

PRIOR SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

Weekend of May 10, 2026- \$1,350

MASS SCHEDULE (L=Living, † =Deceased)		
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER-THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD		
Sat. May 16	8:30 PM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish
Sun. May 17	9:00 AM	† For John Jackson from Kay Cooper
Mon. May 18	XXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. May 19	8:00 AM	† For Michael Ott from Jo Ann Goodhew
Wed. May 20	8:00 AM	† For Larry Rasche from Jean Reynolds
Thur. May 21	8:00 AM	For Sylvia Cooper from Anonymous
Fri. May 22	8:00 AM	† For Rosanne Rawe from Anonymous
PENTECOST SUNDAY		
Sat. May 23	5:00 AM	† For George Bach from Joe and Kathy Bach
Sun. May 24	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of Our Parish

PRAYER LIST—Kate & Colton Sherold, Jeff suffering from Meniere’s disease, Tony Bach, Bill Lemming, Dave Neuspickel, Andy Sper, Billie Huffman, Roger High, Cheryl Miller, Sherry Jackson, Sarah Gripshover, Bill Schneider (at Dominion), Wanda Bach, Maverick Orth (3yrs old), Daniel Cahill, Pax Minch, Todd Kloentrup, Gina Cooper, Tom and Connie Breeze, Valetta Proctor, Melba Hauser, Larry Cappel, Mary Beth Feldmann, Griffin Cornell, Jeff Piehl, Annamarie Schroeder, Elissa Baker, Jody Rodriguez, Aiden Magee, Jeff Groneck, Carl Rebholz, Eric Thomas Sr., Roman Lee Ralston, Dennis McNay, Cameo Bach, Virginia Gripshover, Dennis McNay, Dan Blye, Mary Miller, Rita and Bill Funke, Pam Huffman, and Katie Messingschlager.

BIRTHDAYS—Apr. 27-Jill Schmiade, Apr. 29-Mark Messingschlager, May 3-Marian Messingschager, May 6-Lillian Eten, May 9-Bill Funke, May 11-Meggie Cooper, May 14-Richard Messingschlager, May 17-Brenda Baker, May 30-Mark Cooper,

ANNIVERSARY—May 3-Joe and Kathy Bach.

LECTOR- May 17-Jesse Rawe, May 24-Brad Cooper

CLEANING —May— Chris and Linda Fryman

Please send any requests for prayers or memorials to the parish email or call to make a request. If anyone’s birthday or anniversary is not listed, let Linda Fryman know. 859-240-2377.



SAINT MATTHEW CHURCH

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Mass Schedule:

Saturdays – 5:00 PM

Sundays – 9:00 AM

Weekdays [Tue through Fri] – 8 AM

Holy Days– 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM

Confession Times:

Saturdays – 4:00-4:50 PM

Sundays – 8:00-8:50 AM

Parish Staff and Volunteers

Religious Education – Lindsay Rawe (859) 250-7415

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

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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MAY 17, 2026

IN NEED OF LECTORS— We are in need of lectors. At present we only have four for Sundays and two for Saturdays. If interested, see Father Lange. Please consider helping in this way.

PRE-MASS SUNDAY ROSARY-There is a Rosary said every Sunday prior to the 9AM Mass. The Rosary begins at 8:30 AM.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION FOR CCD-Please join us in celebrating our St. Matthew Sunday School students and teachers in all of their hard work this year for a special pancake breakfast after 9:00 Mass on **Sunday, May 17th**. Thank you so much to everyone who volunteered your time, donated snacks, and contributed to supporting our children's growth in the faith!

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN-The Care Net baby bottles are here! Please take one, fill it with coins, paper money, or a check and return it by Father's Day on June 21. We, at St. Matthew, have always been very generous with this campaign. Let's keep it up. Thank you!

NATURAL FAMILY PLANING DISCUSSION-There has been an uptick of interest in NFP and the church's teachings within our parish. Please feel free to join us on **Sunday, May 27th** after the 9:00 mass to get together and discuss the many methods available. This is an informal discussion group. All interested women of the parish are welcome. Feel free to bring a snack or a drink to share.

LADIES TEA- **Sunday, June 7th after the 9:00 mass**. All women, young ladies, and friends of the women of the parish are welcome at the ladies tea which will be held on the back patio. Come with your fancy hat and dress, a tea treat to share, and some good discussion questions. There will be a sign up sheet emailed out at a later date so we all don't just bring napkins.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD!!



2025 Final DPAA Summary

It is my pleasure to give you the final report of our success in the 2025 Diocesan Parish Annual Appeal. It is wonderful news! Our goal was \$13,400.00. Our commitments were \$18,910.00. And, (this is really amazing), our collections (the sum actually collected) was exactly the same as that which was pledged: \$18,910.00! We collected \$5,510.00 OVER our goal! This is really a testament to your generosity, but also to the fact that you are people of your word: You remitted exactly what you pledged!

Remember that that \$5,510 has/is being sent to us in the form of checks from the diocese as a rebate to be used here at St. Matthew. When we give together to support our diocesan Church, we support our parish Church as well, and vice versa. We are one Church, not only in our parish, but in our diocese, and around the world. "Catholic" means "Universal", which includes both here at home and around the world.

2026 DPAA

The 2026 (current) DPAA is not too far along yet, but there are very encouraging signs. I will share with you any information I receive from the diocese regarding our progress at St. Matthew. I encourage you to continue giving (remitting) your pledges so that we can do as well as we always do on the DPAA!

As you may know, the Feast of the Ascension was traditionally celebrated on the Thursday 40 days after Easter, the Resurrection of Christ ("Ascension Thursday"). That's because that is what the scriptures say: Our Lord ascended 40 days after he rose!

So, why are we celebrating it today, Sunday, May 17, 2026? Simply because the Church has given permission for dioceses to celebrate the Ascension on the Sunday nearest to Ascension Thursday. In the Diocese of Covington, we have elected that option for some time. That Thursday was formerly a Holyday of Obligation. But it may be celebrated on Sunday simply because it is so important. The Ascension is really much more pivotal to our salvation than many realize. We know the crucifixion and resurrection are pivotal. We may even know the Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost is pivotal. But do we realize the Ascension is pivotal? Without it, our path to heaven would not be complete, and Our Lord would not have been able to send us His Spirit.

So today, celebrate the Ascension with the importance, and joy, due to it as an essential part of the Paschal Mystery of our salvation!