

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS**

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**MASS SCHEDULE**

<i>THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF 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
Mon. Mar. 28	8:00 AM	For Peggy Vater
Tue. Mar. 29		<i>No Public Mass</i>
Wed. Mar. 30	8:00 AM	For Richard Cox
Thur. Mar. 31		<i>No Public Mass</i>
Fri. Apr. 1		<i>No Public Mass</i>
<i>THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT</i>		
Sat. Apr. 2	5:00 PM	For Donna Lauer
Sun. Apr. 3	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. 21— Howard Kleusener, Mar. 27— Tim Schlacter, Mar. 31- Eileen Ehlman, April 4-Ethan Thorworth, April 3-William Beck, April 3— Baily Downs,

*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 – please check each week’s schedule

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

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## THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 27, 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 fries this year. God Bless You All!

**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](http://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 Thursday, March 31st, all at 6:30 pm. We encourage all to join us as Father Matt Cushing speaks this week on the theological virtue of Charity! One more left!

**IN SYMPATHY**— Long time parishioner, Ellarie Glenn, passed away this past Sunday and her funeral Mass was Saturday, March 26. Ellarie was Nathan Thorwarth's grandmother. Please keep her family in your prayers.

**STNOD ANSWERS**-If you have not answered the SYNOD questions that are beside the bulletins, please do so and return them. We have to turn them in after this weekend. Remember you can also go the website [www.covdio.org/synod](http://www.covdio.org/synod).

**LECTOR**— March 27—Linda Fryman April 3—Bernie Rawe April 10—Rita Funke

**CLEANING TEAM**— MAR. 28-Penny and Patty

### UPCOMING LENTEN SCHEDULE

Wed. Mar. 30—Lenten Adoration and Confessions 6:00-7:00 PM (every Lenten Wed.)

Thur. March 31—Third of 3 Lenten retreat nights @ St. Cecilia (see flyer)

### FROM THE PASTOR – REJOICING IN LENT

This Sunday is known as Laetare Sunday from the entrance antiphon: “Rejoice [*Laetare* in Latin], Jerusalem...” This Sunday is one of the two rose Sundays of the year, along with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, because both of them mark the midway point of the two penitential seasons. The rose color of the priest's vestments should recall for us the beginning light of sunrise, signifying that Easter is arriving so very soon. This theme of rejoicing in today's Mass is echoed by our readings. We ought to rejoice in the fact that God sent His only-begotten Son not to judge the world, but to save us and bring us to everlasting life.

But how can we rejoice in the midst of a penitential season? Aren't we supposed to be sorrowful and contrite for our sins? Ought we to be miserable, because we are fasting and mourning our iniquity? We are called to mourn our sins and their effects, namely the need for Christ to suffer and die, but we are called to rejoice in the good that God has done through His Son, who came to save us & present to us the mercy of the Father.

Many outside of the Church will try to paint Christians as being dour or sour. They will say that we can find no joy in this life, that we are always too miserable because we think ourselves such horrible people. While there should be some truth to that remark, this idea does not cover the whole gamut of Christian life, especially as laid out in the Church's liturgical year.

While we are called to penance and sorrow during the 40 days of Lent, the Church calls us to rejoice for 50 days starting on Easter Sunday at the marvels the Lord has worked for us in the Resurrection. We ought to have in mind what the psalmist writes in Psalm 126: “Those who sow in tears will reap with cries of joy.” The life of the Christian is indeed sown in tears over our sins and our weaknesses, but it reaps joy in the humble confession of our lowliness and seeking to turn to God through Jesus Christ and His Church. There is mourning over Good Friday – primarily the fact that we have caused it to happen – but there is rejoicing at Easter Sunday, because God has triumphed over sin and death by rising from the dead.

Let us endure the sorrow of Lent for a few more weeks. If you have fallen slack in your penances or haven't even done any yet, take some up for these last three weeks. If you haven't been to confession yet, don't delay! Be willing to carry your cross now, that you may rejoice in the salvation won for you in the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

*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.