

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Jan. 1 & 5	\$1,233
Jan. 12	\$875

MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. Jan. 18	5:00 PM	For †Helen Bach
Sun. Jan. 19	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Mon. Jan. 20	XXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. Jan. 21	8:00 AM	For Sr. Georgia Messingschlager (L)
Wed. Jan. 22	8:00 AM	For John Jackson (L)
Thur. Jan. 23	8:00 AM	For †Mary Cross
Fri. Jan. 24	8:00 AM	For †Madeline Ledford

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. Jan. 25	5:00 PM	For Bobby Bach (L)
Sun. Jan. 26	9:00 AM	For Our Confirmation Candidates [Mass with the Bishop]

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, 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

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

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

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JANUARY 19, 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. 19-Brad Cooper, Jan. 26-Bill Funke

CLEANING – Jan-Kathy and Wanda Bach

*His mother said
to the servers,*

*“Do whatever
He tells you.”*



FROM THE PASTOR—THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

Traditional Formula: You shall not steal.

Commentary: We exist in a physical world. Unlike the angels, we have physical needs, and are able to obtain physical items for our possession and/or use. Material goods are not evil in themselves, but in how we use or misuse or abuse them. This commandment reminds us that we do not have a right to that which belongs to other, and the same applies to others concerning our goods and property.

Our Lord, however, calls us to be above the desire for things when he declares: “Blessed are the poor in spirit.” The evangelical call to poverty is not merely for religious or “crazy people” but for us to be in the world but not of the world. Our hearts are not meant to desire the amassing of things but to desire God alone, even losing that which seems most necessary in pursuit of He who is the One eternal and total Good. See the life of Saint Francis of Assisi, and learn how to live more like the impoverished saint each day.

Sins against the Seventh Commandment

-Greed: the desire for more than what we require for our station in life. It is not greedy to desire the basics for ourselves and our families: food, clothing, shelter, etc. It is greedy to want to increase beyond our needs. Greed makes us treat others merely as objects to help us amass goods, especially wealth. Yet what use can that wealth be if our hearts are poor with love of God and of our neighbor?

-Disrespect of Others’ Property: We do not have a right to others’ property. If they grant us permission to use something or have it, we may use it accordingly. We cannot presume that we have a “right” to it merely because they have it or because we think we have a justifiable need. One of the great errors of the political theory of communism is to deny the right of property to individuals, falsely believing this will fix most societal issues. Only grace and active charity can fix our broken society.

-Lack of Care for Creation: We are not the owners of the universe, but rather stewards of creation. God has given us this gift of the universe filled with all we need to thrive and prosper and grow in union with Him. How we care for it reflects how much we desire to be with God or away from Him. This is not environmentalism or working against “climate change”, but the recognition that we will be held responsible for how we treat all things, even animals and the earth. We cannot waste what has been given to us for our own selfish gains.

-Lack of Loving the Poor: Jesus calls us to love our neighbor, and in particular the poor. We have a duty to do what we can to help them. It may not be what they specifically want, but we should do everything to help out someone who is in true need of help. “As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.” [Mt. 25:40]

Fr. Jacob Straub