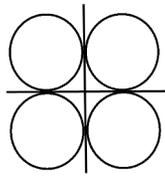


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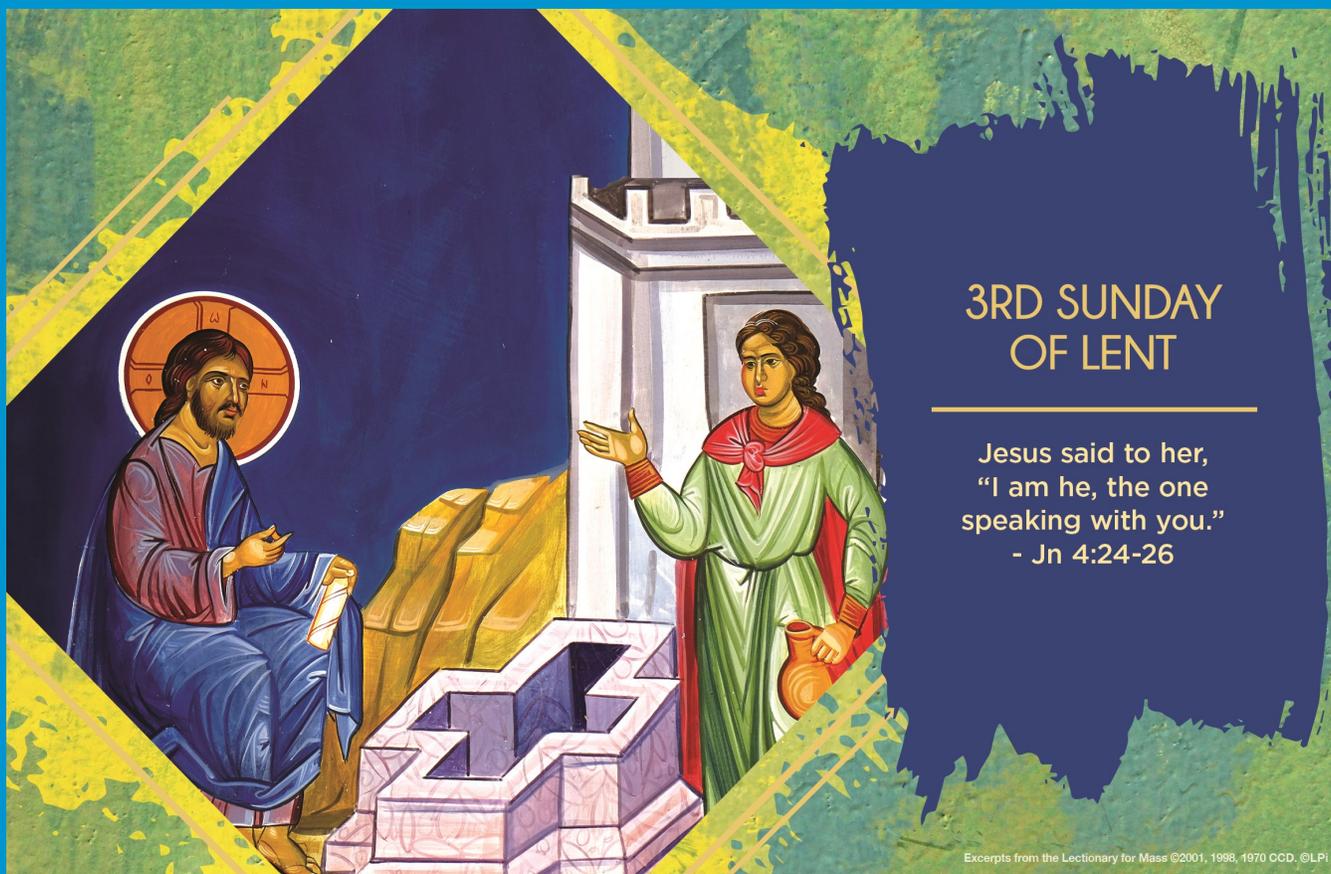


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**March 8, 2026 Third Sunday of Lent**

## Mission Statement

St Paul's Parish Family exists for the purpose of witnessing and proclaiming the message of Jesus Christ, that message proclaimed in word, worship, service: love God, love your neighbor as yourself.



## 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus said to her,  
"I am he, the one  
speaking with you."  
- Jn 4:24-26

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### Mass Times

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

### Daily Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday &  
Thursday at 8:30 a.m.

### Confession

Saturday at 2:00-3:00 p.m.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.

### Live Stream Mass via YouTube

Saturday at 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday at 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.



