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Tuesday 6:00 pm  
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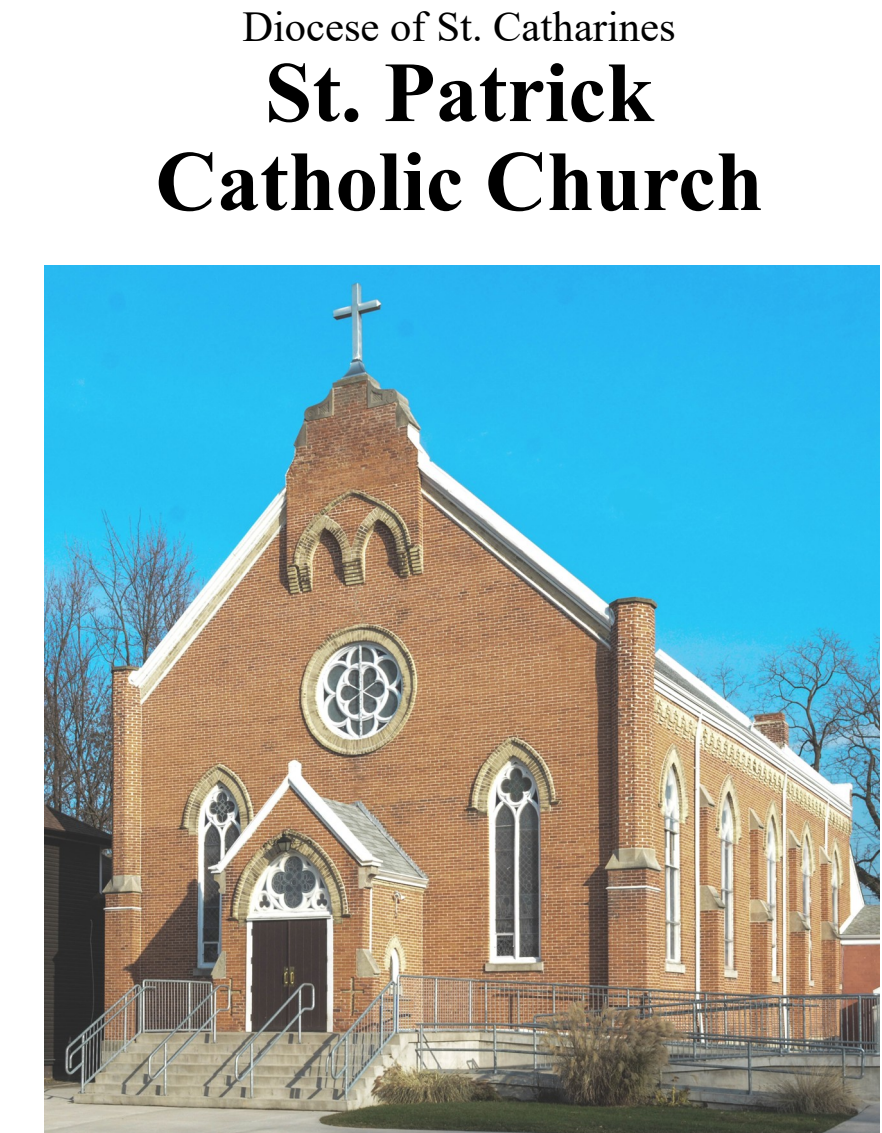
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**Hospitality:**  
5:00 pm - Fred Tonnos  
9:00 am - Lisa Shibley  
11:00 am - Mark Morasse  
**Communion:**  
5:00 pm - Linda Haakman  
9:00 am - Joe Gatt  
11:00 am - Susan Foebel

**The 3rd Sunday of  
Lent - Year A**  
**A drink of  
living water.**

**Lectors:**  
5:00 pm - Bettina DiGiulio  
9:00 am - Kim Gatt  
11:00 am - Karen Schroeder  
**Video:**  
5:00 pm - Fred Tonnos  
9:00 am - Dave Bilodeau  
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# March 8, 2026 A.D. The 3rd Sunday of Lent - Year A



*Lord may the request of our people rise before you like a fragrant offering*

**Tues Mar 10 6:00 pm** +Michael Ventresca

**Wed Mar 11 8:30 am** +Mario Armenti

**Thurs Mar 12 8:30 am** +Thomas Maloney

**Fri Mar 13 8:30 am** +Deceased members of the D'Uva family  
**7:00 pm** Stations of the Cross

*The 4th Sunday of Lent*

**Sat Mar 14 5:00 pm** +For the living and deceased members of St. Patrick's

**Sun Mar 15 9:00 am** +Edd Typer  
**11:00 am** +Joshua Zuvic

by Tom & Carmen Lannan

by Teresa Ricci

by Colleen Maloney & family

by Tony & Jane D'Uva

by Julie Typer

by Sam & Geraldine Zuvic

## LIVING WATER

The Third Sunday of Lent centers on our deep human longing for God and Christ's own thirst for souls. A stewardship way of life both satisfies our spiritual thirst and invites us to share in God's saving work.

