

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

*THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT*

Sat. Mar. 9	5:00 PM	For †Curt Pingle
Sun. Mar. 10	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Mon. Mar. 11	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Tue. Mar. 12	8:00 AM	For †Edward Scott
Wed. Mar. 13	8:00 AM	For †Len Cooper
Thur. Mar. 14	8:00 AM	For Kevin Cooper (L) [Adoration & Confessions 6-7 PM]
Fri. Mar. 15	8:00 AM	For the Unborn (L)

*THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT*

Sat. Mar. 16	5:00 PM	For †Paul & Ruth Herringer
Sun. Mar. 17	9:00 AM	For †Frank Roth

**PRAYER LIST**—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Verna Payne, Kate & Colton Sherold, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, Mike and Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Bonita & Jim Happe, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Larry Slusher, Roger High, Cheryl Miller, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Jeanne Eanes, Bill Schneider (Dominion Assisted Living 4009 Siegalman Dr. Florence, KY. 41042 Room 215), Ree Wagner, Randy Goodhew, Imogene Fisk, Larry Cappel, Sean Timmerding, Rodney Gurren, Jim Wolfe, Steve Vaughn, John Jackson, Wanda Bach, and Pax Minch.

**BIRTHDAYS**—Mar. 3-Andy Schroder, Mar. 4-Russel Neuspickel, Mar. 6-Rita Funke, Mar. 8-Kristen Bach, Mar. 9-Caroline Rawe, Mar. 9-Sarah Gripshover, Mar. 11-Bill Kappesser, Mar. 16-Avery Bach, Mar. 18-Elissa Baker, Mar. 21-Howard Kluesener, Mar. 25-Joe Schmiade, Mar. 27-Tim Schlachter, Mar. 29-Esther Cooper, Mar. 31-Eileen Ehlman

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

*Please send any requests for prayers or memorials to the parish email or call to make a request. If you birthday or anniversary is not listed, let Linda know.*



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Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – 8:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration: Thursdays 6-7:00 PM

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Thursdays—6:00-6:50 PM

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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 10, 2024

**ST. MATTHEW FISH FRY**—Keep the dates of March 15 and 22 marked in your calendars. Our Lenten fish fries will occur on those Fridays 4:30-7:00 PM. Carryout as well as dine-in will be available. [All hands on deck to help!](#)

**DESERTS**—We are in need of deserts for the fish fries. Anything you can make and drop off (whether you work or not) will be greatly appreciated!

**INTERNATIONAL NEEDS COLLECTION**—The International Needs Combined Collection will be on **March 9th and 10th**. Your one gift will be divided among five mission organizations: Catholic Relief Services, Churches in Latin America, Central and Eastern Europe, Christians in the Holy Land, and the Pontifical Mission Aid Societies. Your contribution to this Collection will continue to preserve and protect churches and Christians across the globe.

**PALM SUNDAY OPPORTUNITY**—St. Catherine is hosting an event about enduring suffering by focusing on the inexhaustible gift of God's Divine Mercy. A local couple and their children will speak on their children's extremely painful rare skin disease requiring extensive daily care. At the beginning of COVID, 12 yr. old Carson started praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet on FB for the end of the pandemic and people's personal intentions. His humble gesture of faith went viral. EWTN interviewed him and received 1 million views worldwide. Do not miss this beautiful witness from a young man who recognizes he does not suffer in vain, and instead offers up his suffering for others. This is family friendly. Doors open at 6:30 and the event starts at 7pm. No charge.

**LECTOR**—Mar. 10-Linda Fryman, March 17-Lisa Cooper

**CLEANING**—March 11-Joanne and Tim Schlachter

## LENTEN SCHEDULE

Wed. Mar. 13—Extra Lenten Confessions 6:00-8:00 PM

Thu. Mar. 14—Adoration with Confessions 6:00-7:00 PM

Fri. Mar. 15—Lenten Fish Fry 4:30-7:00 PM

Remaining Fish Fries—Mar. 22

## FROM THE PASTOR—GOD AND ANGER

If there is one human emotion that is most often associated with God from outside of Christian circles, it would probably have to be anger. Many non-Christians will argue about the duality of the Bible as having the God who appears to be angry and wrathful in the Old Testament versus the God of love and mercy which Jesus Christ proclaims in the New. In fact, this idea has also been held by some Christians in past centuries, but has been repeatedly condemned as a heresy.

Does God get angry? We must distinguish between the emotion of anger and the response of anger. When the emotion of anger arises, it is a burning desire for vindication or justice, though this may be carried out even to an excess. The response of anger is a reasoned reaction towards an unjust action or attitude and despising the sin that is committed by the other person without despising the person themselves. When God is described in the Bible as angry at sinners, it is in this second sense of hating the sin which men commit before Him, in particular at sins stemming from unbelief, infidelity to the covenant God has made with us in Christ, and the worship of false idols.

We must remember that it is the unrepentant who fall into the fires of eternal damnation. God does not will or desire the death of the sinner, yet He still loves us enough to give us the opportunity to decide. God sends His Son not only to offer the supreme sacrifice for our redemption from sin and death, but to warn us also of the consequences of choosing poorly.

The mission of Jesus Christ was not to make our salvation automatic, but to plow the way for us to follow to the Father's eternal dwelling. God will not drag you along like an obstinate donkey to go even if you don't love Him or desire to heed His word. If you reject His sacraments, if you reject the truth proclaimed by His Church, if you seek your glory in the things of this world, then you dig your own eternal grave. What excuse can we offer to God when He asks why we didn't love Him, why we didn't frequent the sacraments, why we were so presumptive of His mercy?

Lent is our opportunity to recognize our sinfulness and receive the mercy by which we begin to become the children of God we were created to be. Let us repent of our sins and receive His loving mercy through the sacraments so that we may not fear death any more. *Fr. Jacob Straub*

### CHURCH RULES FOR LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE

#### FASTING – ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY

Must be done by all aged 18-59; 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

Other circumstances may merit a dispensation from these rules (pregnancy, disease, etc); please talk with Fr. Straub if you have any issues or questions or would like a dispensation from these rules.