

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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MASS SCHEDULE

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat. Mar. 11	5:00 PM	For †Anna Menefee
Sun. Mar. 12	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
Mon. Mar. 13	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK-OUT OF TOWN FUNERAL
Tue. Mar. 14	8:00 AM	For †Rick Huffman
Wed. Mar. 15	8:00 AM	For †Bill Huffman
Thur. Mar. 16	8:00 AM	For †Frank Roth (NO ADORATION THIS WEEK)
Fri. Mar. 17	XXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK-SCHOOL MEETING

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat. Mar. 18	5:00 PM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
Sun. Mar. 19	9:00 AM	For †Ralph Cooper

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Charles Taylor, Chris Rauf, Katie Davis, Barry Bergman, Andrew Lauck, Bradley Franzen, Pam Babbington, Dave Kordenbrock, Kate & Colton Sherold, Karen Reilly, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, John Jackson, Hank Bond, Hudson Feinauer, Mike and Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Bonita & Jim Happe, Dave Verst, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Larry Slusher, Brenda Johnson, Verna Payne, Roger High, Rita Funke, Johnathan Briggs, Cheryl Miller, Missy Fryman, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Jeamme Eames. Bill Schneider (In Storrypoint Assisted Living, 9255 US 42, Apt. 44, Union, KY. 41091), and Ree Wagner.

BIRTHDAYS—Mar. 3-Andy Schroder, Mar. 4-Russel Neuspickel, Mar. 6– Rita Funke, Mar. 8-Kristen Bach, Mar. 9-Caroline Rawe, Mar. 11– Bill Kappesser, Mar. 16-Avery Bach, Mar. 18—Elissa Baker, Mar. 21–Howard Kleusener, Mar. 25-Joe Schmiade, Mar. 27– Tim Schlacter, Mar. 31- Eileen Ehlman

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—6:00-7:00 PM

Parish Staff and Volunteers

Religious Education – Roseanne Rawe (859) 635-1572

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Parish History/Cemetery Info – Patty Neuspickel (859) 472-2508

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MARCH 12, 2023

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN BIBLE STUDIES—We will be having Lenten Bible studies on Monday evenings at 6:30 PM. These will be led by Matthew Wiseman who teaches Old Testament and Theology so we are in for a treat. We will be continuing this series at least through Lent.

FISH FRIES—Our fish fries continue this coming Friday! If you can help in the kitchen or garage you are more than welcome to help. We also could use some young people to run fish and fries from the garage to the kitchen. Thanks to all who continue to help each year to make our fish fries the best one around. WE ALSO NEED DESERTS!!!!

LENTEN REFLECTION SERIES—All Saints Church in Walton is hosting a series of evening talks on the Act of Contrition. The remaining talks will be on March 16, and 23, at 7:00 PM, with benediction afterwards at 7:30 PM. The remaining talks will be done by Fr. Straub and Fr. Matt Cushing. Join us to reflect on what it means to be contrite.

WITH ONE HEART—The diocesan wide portion of the With One Heart initiative has begun. Every individual is asked to take the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) connected to their parish. Please see the handouts near the bulletins for information about how to take this survey online. You can also find a link to it on our website. We will be working to make it available to everyone through other means as well.

DPAA—This year's DPAA campaign has begun. Our goal this year is \$12,100. You should have received pledge envelopes in your mail recently. Please fill these out and return them either straight to the diocese or you can drop them off in the collection bin. Thank you for all your support!

LECTOR— Mar. 12-Julie Feinauer, Mar. 19-Lisa Cooper, Mar. 26-Bill Funke

CLEANING—Kathy and Wanda Bach

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Mon. Mar. 13—Lenten Bible Study 6:30 PM

Thur. Mar. 16—ADORATION CANCELLED TONIGHT DUE TO TALK

Lenten Reflection Talk @ All Saints Walton 7:00 PM (Fr. Straub talking)

Fri. Mar. 17—Fish Fry 4:30-7:00 PM

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK—CONTRITION

Lent is a time to consider our sinfulness and our need to repent. This should lead us to come to the sacrament of confession and receive the mercy of God. Yet we cannot do this without contrition. What is contrition?

The recent Catechism defines contrition as “sorrow of the soul and hatred for the sin committed, together with a resolution not to sin again.” We get the word “contrition” from the Latin *contritio*—a grinding or breaking down of something. This is correct in that we are grinding down our sinful self so that we may be filled with Christ. Sin inflates us with pride and error, and we must be broken of these false ideas in order to know and live in Him who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We cannot grow as Christians unless we are sorry for the sins we have committed and resolved to move away from them and closer to God.

This is why the priest asks us to make an act of contrition during confession: it is an expression of this sorrow. We should not make this act in a rote manner, just reciting it from memory to get through. The act of contrition is how we express our sorrow and our repentance for sin. If we do not mean it, then we are hypocrites and we negate our confession. Yes, I wrote that correctly: if we are not sorry for our sins and are not resolved to avoid sin, then we have not been forgiven and we are still unclean before God.

There are two types of contrition possible. The first is *perfect* contrition, which means we are perfectly sorry and contrite because we have offended God who is all good and deserving of all our love (sound familiar?). It is perfect because it is not lacking in any way or distracted from our primary purpose in life—to know, love, and serve God. The other is *imperfect* contrition, which sees us sorry for any lesser reason such as avoiding Hell, desiring eternal life, hating sin, etc. While this is not what God fully desires, He can still forgive us so that by His grace we may grow in contrition.

No matter what, let us be sorry for our grievous offenses against God and ask Him to have mercy on us, that we may not be lost forever, but converted and live. *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.