**Monday, March 9**

**Lenten Weekday**

8:30A Mass  
6:00P Bible Study

**Tuesday, March 10**

**Lenten Weekday**

8:30A Mass with anointing  
12:00P Rosary Group

**Wednesday, March 11**

**Lenten Weekday**

8:30A Mass  
9:00A Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
7:00P Good Sam Outreach mtg.  
7:00P Choir rehearsal

**Thursday, March 12**

**Lenten Weekday**

8:30A Mass  
5:30P Lenten Soup Supper  
6:30P Adult Faith Talk: "Called to be a Priest, King & Prophet" presented by Scott Rutan

**Friday, March 13**

**Lenten Weekday**

**Abstinence**

No Mass

**Saturday, March 14**

**Lenten Weekday**

**2nd Collection: Catholic Relief Services**

9:00A SOR First Reconciliation Workshop  
2:00P Confession  
4:00P Mass  
5:00P SOR Reconciliation Catechesis

**Sunday, March 15**

**4th Sunday of Lent**

**2nd Collection: Catholic Relief Services**

9:00A Mass  
10:00A SOR Christian Community Lessons: family discussion  
11:00A Mass

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**Diocese of Rochester:** www.dor.org



**Financial Snapshot**

	January 2026	July-January 2026
Collections	\$50,805	\$317,257
Donations/ other revenue	\$4,081	\$35,404
Expenses	\$73,212	\$360,077
Operating surplus/deficit	\$(18,327)	\$(7,417)

**Let Us Pray for Those in the Military**

Jason Aman	Josh Bartlett
Bryan Gross	Cydney Blong
Tom Weisenreder	Michael J. Desiato
Mason Serrano	Daniel Thomas
Andrew Zani	Robert Wright
Jay Riesenberger	



*This week the  
Sanctuary Lamp burns for  
Phil Rohnke  
from  
The Knights of Columbus*

# Seeds for the Journey

Next weekend the Church takes up the annual Bishop's overseas funding appeal, otherwise known as The Catholic Relief Services Collection. The appeal supports five organizations in addition to Catholic Relief Services (CRS).

The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief and solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence; and advocacy on behalf of the powerless. Below is an example of CRS programming supported by the collection (derived from CRS.org).



Crouched behind the rear wheel of a motorcycle in northern Benin, Zoubérou Boubé inflates a tire he has just repaired. A husband and father of five, Zoubérou runs a modest roadside workshop equipped with a motorized air compressor, basic tools, and spare parts. Today, business is good, but it was not always this way.

Zoubérou Boubé, a participant in CRS' **Kadjogbé Fou Itounou** project in Benin, was able to grow his tire repair business thanks to entrepreneurial training and a start-up grant.

Zoubérou used to work alongside a busy route near the Burkina Faso border. With only a few wrenches and a manual air pump, he repaired motorcycle tires and inner tubes for traders and locals. But without a motorized compressor, he could not service larger vehicles.

Then the border closed due to rising security concerns, and his customers disappeared. He was barely able to meet his family's needs and was forced to relocate his family and take out loans to cover expenses.

With the encouragement of staff from Catholic Relief Services' local Caritas partner, Zoubérou joined the **Kadjogbé Fou Itounou** project, (Let us live and work together for peace.) Through the project's training, Zoubérou and more than 300 other participants learned practical skills like financial management, marketing strategy, and business planning.

As part of a business plan competition, Zoubérou presented his vision to a panel of judges and won, receiving a start-up grant of \$400. With those funds, along with a grant from CRS, he purchased a motorized air compressor and renovated his workspace. Zoubérou now repairs tires for motorcycles, bicycles, and even larger vehicles. The compressor also saves drivers from traveling 40 miles to the nearest city for tire repairs, attracting more customers to his shop.

Before, Zoubérou earned about \$2.50 per day. Now, he is earning between \$6 and \$8.50 daily, enough to meet his family's needs and even save for the future. He plans to expand his business by selling new tires, raising livestock, and building a small house.



Despite the immense financial challenges they now face, CRS is committed to serving the needs and enhancing the lives of the world's poorest. But they can do so only through your continued prayers and support. By supporting CRS Rice Bowl and the annual Bishop's overseas relief fund, you can make a significant difference in the lives of millions of people around the world. In the words of Zoubérou Boubé, CRS "*help(s) us feed our families and continue caring for our loved ones.*"

Thank you for your support for the work of Catholic Relief Services during this Lenten season and beyond.

*Deacon Mark*



Your CMA gift supports ministries that affect every Catholic in our Diocese. Thank you for supporting St. Paul's in this year's campaign.

### Sacramental Preparation

On Sunday March 1st some of our St. Paul's youth received the Rite of Enrollment. A special blessing that the entire assembly invoked on behalf of these youth as they let the community know that they are preparing to receive their First Holy Eucharist. Please keep them in your prayers:

**Ella, Owen, Colton, Peyton, Corrigan, Gia, Bernardo, Arya, Olivia and Everett**

Each have a prayer bag on the bulletin board across from the parish office. Please feel free to leave small gift of inspiration. They are looking forward to joining the Lord's Table in April.

