

MARCH 15, 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

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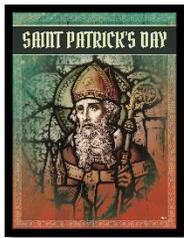
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Mission Statement-Aware of our rich Catholic tradition we strive to keep Jesus as the center of our worship and life.

We are open to ongoing formation in faith through the sacraments, life experiences, and other opportunities for reflection.

We are committed to witnessing our faith by serving others and working for justice and peace.

Please join our faith community in kneeling at the end of Mass and silently saying three Hail Marys for world peace and an end to abortion.



MASSES – Sunday-8:30am Saturday-5pm (2nd & 4th Saturday of the month) Tuesday-8:30am, Thursday-6pm

Holydays-check bulletin

RECONCILIATION-Saturday-4:15pm-4:45pm (2nd & 4th Saturday of the month).

Sunday – 8am – 8:15am on Sunday after the first Saturday Mass of the month.

ADORATION-Tuesday 1am-10am,7pm-12am Wednesday 12am-11am, 6pm-10pm

SUNDAY COFFEE- after Mass most YFF Sundays YFF-9:45am-10:35am Sundays

Contact Father Lazarus: when a family member is in the hospital, when he needs to bring communion to the homebound or when someone is in need of anointing, to schedule a baptism and at least **6 months** before your anticipated wedding date. **East**

bookcase: Please sign our Guest Register. Feel free to take a brief parish history and/or a self-guided tour sheet. **Vestibule**

bulletin board-If you would like to become a member of our faith family, please fill out a registration blank, drop it in the collection basket or mail to the church. **Tithe envelopes**-top shelf of east bookcase; put your name on the first few envelopes. ****Livestream Mass: Sunday 8:30am****

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	Saturday March 14	Sunday 10am March 15	Sunday March 22	Saturday March 28
Lector	Rick Dailey	Maria Blake	A. Gutschenritter	Jake McGargill
EME	Kathy Harbor	John Martin	Bridget Campbell	Kathy Harbor
EME		Sarah Martin	Dan Kinsella	
EME		Tom Martin	Jim Martin	
Server		Ethan Laughlin	Caroline Campbell	
Server		Addy Christensen	Jonathan Ekpai	
Server		Finn Martin	Madeleine Ekpai	
Gifts	Kim & Becky Hughes	Zeb & Jenny Burkhiser	Dan & Stephanie Martin	Donnie & Tara Doyle
Usher	Donnie Doyle	Hannah Forney	Trevor Christensen	Bernie Hughes
Usher	Kim Hughes	Sam McGargill	Dan Kinsella	Tim Martin
Usher	Becky Hughes	Joe Gutschenritter	Jim Martin	George McGargill
Usher	Bill Ditmars	Ken Forney	Tom Martin	Aaron Molnar
Greeters	Kim & Becky Hughes	Dan & Kari Kisella	James & Melonie Doyle	Bernie Hughes
Streaming		Rita Laughlin	Nora Martin	
Sacristan	Tara Doyle	Jim Martin	Tom Martin	Kent Owens

Mass Intention

Sat. Mar. 14: +Travis Durfey

Tues. Mar. 17: Deceased members of the parish

Sun. Mar. 22: +Justin Owens

Thurs. Mar. 26: +Dwight Smith and +Ed Regan

Sun. Mar. 15: +Members of the parish

Thurs. Mar. 19: +Michelle & +Linda Laughlin

Tues. Mar. 24: +Tom Breedlove and +Michael Davis Conners

Sat. Mar. 28: +Jerry and +Pat Head

March 15, 2026
4th Sunday of Lent
John 9:1-41

Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

If you are like me, it's easy to fixate on our shadows: failures, guilt, shame. Especially when we suffer, it is easy to want to blame ourselves or others. In this week's Gospel, Jesus' disciples ask about the blind man, "**Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?**" (John 9:2) They, like us, focus on blame. But Jesus sees the entire situation differently: "**Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.**" He does not deny sin, but he sees deeper — through the light of mercy, not the lens of judgment. The scene hinges on Jesus' strange claim: "**I am the light of the world**" (John 9:5). He sees things differently than everyone. They see shadows and light. He is the light.

Thought experiment: imagine you are the sun looking at everything on the earth. What do you see? Everything. What do you *not* see? Shadows. Everything is illuminated. If you see it, it is illuminated. For the light, nothing is dark.

