

### SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

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

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat. Mar. 6	5:00 PM	For Helen Bach
Sun. Mar. 7	9:00 AM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Mon. Mar. 8		<i>No Public Mass</i>
Tue. Mar. 9	8:30 AM	For George Bach
Wed. Mar. 10	6:30 PM	For All the Poor Souls
Thur. Mar. 11	8:30 AM	For the Klump Family
Fri. Mar. 12		<i>No Public Mass</i>

#### THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sat. Mar. 13	5:00 PM	Special Int. for the Living & Dead Members of our Parish
Sun. Mar. 14	9:00 AM	For the Zink Family

**Prayer List**—Jerry Ehlman, Eileen Ehlman, Sherri Moffett, the family of Kenny Neuspickel, 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, Tony Kidwell, the family of Bill Woodall, 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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## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 7, 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.

**OUR FISH FRYS**—We have decided to have three carry our fish fries this Lent: March 12, 19, and 26. Several people signed up to help. Hopefully everyone can spare a few hours for those days. More info on our needs will be forthcoming.

**DPAA 2021 BEGINS** - The 2021 Diocesan Annual Appeal begins the weekend of March 6 & 7. You should be receiving a letter in the mail requesting your support of this yearly appeal. 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.

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS MARCH 14TH**—Spring forward and don't be late for Mass!

### LENTEN SCHEDULE

- Stations of the Cross—Fridays during Lent @ 7:00 PM
- Fish Fries—March 12, 19, & 26 @ 4:30-7:30 PM ALL HANDS NEEDED!



### 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

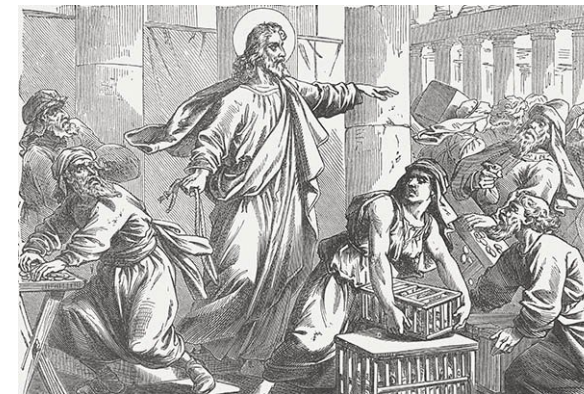
Must be done by all who are at least 14 years old; no consumption of flesh meat (beef, pork, chicken, etc); seafood (fish, shrimp, shellfish, etc) permitted

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—GOD AND ANGER

If there is one human emotion that is most often associated with God from outside of Christian circles, it would probably have to be anger. Many non-Christians will argue about the duality of the Bible as having the God who appears to be angry and wrathful in the Old Testament versus the God of love and mercy which Jesus Christ proclaims in the New. In fact, this idea has also been held by some Christians in past centuries, but has been repeatedly condemned as a heresy.

Does God get angry? We must distinguish between the emotion of anger and the response of anger. When the emotion of anger arises, it is a burning desire for vindication or justice, though this may be carried out even to an excess. The response of anger is a reasoned reaction towards an unjust action or attitude and despising the sin that is committed by the other person without despising the person themselves. When God is described in the Bible as angry at sinners, it is in this second sense of hating the sin which men commit before Him, in particular at sins stemming from unbelief, infidelity to the covenant God has made with us in Christ, and the worship of false idols.



The words that Jesus pronounces in today's Gospel along with His actions may seem harsh to our ears, but is it not harsher to allow a person to die? We must remember that it is the unrepentant who fall into the fires of eternal damnation. God does not will the death of the sinner, yet He still loves us enough to give us the opportunity to decide. God sends His Son not only to offer the supreme sacrifice for our redemption from sin and death, but to warn us also of the consequences of choosing poorly.

The mission of Jesus Christ was not to make our salvation automatic, but to plow the way for us to follow to the Father's eternal dwelling. God will not drag you along like an obstinate donkey to go even if you don't love Him or desire to heed His word. If you reject His sacraments, if you reject the truth proclaimed by His Church, if you seek your glory in the things of this world, then you dig your own eternal grave. What excuse can we offer to God when He asks why we didn't love Him, why we didn't frequent the sacraments, why we were so presumptive of His mercy?

Lent is our opportunity to recognize our sinfulness and receive the mercy by which we begin to become the children of God we were created to be. Let us repent of our sins and receive His loving mercy through the sacraments so that we may not fear death any more.

*Fr. Jacob Straub*