

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Mar. 16	\$669
DPAA Rebate	\$330

MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

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
Mon. Mar. 24	XXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. Mar. 25	8:00 AM	For †Henrietta Zellerer [from Maxine Kordenbrock]
Wed. Mar. 26	8:00 AM	For John Jackson (L) [from Patty Neuspickel]
Thur. Mar. 27	8:00 AM	For Sandy Sue Jackson (L) [from John Jackson]
Fri. Mar. 28	8:00 AM	For Kyle & Ruthie Cooper (L) [from Lisa Cooper]

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Sat. Mar. 29	5:00 PM	For †Helen Bach [from Kathy Bach]
Sun. Mar. 30	9:00 AM	For †Sr. Georgia Messingschlager [from Lisa Cooper]

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, Pope Francis, family/friends of Fr. Robbins & Barb Barczak (RIP).

BIRTHDAYS—Mar. 2-Zachary Eten, Mar. 3-Andy Schroder, Mar. 4-Russel Neuspickel, Mar. 6-Rita Funke, Mar. 7-Mike Ruttle, 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.



SAINT MATTHEW CHURCH

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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

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MARCH 23, 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 have now begun. 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! Friday’s split the pot winner was Diane Pendygraft at \$88.

WITH SYMPATHY— We have sad news for the parish. Former organist for St. Matthew, **Barb Barczak**, passed away on March 19. Visitation is on Monday, March 24 from 5-7 at Mary Queen of Heaven followed by a funeral Mass at 7 PM at the church. Another sad note is the passing of **Fr. Tom Robbins**, former pastor at St. Matthew, who also passed away on March 19. Fr. Robbins’ visitation will be at Holy Cross on April 2 from 10 am until 12 pm. Funeral Mass will be at 12 PM at Holly Cross immediately after the visitation. May they rest in peace.

LECTOR— Mar. 23-Bill Funke, Mar. 30-Lisa Cooper, Apr. 6-Linda Fryman

CLEANING – Mar.-Joanne and Tim

FROM THE PRIEST – CONFESSION & ITS NECESSITY

Lent is the time for taking up penance as well as hearing the call to conversion. Pences are practices done as means of overcoming our sins and expressing our change of heart, from the old ways of the world, the flesh, and the devil, to the way of Jesus Christ. Yet these actions of contrition and penance cannot match the efficacy of the graces and power that our blessed Lord Himself gave His Apostles and the Church in the sacrament of confession.

Jesus Christ gave to us through the Church the seven sacraments as visible signs of His grace and mercy poured out upon us to aid us in becoming the saints we were created to be. The sacrament which wipes away all our sins committed post-baptism is the sacrament of confession or the sacrament of penance. In this sacrament, one comes before God through the person of the priest, acknowledges their sins, and hears the words of absolution which remove all confessed sins from your soul. This is how the Church helps remove or maintain the sins of the people of God as Jesus gave the clergy the authority to do (cf. John 20:22-23).

This sacrament is the ordinary means we have to be freed of any and all of our sins. The Protestants are wrong and teach falsely when they try to claim that we do not need confession. On the contrary, we are called by Christ to confess our guilt and our contrition in order to be healed and to become what we are supposed to be. It is only in receiving confession on a frequent basis (at least once a month) that we can even begin to be freed of sin which holds us back from God or even destroys our relationship with God, let alone our growth in Christ.

The Church actually mandates that we go to confession at least once a year to confess serious sins (see Code of Canon Law canon 989). Even if we have not knowingly committed serious or mortal sins, confession is the only way we have to know that God has forgiven us of our sins. St. Philip Neri recommends confession to grow as a saint: “When we go to confession, we should accuse ourselves of our worst sins first, and of those things which we are most ashamed of, because by this means we put the devil to greater confusion, and reap more fruit from our confession.” Let us not avoid this wondrous sacrament, but let us be resolved to receive God’s mercy and grace and become better and holier than before.

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.