

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Mar. 2	\$1,152
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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

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
Mon. Mar. 10	XXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. Mar. 11	8:00 AM	For †David Bertram [from Andrew Redmond]
Wed. Mar. 12	8:00 AM	For †Ed & Genoa Scott [from Linda Menefee]
Thur. Mar. 13	8:00 AM	For Ann Vollman (L) [from Samantha Stange]
Fri. Mar. 14	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat. Mar. 15	5:00 PM	For †Dorothy Hunt [from Andrew Redmond]
Sun. Mar. 16	9:00 AM	For †Connie Pfanstiel [from Patty Neuspickel]

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 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.



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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

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MARCH 9, 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.

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 from multiple priests before and during the talks each night, so come .

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.

LECTOR— Mar. 9-Jesse Rawe, Mar. 16-Brad Cooper

CLEANING – Mar.-Joanne and Tim

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Mar. 10—Lenten Retreat @ St. Cecilia
(confessions 6:00 PM; talk 7:00 PM)

Mar. 11—Lenten Retreat @ St. Cecilia
(confessions 6:00 PM; talk 7:00 PM)

Mar. 12—Lenten Retreat @ St. Cecilia
(confessions 6:00 PM; talk 7:00 PM)

Mar. 21—First Fish Fry (details to come)



FROM THE PASTOR – LENT OVERVIEW

While we began this holy season a few days ago on Ash Wednesday, the more traditional start of Lent was today (just as most of our liturgical season begin on Sundays). We are called to join in Jesus' journey in the desert with our 40 days of Lent. While we have seen about the traditional Lenten practices for the past few weeks, we ought to consider some of the distinctive traits which have emerged in our tradition around this sacred season.

First is the number 40. We say talk about the 40 days of Lent in conjunction with the 40 days in the desert. The ancients saw in the number 40 a reference to purification and renewal. We ought to think of the 40 days of the great flood, in which Noah and the few humans chosen by God were saved from destruction. We ought to consider the 40 years of wandering in the desert by the Israelites after they had sinned against God and made the golden calf, thus condemning that generation to remain away from the Promised Land. We should also recall the journey of Jesus in the desert as preparing for His public ministry, and His eventual death and resurrection.

We should also consider the vestment color of purple or violet. Whereas most of the vestments seen in church are of a joyful color like white or green, this season sees the church covered in purple or violet. This darker color should invoke within us feelings of regret and remorse over our sins. We should recall as well the purple cloak which covered Our Lord when He was mocked by the soldiers (Mk 15:17-20). Purple was also a color for wealthy people in antiquity because of the difficult process to acquire it. The Lord tells a parable about a rich man wearing fine purple who eventually dies and is condemned to hell for his sins (Lk 16:19-31). We should repent and avoid his fate lest we lose everything as well.

Lastly, we should notice the absence of one word: Alleluia. The Roman Rite sees the absence of this word of praise and glory during these 40 days of Lent as a preparation for that feast which will come so soon after, in which we shall truly rejoice at the day which the Lord has made. Until then, we cry in sorrow over our sins and plead for God's mercy upon us, which only Christ can gain for us. Let us walk with the Lord in our Lenten desert so that we may be worthy to be with Him forever in the eternal Easter of Heaven.

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.