

# FIRST SORROWFUL MYSTERY



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

*The Agony in the Garden*



**ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
 14936 W. Wilmington - Peotone Rd.  
 Manhattan, Illinois 60442  
**1st SUNDAY OF LENT**  
 February 22, 2026

**Most Revered Bishop Dennis Spies**  
 Administrator

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening only

Feb. 21	5:45pm	+Gladys Meyer req. by The Family +Poor Souls req. by Ed & Judy Phelan Parish Family of St. Patrick
Feb. 25	5:30pm	<b>COMMUNION SERVICE.</b>
Feb. 27	6:00pm	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>
Feb. 28	5:45pm	+Gladys Meyer req. by The Family +Noreen McAndrew req. by Marilyn Cieply Parish Family of St. Patrick
March 4	5:30pm	<b>COMMUNION SERVICE</b>
March 6	6:00pm	<b>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</b>
March 7	5:45pm	+Gladys Meyer req. by The Family +Patricia Quigley req. By Joyce Gregory Parish Family of St. Patrick

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Minister</u>
Feb. 21 - 5:45pm	Mark May	P. Engler
Feb. 28 - 5:45pm	Sherrie Ashley	C. Smith
March 1 - 5:34pm	Amy Pfeifer	P. Engler

**SERVERS & USHERS**

Please volunteer at the Mass you are attending

**STATIONS OF THE  
 CROSS - 6:00PM  
 FEBRUARY 27  
 LEADER:  
 TOM NUGENT**

**Scripture Readings  
For the Week of February 22, 2026**

**Sunday First Sunday of Lent** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rm 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

**Monday** Lev 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

**Tuesday** Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15

**Wednesday** Jonah 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

**Friday** Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26

**Saturday** Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

**Sunday Second Sunday of Lent** Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tim 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

**Please Remember our sick;**

**especially:** Greg Harnois, Jim Kreske, Ann Marie & Tori Jasinski, Lisa Price, Barbara Schriver, Leslie Lund, Joe & Carol Price, Bernice & Dominick Marino, Tom Lane, Peggy Schiesow, Haley Donzella, Ken Smith, Laura 'Hanson, Steve Niemiec, Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernard. Joe Hanson

**PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO HAVE A LOVED ONE ADDED TO THE PRAYER LIST.**



During the Month of  
Our Blessed Mother Candle  
Is burning for  
**THE PARISH FAMILY  
OF ST. PATRICK**

**WEEKLY OFFERING FOR  
2/14/2026**

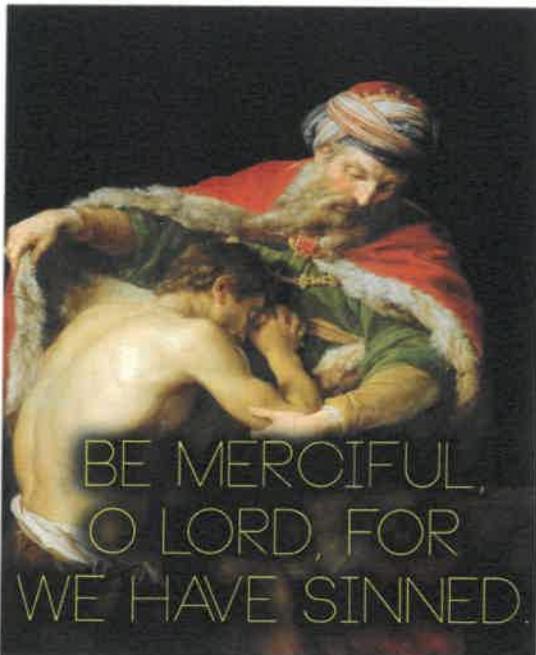
**Sunday - \$1,294.00**

**Maintenance - \$10.00**

**Central & Eastern Europe - \$10.00**

**Our weekly budget goal is \$1,211.54**

**Thank you for your faith filled support.**



**BE MERCIFUL,  
O LORD, FOR  
WE HAVE SINNED.**

**POPE'S INTENTION FOR  
FEBRUARY**

**For children with incurable diseases**  
Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

## LENTEN RULES & REGULATIONS



1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th birthday are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
5. Lent is the principle season of penance in the Church year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayers and a performance of works of charity and mercy.
6. Those who are sick, pregnant or nursing, or whose health would be adversely affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.

