

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

March 14	\$1,922
International Needs	\$45

Please do not forget to mail or drop off your weekly offerings for our collection.

MASS SCHEDULE

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat. Mar. 20	5:00 PM	For Herb Elbert
Sun. Mar. 21	9:00 AM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Mon. Mar. 22		<i>No Public Mass</i>
Tue. Mar. 23	8:30 AM	For Tom Geiman
Wed. Mar. 24	7:00 PM	NO MASS; Penance Service—Two Priests Available
Thur. Mar. 25	8:30 AM	For the Family of Ed Reilly
Fri. Mar. 26		<i>No Public Mass</i>
<i>PALM SUNDAY</i>		
Sat. Mar. 27	5:00 PM	Spec. Int. of Mark Foulks
Sun. Mar. 28	9:00 AM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish

Prayer List—Jerry Ehlman, Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, Kathy Barth, Charles Taylor, Ed Gripshover, Joy Sowder, Kathy Proctor, Steve Elmlinger, Sarah Hoffman, Mary Louise Cross, Cotton Teegarden, Mike Newcomb, Ed Grant, Don Bornhorst, John Hofstetter, Vernon Dixon, Bill Schneider, Chris Rauf, Katie Davis, Barry Bergman, Andrew Lauck, Bradley Franzen, Pam Babbington, Dave & Barb Kordenbrock, Larry Meyer, and everyone affected by the coronavirus.

BIRTHDAYS – Mar. 3—Andy Schroder, Mar. 6—Rira Funke, Mar. 11—Bill Kappesser, Mar. 18—Elissa Baker, Mar. 21—Howard Kleusener, Mar. 27—Tim Schlacter, Mar. 31— Eileen Ehlman.



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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

Wed. 5:30-6:20 PM

Parish Staff and Volunteers

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MARCH 21, 2021

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARCH COLLECTIONS FOR NEEDY—The items needed by St. Vincent de Paul for March are pancake mix syrup, spaghetti sauce (have plenty of spaghetti), canned fruit, fruit juice, tuna, and pork & beans. Collection containers will be in the gathering space.

FISH FRY—Our second fish fry is behind us! We netted around \$527 after the supply bill. Again, we had plenty of good help. Also thank you all again for your continued support in working and to those who came out and ordered food. St. Matthew Church is very blessed with our wonderful parishioners! God Bless!! Don't forget our final fish fry on Friday, March 26!

DPAA 2021 BEGINS - The 2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal Commitment Weekend is this weekend. There are pledge envelopes by the bulletins if you did not receive one from the Diocese. This year the designated goal for St. Matthew is \$10,900. Last year our goal was \$10,700 and the most recent recording of donations have totaled \$11,455 so we will receive a total rebate of \$1,645. Thanks to all who made this possible.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

- Fish Fries—March 26 @ 4:30-7:30 PM ALL HANDS NEEDED!
- Lenten Penance Service—March 24 7:00-8:00 PM; two priests available for confession

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 should not equal as much as one main meal; liquids permitted

ABSTINENCE – ASH WEDNESDAY & 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.

FROM THE PASTOR – VEILING

This weekend, we receive a visual reminder that we are nearer to Holy Week and Easter with the veiling of images. The traditional reason for covering the statues and images the Sunday before Holy Week was related to the Gospel that was traditionally heard read on this Sunday. That Gospel is John 8:46-59, in which it is related that Jesus chastises the Pharisees for their hard-heartedness in relation to His preaching. The Evangelist relates that Jesus declares Himself to be God by saying, “I AM”, and the Jews seek to stone Him. John writes, “Jesus hid himself and went out of the temple.” (v. 59)

This veiling of images is a further sign that we are joining Christ more completely in His journey to Calvary. If Jesus must hide Himself due to the animosity of the Pharisees, what does that imply for our discipleship in Christ? If we are faithful witness to Jesus Christ, we will not be accepted in modern society. Are we more concerned with pleasing our neighbor rather than pleasing God?

The veiling of images also ought to recall our need for repentance. Heaven is often described as the communion of saints, in which all are joined together to rejoice in God and with each other. To cover the images of the saints ought to recall that other place that we can spend our eternity: Hell. While Heaven is sharing in the joy, Hell could be described as the individual punishment of the damned. In Hell will be lost the glory of the vision of God which the saints already receive. Do we want to avoid seeing them in the next life?

There are times of darkness along our walk with Jesus. We are not promised that everything will be sunshine and rainbows; on the contrary, Jesus declares blessed in the Beatitudes those who are persecuted for His name's sake and those hated because of Him (Matthew 5:10-11). Suffering always brings the darkness of gloom and even despair with it. But our hope is in the Lord who has walked with us and has triumphed over every shadow of death and sin.

Let us prepare ourselves to walk more completely with Christ as we enter into the deeper mysteries of this season. Let us be strengthened by the sacraments, in particular confession, so that we can carry the Cross with Christ. May the saints help us to bear patiently with the worries of the world so that we may behold them and the divine glory for all eternity in Heaven.

Fr. Jacob Straub