

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat. Mar. 16	5:00 PM	For †Paul & Ruth Herringer
Sun. Mar. 17	9:00 AM	For †Frank Roth
Mon. Mar. 18	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Tue. Mar. 19	8:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Wed. Mar. 20	8:00 AM	For †Ricky Grothaus
Thur. Mar. 21	8:00 AM	For †Edwin Kirkpatrick [Adoration & Confessions 6-7 PM]
Fri. Mar. 22	8:00 AM	For †Anna Menefee

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Sat. Mar. 23	5:00 PM	For Pete & Sandy Collins (L)
Sun. Mar. 24	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish

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, Pax Minch, and Jeff Ralenkotter and family on the death of their father Joseph.

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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Worship Schedule:

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

Parish Staff and Volunteers

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 17, 2024

ST. MATTHEW FISH FRY—Our last fish fry will be March 22. 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 fry. Anything you can make and drop off (whether you work or not) will be greatly appreciated!

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.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR LOSS OF A CHILD—A memorial Mass will be held at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on April 11 at 7PM. Very Rev. Ryan Maher will be the celebrant. This Mass is for anyone who has experienced the loss of a child through any means of death. All are welcome.

DPAA REMINDER—This year's goal is \$13,000. Pledge envelopes are available if you haven't made your commitment yet or did not receive an envelope in the mail.

LECTOR—March 17-Lisa Cooper, March 24-Bill Funke

CLEANING—March 11-Joanne and Tim Schlachter

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Tue. Mar. 19—Lenten Confessions @ St. Cecilia 7:00 PM

Wed. Mar. 20—Extra Lenten Confessions 6:00-8:00 PM

Thu. Mar. 21—Adoration with Confessions 6:00-7:00 PM

Fri. Mar. 22—Lenten Fish Fry 4:30-7:00 PM

Holy Week schedule available on flyers

FROM THE PASTOR – VEILING OF STATUES

This weekend, we receive a visual reminder that we are nearer to Holy Week and Easter with the veiling of images. The traditional reason for covering the statues and images the Sunday before Holy Week was related to the Gospel that was traditionally heard on this Sunday. That Gospel is John 8:46-59, in which it is related that Jesus chastises the Pharisees for their hard-heartedness in relation to His preaching. The Evangelist relates that Jesus declares Himself to be God by saying, "I AM", and the Jews seek to stone Him. John writes, "Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple." (v. 59) This veiling of images is a further sign that we are joining Christ more completely in His journey to Calvary. If Jesus must hide Himself due to the animosity of the Pharisees, what does that imply for our discipleship in Christ?

The veiling of images also ought to recall our need for repentance. Heaven is often described as the communion of saints, in which all are joined together to rejoice in God and with each other. To cover the images of the saints ought to recall that other place that we can spend our eternity: Hell. While Heaven is sharing in the joy, Hell could be described as the individual punishment of the damned. In Hell will be lost the glory of the vision of God which the saints already receive. Do we want to avoid seeing them in the next life?

There are times of darkness along our walk with Jesus. We are not promised that everything will be sunshine and rainbows; on the contrary, Jesus declares blessed in the Beatitudes those who are persecuted for His name's sake and those hated because of Him (Matthew 5:10-11). Suffering always brings the darkness of gloom and even despair with it. But our hope is in the Lord who has walked with us and has triumphed over every shadow of death and sin.

Let us prepare ourselves to walk more completely with Christ as we enter into the deeper mysteries of this season. Let us be strengthened by the sacraments, in particular confession, so that we can carry the Cross with Christ. May the saints help us to bear patiently with the worries of the world so that we may behold them and the divine glory for all eternity in Heaven.

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.