**SUNDAY**  
**MARCH 1, 2026**  
DisABILITIES Mass

OUR LADY OF  
MERCY CHURCH  
701 S. FOLA RD.  
AURORA, IL

Reception to Follow

Most Reverend  
Dennis E. Spies

Scan to  
Register!

## **First Sunday of Lent TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

In a few weeks' time, at the Chrism Mass of the diocese, fresh sacramental oils will be blessed and chrism consecrated for use in every parish. Olive oil is the main ingredient of chrism, but olive oil with some exotic additives that change its character and purpose. Rich balsam and perfumes separate chrism from the pantry. Food no longer, neither is this oil for grooming or toning muscles. It has a breathtaking aroma that is both alluring and enduring.

The prayer of consecration is a good meditation for the coming Lenten season since it focuses us on the goal of our journey, linking it with the olive-bearing dove at the end of Noah's stormy voyage of forty days. The dove signaled the birth of a new world, a society reborn from the wreckage of the old, drowned world of sin. At the end of our Lenten journey, the oil of chrism will be poured down in abundance on the brows of catechumens and infants, as well as on those to be confirmed or ordained. Lent puts us in touch with the hard edges of life in need of salvation, and the chrism of Easter joy redeems and restores.

— Rev. James Field

**COMMUNION SERVICE WILL BE OFFERED WEDNESDAY DURING LENT AT  
5:30PM BEGINNING FEBRUARY 25**

### **The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal**

If you have already pledged to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we sincerely thank you. Let's join together to meet our parish goal of \$10,500.00. Every gift makes a difference.

If you still plan on making your gift, please prayerfully consider how you can elevate your faith beyond all expectations in support of those in need. Pledge envelopes are still available in church, or you can use the envelope you received in the mail from the diocese. We also welcome online gifts at [jolietdioceseappeal.org](http://jolietdioceseappeal.org)

Remember, we receive 70% of any amount raised over our goal to reinvest in our own parish. This is an incredible opportunity and blessing!

## First Sunday of Lent Connections

The second reading this Sunday is not easy to follow, especially when some of Paul's sentences are more like paragraphs. But you will notice that he makes several important connections: between sin and death, between Adam and Jesus, and between obedience and disobedience.

Sin, he says, is the cause of death – not just spiritual death, but physical death also. His point is that sin affects everyone, innocent as well as sinner. Of course, everyone is subject to death at some point, even if they haven't sinned. Sometimes the cause is immediate, such as a drunken driver who causes the death of an innocent person. Even a less serious sin can be a little "death" when it makes us feel that we are not as close to God as we could be. And sins that we might think are not a big deal, such as smoking, can lead to serious health problems.

The connection between Adam and Jesus is not so obvious. Adam was the first to bring sin and death into the world. Jesus is the first to bring forgiveness by his death on the cross. Adam was at the beginning of creation and Jesus is the beginning of a new creation. If we are all sons and daughters of Adam, we are also God's children, since Jesus taught us to call God our father.

The Letter to the Romans shows us how Jesus is different from Adam. Adam disobeyed God, while Jesus was obedient to his Father. Adam reminds me of a child who knows what he is supposed to do, but thinks that he can do the opposite and get away with it.

The Gospel can be an example of that difference. The child likes to do things the easy way, while the adult will do them the right way. Satan can be thought of as trying to get Jesus to do things the easy way. When he tempts Jesus to turn stones into bread, he shows Jesus an easy way to feed the people. But Jesus takes a better way, when he feeds us with himself in the Eucharist. The devil says Jesus can throw himself off the temple as a dramatic way to attract followers; Jesus lets himself hang from the cross to draw people to himself. Satan promises the kingdoms of the world if Jesus will only worship him. But Jesus chose to be crowned with thorns and receive his kingdom when he rose from the dead.