

FOURTH SORROWFUL MYSTERY



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Carrying of the Cross



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Manhattan, Illinois 60442

4th SUNDAY OF LENT

March 15, 2026

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening only

March 14	5:45pm	+Gladys Meyer req. by The Family +Elanor Price req. by Ken & Cindy Wmith +Grace Niemiec req. by The Family
March 17	5:00pm	Parish Family of St. Patrick The Phelan Family +Gary Ulman req. by Family
March 18	5:30pm	COMMUNION SERVICE
March 20	6:00pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS
March 21	5:45pm	+Gladys Meyer req. by The Family +Grace Niemiec req. by The Family Parish Family of St. Patrick
March 25	5:30pm	Communion Service
March 27	6:00pm	STATIONS OF THE CROSS

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Minister</u>
March 14 - 5:45pm	Mark May	L. Cakora
March 17 - 5:00pm	Jerry Kinsella	
March 21 - 5:45pm	Jerry Kinsella	C. Kinsella

SERVERS & USHERS

Please volunteer at the Mass you are attending

**STATIONS OF THE
CROSS - 6:00PM
MARCH 20
LEADER:
JERRY KINSELLA**

**Scripture Readings
For the Week of March 15, 2026**

Sunday Fourth Sunday of Lent 1 Sam 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a, Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

Thursday Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Sam 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Rm 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53

Sunday Fifth Sunday of Lent Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rm 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45



**She drove hours just to hear Mass.
Then everything changed.**

As a member of the deaf community, Diana longed for more than a seat in the pew. She yearned for genuine spiritual connection, for a liturgy where she could truly encounter Christ. That longing led her to the Deaf Formation Ministry — and your generosity to the CMAA helped make that possible.



**WEEKLY OFFERING FOR
3/8/2026**

Sunday - \$1,374.00

Maintenance - \$50.00

Our weekly budget goal is \$1,211.54

Thank you for your faith filled support.



**Watch the video and see the
good your donation to the CMAA
brings to our community**



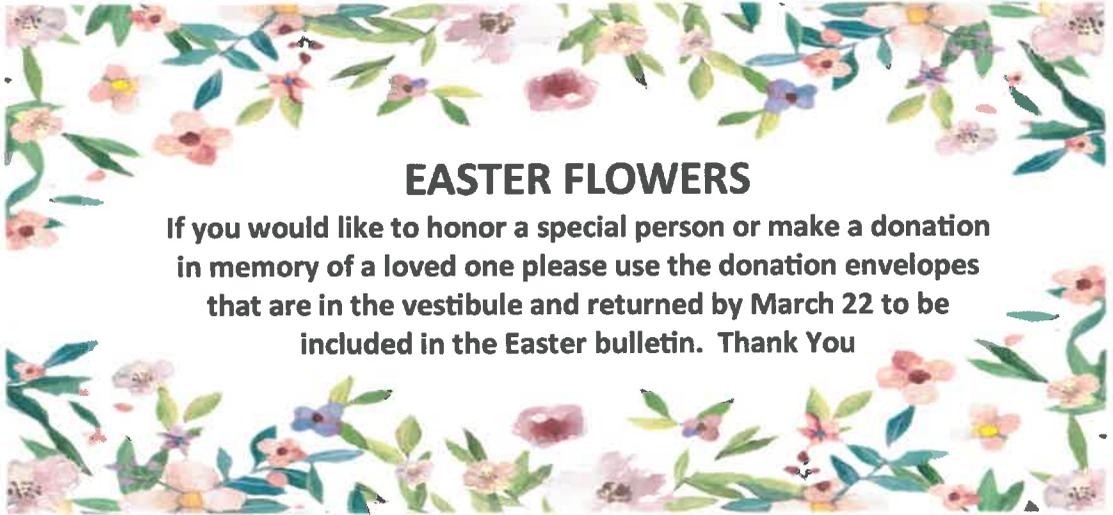
**Our Blessed Mother
Candle
Is burning for
THE PARISH FAMILY
OF ST. PATRICK**

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS
PLEASE SIGN UP FOR
HOLY WEEK AND EASTER
SIGN-UP SHEET IS IN
THE VESTIBULE**



**ST. PATRICK DAY
TUESDAY, MARCH 17
MASS WILL BE
CELEBRATED AT 5:00PM**

**JOIN US AFTER MASS FOR
CORNEBEEF IN THE PARISH
HALL SIGN UP SHEET IS IN THE
VESTIBULE**



EASTER FLOWERS

If you would like to honor a special person or make a donation in memory of a loved one please use the donation envelopes that are in the vestibule and returned by March 22 to be included in the Easter bulletin. Thank You



CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICE

Your compassion helps people in need around the world. When you give, you help provide food to young children so they can study hard in school. You help prevent trafficking and provide welcome kits for survivors. You help mothers and babies around the world receive nutritional care and health exams. When you give, refugees find safety and receive emergency assistance and trauma counseling. Farmers learn innovative ways to plant and grow crops despite drought or disease. And women find dignity in opportunities for savings and training.

