

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

<i>THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Feb. 18	5:00 PM	For †Charlie Cross
Sun. Feb. 19	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
Mon. Feb. 20	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Tue. Feb. 21	8:00 AM	For †Norma
<i>ASH WEDNESDAY—DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE</i>		
Wed. Feb. 22	6:30 PM	For †Mary Ann Sullinger
Thur. Feb. 23	8:00 AM	For †Joe West (Adoration & Confessions 6:00-7:00 PM)
Fri. Feb. 24	8:00 AM	For †Tuna West
<i>THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</i>		
Sat. Feb. 25	5:00 PM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
Sun. Feb. 26	9:00 AM	For †Ed Gripshover

**PRAYER LIST**—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Charles Taylor, Chris Rauf, Katie Davis, Barry Bergman, Andrew Lauck, Bradley Franzen, Pam Babbington, Dave Kordenbrock, Kate & Colton Sherold, Karen Reilly, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, John Jackson, Hank Bond, Hudson Feinauer, Mike and Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Bonita & Jim Happe, Dave Verst, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Larry Slusher, Brenda Johnson, Verna Payne, Roger High, Rita Funke, Johnathan Briggs, Cheryl Miller, Missy Fryman, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Jeanne Eames. and Bill Schneider (In Storrypoint Assisted Living, 9255 US 42, Apt. 44, Union, KY. 41091).

**BIRTHDAYS**—Feb. 1— Dan Cooper, Feb. 1—Jeanne Cooper, Feb. 5—Maxine Kordenbrock, Feb 6—Russell Neuspickel, Feb. 7—Jesse Rawe, Feb. 12—Mark Broering, Feb. 13—Cathy Oldiges, Feb. 20— Kathy Bach, Feb. 28— Chloe Cooper

**ANNIVERSARIES**— 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—6:00-7:00 PM

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## THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 19, 2023

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES**—We will be having Lenten Bible studies on Monday evenings at 6:30 PM. These will be led by Matthew Wiseman who teaches Old Testament and Theology so we are in for a treat. The first meeting will be Monday, Jan. 30, at 6:30 PM and continue through Lent.

**FISH FRIES**-Keep in mind our fish fries will be March 10, 17, 24, and 31 this year. If you can help in the kitchen or garage you are more than welcome to help. We also could use some young people to run fish and fries from the garage to the kitchen. Thanks to all who continue to help each year to make our fish fries the best one around.

**KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE**-the Diocese Office of Safe Environment is hosting Mr. Stephen Smith for two upcoming presentations that will open your eyes to the dangers that may lurk on the other side of children's screens. If you are a parent, grandparent, caregiver, godparent, teacher, or coach of pre-teens or teens, these free presentations may be for you. They are open to all adults in the community who want more information and guidance on these things. If you want more info you may call 859-392-1515 or visit [awiredfamily.org](http://awiredfamily.org). The first presentation will be on Monday, Feb. 27th from 7pm-9pm at St. Henry High School. The second presentation will be at Bishop Brossart High School on Tuesday, March 7th from 7pm to 9pm.

**WITH ONE HEART**—This Wednesday begins the diocesan wide portion of the With One Heart initiative. Every individual is asked to take the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) connected to their parish. Please see the handouts near the bulletins for information about how to take this survey online. We will be working to make it available to everyone through other means as well.

**LECTOR**— Feb. 19-Bill Funke, Feb. 26-Bernie Rawe

### LENTEN SCHEDULE

Wed. Feb. 22—Ash Wednesday: Confessions 5:30-6:20PM, Mass @ 6:30 PM

Thur. Feb. 23—Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions 6:00-7:00 PM

Fri. Feb. 24—Stations of the Cross @ 7:00 PM (will be done on Fridays without fish fry)

### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK—LENTEN INDULGENCES

That phrase above is not one we normally think of with the impending Lenten season. However, I am not meaning excess in food and drink, but the practice of gaining indulgences for souls in our faith. While there are plenty of opportunities to gain a plenary or partial indulgence throughout the year, we should dedicate this time above all to works of charity for the poor souls in need of indulgence from their temporal suffering (remember Purgatory is not eternal but the entry to Heaven and eternal life).

Remember the basics to gain a plenary indulgence: do the act, receive Holy Communion the day of the act, confession within a few weeks, prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father (an Our Father and a Hail Mary are sufficient), and being free of attachment to sin. If any of those are lacking, one can still earn a partial indulgence. These indulgences can be earned for oneself or for the souls in Purgatory.

The usual options that can be done are: recitation of the Rosary as a family or in church, the pious reading of the Scriptures for at least a half hour, and adoration of the Eucharist for at least a half hour. But there is one more indulgence specific to Lent which I wish you to try to do.

**THE PRAYER BEFORE THE CRUCIFIX**—A plenary indulgence can be gained under the usual conditions when praying this prayer after Communion on Fridays in Lent. The text:

Behold, O kind and most sweet Jesus, I cast myself upon my knees in Your sight, and with the most fervent desire of my soul I pray and beseech You that You would impress upon my heart lively sentiments of Faith, Hope, and Charity, with true repentance for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment, while with deep affection and grief of soul I ponder within myself and mentally contemplate Your five most precious Wounds; having before my eyes the words which David in prophecy spoke concerning Yourself, O good Jesus: "They have pierced my hands and feet; they have numbered all my bones."

Let us grow in charity not just to those alive with us but even with the holy souls in Purgatory, helping them to reach that which we desire as well: life everlasting. *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.