



**THIS IS MY SON,  
THE BELOVED**  
MATTHEW 17:9

*St. Matthew Catholic Church (1909)*

*13782 Decoursey Pike*

*Morning View, KY. 41063*

*March 7 & 8, 2020*

*The Second Sunday of Lent*

**This Week's Mass Times**

Saturday 5 PM

Sunday 9 AM

Friday 8:30 AM

Confession—8-8:30AM on Sunday Morning or by appointment

(There will be no Masses on Tuesday or Wednesday due to Father's Trip)

Confession : Sunday Before Mass 8:00 AM– 8:30 AM

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**Welcome to St. Matthew Parish**

To register and become a member of St. Matthew: Please see Father, Linda Fryman, Rosanne Rawe, or Lisa Cooper to fill out a registration form. We welcome you and hope you enjoy attending Mass at our little parish. We pride ourselves on being a faith family that welcomes all to join and get to know us. If you aren't Catholic and have thought about becoming Catholic or would like to know more about the Catholic faith, please call the rectory and leave a call back number or see Fr. Augustine after Mass.

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday, 7 March—5PM**

For the Living and Dead Members of  
Our Parish

**Sunday, 8 March —9 AM**

For Nancy Tepe

**Tuesday, 10 March —No Mass**

**Wednesday, 11 March —No Mass**

**Friday, 13 March—8:30 AM**

For Lee Hartke

**Saturday, 14 March—5PM**

For Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Cantrell

**Sunday, 15 March—9 AM**

For the Living and Dead Members of  
Our Parish

**Mass**

**5 PM. Sat. 7 March**

Lector: Cathy Oldiges

EMHC: Cup Temp. Suspended for  
illnesses.

Server: TBD

**9 AM. Sun. 8 March**

Lector: : Bernie Rawe

EMHC: Cup Temp. Suspended

Servers: Hudson Feinauer/Nathan  
Thorwarth

**5PM. Sat. 14 March**

Lector: Darlene Schutte

EMHC: Cup Temp Suspended

Server: TBD

**9 AM. Sun. 15 March**

Lector : Lisa Cooper

EMHCP: Cup Temp. Suspended

Servers: Caden Feinauer/Nathan  
Thorwarth

**Sunday Readings**

**March 7 & 8**

First – Genesis 12:1-4a

Second—II Timothy 1:8b-10

Gospel– Matthew 17:1-9

**March 14 & 15**

First—Exodus 17:3-7

Second—II Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel—John 4:5-42

**Daily Readings**

**Monday**—Daniel 9:4-10, Ps 79:8-9,11,13  
Luke 6:36-38

**Tuesday**—Isaiah 1:10,16-20, Ps 50:8-9,16-  
17,21, 23 Matthew 23:1-12

**Wednesday**—Jeremiah 18:18-20, Ps 31:5-  
6,14-16, Matthew 20:17-28

**Thursday**—Jeremiah 17:5-10, Ps 1:1-4,6,  
Luke 16:19-31

**Friday**—Genesis 37:3-4,12-13,17-28, Ps  
105:16-21 Matt. 21:33-43,45-46

**Saturday**—Micah 7:14-15,18-20, Ps 103:1-  
4,9-12, Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

**Prayer Requests**

Jerry Ehlman , Eileen Ehlman, Sherri  
Moffett, Kenny Neuspickel, Kathy Barth,  
Yandell Schneider, Charles Taylor,  
Ed Gripshover, Joy Sowder, Kathy Proctor,  
David Roland, Joseph Cooley, Grant Kelly,  
and the family and friends of Brian Lauer.

**Offertory Procession**

March 7—TBD

March 8—Thorwarth Family

March 14—TBD

March 15—Baker Family

**March Birthdays**

Mar. 3—Andy Schroder

Mar. 6—Rita Funke

Mar. 11—Bill Kappesser

Mar. 18—Elissa Baker

Mar. 21—Howard Kluesener

Mar. 27—Tim Schlachter

Mar. 31—Eileen Ehlman

**Confessions:**

Sunday 8-8:30 AM or by appointment

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If you have not taken the time to donate to  
the DPAA yet, please do so. All donations  
given now (after we met our goal) come di-  
rectly back to St. Matthew without having to  
pay the Diocese the normal tax on collections.  
What a deal! Please remember the Church in  
your charitable giving. Consider naming St.  
Matthew in your will or donations of stocks.  
The blessings will be returned to you many  
times over.

