

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Feb. 16	\$470
Feb. 23	\$2,020

MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sat. Mar. 1	5:00 PM	For †Verna Payne [from Mary Jo Schmiade & Genita Kiser]
Sun. Mar. 2	9:00 AM	For †Joan Mitchell [from Eden Haley]
Mon. Mar. 3	XXXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. Mar. 4	XXXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Wed. Mar. 5	8:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
<i>ASH WED.</i>	7:00 PM	For †Marie Roth [from Patty Neuspickel]
Thur. Mar. 6	8:00 AM	For †Patrick Curran [from John Jackson]
Fri. Mar. 7	8:00 AM	For Celia Cooper (L) [First Friday: confessions after Mass]

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat. Mar. 8	5:00 PM	For August NeCamp (L) [from Sarah Gripshover]
Sun. Mar. 9	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, and Pope Francis.

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 anyone’s birthday or anniversary is not listed, let Linda Fryman know.



SAINT MATTHEW CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. Jacob Straub – Cell (859) 445-2436

Address: 13782 Decoursey Pike Morning View, KY 41063

Phone: (859) 356-6530 Fax: (859) 356-1695

Parish Email: stmatthew13782@gmail.com – Bulletin submissions by Fri. afternoon

Parish Website: stmatthewskenton.org

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 EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MARCH 2, 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.

ASH WEDNESDAY—A reminder that the start of the Lenten season is March 5 for this year. It is a day of fasting and abstinence (see the chart to the right). Mass with the imposition of ashes will be at 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM.

LENTEN RETREAT—Saint Cecilia will be holding a Lenten retreat on the evenings of March 10-12. The speaker will be Msgr. Eugene Morris, a renowned priest from the archdiocese of St. Louis, MO. Please see the flyers for more details. There will also be confessions available before and during the talks each night.

LECTOR— Mar. 2-Lisa Cooper. Mar. 5 (Ash Wed.)-Linda Fryman, Mar. 9-Jesse Rawe

CLEANING – Mar.-Joanne and Tim

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Mar. 5—Ash Wednesday: Masses at 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM (confessions 6:00-6:50 PM)

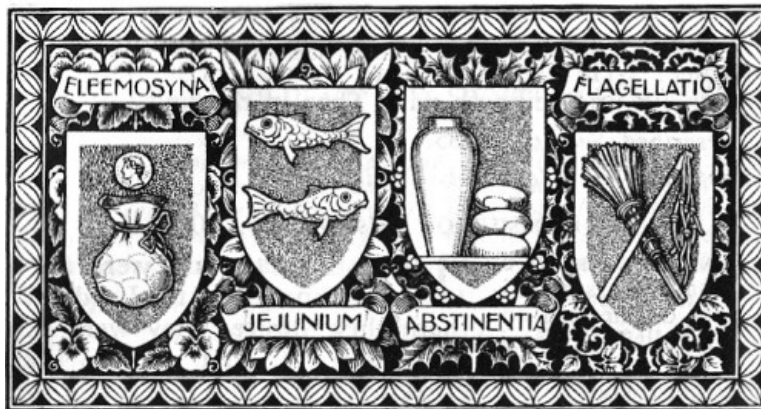
Mar. 7—First Friday Mass: confessions after 8:00 AM Mass

Mar. 10-12—Lenten Retreat & Confessions @ St. Cecilia (see flyers)

FROM THE PASTOR—SUNDAYS IN LENT

Another season of Lent begins during this coming week, a time of giving up things and seeking to follow the Lord more closely. While we are planning our penances and what not, the question arises about Sundays. Are we obliged to give things up on Sunday? Do I have to do something extra on Sunday? It is a question that helps us understand why we start when we do.

Normally, every season of the liturgical year starts on Sunday, since it is the most important day of the week. Yet Lent starts on Ash Wednesday, in the middle of the week. Why the difference? Traditionally, Lent started with the first Sunday, as we hear in the Gospel of the Lord entering the desert to be tempted. Six weeks before Easter equals 42 days, which matches the 40 days of the desert. But many within the Church felt it was wrong to observe fasting or abstinence on Sundays since every Sunday (even in Lent) are a minor celebration of the Lord's resurrection. With all the Sundays removed from those six weeks, that leaves 36 days of Lenten observance. Four more days were added ahead of the first Sunday of Lent which gets us to Ash Wednesday.



All of that is a long way of saying that there is already built into our Lenten observances a dispensation for Sundays. The modern rules for fasting and abstinence are rather reduced from ancient days (see the chart below), so anything we do beyond that is all of our own accord. So if (for example) you give up sweets or chocolates for Lent, you're free to have some on Sunday!

The purpose of our Lenten penances is not to be hateful towards ourselves, but to take a particular time to renew our relationship with Christ through the volunteer renunciation of even basic goods. Above all, we are called to renounce sin and avoid temptation, which giving up these simple things helps us to do. So whether you avoid a break on Sundays or not, be sure to avoid sin every day of the week. Remember also that whatever we give up in this life will be given to us a hundredfold in eternal life (cf. Matthew 19:29). *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.