

Third Sunday of Lent
St. Matthew Catholic Church
600 Crooks Ave. Ravenswood, WV 26164
304-273-2175



Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday, 5:30PM STM
Sunday, 9:00AM STM
Sunday: 11:15AM SH

Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday -Friday 9:00AM STM

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday Morning 8:30AM STM
First Friday of the Month 6:00PM STM

Confession Schedule

Saturday, 4:30-5:15 PM
All other days, 15 minutes prior to Mass or by appointment.

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Schedule for the Parish Hall

EVERY THURSDAY 6:30pm Initiation Ministry (OCIA)
Sat. March 14, Ravenswood Band all Day in the Kitchen
Sun. March 15 after Mass St. Patrick's Day Celebration

Dear Sisters and Brothers of St. Matthew's & Sacred Heart's Families,
Greetings on The Third Sunday of Lent!

“Repent: Fast from Sin, Feast on Mercy — A Humble Heart God Will Not Reject.”

Dear Parish Family,

This Third Sunday of Lent reminds us that our deepest thirst is not for worldly things, but for God. In the desert, the Israelites cried out in thirst, and the Lord brought water from the rock. In the Gospel, Jesus meets the Samaritan woman at the well and offers her “living water” mercy, forgiveness, and eternal life.

Lent invites us to examine the “rock” within us the hardness of heart that resists God's grace. When we repent, when we fast from sin and unhealthy attachments, the Lord allows mercy to flow. A humble heart, open and honest before God, will never be rejected.

Like the Samaritan woman, we come to the well with our daily burdens and routines. But when we truly encounter Christ, we leave changed. She left her water jar behind a sign that her deeper thirst had been satisfied. This Lent, may we also leave behind whatever prevents us from receiving the living water of grace. Let us fast from sin, feast on mercy, and trust that a humble heart God will never reject.

Mark Your Calendar

Our Lenten Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 14, 2026, at Sacred Heart Mission Church. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend. It will be a beautiful opportunity for renewal, confession, reflection, and spiritual growth during this holy season.

Active Participation During Lent

I warmly encourage everyone to take part in:

- Stations of the Cross — Walk with Jesus on the way to Calvary.
- Fish Fry Gatherings — Support our parish and share fellowship as a community.

Your presence matters. Your participation strengthens our parish family. May this Lent be a time of true repentance, deep healing, and abundant mercy for each of us.

I remain,
Yours in Christ,
Fr. Roy

March 8, 2026
Sacred Heart Catholic Mission
2222 Jackson Ave. Point Pleasant, WV 25550



Sunday, March 8; Third Sunday of Lent; Mass 11:15AM; +Dr. Nelson A. & Alice Lally Park, Req. by Caitlyn and Charles Towner.

Wednesday, March 11; Confessions 5:15 – 5:45PM; Stations of the Cross 6:00PM, Followed by Mass; Int. For a successful retreat on Saturday.

Saturday March 14, 9:00AM until Noon. Lenten Healing Retreat

Sunday March 15; Fourth Sunday of Lent; Mass 11:15AM; + Charlie Towner, Req. by Caitlyn & Charle Towner

March 1: Collection \$570; Priest's Retirement \$100 Attendance:28

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please continue to pray for Fr. Pen's brother and his family.
- The Sacred Heart Ladies Guild will be selling Easter candy. Check with Markquita about placing an order by Sunday March 22.
- We need 6 Readers for the Easter Vigil at Sacred Heart. There is a sign up sheet and Readings List in the back of the church. Please sign if you are willing to read.
- Lenten Penance Service Tuesday, March 17 at 6:00PM at Sacred Heart.
- There will be a table in the back of the church for a Lenten Book Sharing. There will be books for both children and adults to take and share during Lent.
- Landscape work will begin soon all around the church and hall at Sacred Heart. If you would like to help with the expense of beautifying our Sacred Heart Campus we would appreciate your donation. Put your check in the collection made out to St. Matthew or Sacred Heart and put LANDSCAPE in the memo or use a plain envelope with your name and LANDSCAPE on the envelope.
- Saturday, March 14 at Sacred Heart Mission beginning at 9:00AM and finishing at Noon, we are excited to announce a special one-day Lenten Retreat. Father Vargheese will return to lead the retreat. It is a beautiful opportunity to pause, breathe, pray, reflect, and allow Jesus to renew our mind, body, soul, and spirit. This retreat is for everyone, families, youth, young adults, seniors, those returning to faith, lifelong believers, and anyone longing for healing, peace, restoration, clarity, and spiritual strength. Come with an open heart, and leave with a renewed spirit. It will be grace-filled, uplifting, and unforgettable!
- The Knights of Columbus Fish Fry at St. Matthew's will continue every Friday during Lent at 4:00PM through March 27. Stations of the Cross follows at 7:00PM.
- Have you experienced the loss of a loved one? Please join Father Roy and Deacon John for a five week bereavement experience called “Grieving with Great Hope”. Join with others who have suffered loss as we learn together in the love of Christ how to grieve with great hope. Sign up sheet and more information in the vestibule.

March Birthdays: I do not have anyone listed! If I'm missing someone please let me know!

Please Pray for: Shannon Case-Perry, Ash Family, Lisa Green, The Family of Danny Richardson, Roy Enrico, Greg Milhoan; Bill Soulsby, Chase Smith, Shirley Livingston, Carl Mann, Jaycey Pittman, Greg Roush, Stephanie Sexton, Perry Estep, Ryan Park, Sharon Gardner, Ruth Angle, Beth Brannon, Doma Hern, Jean Henderson, Robert Bosworth, Stephanie McCausland, Matilda Dillard, Lawana Smith, Shawn Ross, Ray Matura.