

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

May 11	\$663
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MASS SCHEDULE

(L=Living, †=Deceased)

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		
Sat. May 17	5:00 PM	For Greg & Reva Braunwart (L) [from Joe & Kathy Bach]
Sun. May 18	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish
Mon. May 19	XXXXXX	NO PUBLIC MASS
Tue. May 20	8:00 AM	For †Sr. Georgia Messingschlager [from Rosanne Rawe]
Wed. May 21	XXXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
Thur. May 22	10:00AM	Funeral Mass for †John Jackson
Fri. May 23	XXXXXX	NO MASS THIS WEEK
THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER		
Sat. May 24	5:00 PM	For †Verna Payne [from Elizabeth Cahill]
Sun. May 25	9:00 AM	For the Living and Deceased People of the Parish

PRAYER LIST—Jerry & Eileen Ehlman, Kate & Colton Sherold, Emmitt Thomas, 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 (Dominion Assisted Living 4009 Seligman Dr. Florence, Room 215), Ree Wagner, Wanda Bach, Maverick Orth (3yrs old), Daniel Cahill, Pax Minch, Todd Kloentrup, Gina Cooper, Tom Breeze, Valetta Proctor, Ruth Elbert, Melba Hauser, Elbert Hauser, Larry Cappel, Mary Beth Feldmann, Griffin Cornell, Nathan Thorwarth, Rosanne Rawe, and the soul of John Jackson and the consolation of his family & friends.

BIRTHDAYS—May 2-Kaitlyn Mason, May 3-Marian Messingschlager, May 6-Lillian Rose Eten, May 9-Bill Funke, May 11-Megan Cooper, May 14-Richard Messingschlager, May 16-Amelie Mason, May 17-Brenda Baker, May 18-Rosanne Rawe, May 19-Isaac Mason, May 23-Walter Haley, May 28-Belle Mason, May 30-Mark Cooper, May 30-Ben Mason

ANNIVERSARY—May 3-Joe and Kathy Bach

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.



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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
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MAY 18, 2025

DPAA—The new DPAA campaign has begun! Our parish’s goal for this year is \$13,400. As of Mar. 31, we have collected \$3,650. You should be receiving envelopes in the mail to make your pledge. There are also purple envelopes available near the collection box. Thank you for your contributions!

CCD AWARDS—CCD awards will be given out on Sunday, May 18, after Mass. There will be donuts, cake, and drinks available. God bless our young people as they grow in Christ.

JOHN JACKSON DEATH—It is with immense sorrow that we report the death of parishioner John Jackson on Thursday, May 15. His funeral Mass and burial will be next Thursday, May 22, at 10 AM here at St. Matthew. Visitation is Wednesday evening at Chambers and Grubbs (5-7 PM) and also from 9-10AM at St. Matthew on Thursday before the funeral Mass. Please keep him in your prayers, as well as his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

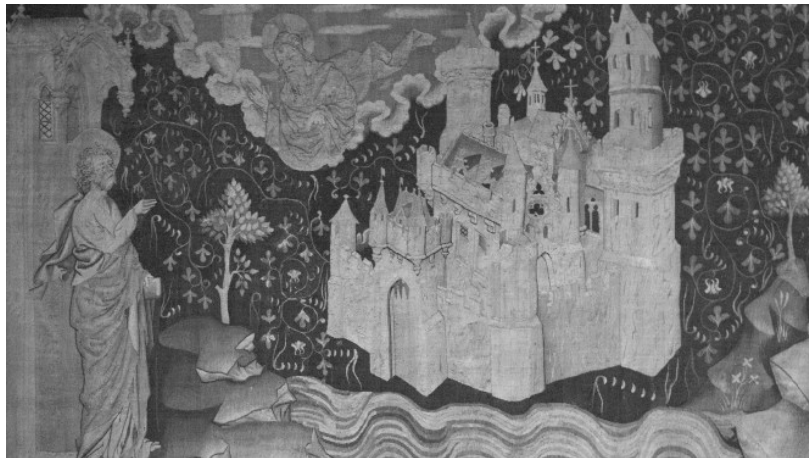
BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN—Our annual Baby Bottle Campaign for Care Net begins this week. The bottles will be in the back of church for you to take. Please return by Father’s Day, June 15, containing change, paper money, or a check inside. Thank you for your caring donations.

LECTOR— May 18-Brad Cooper, May 25-Bill Funke

CLEANING – May-Lisa and Jeanne Cooper

*I saw
a new heaven
and
a new earth.*

Rev. 21:1



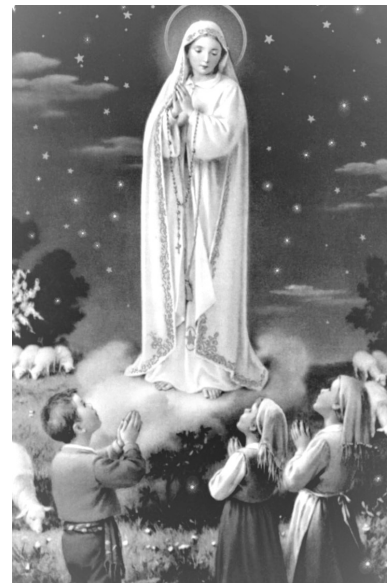
FROM THE PASTOR – MONTH OF MARY: OUR LADY OF FATIMA

This past week saw the celebration of one of the most celebrated Marian apparitions in the world. This is the appearance of Our Lady in the small town of Fatima in Portugal. This event is celebrated every year on May 13, the first day of the apparition. What happened? What makes this event so significant?

In 1917, three shepherd children (a brother and sister and their cousin) were tending their family flocks when they saw a beautiful woman in white. She invited them to pray the Rosary together, asked them to pray the Rosary every day and to pray for an end to the war ravaging the world (this occurring in the midst of World War I). The children would see the lady a total of six times, usually on the 13th of the month. It is the last vision which perhaps garners the most attention from the devout.

On October 13, 1917, with news of the apparition spreading across the country and even through Europe, thousands of people came to follow the three children to the knoll where they were to wait for the lady. When she appeared to the children, she declared herself to be “the Lady of the Rosary” and urged amendment of life and for people to ask God for mercy for their sins. While the large crowd gathered around them did not see her, many saw the Sun miraculously peek out of the rain clouds and seemingly dance and even appear to fall to earth before returning to normal. Many people felt their clothes and the ground dry from the rain which had been occurring all day to that point.

Much of what Mary told the children did come true: the war ended the next year, but only twenty years later World War II would start with Hitler seizing Austria and invading Czechoslovakia, which Mary warned would be preceded by a miraculous sign in the sky. It is said that Mary even predicted the assassination attempt on Pope St. John Paul II in 1981. The two siblings would die in 1918 from the Spanish flu sweeping the world, while the cousin would become a religious sister who received additional visions of Jesus and Mary and spread the word of what they wanted until her death in 2005.



The main message of Fatima is the same as the Gospel: to repent and to follow Jesus. Mary comes to push us to avoid further calamity and disaster by returning to God through Jesus. We ought to take her message to heart and pray our rosaries for conversion of souls and peace in the world. Our Lady of Fatima, pray for us!

Fr. Jacob Straub