For more than 80 years, CRS has been providing expertise and compassion to the most vulnerable of our sisters and brothers in more than 100 countries. And it's because of you. **We can't do this lifesaving work without your help. Please make a generous gift today. Thank You**

Fourth Sunday of Lent
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Centuries ago, these Lenten days were a time of intense final preparation for the candidates for baptism. By now, they had already been numbered among the “elect” for Easter baptism, and were daily challenged to excel in prayer, in fasting, and in works of charity. As is true today, at a certain point in the weekly assembly for Eucharist, the nonbaptized were dismissed from the assembly for their own learning and prayer. While they might have had impressions about the Eucharist, they had no direct experience. The rites of the church were secret and its worship places off-limits.

For the Easter Vigil, those to be baptized arrived very hungry from long fasting, and perhaps very apprehensive as to how initiation was to be accomplished. A long night of vigil and storytelling, a shimmering pool of baptism, the anointing with oil and clothing with white robes came as something of a surprise. At the end of a long, life-changing night of embrace by Christ and the community, as the eucharistic feast ended, a final surprise was brought forward. To address the deep hunger of the newly baptized, the church offered a bowl of milk and honey, sign of promises fulfilled, sign of community, prosperity, and peace, and yet another foretaste of heaven’s banquet.

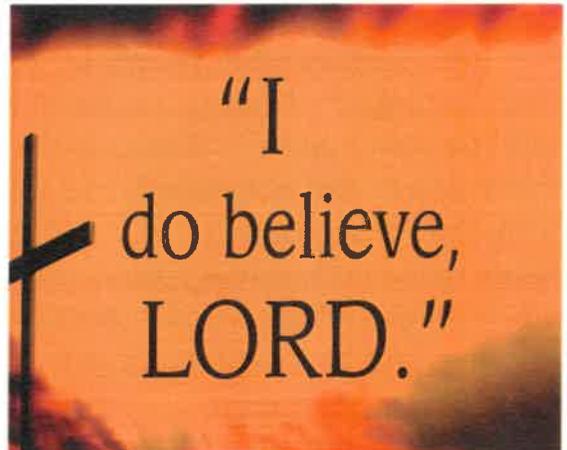
—Rev. James Field

COMMUNION SERVICE WILL BE OFFERED DURING LENT
WEDNESDAY AT 5:30PM

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.

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



Fourth Sunday of Lent
Beware of the Dark Side

Do you remember the *Star Wars* movies, in which the Dark Side was a symbol of evil? In our second reading Paul tells the Christians in Ephesus that they were once in darkness. Paul uses darkness as a symbol of shame. Shame is not just sorrow for sins; it is the fear of being caught in sin, or of telling our weaknesses to another because we think the other will look down on us. Or you might fear the punishment you think you deserve. Paul was a sinner himself and was blinded when Jesus appeared to him, asking, "Why do you persecute me?" So he knew that the only way to be free of shame is not to hide sins, but to expose them.

Does that mean we have to broadcast our sins on the evening news, or post them all on our social media pages? No; we just need to confess them to God and receive God's forgiveness. We can do this through the sacrament of reconciliation. The priest shows that God loves sinners, no matter what they have done. When you injure your arm, you explain how you hurt it, so the doctor knows how to treat it. If you wreck your car, you take it to the repair shop and tell the mechanics what is broken so they can repair it. In reconciliation we bring our sins to the priest so that we can experience forgiveness. You could leave your car at the shop overnight, with enough cash to make the repairs, but until you come back and claim your car, you will never know if it was fixed.

Sometimes other people try to shame us. In today's Gospel, Jesus' disciples asked whose sin caused the man to be born blind. The Pharisees told the man that he was born in sin. Jesus, however, told his disciples that the man had not sinned, and furthermore, the Pharisees themselves were the sinners because they had judged the blind man. So when we know that God forgives us and still loves us, we don't have to fear what others might think. Let us instead hold our sins up to the light of forgiveness and be free of our shame.

Tom Schmidt