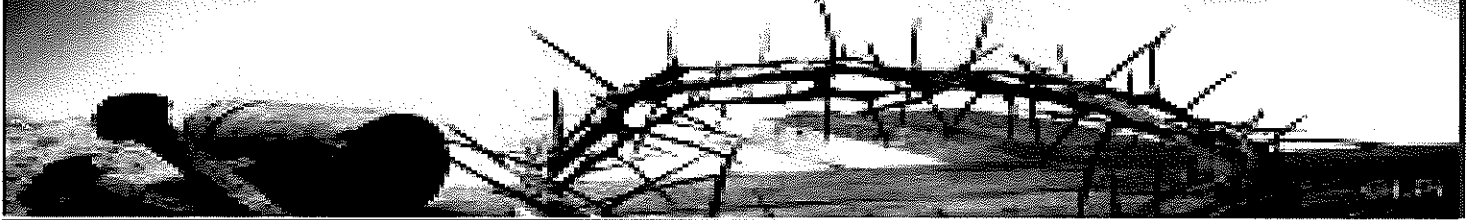


3RD SUNDAY OF LENT



St. Matthew Catholic Church (1909)

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March 14 & 15, 2020

The Third Sunday of Lent

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This Week's Mass Times

Saturday 5 PM

Sunday 9 AM

Tuesday 8:30 AM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Tuesday 7:30 AM to 8:30 AM

Wednesday Vespers 6 PM; Mass 6:30 PM

Friday 8:30 AM

Confession—8-8:30AM on Sunday Morning or by appointment

Welcome to St. Matthew Parish

To register and become a member of St. Matthew: Please see Father, Linda Fryman, Rosanne Rawe, or Lisa Cooper to fill out a registration form. We welcome you and hope you enjoy attending Mass at our little parish. We pride ourselves on being a faith family that welcomes all to join and get to know us. If you aren't Catholic and have thought about becoming Catholic or would like to know more about the Catholic faith, please call the rectory and leave a call back number or see Fr. Augustine after Mass.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, 14 March—5 PM

For Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Cantrell

Sunday, 15 March —9 AM

For the Living and Dead Members of
Our Parish

Tuesday, 17 March —8:30 AM

For Anna Menefee

Wednesday, 18 March —6:30 PM

For the Living and Dead Members of
Our Parish

Friday, 20 March—8:30 AM

For the Special Intentions of
Sylvia Hartke

Saturday, 21 March—5PM

For Pauline Stephany

Sunday, 22 March—9 AM

For the Living and Dead Members of
Our Parish

Mass

5 PM. Sat. 14 March

Lector: Darlene Schutte

EMHC: Cup Temp. Suspended for
illnesses.

Server: TBD

9 AM. Sun. 15 March

Lector: Lisa Cooper

EMHC: Cup Temp. Suspended

Servers: Caden Feinauer/Nathan
Thorwarth

5PM. Sat. 21 March

Lector: Cathy Oldiges

EMHC: Cup Temp Suspended

Server: TBD

9 AM. Sun. 22 March

Lector Julie Feinauer

EMHCP: Cup Temp. Suspended

Servers: Ethan Thorwarth/Brody
Baker

Sunday Readings

March 14 & 15

First – Exodus 17:3-7

Second—II Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Gospel– John 4:5-42

March 21 & 22

First—1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

Second—Ephesians 5:8-14

Gospel—John 9:1-41

Daily Readings

Monday—II Kings 5:1-15ab Ps 42:2,3; 43:3,4,
Luke 4:24-30

Tuesday—Daniel 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25:3-5ab, 6-9
Matthew 18:21-35

Wednesday—Deuto. 4:1, 5-9, Ps 137:12-
13,15-16, 19-20, Matthew 5:17-19

Thursday—II Samuel 7:4-5a,12-14, 16, Ps
89:2-5, 27, 29 ,Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24 ,
Friday—Hosea 14:2-10, Ps 81:6--11,14,17
Mark 12:28-34

Saturday—Hosea 6:1-6, Ps 51:3-4, 18-21,
Luke 18:9-14

Prayer Requests

Jerry Ehlman , Eileen Ehlman, Sherri
Moffett, Kenny Neuspickel, Kathy Barth,
Yandell Schneider, Charles Taylor,
Ed Gripshover, Joy Sowder, Kathy Proctor,
David Roland, Joseph Cooley, Grant Kelly,
and the family and friends of Brian Lauer.

