

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Mar. 12	\$1,975
DPAA Rebate	\$4,803

MASS SCHEDULE

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
Mon. Mar. 20	8:00 AM	For †Grandma Roth
Tue. Mar. 21	8:00 AM	For †Frankie Roth
Wed. Mar. 22	8:00 AM	For †Dottie McNay
Thur. Mar. 23	8:00 AM	For †Eddie McNay (NO ADORATION THIS WEEK)
Fri. Mar. 24	8:00 AM	For †Jeff Troutman

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat. Mar. 25	5:00 PM	For †Tommy McNay
Sun. Mar. 26	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish

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 19, 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 feel free to help. We also could use some young people to run food from the garage to the kitchen. Thanks to all who continue to help each year to make our fish fries the best one around.

LENTEN REFLECTION SERIES—All Saints Church in Walton is hosting a series of evening talks on the Act of Contrition. The remaining talk will be on March 23 at 7:00 PM, with benediction afterwards at 7:30 PM. The last talk will be done by 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. The DMI will close on March 27, so please finish the survey soon!

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. 19-Lisa Cooper, Mar. 26-Bill Funke

CLEANING—Kathy and Wanda Bach

LENTEN SCHEDULE

Mon. Mar. 20—Lenten Bible Study 6:30 PM

Thur. Mar. 23—ADORATION CANCELLED TONIGHT DUE TO TALK

Lenten Reflection Talk @ All Saints Walton 7:00 PM (final talk)

Fri. Mar. 24—Fish Fry 4:30-7:00 PM

FROM THE PASTORS DESK—"SIN NO MORE"

We may think of contrition as concerning only past events—the sins which I committed up to this confession. "All I need to do is cover the past," we may think. Yet there is a critical part of contrition which we might be overlooking, and we hear it proclaimed to us by Our Blessed Lord in John 8:11—"Go and sin no more."

While said to a woman who had been caught in adultery and accused by others, this command of Christ is said to us as well. Have we not committed spiritual adultery every time we sin? Have we not been unfaithful to God who we promised at baptism to love, follow, and obey? We know with certainty of the mercy of God won for us through the Cross of Christ, but that is not given without an expectation. The Lord commands us after forgiving us of all our sins to go and sin no more in our lives.

Is this not a tall order? Is it not an impossible order? How can we possibly go and sin no more if we are humans wounded deeply by sin and living in a sinful world? Yet Christ commands it, and He does not command the impossible. We must be resolved in receiving confession to actually avoid sin in the future. We cannot keep our eyes fixed on the past but must move forward in His mercy and grace.

How can we go and sin no more? We shall discuss this more next week in looking at amendment of life, but we must begin with a resolution of will and soul. Nothing begins without our resolving to do it. While our dependence in all matters spiritual resides in the grace of God acting before and within us, we must still join our wills to God in Christ through the Holy Spirit. When you pray the act of contrition in confession, you are not only stating your sorrow over sin but that you resolve to live as Christ commands: avoiding sin and following Him in all things. Your actions will demonstrate whether you actually believe this or make yourself into a liar. Go before the seat of mercy and be transformed so that you may not remain a sinner but grow into the saint God desires you to be.

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.