Because he is the light, Jesus sees us in the glow of his redemptive love. Even our sin becomes a place where his glory can shine. The man's healing is not just about sight — it is about seeing as Christ sees. Lent is not a season of staring into darkness. It is a time to step into the light — to let Christ's gaze reframe how we see ourselves and one another.

Lenten challenge: Spend 10 quiet minutes this week asking Jesus to show you how he sees you. Not through shame or fear, but through the light of his mercy.

— Father John Muir



Join us downstairs after Mass today for our Irish Brunch!

Our Gifts to God: 3/8

Plate: \$738.50 Tithes: \$25.00
 Children: \$10.00 Donuts: \$93.00
 Food Panty: \$80.00

Easter Lilies

The deadline for the memorial Easter lilies is TODAY. The envelopes are on the table in the vestibule.

Homebound/Nursing Home Parishioners

As Father mentioned, it's important he is aware of any parishioner who is currently in a nursing home or homebound. Father would like to make sure these parishioners are receiving the sacraments. If you know of someone, please send an email to Father: lkirigia@dmdiocese.org

Inside Church Cleaning March 28 at 9am

Please plan to help us clean the inside of the church in preparation for Easter. We will be cleaning on Saturday, March 28th.

Active Threat Safety Talk Sunday, March 22nd

Join us at 9:45am in the church hall for a presentation by the Red Oak Police Chief; Justin Rhamy. This presentation will last approximately 30 minutes.

Special Collection This weekend Catholic Relief Services

This weekend our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. Thank you for your generosity.



Shirley Leahy	Mar 3rd
Cassidy Molnar	Mar 3rd
John Martin	Mar 3rd
Madeleine Ekpai	Mar 3rd
Brynn Berglund	Mar 3rd
Joe Doyle	Mar 4th
Regina Forney	Mar 5th
Kathy Harbor	Mar 5th
George McGargill	Mar 6th
Logan Mahoney	Mar 9th
Tonya Maher (Blaine)	Mar 11th
Rose Dailey	Mar 13th
Roger Dailey	Mar 15th
Darlene Laughlin	Mar 16th
Bill Ditmars	Mar 17th
Ethan Laughlin	Mar 18th
Kayla Mahoney	Mar 21st
Brianna Blake	Mar 25th
Steve Laughlin	Mar 26th
Vicki Smith	Mar 29th
Sandy Bugg	Mar 31st
Owen Laughlin	Mar 31st

Des Moines Council of Catholic Women Spring Conference – April 11th in Atlantic

- There is a flyer with more details about the conference on the table in the vestibule.
- There are also nomination forms for honoring a woman in the parish for their outstanding service.
- The Altar Society has 2 free tickets to this conference for anyone who would like them. First come, first serve! Contact Kathy Harbor (harborfm@myomnitel.com)

Altar Society Updates

- The next meeting is April 5th
- The Altar Society grant application for graduating high school seniors is available by contacting Vickie Williams or Kathy Harbor
- If you are interested in being an officer for next year, please contact Vickie or Kathy.

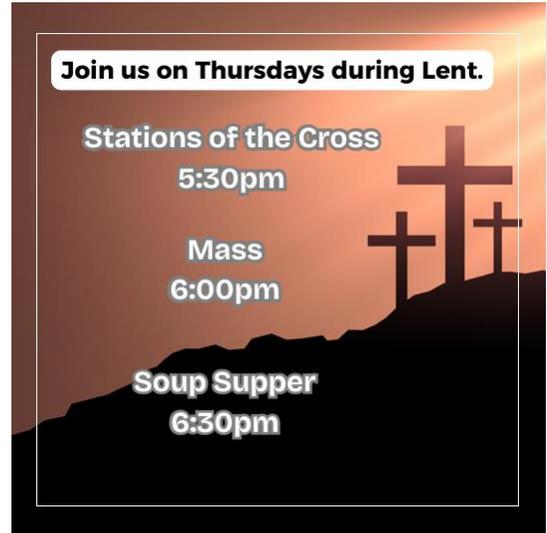




Thank you to everyone who donated books or helped pay for shipping the books to Kenya. All the books arrived in December and have since been unpacked and distributed to the schools, teachers, and children.

They are enjoying them now!

(Photo is left to right: Matt Wegman, Fr. Eliud, Fr. Lazarus, and Fr. Stephen).



Hosting the Soup Supper

March 19 – NCYC

March 26 – Altar Society

Parish Council Meeting
 The Parish Council will meet on Thursday,
 March 19th.



Kenya Update

Thursday, March 19th

7:35pm-ish in the Rectory

Will begin after the Parish Council meeting.

