

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Jan. 19	\$1,897
Jan. 26	\$1,174

MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

<i>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</i>		
Sat. Feb. 1	5:00 PM	For August NeCamp (L)
Sun. Feb. 2	9:00 AM	For †Nancy Tepe
Mon. Feb. 3	XXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. Feb. 4	8:00 AM	For John Jackson (L)
Wed. Feb. 5	8:00 AM	For †Verna Payne [from Sandy & Tom Crawford]
Thur. Feb. 6	8:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Fri. Feb. 7	8:00 AM	For Myra Cooper (L) [First Friday: Confessions after Mass]
<i>THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Feb. 8	5:00 PM	For †Verna Payne [from Elizabeth Cahill]
Sun. Feb. 9	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. 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.



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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 PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

FEBRUARY 2, 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.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING—Thursday, Feb. 6, at 7:00 PM here at church.

LECTOR— Feb. 2-Lisa Cooper, Feb. 9-Brad Cooper

CLEANING—Feb—Genita and daughters

*A light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel.*



FROM THE PASTOR—THE NINTH COMMANDMENT

Traditional Formula: You shall not covet your neighbor's wife.

Commentary: This commandment differs from the Sixth in that the previous commandment concerned physical actions, whereas this commandment is concerned with actions of the mind and heart. We can grow jealous of the good relationships others have with their spouses and begin to desire that over our own spouse. One can also begin to lust after others and begin to draw oneself away from the marriage covenant one has made in God with their spouse. The ultimate battleground is not external but internal, within the heart.

Our Lord teaches that adultery is not merely a physical action but can also be committed within the person (Mt. 5:28). He calls us all to practice the virtues of purity and chastity. Purity is to keep our minds and hearts fixed on God alone in all our actions. Chastity is the proper utilization of the gift of sexuality according to our vocation. All are to practice chastity, though it is different for married people than for those who are celibate. Our desires must be rightly ordered toward holiness in God, in fulfillment of the particular calling He has for us which shall help us become saints worthy of eternal life.

Sins against the Ninth Commandment

-Lustful Desire: to look upon another seeking only that they satisfy our sexual drives. People are not objects for our usage but persons with whom we are to engage in properly ordered relationships. The conjugal act is not to be separated from the marriage bed, nor are we to look at others only to satisfy our sick curiosity. We are not beasts led by passions alone but are created in the image and likeness of God. We must act this way in ourselves and towards other human beings.

-Immodesty: every Christian has the obligation to show respect for themselves as well as for others by observing modesty. The practice of modesty “means refusing to unveil what should remain hidden.” (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*) We are not meant to expose ourselves for the world to see, whether in whole or even in part. This is not the practice of veiling women seen in other religions like Islam, however. It is for both sexes to practice, though there is usually an emphasis on women as the more attractive half of the human race. Our attire cannot be a stumbling block for others. Observe self-respect in practicing modesty well against this vulgar and revelatory culture.

Let us above all pray to the Mother most Pure, and Mother most Chaste, that she will help us to emulate her purity and chastity in our everyday lives. Mary was presented in the temple on this day to be purified in thanksgiving for birthing the Savior of the nations. May she intercede for us in our struggle against sins of the flesh, that we may be worthy to join her in the eternal court of her Son forever.

Fr. Jacob Straub