

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Jan. 19	TBD
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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

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]
Mon. Jan. 27	XXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. Jan. 28	8:00 AM	For Ben Jackson (L)
Wed. Jan. 29	8:00 AM	For †Verna Payne [from William Homan]
Thur. Jan. 30	8:00 AM	For †Esther Jackson
Fri. Jan. 31	8:00 AM	For †Rev. Josiah Booth

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Sat. Feb. 1	5:00 PM	For August NeCamp (L)
Sun. Feb. 2	9:00 AM	For †Nancy Tepe

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, RIP Sr. Georgia Messingschlager.

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 26, 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.

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.

SR. GEORGIA DEATH—Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sr. Georgia Messingschlager, daughter of the parish, who went to her eternal reward on Thursday. Her funeral Mass will be on Wednesday, Jan. 29, at 7:00 PM, at St. Cecilia, with visitation beforehand beginning at 4:00 PM. Please keep her, her family, and her religious order in your prayers.

CANDLE BLESSING—Next Sunday is the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. There is traditionally a blessing of candles and a procession before the main Mass on this particular feast. Candles will be blessed before the Sunday Mass. Feel free to bring your candles from home to have them blessed by Fr. Straub.

LECTOR— Jan. 26-Bill Funke

CLEANING – Jan-Kathy and Wanda Bach

Congratulations to our confirmandi!

Chloe Cooper

Allison Eten

Gavin Hensley



FROM THE PASTOR—THE EIGHTH COMMANDMENT

Traditional Formula: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Commentary: God is the God of truth: that which is as pertains to reality. God does not lie. When He makes an oath or a covenant, He always holds up His end. We, in turn, are meant to be true to our word. This commandment is not merely concerned with lying but with our duty to the truth. This comes up most importantly in oaths, as will be discussed below. But all speech falls under this commandment. We need to have a guard on our tongues lest we overstep our bounds and speak out of turn or too much.

We are also called to be witnesses to the truth revealed in Christ Jesus. Everything must be interpreted through He who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Since God is true, and Jesus is true, we cannot deny or reject Him without severe consequences, even in little matters. We are called to be *martyrs*—the ancient Greek word for witnesses offering testimony—of truth. The Church's martyrs would not betray Christ even at the point of death. We must not betray Him even in a more tolerant society.

Sins against the Eighth Commandment

-False Oaths: An oath is the invocation of God toward the fulfillment of some task or obligation. Oaths are not evil, and are used by the Church to affirm one's obligations to God as well as an obligation to tell the truth. We cannot violate a sacred oath without reaping worse punishment on ourselves before God. To lie under oath is to make a mockery of God. We ought also not to make oaths or swear too easily, as that reduces trust in the oath-taker.

-Disrespect of Persons: In charity and truth we must judge others and act accordingly. We cannot spread lies about them (calumny) nor spread truths no one has an obligation to know (detraction). We must not judge one rashly or too quickly but must ascertain the truth and act properly. This is not a tolerance of evil, however, but an act of charity towards the other. If one has committed sin, we are obligated to correct them lest they lose their immortal souls.

-Lying: to lie is to withhold the truth when one has an obligation to reveal it. The act of lying cannot be accepted. As disciples of the Word who is Truth, we are called to be witnesses of truth. We cannot deceive if we belong to God who cannot and does not deceive. This is not just limited to our words but also applies to our actions. What we do must reflect the Truth.

Let us not deceive by word or action, but let us be witnesses of the Truth to all whom we meet, that they may desire that same Truth which shall grant to all His faithful what He promises (and which He is true to His word): everlasting life.

Fr. Jacob Straub