Feb. 28—Extra Lenten Confessions 6:00-8:00 PM

Thu. Feb. 29—Adoration with Confessions 6:00-7:00 PM

Fri. Mar. 1—Stations of the Cross with Veneration of the True Cross Relic 7:00 PM

Upcoming Fish Fries—March 8, 15, and 22 4:30-7:00 PM

FROM THE PRIEST – CONFESSION & ITS NECESSITY

Lent is the time for taking up penance as well as hearing the call to conversion. Pences are practices done as means of overcoming our sins and expressing our change of heart, from the old ways of the world, the flesh, and the devil, to the way of Jesus Christ. Yet these actions of contrition and penance cannot match the efficacy of the graces and power that our blessed Lord Himself gave His Apostles and the Church in the sacrament of confession.

Jesus Christ gave to us through the Church the seven sacraments as visible signs of His grace and mercy poured out upon us to aid us in becoming the saints we were created to be. The sacrament which wipes away all our sins committed post-baptism is the sacrament of confession or the sacrament of penance. In this sacrament, one comes before God through the person of the priest, acknowledges their sins, and hears the words of absolution which remove all confessed sins from your soul. This is how the Church helps remove or maintain the sins of the people of God as Jesus gave the clergy the authority to do (cf. John 20:22-23).

This sacrament is the ordinary means we have to be freed of any and all of our sins. The Protestants are wrong and teach falsely when they try to claim that we do not need confession. On the contrary, we are called by Christ to confess our guilt and our contrition in order to be healed and to become what we are supposed to be. It is only in receiving confession on a frequent basis (at least once a month) that we can even begin to be freed of sin which holds us back from God or even destroys our relationship with God, let alone our growth in Christ.

The Church actually mandates that we go to confession at least once a year to confess serious sins (see Code of Canon Law canon 989). Even if we have not knowingly committed serious or mortal sins, confession is the only way we have to know that God has forgiven us of our sins. St. Philip Neri recommends confession to grow as a saint: “When we go to confession, we should accuse ourselves of our worst sins first, and of those things which we are most ashamed of, because by this means we put the devil to greater confusion, and reap more fruit from our confession.” Let us not avoid this wondrous sacrament, but let us be resolved to receive God’s mercy and grace and become better and holier than before.

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.