Offertory Procession

March 14—TBD

March 15-Baker Family

March 14—TBD

March 15—Feinauer Family

March Birthdays

Mar. 3—Andy Schroder

Mar. 6—Rita Funke

Mar. 11—Bill Kappesser

Mar. 18—Elissa Baker

Mar. 21—Howard Kluesener

Mar. 27—Tim Schlachter

Mar. 31—Eileen Ehlman

Confessions:

Sunday 8-8:30 AM or by appointment

Next week we will be presenting the Bishop's
annual DPAA talk. This will kick off the new
DPAA year and we will have 'Commitment
Weekend' the following weekend. Please be
considering your commitment for this year
and be ready when asked to commit for St.
Matthew.

March 7 & 8 1,049

Flowers \$ 50

Thank You!!

PARISH NEWS

Fish Fry Time-Thanks to all Volunteers!

Even modified into a carry out only event, our third fish fry was successful (at least considering the fact it could have been cancelled). To date we are around \$650 to the good just after three so we are ahead of our expenses. At the time of this writing we still do not know if we will be allowed to have any more as we await a determination from the Diocese. If we are not to have more, we will have fish, shrimp, fries, and cole slaw for sale. We will notify everyone as soon as possible when we find out more.

Sister's Mission

Please don't forget our 'Sister's Mission' campaign running throughout March and continuing on until mid April. As explained in prior bulletins we are taking up two collections a year for Sr. Georgia Messingschlager who visits our sick and keeps Father informed on their well being. We will be giving out envelopes to be returned at any time you have prayerfully considered the importance of Sister's mission within St. Matthew. The contact she has with some of our sick is the 'face' of St. Matthew to them. Please help us keep her here and show our support personally while St. Matthew cannot officially pay her. Please return your envelope before Easter. Thank you.

Special Collection for Nashville This Week

Bishop Foys has requested that we take up a second collection this week, **March 14 & 15**, for the Diocese of Nashville due to the tornado that caused much damage to their city and surrounding area. Please keep this in mind and remember to bring an extra check or money for this second collection next week. The money will be used for necessities and to help rebuild. Thank you in advance for being as generous as possible.

Still Need Cleaning Volunteers

Thus far, we only have had four teams volunteer to clean the church. Our hope is to have enough teams that each should only have to clean once every two months and only clean a portion of the church each time. This can only happen if we can get four more teams to volunteer. If we get that, we should have a team clean the church portion one week and the next team clean the hall and bathroom portion the following week and continue on with each of the eight teams cleaning once every two months. Please see Patty Neuspickel or Linda if you are interested so Patty can put the schedule together. Thanks!

Confessions

Remember, as Catholics, we are obligated to make a Confession during the Lenten Season. We have Confessions on Sunday's 8-8:30 AM and will have Confessions at 1 PM until the Good Friday Service begins at 3 PM. Also for 30 minutes following the Service.

IN OUR DIOCESE

MEMO FROM CURIA REGARDING COVID-19 VIRUS

To: All priests, deacons, religious superiors, elementary and high school principals, chaplains, diocesan institutions

From: Jamie Schroeder Chancellor Re: Diocesan Response to COVID-19

Date: 13 March 2020 Update — Effective Immediately In the interest of the health and safety of our faithful and to help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus, any nonessential meetings, events or gatherings scheduled to be held from now through April 3 at any of our parishes, Catholic schools, diocesan offices, religious houses and other diocesan institutions are to be postponed or cancelled.

