

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Jan. 1 & 5	TBD
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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Sat. Jan. 11	5:00 PM	For †Verna Payne (from Jill Schmiade)
Sun. Jan. 12	9:00 AM	For †Joseph Kordenbrock
Mon. Jan. 13	XXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. Jan. 14	8:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Wed. Jan. 15	8:00 AM	For Juniper Musial (L)
Thur. Jan. 16	8:00 AM	For †Johnny Dietz
Fri. Jan. 17	8:00 AM	For John Jackson (L)
<i>THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</i>		
Sat. Jan. 18	5:00 PM	For †Helen Bach
Sun. Jan. 19	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, Jeanne Eanes, 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, Sr. Georgia Messingschlager, Valetta Proctor, and Mary Lou Kaub.

BIRTHDAYS—Jan. 3-Karly Bach, Jan. 4-Caedan Feinauer, Jan. 5– Timothy Eten, Jan. 6-Trisha Moore, Jan. 8-Myra Cooper, Jan. 10-Allison Eten, Jan. 10-Rachel Broering, Jan. 11-John Mills, Jan. 15-Linda Fryman, Jan, 20-Joe Bach, Jan. 23-Jerry Ehlman, Jan. 28-Shiloh Haley, Jan. 29-Maybalee Miller

ANNIVERSARY– Jan. 17-Mark & Jeanne 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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JANUARY 12, 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.

CCD CLASSES—Remember to sign up to bring snacks and drinks. The sign up sheet is in the back of church.

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.

SUNDAY CONFIRMATION—Bishop Iffert will celebrate the Sunday Mass and confer the sacrament of Confirmation on 3 of our young parishioners on Sunday, January 26. A small reception will be held downstairs after Mass. Please keep these three candidates in your prayers as they prepare to complete their initiation in Christ: Chloe Cooper, Allison Eten, Gavin Hensley.

LECTOR— Jan. 12-Jesse Rawe, Jan. 19-Brad Cooper

CLEANING — Jan-Kathy and Wanda Bach

*A voice came from heaven,
“You are my beloved Son;
with you I am well pleased.”*



FROM THE PASTOR—THE SIXTH COMMANDMENT

Traditional Formula: You shall not commit adultery.

Commentary: Marriage has been a part of the divine plan from the very beginning, when He gave the first man the first woman to be his helpmate. God has ordained marriage for two equal ends: the union of the couple and the procreation and rearing of children. These ends cannot be separated or isolated; the sacrament of Matrimony is fulfilled in both ends.

Our age has become a very sensual age, with the hyper-emphasis on the physical as the only means of satisfaction for modern man. The sexual is seen only as a means to an end, and the only end is pleasure. Yet God gives us the gift of sexuality not for ourselves but for others; not for pleasure but for sacrifice; not for individualism but unity. The Church maintains the sacredness of the conjugal act as well as the respect for persons and the reminder of the inherent and divine dignity in humanity to be more than some rabid sex-crazed animal.

Sins against the Sixth Commandment

-Sex outside of Marriage: any sexual act, whether alone or with others, which occurs outside of the bonds of marriage is always sinful. This action is meant to affirm the bond of matrimony and help the couple achieve the two equal ends of marriage. To act otherwise goes against the divine plan.

-Pornography: the viewing of materials toward arousal or excitement. This is not just limited to explicitly stimulating material which can all too easily be found on the internet but can include our watching material with a rather lewd mindset. This action objectifies the individuals portrayed and incites one towards self pleasure which degrades the conjugal act & promotes narcissism.

-Misuse of the Conjugal Act: even within marriage, one is not free to act against the two ends of marriage nor to abuse the conjugal act. Marriage is not a license to engage any depraved idea or feeling one has but the proper means for utilizing the gift of sexuality. One cannot commit any action which stops the end of procreation nor to make the conjugal act only about the unitive end for the couple.

-Homosexual Acts: a particularly egregious action which has seemingly become mainstream in so quick a time. These actions are egregious in that they run directly contrary to the divine plan as well as against our human nature, all once more for the elevation of self pleasure as the highest good. The Church condemns these acts as always and everywhere gravely sinful, while also encourage those struggling with same sex attraction to live to the same standard of chastity (proper temperance of the gift of sexuality) as all her members are called to practice.

Let us pray to the Mother Most Pure and Most Chaste to appreciate the gift of sexuality God has given us and to use it as He calls us to do so, for the sake of His kingdom.

Fr. Jacob Straub