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**Stewardship and Treasure**

Feb. 29 & March 1 \$1,279

Ash Wednesday \$177

**Thank You!!**

## PARISH NEWS

### **Fish Fry Time-Thanks to all Volunteers!**

Our second fish fry is in the books. To date we are around \$500 to the good just after two so 'Full speed ahead' for more! Please know that we appreciate everyone's support and help!

### **Sister's Mission**

Please don't forget our 'Sister's Mission' campaign running throughout March and continuing on until mid April. As explained in prior bulletins we are taking up two collections a year for Sr. Georgia Messingschlager who visits our sick and keeps Father informed on their well being. We will be giving out envelopes to be returned at any time you have prayerfully considered the importance of Sister's mission within St. Matthew. The contact she has with some of our sick is the 'face' of St. Matthew to them. Please help us keep her here and show our support personally while St. Matthew cannot officially pay her. Please return your envelope before Easter. Thank you.

### **Special Collection for Nashville Next Week**

Bishop Foys has requested that we take up a second collection next week, **March 14 & 15**, for the Diocese of Nashville due to the tornado that caused much damage to their city and surrounding area. Please keep this in mind and remember to bring an extra check or money for this second collection next week. The money will be used for necessities and to help rebuild. Thank you in advance for being as generous as possible.

### **No Mass on Tuesday, March 10 or Wednesday, March 11**

Father will be away this coming Tuesday and Wednesday so we will not have Mass on either day. This, of course, includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday morning and Vespers on Wednesday. He will be back for Friday morning Mass.

### **Still Need Cleaning Volunteers**

Thus far, we only have had four teams volunteer to clean the church. Our hope is to have enough teams that each should only have to clean once every two months and only clean a portion of the church each time. This can only happen if we can get four more teams to volunteer. If we get that, we should have a team clean the church portion one week and the next team clean the hall and bathroom portion the following week and continue on with each of the eight teams cleaning once every two months. Please see Patty Neuspickel or Linda if you are interested so Patty can put the schedule together. Thanks!

## IN OUR DIOCESE

### Memorial Mass for Loss of a Child

There will be a memorial Mass for the loss of a child at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on **April 2** at 7 PM. This Mass is offered to anyone who has lost a child, regardless of the situation, recent or years ago, unborn or born, to come together for healing and celebration of life. Each family is encouraged to have a representative participate in the opening light procession. These candles will remain lit throughout the Mass and be taken home by a loved one. Please sign the memorial book as you arrive. Light refreshments immediately following in the gathering space. All are welcome.

### Lenten Retreat at St. Cecilia

A one day Lenten retreat is being planned for Saturday **March 14** from 9 AM to 3:30 PM. All adults, 18 and older, are invited to attend. This gathering will be an opportunity for a time of peaceful prayer, talks, refreshments, and small group conversations to help strengthen your Lenten journey. The event will be led by Priests, speakers, and our retreat ministry team. The cost is \$10 a person with coffee, donuts, lunch, and reception included. The retreat will end with the 4:00 PM Mass at St. Cecilia. A light reception will take place after Mass for those who are interested in an additional time of fellowship. To register you may contact David Durr at 513-802-4235 or [daviddurr@fuse.net](mailto:daviddurr@fuse.net).

### Care Net In Need of Pro Life Volunteers

Care Net Pregnancy Services of Northern Ky. is currently seeking passionate, pro-life volunteers. Positions are available for advocate/mentors and receptionists willing to serve 3-4 hours per week at one of our centers. Help impact the lives of women and men facing an unplanned pregnancy and in need of support. Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Mary Goins, at 859-431-9178, or email [volunteerhere@carenetky.org](mailto:volunteerhere@carenetky.org). Thank you.

### Lenten Deanery Penance Services

Cathedral: March 13 12PM– 12AM Confessions and Adoration  
Divine Mercy Parish, Bellevue: March 20 12PM– 12AM Confessions and Adoration  
St. Joseph, Cold Spring: March 23, 7PM Penance Service

### Chrism Mass

The Most Reverend Roger J. Foys invites you to attend the celebration of the Chrism Mass to be held at the Cathedral on Tuesday, **April 7**, at 7:00 PM. The Chrism Mass is the only occasion when as many Catholics as possible celebrate the Eucharist together with their Priests, and representatives from every facet of Catholic life. We come together as one Church to celebrate one Eucharist. Please join us.

