

## SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

*Weekend of February 15: \$1,798.00*

<b>MASS SCHEDULE</b> (L=Living, †=Deceased)		
<b>THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>		
Sat. Feb. 21	5:00 PM	Deceased of the Hoffman's and Gripshover's from Sarah Gripshover
Sun. Feb. 22	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
Mon. Feb. 23	XXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. Feb. 24	8:00 AM	John Jackson from Rita Jackson
Wed. Feb. 25	8:00 AM	Gerizza Nicole from Tony Fariello
Thur. Feb. 26	8:00 AM	Steve Manning from Bob Rottman
Fri. Feb. 27	8:00 AM	Anna Menefee from Linda Menefee
<b>THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>		
Sat. Feb. 28	5:00 PM	Bobby Bach from Joe and Kathy Bach
Sun. Feb. 29	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish

**PRAYER LIST**—Eileen Ehlman, Kate & Colton Sherold, 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 (at Gateway Rehab,), the friends and family of Ree Wagner on her passing, Wanda Bach, Maverick Orth (3yrs old), Daniel Cahill, Pax Minch, Todd Kloentrup, Gina Cooper, Tom and Connie Breeze, Valetta Proctor, Melba Hauser, Larry Cappel, Mary Beth Feldmann, Griffin Cornell, Jeff Piehl, Annamarie Schroeder, Elissa Baker, Doug Redman, Jody Rodriguez, Aiden Magee, Jeff Groneck, Rita and Carl Rebholz, Greg White, Eric Thomas Jr., and Dennis McNay,

**BIRTHDAYS**—Feb. 28-Chloe Cooper, Mar. 2-Zachary Eten, Mar. 3-Andy Schroder, Mar. 4-Russel Neuespickel, Mar. 6-Rita Funke, Mar. 7-Mike Ruttle, Mar. 8-Kristen Bach, Mar. 9-Sarah Gripshover, Mar. 9-Caroline Rawe, Mar. 12-Michael Hensley, Mar. 16-Avery Bach, Mar. 16-Melinda Mills, Mar. 18-Elissa Baker, Mar. 21-Howard Kleusener, Mar. 25-Joe Schmiade, Mar. 27-Tim Schlachter, Mar. 29-Esther Cooper, Mar. 30-Callahan Mason, Mar. 31-Eileen Ehlman.

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

**LECTOR**, - Feb. 22-Brad Cooper, Feb. 29-Bill Funke

**CLEANING** —Feb.-Patty and Penny

*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. 859-240-2377.*



## 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

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

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## ***THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT***

**FEBRUARY 22, 2026**

**DPAA**—We have met our goal! Now, everything given gets returned to our parish without paying the Diocesan Taxes on it. Our parish's goal for this year was \$13,400. Please be generous if you have not contributed. This collection will run until March, 2026.

**LENTEN FISH FRIES**—We will have three fish fries this Lent. The dates are March 13, 20, and 27. Times are 5 PM-7:30 PM. Prices will be a bit higher this year due to the rising cost of food. Fish dinners will be \$12, Shrimp dinners will be \$13, Fish Sandwich is \$8, Mozzarella sticks \$3, Grilled cheese dinner will be \$5. Extra sides are \$2 each. Choices are macaroni and cheese, fries, or cole slaw. All meals include drink and dessert.

**EXPANDING OUR HEARTS**— This Lent, we will be conducting a survey. and we need to hear from you! As part of the diocesan With One Heart initiative, the survey will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and on our parish's efforts to help you become the best disciple you can be. The information gathered will be used to measure the success of our current parish pastoral plan and to plan for the future so we can become a more faith-filled, vibrant community. The greater the participation, the more reliable the information will be for effective decision-making. All parishioners 15 years and older are encouraged to participate. The DMI will be accessible online from February 18 through March 23 and will take 10-15 minutes to complete (paper surveys will be available for those who need them). All responses will be confidential; the parish will only receive information about our community as a whole. Results will be shared with the parish in late spring/early summer. Tell us what's on your heart! Take the *Disciple Maker Index* this Lent!

If you go to [www.covdio.org/withoneheart/](http://www.covdio.org/withoneheart/) (you may have to click on One Heart), then click the '**Click Here**' words on the blue Disciple Maker Index Portal. Scroll down to St. Matthew and click that. It will only take 15 minutes or so to complete.

If you prefer taking the survey on paper, it will be available for us to print off for you at a later date..

The chance to complete the survey ends on March 23.

Please give this objective a top priority in your plans. With answers from all parishioners from every parish, the Diocese will use the results of this survey to plan for many objectives: training for priests, active communication strategies such as a program to unify social media across parishes, to gather feedback to guide diocesan priorities, and many others.

Welcome to Lent! How's it going so far? Have you been able to stick with the sacrifices and penances you've taken on?

Whatever you do, don't be discouraged. What would have happened if Thomas Edison had given up every time his light bulb didn't work? I'll tell you. Nothing!

Same is true with our Lenten observances. The goal is not necessarily perfection right out of the gate. The goal is to stretch and grow our powers of resistance and our capacity for self-less-ness. That might involve some "falling off the wagon." That's ok. The important thing is we get back on. Or rather, we don't get back on, but reach out our hands to the Lord and ask Him to help us back on! We cannot do it (or anything) by ourselves. It must be God, and us, working together.

A parishioner shared a quote from another priest that I think is apt. "If you don't fail at least once at your Lenten observance, it wasn't hard enough!" Keep that in mind, and let it propel you on to greater and greater victory in your endeavors.

-Fr. Josh Lange

### **CHURCH RULES FOR LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE**

#### **FASTING – ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY**

Must be done by all aged 18-59; only 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

These rules presume the good health of the participant. If your health is precarious and will not allow you to engage these practices, put your health first.