In the desert, the Israelites suffer without water. Fear turns to complaint, and they grumble against Moses despite all God has done for them. It is easy to judge them, yet we often respond the same way when faced with uncertainty or unanswered prayers. We forget how faithfully God has provided.

When Moses cries out, God answers with generosity, bringing water from the rock. His care did not end in the desert.

He continues to provide for us each day - every breath, every blessing, every opportunity a sign of His goodness. Stewardship begins when we respond not with fear, but with gratitude and trust.

St. Paul reminds us that God's greatest gift is His love: "The love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit." This love is not earned. "While we were still sinners Christ died for us."

This is the heart of stewardship. Everything we have - our time, talents, and resources - is a gift. We are loved and blessed even in our weakness. When we truly grasp this, gratitude naturally leads us to generosity. We begin to see our lives not as possessions to protect, but as gifts to share, witnessing to Christ and helping satisfy His thirst for souls.



This movement from receiving to sharing is beautifully seen in Jesus' encounter with the Samaritan woman.

He begins simply: "Give me a drink." From this humble request unfolds the promise of "living water... welling up to eternal life." At first she thinks only of physical thirst, but she gradually recognizes her deeper longing for God.

Christ speaks the same words to us. He asks for our trust and generosity, yet first desires to fill us with His grace. Stewardship is not simply about giving things away; it is about allowing Christ to fill our lives so completely that His grace overflows into the lives of others.

The Samaritan woman, imperfect and unlikely, becomes a witness. Leaving her water jar behind, she runs to tell others, and many come to believe. Christ still calls ordinary people. Through simple acts of service, hospitality, and witness, we help others encounter Him - often without realizing the impact.

Lent invites us to examine where we still thirst and where we hesitate to trust. It is a time to renew our commitment to live as grateful and generous stewards.

Christ continues to say, "Give me a drink." As His living water fills our hearts, we become instruments of His grace in a thirsty world.

May we respond with renewed faith this Lent, helping to quench Christ's thirst for souls and leading many to the living water that alone satisfies.

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## ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON

Sunday March 15, 2026 at 12 noon.



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our Parish's Patron Saint

Cost: Adults: \$30

Children (14 - 6): \$10

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**Deadline to purchase will be March 8.**

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## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross are a cherished Lenten devotion, helping us reflect on Christ's suffering and love.



Join us each Friday at 7:00 p.m., beginning February 20, as we prayerfully walk the Way of the Cross. Spend an hour with Jesus on His journey to Calvary and draw closer to His Sacred Heart.

May this Lent be a season of grace for us all — renewing our faith and preparing us to proclaim with joy on Easter morning: **He is risen!**

## SCRUTINIES BEGIN THIS WEEK

The Catholic Scrutinies are a series of three special, solemn rites celebrated during Mass on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sundays of Lent for adults preparing to be baptized (the "Elect") at the Easter Vigil. They are a core part of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) and serve as a final period of spiritual purification and enlightenment.

**Key Aspects of the Scrutinies:**

- **Purpose:** Conducted for the Elect during Lent, these rites aim to strengthen what is good and heal what is weak, purifying the heart and freeing it from the influence of evil.
- **The Rite:** Involves prayers of exorcism, intercessions, and the laying on of hands.
- **Thematic Gospels (Year A):** Paired with readings of the Samaritan Woman, the Man Born Blind, and the Raising of Lazarus.
- **Significance:** These rites invite all Catholics to reflect on their own spiritual conversion and baptismal journey.

Please keep in your prayers our Elect (the unbaptized) and our Candidates (the baptized)

**Elect:** Chazzly Haskell, Shawna Morra, Alea Walker, Logyn Rakovich

**Candidates:** Kenney Grover, Hailey Batenburg, Gillian Kerr, Melinda Manchur

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## PRAYER OF LIVING WATER & TRUST

Heavenly Father,

You are the source of living water, and our hearts thirst for You.

When fear and doubt lead us to complain, teach us to trust in Your faithful care.

As You brought water from the rock and poured Your love into our hearts through the Holy Spirit,

fill us again with the grace won for us by Christ, who loved us even while we were still sinners.

Lord Jesus, You say to us, "Give me a drink."

Help us to offer You our time, our talents, and our resources with grateful hearts.

Quench our deepest thirst, that Your living water may overflow from us into the lives of others.

May this Lent renew us as joyful and generous stewards,

that we may help satisfy Your thirst for souls and lead many to the eternal life

You alone can give. Amen.