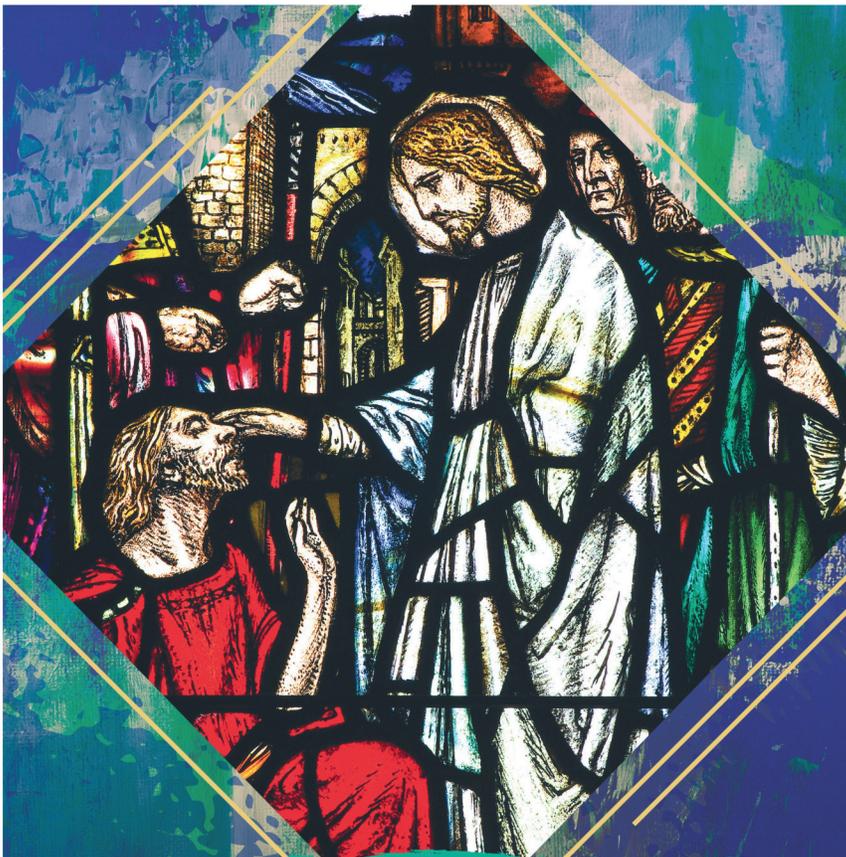


MARCH 15TH, 2026
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.
He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I
washed, and now I can see." - Jn 9:15

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THIS WEEK:

Monday, March 16th
No Scheduled Events

Tuesday, March 17th
8:00 a.m. Mass

Wednesday, March 18th
8:00 a.m. Mass
8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. Adoration
6:00 p.m. CGS

Thursday, March 19th
8:00 a.m. Mass

Friday, March 20th
8:00 a.m. Mass
5:30 p.m. Soup & Sandwich Supper
5:50 - 6:20 p.m. Confession
6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 21st
4:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday, March 22nd
Mass: 8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Knights of Columbus
Donuts

DAILY MASS: TUES-FRI 8AM
SATURDAY VIGIL MASS: 4:30PM
SUNDAY MASS: 8:30AM & 10AM
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: WEDNESDAYS 8:30AM-4PM

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GOSPEL MEDITATION

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

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
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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 15, 2026

Sunday: 4th Sunday of Lent
Tuesday: St. Patrick, Bishop; St. Patrick's Day
Wednesday: St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday: St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday: 5th Sunday of Lent

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, MARCH 17TH

+Robert Schempp by Kathy Fettig

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18TH

+Elsie Therese Peterson by Kevin Bohl Family

THURSDAY, MARCH 19TH

+Greg Keller by Raymond & Rita Richard

FRIDAY, MARCH 20TH

+David Garcia by Bea Grasmoen

SATURDAY, MARCH 21ST

+Harold & Kay Stroklund by Your Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND

8:30 a.m. Mary & Roger Krogman by Lisa Krogman
10:00 a.m. For the Parishioners

+Indicates Deceased



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 ABOUT ST. PATRICK:**

1. **He was not Irish!** He was born in Roman Britain, then kidnapped and sold into slavery in Ireland when he was 16.
2. His birth name was Maewyn Succat. He changed his name to **Patricius** after becoming a priest.
3. After escaping slavery in Ireland and becoming a priest, he willingly returned to the country to promote Catholicism. **He is now the patron saint of Ireland.**

AFRICAN MISSION APPEAL

Thank you for generously supporting our Mission Team with your prayers and gifts to the African Mission Appeal last weekend. Your gifts will help Fr. David Morman minister to our brothers and sisters in Kisii, Kenya, East Africa. If you were unable to give a gift last weekend, please do so today. Make your gift payable to the "African Mission Appeal" and place it in the collection basket or mail it to the rectory.

