

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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MASS SCHEDULE

<i>THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</i>		
Sat. Mar. 19	5:00 PM	For Special Intentions of Sherry Bryant and Roger High
Sun. Mar. 20	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased Members of Our Parish
Mon. Mar. 21	8:00 AM	For Donald Scott Jackson
Tue. Mar. 22		<i>No Public Mass</i>
Wed. Mar. 23	8:00 AM	For Anita Menefee (Adoration & Confessions 6-7 PM)
Thur. Mar. 24		<i>No Public Mass</i>
Fri. Mar. 25		<i>No Public Mass</i>
<i>THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT</i>		
Sat. Mar. 26	5:00 PM	For Ed Gripshover
Sun. Mar. 27	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased Members of Our Parish

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Charles Taylor, Mary Louise Cross, Vernon Dixon, Chris Rauf, Katie Davis, Barry Bergman, Andrew Lauck, Bradley Franzen, Pam Babbington, Dave Kordenbrock, Kate & Colton Sherold, Karen Reilly, Judy Reilly, Emmitt Thomas, Jeff who is suffering, Lena Bach, Brian Buckingham, Tony Bach, John Jackson, Jeff Elbert, Hank Bond, Hudson Feinauer, Billie Jean Huffman, and Andy Sper.

BIRTHDAYS— Mar. 3—Andy Schroder, Mar. 6— Rita Funke, Mar. 9— Caroline Rawe, Mar. 11— Bill Kappesser, Mar. 18—Elissa Baker, Mar. 21— Howard Kleusener, 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 your birthday or anniversary is not listed, let Linda know.



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Worship Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays – please check each week’s schedule

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

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 20, 2022

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ST. VINCENT COLLECTION—We received a call from the St. Vincent people and they are in need of cleaning supplies, both laundry and house cleaning. There will be a bin for these items in the gathering space. Thanks!

FISH FRYS-Thanks to all who helped, supplied dessert, and patronized our fish fry on Friday. Don't forget we have another one next Friday and it will be our LAST for the Lenten season. Let's all pitch in again and make the next one the largest one yet! Thanks again and God bless all of you!

DPAA-The 2022 DPAA is now underway. Our parish goal this year is \$11,300. There are envelopes available in the back of church for you to take home and return for your 2022 pledge if you haven't received one in the mail. You may make a one time pledge, a monthly pledge, a pledge of stock, or an online donation by logging on to covdio.org. Don't forget to list St. Matthew as your parish so we receive credit for it. Also remember, 100% of what is given above our goal will come directly back to St. Matthew without the usual assessment from the Diocese. Thank you.

LENTEN RETREAT NIGHTS AT ST. CECILIA-A Lenten Retreat will be hosted by St. Cecilia on Thursday, March 24th, and Thursday, March 31st, all at 6:30 pm. We encourage all to join us as Father Straub speaks this week on the theological virtue of Hope!

CEMETERY MOWING—We are in need of new people to mow the grass for St. Mary Cemetery. We are looking to see if anyone in the parish is interested first before looking further. Please speak with Fr. Straub or Patty Neuspickel if you are interested in helping.

LECTOR— March 20—Bill Funke March 27—Linda Fryman April 3—Bernie Rawe

CLEANING TEAM— MAR. 28-Penny and Patty

UPCOMING LENTEN SCHEDULE

Wed. Mar. 23—Lenten Adoration and Confessions 6:00-7:00 PM (every Lenten Wed.)

Thur. March 24—Second of 3 Lenten retreat nights @ St. Cecilia (see flyer)

Fri. Mar. 25—Last Fish Fry 4:30-7:00 PM

FROM THE PASTOR—THE ANNUNCIATION

This coming Friday, March 25, is the feast of the Annunciation of the Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary. This feast commemorates the moment when the archangel St. Gabriel announced that Mary would bear a son who would become the Savior of the nations. This day is sometimes called “Little Christmas” as it is the moment when Jesus is conceived in the virginal womb of His most holy mother. Even when it is celebrated during Lent, this day is meant to be a day of great rejoicing and gladness in the hearts of Christians.



It seems most appropriate for the Annunciation to be celebrated during Lent as a reminder that our salvation comes primarily from God. We should remind ourselves that it is not my doing anything good that reconciles me to the God whom I have sinned against, but it is through the Incarnation of God the Son who obediently offers the perfect sacrifice of the Cross to appease the Father and open for us the fount of mercy and grace. None of this could happen unless the Word became flesh, and this day is when that salvific moment begins.

And yet, God left everything in the hands of a humble young woman in a backwater province of the Roman Empire. Unless Mary says yes to becoming the Mother of God, we would not have the salvation which we desire, let alone the hope of eternal life. The entire creation awaits her reply to the angel saying she will conceive and bear a son. When she gives her Yes and says, “Let it be done to me,” only then may we entertain that eternal hope. Let us entrust our salvation to Mary, who is the humble handmaid of the Lord, and ask her to be our spiritual mother. Let us learn from her how to serve God and to follow Jesus more closely than ever, so that we may receive the fruits of her womb in this life and in the life to come.

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.