Liturgical Recommendations: The Bishop in collaboration with his pastoral staff and the diocesan Worship Office have issued the following guidelines in reference to the celebration of the Mass and other liturgical celebrations:

1. All priests, deacons, altar servers and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion must use an alcohol-based anti-bacterial solution before and after distributing Holy Communion. • Discern how best to do this while maintaining the reverence of the Mass. • Ensure all vessels used at Mass, once purified, are thoroughly washed with soap and hot water after each use.
2. During all Masses and other liturgies: • Refrain from physical contact during the Sign of Peace. (N.B. The sign of peace can be exchanged without physical contact, for example, by a bow/nod of the head and the words "Peace be with you.")
 - Refrain from the distribution of Holy Communion via the chalice. (Please consider options for any parishioners with celiac disease or sensitivity.)
 - Given the frequency of direct contact with saliva in the distribution of Holy Communion on the tongue, every consideration should be given by each individual to receive Holy Communion in open hands for the time being
 - Refrain from using Holy Water fonts. Where possible, fonts should be emptied. Where not possible to empty, fonts should be covered.
3. The faithful who are sick or who are experiencing symptoms are not obliged to attend Mass. • Catechism of the Catholic Church #2181 allows for serious reasons such as illness.

Note This is a very fluid health event and diocesan staff are continually monitoring and discussing how best to respond. All of these policies and procedures will be evaluated and updated as circumstances evolve. Any questions or concerns may be directed to Jamie Schroeder, chancellor, at JSchroeder@covdio.org or (859) 392-1500, and she will forward all questions to the appropriate Curia staff member.

Baptism and Joining the Church

Please contact the pastor. Children younger than the age of reason, which is typically age 8, are normally baptized after the 9 AM Sunday Mass

Adults and children older than the age of reason who have not been baptized are prepared. When they are ready, they are fully initiated, meaning that they receive all three sacraments of initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Normally this is celebrated during the Easter Vigil. Adults and children beyond the age of reason, who have been validly baptized, can come into full communion with the Catholic Church after they are prepared. When brought into full communion they make a profession of faith and receive Confirmation and Eucharist.

Stations of the Cross

We will have Stations of the Cross on **April 3**.after the fish fry. Hang around and come upstairs with us to pray the Stations.

Lenten Vespers

Lenten Vespers will be before the Wednesday evening Masses. Vespers at 6 PM with Mass beginning at 6:30PM. Please make every effort to attend this moving service and Mass.

The Need to Forgive

Sometimes people hold on to anger and resentment toward individuals who have hurt them deeply. Maybe it was a family member or a friend. Maybe it was someone or something in the Church. Our modern culture condones and encourages anger and revenge. But hatred and bitterness are spiritual cancers that eat at the heart of a person. The Catholic Church provides the opportunity to seek God's help in forgiving others, even when the other person does not ask for forgiveness or does not deserve it. The ability to forgive is a gift that opens a person's heart more fully to God's love and peace.

NEW SECTION ON BACK OF BULLETIN..

A new section on the back of the bulletin is being offered in loving memory to list a deceased loved one's name. The cost is **\$50 per name** and their name will remain on the bulletin for a year. This will help defray the cost of printing our bulletin for the entire year. If interested, please clip and fill out this form and put it in the collection basket or mail to the Parish. Attn: Linda

Please include a check to St. Matthew Altar Society.

Loved One's Name _____

Your Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

In Loving Memory

*Charles L. Cross &
Rhonda Cross*

CCD Class Schedule for Next 8 Weeks

Feb. 9	16th Class
Feb. 16	17th Class
Feb 23	18th Class (Ash Wednesday Feb. 26)
Mar. 1	19th Class
Mar. 8	20th Class
Mar. 15	21st Class
Mar. 22	22nd Class Class Suspended until further notice
Mar. 29	23rd Class Class Suspended until further notice

IS THE LORD REALLY WITH US

“God, where are you?” This was the question that was repeatedly dropping from the lips of a certain widow who lost three of her kids in a carnage while they were returning from school. A motorist suddenly lost control and rammed into the defenseless children who were holding each other and waiting for the right time to cross the busy road.