MASS MINISTRY SCHEDULES FOR MARCH 21 & 22

	Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 10 a.m.
Rosary	Cindy Obenchain	Carolyn Johnson	Paula Wahl
Greeters	Allan & Deb Haman	Debby Brothers Karen McDonald	Rick & JoAnn Randall
Altar Servers	Camden Lee	Calvin Olson Dexter Olson Frances Olson	Hannah Schaefer Emmie Schaefer Matthew Schaefer
Lector	Wanda Kalamaha	Perry Olson	Barb Johnson
Eucharistic Minister	Volunteer Needed	Melissa Olson	Deacon Stephen Young
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ANOINTING OF THE SICK

If anyone is preparing for surgery or is hospitalized or wishing to receive the anointing of the sick, please call the parish office (701-838-1520) or rectory (701-837-5943) to set up an appointment. You can receive this sacrament more than once. Please notify Fr. Phillips upon admission of a family member to the hospital.

CONFESSION TIMES

TUES-FRI: 7:30AM-7:50AM
 SAT: 3:15PM-4:15PM
 SUNDAY: 7:30AM-8:15AM; 9:30AM-9:50AM
 Confession can be heard anytime outside of listed times by appointment: 837.5943

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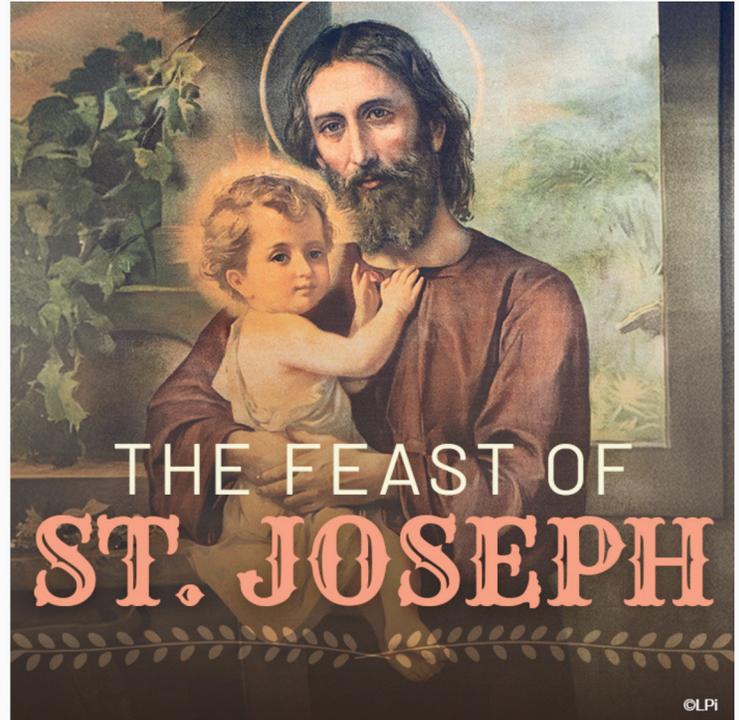
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Please keep in your prayers the First Holy Communion-level sacramental prep students.



The Solemnity of St. Joseph

On March 19th, we celebrate the holiness in the midst of unpredictable fatherhood. We first meet Joseph when he discovers his betrothed is pregnant...and not by him! St. Joseph does not know who the father is (yet), but he knows the punishment for adultery is death. He decides to divorce Mary quietly, and thus save her life. When an angel appears to reveal that Mary is pregnant by the Holy Spirit, St. Joseph trusts his dream and marries her. As a new foster father, Joseph must help his wife give birth in a stable. Later, he needs to escape the threats to his son's life by immigrating with his family to a foreign land. We know that St. Joseph is faithful, brave, and willing to sacrifice for those he loves. On the solemnity of St. Joseph, we don't merely celebrate a carpenter. We celebrate a hero!



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Holy Thursday:
6:30 p.m. Mass

Good Friday:
3:00 p.m. Service

Easter Vigil:
8:00 p.m. Mass

Easter Sunday:
8:30 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. Mass



LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Seventh grade students, assisted by older students and adults, will perform the Living Stations of the Cross on Wednesday, March 25th and Palm Sunday, March 29th. Performance starts both days at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. During this moving enactment of the passion and death of Jesus, students act out a still scene for each of the 14 Stations of the Cross, while the story is told through songs and narration. There is no cost to attend. A free will offering will be taken. Refreshments will be served in the dining room following both performances.

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT IN BISMARCK

A Women's Lenten Retreat will be held at the Pro-Cathedral of St. Mary in Bismarck on Saturday, March 28. Women of all ages are invited to join together for a day of prayer, Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, confession, inspiring talks, and fellowship. This year's guest speaker is Father Dominic Bouck. We will also have vendors available throughout the retreat. The retreat begins with check-in at 8:00 am and will conclude around 2:00 pm. Cost to attend is \$25, and registration is required. You can register at the parish website, www.stmarysbismarck.org/womens-retreat. Any questions about the retreat can be directed to the St. Mary's parish office at 701-223-5562.

Fridays During Lent

Except March 27th



Soup & Sandwich Supper
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.



Confession
5:50 p.m. - 6:20 p.m.



Stations of the Cross
6:30 p.m.

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MESSAGE

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