

### SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

March 21	\$872
Flowers	\$205
International Needs	\$25

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### *PALM SUNDAY*

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
Mon. Mar. 29	<b>6:30 PM</b>	For Joe Lloyd
Tue. Mar. 30	8:30 AM	For the Poor Souls
Wed. Mar. 31	6:30 PM	For Helen Bach
Thur. Apr. 1	<b>6:30 PM</b>	Spec. Int. Members of Hammond & McMillan Families
Fri. Apr 2.	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>SOLEMN LITURGY OF THE PASSION</b>
<i>THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD—EASTER SUNDAY</i>		
Sat. Apr. 3	<b>8:30 PM</b>	For Rhonda Ann Cross
Sun. Apr 4	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, the family of 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.



### SAINT MATTHEW CHURCH

Pastor: Rev. Jacob Straub – Cell (859) 445-2436

Address: 13782 Decoursey Pike Morning View, KY 41063

Phone: (859) 356-6530

Fax: (859) 356-1695

Parish Email: [stmatthew13782@gmail.com](mailto:stmatthew13782@gmail.com) – Bulletin submissions by Fri. afternoon

Parish Website: [stmatthewskenton.org](http://stmatthewskenton.org)

#### 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

Religious Education – Roseanne Rawe (859) 635-1572

Bulletin/Prayer List – Linda Fryman (859) 240-2377

Parish History/Cemetery Info – Patty Neuspickel (859) 472-2508

## PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 28, 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 fish fries are behind us and were a success. We cleared \$1,783.69! Once again thanks to all who worked, patronized, and passed the word!

**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.

**DEEPEST SYMPATHY**—We extend our deepest sympathy to the Gripshover family at the loss of Ed Gripshover this past week. Ed's funeral Mass was here at St. Matt's on Saturday. Please pray for the repose of his soul and for the family's peace and comfort.

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**—See the flyer included with the bulletin.

### 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 – HOLY WEEK

Today begins the most solemn week of the Church's liturgical calendar: Holy Week. This is the week of suffering and salvation, the week for which Jesus was born into the world. Palm Sunday gives us both joy and sorrow, for we hear and join in the triumphant entrance of Christ the King into His royal city Jerusalem, while we also hear His sorrowful passion and death. At the bare minimum, Palm Sunday gives us a miniature Holy Week so that we are prepared for Easter.

While we should make every effort to participate in the solemn liturgies of these most important days of the year, we cannot relegate their celebration to the church. We should do all we can to join ourselves to the mystery of each day. How ought we to observe Holy Week in our daily lives?

Holy Thursday commemorates the institution of the Eucharist and Holy Orders. We also enter into the suffering of Our Lord by doing as He asked: "Could you not watch one hour with me?" (Mt 26:40) I encourage you to make the time to pray after the Mass of the Lord's Supper for one hour before the church closes at midnight. As far as in our homes, we could have a larger supper to rejoice in the gift of the Eucharist, and to prepare ourselves for the fast.

Good Friday is the great day of sacrifice and death. We not only have to abstain from meat and most food altogether, but we ought to abstain from serious work and pray about the Passion of Christ. I encourage each one of you to take either the whole day or the afternoon off from your work so that you may either participate in the solemn liturgy at 6 PM or to observe the hours of Jesus' crucifixion in silent prayer and meditation in your homes. Stay off the devices and look to the Cross.

Holy Saturday is still a day of penance until the Easter Vigil has begun. Holy Mother Church encourages us to maintain the Good Friday fast and abstinence throughout that day as well. You

could spend the day in prayer, meditating upon the fact that Jesus has experienced that same death that we must experience one day, and how we ought to pray to Him, along with St. Joseph, for a blessed death, in hope of rising again.

I hope that you will be able to join us in following the sorrowful way of Christ up Calvary, and to finish Lent on a strong note, so that we may indeed rejoice at the day the Lord has made on Easter Sunday.

*Fr. Jacob Straub*