## Building Our Mountain Tops

The mountaintop Mountains are typically huge and imposing highlands. They are often difficult to climb because the climbing demands energy, determination, and resilience. Those who have been to the mountaintop can attest to its superlative challenge. It also provides an overview of the world below; it feels like being next door to the heavens. The mountain is a very symbolic biblical image. Most divine encounters took place on a mountain. The following could serve as backgrounds to our reflection:

- After the deluge, Noah's ark rested on Mt. Ararat (Gen. 8:4).
- Abraham was asked to sacrifice his son Isaac on one of the mountains at the region of Moriah (Gen. 22:2). King Solomon later built the Temple at the same location (2 Chron. 3:1).
- The majority of Moses' interactions with God, including the reception of the Ten Commandments, took place on Mount Sinai (Ex 19:16-20:1-12).
- Elijah defeated the prophets of Baal at Mt. Carmel (1 Kings 18:20-40) and met God in the gentle wind at Mt. Horeb (1 Kgs.17:12-13).
- Our Lord Jesus Christ gave most of his outstanding teaching on a mountain (Matt.5:1ff; 24:3ff), was crucified on Mt. Calvary or Golgotha (John 19:16-18) and ascended into heaven from Mt. Olivet (Acts 1:9-12).

The Gospel Reading today (Matt.17:1-9), tells us about the transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ which took place on a mountain and before three of his apostles: Peter, James, and John. Transfiguration means a change in the figure; that means the figure of our Lord Jesus Christ changed and became dazzlingly white in the presence of the apostles. As the event was going on, Moses and Elijah appeared and had a quick discussion with our Lord Jesus Christ. Bewildered by the event, Simon Peter exclaims "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah".

The two "celestial" visitors at that the Mount of Transfiguration share vital characteristics with our Lord Jesus Christ.

- They all had mountaintop experiences as we pointed out above.
- They all had forty day and forty night divine encounters that involved fasting (Moses Ex.34:28; Elijah- 1 Kings 19:8 and our Lord Jesus Christ Matt.4:2).
- The portfolios of Moses (Law) and Elijah (Prophets) are fulfilled in our Lord Jesus Christ (Matt. 5:17).

The ever-spontaneous Simon Peter offered to build three tents for our Lord and the two visitors at the transfiguration site. The account of Luke (9:33) added that he did not know what he was saying. This comment by St. Luke does not mean that Simon Peter's comment was banal, it means rather that something motivated his utterance. We can see a similar thing when he declared in the preceding chapter that Jesus Christ is the Son of the living God (Matt.16:17).

The mention of three tents is symbolic in the narrative. A tent in biblical term means a shelter, dwelling or a place of refuge. The book of Psalms (91: 1) says "Whoever dwells in the shelter (tent) of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty."

Moses:

From Moses' encounter with God we learn about the "tent of meeting or tabernacle" (Ex.33: 7-11) where he consistently spoke with God under cover of the pillar of cloud. From earlier chapters of the book of Exodus (25:8; 29:44-46), God pledged to dwell among the people via the tent of meeting or the tabernacle.

Elijah:

From the prophetic experience of Elijah we can understand tent as a form of divine shelter. During the time of famine, we learn that God directed the prophet to go and dwell by the brook of Cherith where ravens fed him and he drank from the brook (1 Kgs.17:4-5). When the brook dried out, God sent him to another tent; the house of the widow of Zarephath (1 Kings. 19:8ff).

Jesus Christ:

In the life and ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ we discover the tent par excellence. He came to lead us to the eternal tent which will contain us after the destruction of our earthly tent (2nd 5:1-2). We feel the effects of the eternal shelter through the word and the sacraments especially in the Holy Eucharist through which we receive the body and blood, soul, and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The season of Lent challenges us to make three productive tents following the transfiguration utterance of Simon Peter.

We are invited to erect the tent of prayer, almsgiving and fasting/abstinence. When we commit ourselves to prayer, we build a tent of communication with God, when we undertake works of charity, we build a tent of love; and when we commit ourselves to fasting and abstinence, we also build a tent of self-denial and long suffering.

As we march into the Second week of Lent, we are invited to leave the foot of the mountain to the mountaintop where the building of the tents will take place. Like Abram in the First

Reading (Gen.12:1-4a), we are expected to move away from the familiar and our comfort zones to the height of transfiguration. St Paul tells us in the Second Reading (2 Tim.1:8b-10) that this saving call from God makes us holy and acceptable to Him. God can only bless and make us great if we accept and activate the invitation to move like Abram from the region of nothingness to the region of something else. At the end of this season would you be able to count yourself a beloved son or daughter of God in whom He is well pleased?

I wish you a mountaintop experience and have a great week ahead as you build the three tents of the season.

+Remain blessed