### BIBLE STUDY



**Monday, March 9th at  
6:00 p.m. in the worship area**



### Easter Flower Memorials

If you wish to donate to The Easter flower Memorials, you can simply fill out an envelope with who the memorial is in memory or honor along with who it is from so that we can include the names of your loved ones in the Easter bulletin.

Please make checks payable to "St. Paul's". You may send it in any time, with a deadline of **Monday, March 23** to be included in the bulletin. If you have any questions please call Jodie at 671-2100 or via email [jodie.hickey@dor.org](mailto:jodie.hickey@dor.org).

### St. Paul's Question of the Week

**Question:** Dear Editor, what are the obligatory days of fasting during the season of Lent?

**Response:** Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

**Fasting is obligatory from age 18 until age 59.** When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. **Abstinence from meat is binding from age 14 onwards (that is, for the rest of one's life).** However, the eating of fish is permitted. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the 'paschal fast' to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection. It is appropriate that children, although not strictly bound by the law of fasting and abstinence, are nonetheless educated in a genuine sense of penance and even perform acts of penance appropriate to their age and understanding.

The Church sees fasting and abstinence as a part of the larger concept of penance. The fundamental fact is that penance is integral to the Christian life because we have been redeemed by Christ's passion, death and resurrection. This is the context within which the phrase 'the divine law binds all the Christian faithful to do penance' should be understood. **Penance is not an 'optional extra' that some may choose to do from time to time: the law of God obliges all people to do penance.**

**Good Sam Outreach  
2026 Lenten Food Drive  
Week 4: March 14-20**

Williamson Come-Unity is in need of the following items:

**Bottled fruit juice (apple, tomato & grape)**  
**Cereal**  
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**Peanut butter & Jelly**  
**Canned tomatoes**  
**Pasta/spaghetti**  
**Pork & beans**  
**Chicken noodle soup**

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These eBooks may be the transcript of a lecture, the transcript of a video, an article about of a spiritual topic, or a discussion of a philosophical topic. The majority of these eBooks are less than 25 pages.

In the coming weeks we will publish short descriptions of the eBooks that are in the JW Library.

**Operation Rice Bowl  
Nourishing Futures in Guatemala**



In Guatemala, nutrition classes and savings programs give mothers and families better opportunities to improve their health, nutrition and financial well-being. Visit [crsricebowl.org/week-3](http://crsricebowl.org/week-3) to read how your support of CRS Rice Bowl is helping the Guatemala community thrive.

**Diocesan-Wide Day of Penance & Mercy**

**Tuesday, March 24**

**Confession Times at St. Paul's:**

**9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m.**

**Noon-2:00 p.m.**

**6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.**

**Eucharistic Exposition & Adoration of the  
Blessed Sacrament in progress all day**

## Ministry Schedule for March 14 & 15, 2026

If **TBD** or **Volunteer Needed** is listed, please contact the ministry coordinator to see if that position still needs to be filled. Thank you for all you do for St. Paul's!

	4:00 PM	9:00 AM	11:00 AM
<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Luca Picca <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>Cantors</b>	Cindy Rutan	Tom Napoli	Elizabeth Randisi
<b>EMHC</b>	Bob Frank Mary Beth Speicher	Margaret Milner Jack Black	Gina McNamara Karen Napoli
<b>Greeters</b>	Ellen Oinen Don Oinen	Ebertz family	Anne Hauber Nancy Willard
<b>Lectors</b>	Linda Pratt	Ethan Navarrete	Laure Barr
<b>Linens</b>	No linen pick up this week		
<b>Sacristans</b>	Christine Grant	Pat Rotundo & Mary Fitch	Sandy Happ
<b>Stream Team</b>	John Kosel	Jerry Healey	George Hanley
<b>Ushers</b>	Sue Dettman Alice Bower	Dan Milner Don Black	Charlie & Nancy Carson <b>Volunteer Needed</b>

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### Second Collection: Catholic Relief Services

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### Lenten Soup Suppers

We invite the you to joins us at our Lenten Soup Suppers on March 12 & March 26 at 5:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Bring your favorite soup, bread or macaroni and cheese to share. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board across from the parish office.

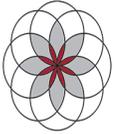
Join us after the Soup Supper for our Adult Faith Formation Programs:

**March 12 @ 6:30 p.m.:**

"Called to be A Priest, King & Prophet" Presented by Scott Rutan

**March 26 @ 6:30 p.m.:**

Praying & Reflections on Stations of the Cross



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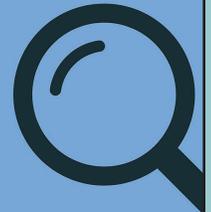
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