

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

Mar. 23	\$1,296
Mar. 16 Fish Fry	\$2,090

**MASS SCHEDULE**

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

*THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT*

Sat. Mar. 29	5:00 PM	For †Helen Bach [from Kathy Bach]
Sun. Mar. 30	9:00 AM	For †Sr. Georgia Messingschlager [from anonymous]
Mon. Mar. 31	XXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. Apr. 1	8:00 AM	For †Verna Payne [from Elizabth Cahill]
Wed. Apr. 2	8:00 AM	For †Imogene Fisk & Kathleen Long
Thur. Apr. 3	8:00 AM	For Connie Hughes (L) [from Samantha Stange]
Fri. Apr. 4	8:00 AM	For Louis Cooper (L) [FIRST FRIDAY: confessions after Mass]

*THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT*

Sat. Apr. 5	5:00 PM	For †Verna Payne [from Jill Schmiade]
Sun. Apr. 6	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish

**PRAYER LIST**—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, 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, Sher-ry 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, Elbert Hauser, Larry Cappel, Mary Beth Feldmann, Pope Francis, family/friends of Fr. Robbins, Barb Barczak, Imogene Fisk (RIP).

**BIRTHDAYS**—Mar. 29-Callahan Mason, Mar. 31-Eileen Ehlman, Apr. 1-Lawrence Eten, Apr. 3-William Beck, Apr. 10-Caity Schroder, Apr. 11– Tony Bach, Apr. 11-Bailey Downs, Apr. 13-Cap Kiser, Apr. 13 Tori Schroder, Apr. 14-Peter Cooper, Apr. 27-Jill Schmiade, Apr. 29-Mark Messingschlager.

**ANNIVERSARY**– 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

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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 30, 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!

**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!

**WITH SYMPATHY**—**Fr. Tom Robbins**, former pastor at St. Matthew, who 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. Also announcing the death of **Imogene Fisk**, longtime parishioner, who died on March 27. Her funeral service will be in conjunction with that for her daughter **Kathleen Long** (who died on Mar. 26) on Wed., Apr. 2, at 1:00 PM at Chambers & Grubbs Funeral Home in Independence. May they rest in peace.

**LECTOR**— Mar. 30-Lisa Cooper, Apr. 6-Linda Fryman

**CLEANING** – Apr.-Kathy and Wanda Bach

### LENTEN SCHEDULE

Apr. 4—Fish Fry 4:30-7:00 PM

## FROM THE PRIEST – GUIDE TO CONFESSION

Here is a simple how-to guide to assist you in receiving the sacrament of Confession. We are called to receiving this sacrament at least once a year and are encouraged to receive frequently so that we may receive Holy Communion worthily and well. Not only do we have confession available for an hour before weekend Masses, but there will be times available during Holy Week, so you are ready to make your Easter Communion obligation.

### BEFORE CONFESSION

**EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE**—Take some time to pray and ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten you about your sins. We should then reflect on the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, and the Precepts of the Church to see where we have failed to live up to the standard of Christ. Do not be surprised by confession but be prepared to disclose your sins fully and humbly. It is a sin to intentionally hide or avoid disclosing our sins in confession, especially all mortal sins.

### GOING TO CONFESSION

- 1) Enter the confessional. The priest begins with the Sign of the Cross.
- 2) “Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been [length of time].” Then clearly and simply list out your sins. Mortal sins first (kind and number), then venial sins, then (if there is time) any sinful habits or inclinations.
- 3) The priest will offer some brief counsel, and then he will assign your penance.
- 4) Pray the act of contrition (in some way saying you are sorry for your sins and are resolved to sin no more). The priest absolves you in the name of God, then dismisses you.

### AFTER CONFESSION

Offer up your penance immediately if it can be done. Make an act of thanksgiving to God for His infinite mercy won for you in the cross of Christ. “Go and sin no more.” (John 8:11)

May we be cleansed by the Precious Blood so as to become holier each day.

*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.