You may be asking the same question looking at your finances, relationship, marriage, job, education, plans, aspirations, and other things. Perhaps you have committed your situation to God in prayer, but no answer seems to be coming. You may have given up finally; you are in doubt if God exists. You are not alone, but you have a message from this reflection.

The people of Israel asked this question in the wilderness as the First Reading today tells us (Exodus 17:3-7). Let us quickly point out the fact that the question came from their wilderness location. Geographically, the wilderness is a desolate and inhospitable place.

Wilderness in this context represents a region of lack and needfulness. The wilderness experience was so frustrating that the Israelites lost their cool and started to chide Moses for making them leave Egypt. They suddenly forgot that Egypt was torture and bondage for them. They suddenly forgot what God did to bring them out from the land of Egypt (Exodus 7-14). We are often like the people of Israel. We often forget all the good things we have received from God when we face one challenge or another.

It is important to note that the people of Israel were rebelling against God, not Moses. Moses was God’s messenger and servant. The accusatory question they asked finally confirmed their frame of mind: “Is the Lord in our midst or not?” This question is banal and amounts to an insult. Through Moses, God responded by giving them fresh water to soothe their thirst and those of their livestock. For their unfaithfulness, God remained faithful because He cannot deny Himself (2 Tim 2:13). For their challenge, God gave them a chance. For their sin, God gave them mercy and forgiveness. For their lack, God supplied all their needs (Phil.4:19). For their trouble, God gave them peace (Phil. 4:7).

The unnamed woman in the Gospel shares some characteristics with the Israelites:

- They were both in need.
- They were both having a disconnection from God.
- They were both unfaithful.
- They needed divine intervention in their situations.

In the long discussion, our Lord had with the woman we understand that she came to draw water from Jacob’s well at noon time. Our Lord Jesus Christ was already there, and he requested water from her. She gave some religious and cultural reasons why she would not give water to our Lord Jesus Christ.

From the narrative, we can see that she, like the people of Israel, is stuck with the same question: “Is the Lord in our midst or not?” Her pattern of life does not present her as someone who is actively waiting for the Lord to come; though she is aware of the coming

of the Messiah at some point per the books, it does not have a personal impact on her private life.

Her life was thirsty not necessarily for the water from the well but for the eternal water; the one that quenches our soul's thirst for God like a dry, weary land without water (Psalm 63:1).

The woman at the well represents most of us who mistake spiritual thirst for physical thirst. She represents most of us who are going about with "jars of water" looking for temporal water while there is an eternal water that will forever quench our thirst there before us. She represents most of us who are still asking the question: "Is the Lord with us or not?"

- The Lord is in our midst because He says He is the Emmanuel (Isaiah 7:14).
- The Lord is in our midst because He says I will bless those who bless and those who curse you I will curse (Gen. 12:3).
- The Lord is in our midst because He promised that He would be with us wherever we go (Joshua 1:9).
- The Lord is in our midst because He says that we should not fear; He is with us (Isaiah 41:10).
- The Lord is in our midst because He says that He will be with us till the end of time (Matt.28:8).
- The Lord is in our midst because He says that even when we walk through the shadow of the valley of death, He will be there to comfort us with His rod and staff (Psalm 23:4).
- The Lord is in our midst because nobody can be against us (Romans 8:31).

Are you still in confusion whether God is in our midst or not? There is a challenge of faith here. In the Second Reading (Romans 5:1-2, 5- 8) St. Paul tells us among other things that faith justifies us when we have peace with God through Jesus Christ. My dear, your faith will never fail you. Faith favors the faithful followers.

A good time does not indicate God's presence and a bad time, the absence of God. God's presence is constant and unchanging. The problem is that we are often not with God. We depart from God when we embark on the journey into sin. We deviate from God when we, like the Israelites, lose our focus and blame God for our failures.

Now is the time for us to depart from the wilderness of quarreling and testing God and enter the region of trust and obedience to God. The time for that transition is today. The response to the Psalms says If you hear his voice, harden not your heart.

May this third Sunday of Lent enrich you with dependable graces to rise from despair to deep faith in God who is constantly with you in all the circumstances of your life. Have a graceful Sunday and more graces