

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat. Mar. 15	5:00 PM	For †Dorothy Hurtt [from Andrew Redmond]
Sun. Mar. 16	9:00 AM	For †Connie Pfanstiel [from Patty Neuspickel]
Mon. Mar. 17	XXXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. Mar. 18	XXXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Wed. Mar. 19	XXXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Thur. Mar. 20	XXXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Fri. Mar. 21	XXXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat. Mar. 22	5:00 PM	For †Kenny & Carolyn Bach (L) [from Kathy Bach]
Sun. Mar. 23	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, 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, Mary Lou Kaub, Ruth Elbert, Melba Hauser, Larry Cappel, Mary Beth Feldmann, and Pope Francis.

BIRTHDAYS—Mar. 2-Zachary Eten, Mar. 3-Andy Schroder, Mar. 4-Russel Neuspickel, Mar. 6-Rita Funke, Mar. 7-Mike Ruttler, Mar. 8-Kristen Bach, Mar. 9-Caroline Rawe, Mar. 9-Sarah Gripshover, Mar. 11-Bill Kappesser, Mar. 12-Michael Hensley, Mar. 16-Avery Bach, Mar. 16-Melinda Mills, Mar. 18-Elissa Baker, Mar.21-Howard Kluesener, Mar. 25-Joe Schmiade, Mar. 27-Tim Schlachter, Mar. 29-Esther Cooper, Mar. 29-Callahan Mason, Mar. 31-Eileen Ehlman

ANNIVERSARY— Mar. 14-Andy & Shelli Schroder, Mar. 17-Tim & Ella Dickerson, Mar. 31—Walt & Eden Haley

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

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 16, 2025

DPAA—The new DPAA campaign begins this month! Our parish's goal for this year is \$13,400. You should be receiving envelopes in the mail to make your pledge. There are also purple envelopes available near the collection box. Thank you for your contributions!

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.

CCD SNACKS—Don't forget to sign up to bring snacks, milk, and juice to share before classes begin each Sunday. There is a sign-up sheet in the front of church.

LINEN CLEANERS WANTED—We are looking for volunteers to help with cleaning the sacred linens used at Mass. This would be done on a rotational (month-by-month) basis. Please speak with Lisa Cooper if you are interested.

FISH FRY—Our fish fries will be starting up this week. Meals will be available 4:30-7:00 PM in the hall or to go. ALL HANDS ON DECK! If you can help with anything whether for the full time or for only a bit, please do what you can to help. We are also in need of deserts, especially single-serving deserts. Thank you for your help. Spread the news!

LECTOR— Mar. 16-Brad Cooper, Mar. 23-Bill Funke

CLEANING – Mar. -Joanne and Tim

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Mar. 21—First Fish Fry 4:30-7:00 PM

NB: Fr. Straub is away helping on a last minute retreat this weekend. Thanks to Fr. Berschied for covering our Masses!



FROM THE PASTOR – MARCH: MONTH OF ST. JOSEPH

Every month is dedicated to a particular devotion, whether something from the life of Our Lord or someone close to Him. This month is no different, for March is dedicated to devotion to Saint Joseph, the humble carpenter and foster father of the Lord. This originates from the celebration of his particular feast on March 19, held for many centuries on this specific day.

We should first consider the life which this humble saint led as witnessed by the Gospels. Our patron Saint Matthew is our principal source for information, as he focuses the Nativity story on this poor carpenter. Joseph is initially desirous of removing himself from the Blessed Virgin when he discovers she is pregnant with Christ. He humbles himself and desires to back away because he is not worthy to be near such holiness. But the angel of God speaks to him in a dream and tells him to accept the Mother of God and take his growing family to Egypt for a time. The humility of Saint Joseph raises him to great heights before God.

We should behold the humble witness of Saint Joseph in his care for the Holy Family. God entrusted to him the two greatest and holiest people to ever exist: the Immaculate Virgin and the Son of God in the flesh. Joseph fulfilled his duty well, working and providing for his family in his earthly life. He is a model of firm fatherhood needed in such times where fathers are all too often absent.

Finally, we should reflect on what he says: nothing. There is no recorded speech or even a single word spoken by Joseph in the Scriptures. He is a great witness to the power of silence and humility before God and others for all to follow. Let us pray to Saint Joseph for ourselves, for our families, and for the family of our parish. Men should in particular be devoted to such virile example of holiness. St. Joseph, pray for us! *Fr. Jacob Straub*



CHURCH RULES FOR LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE

FASTING – ASH WEDNESDAY & GOOD FRIDAY

Must be done by all aged 18-59; only 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.