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## WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday.....4:00pm  
Sunday.....8:00am

## WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday..... 6:30pm  
Thursday.....8:00am

## CONFESSIONS

Upon request

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## ORANISTS

Mary Beth Smith, Linda Schulte, and Chris  
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## Fr. Matt also serving:

### Annunciation of the BVM Parish, Viroqua

Mass Times: Weekend.....Saturday.....6:30 PM  
Sunday .....10:30 AM

Weekday: Wednesdays - 6:30 PM & Fridays - 8:00 AM

**New Parishioners:** Welcome to our parish! Please  
introduce yourself to Fr. Matt and contact the parish office  
for registration and information. <https://www.stmarycv.org/visit-us>

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Call or email Fr. Matt. You  
can also use our website under the Sacraments tab: <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Please submit a registration by  
mail, or e-mail to both [stmaryscv@mwt.net](mailto:stmaryscv@mwt.net) AND  
[mmarshall@diolclergy.org](mailto:mmarshall@diolclergy.org). You will be contacted by the  
parish office to finalize your requested date. The  
registration form at: <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>.

**Sacrament of Anointing / Visitation of the Sick:** Please  
contact the parish office or Fr. Matt when someone you  
know is in need of the Sacrament or a pastoral visit.  
Requests may also be made from our website under the  
Sacraments tab. <https://www.stmarycv.org/sacraments>

**Mass Intentions:** Please use the Mass Intention envelopes  
available in the church.

**Book of Prayer Requests:** Located in the back of church.  
Feel free to add your own prayer requests. The requests will  
be included in the parish prayers.

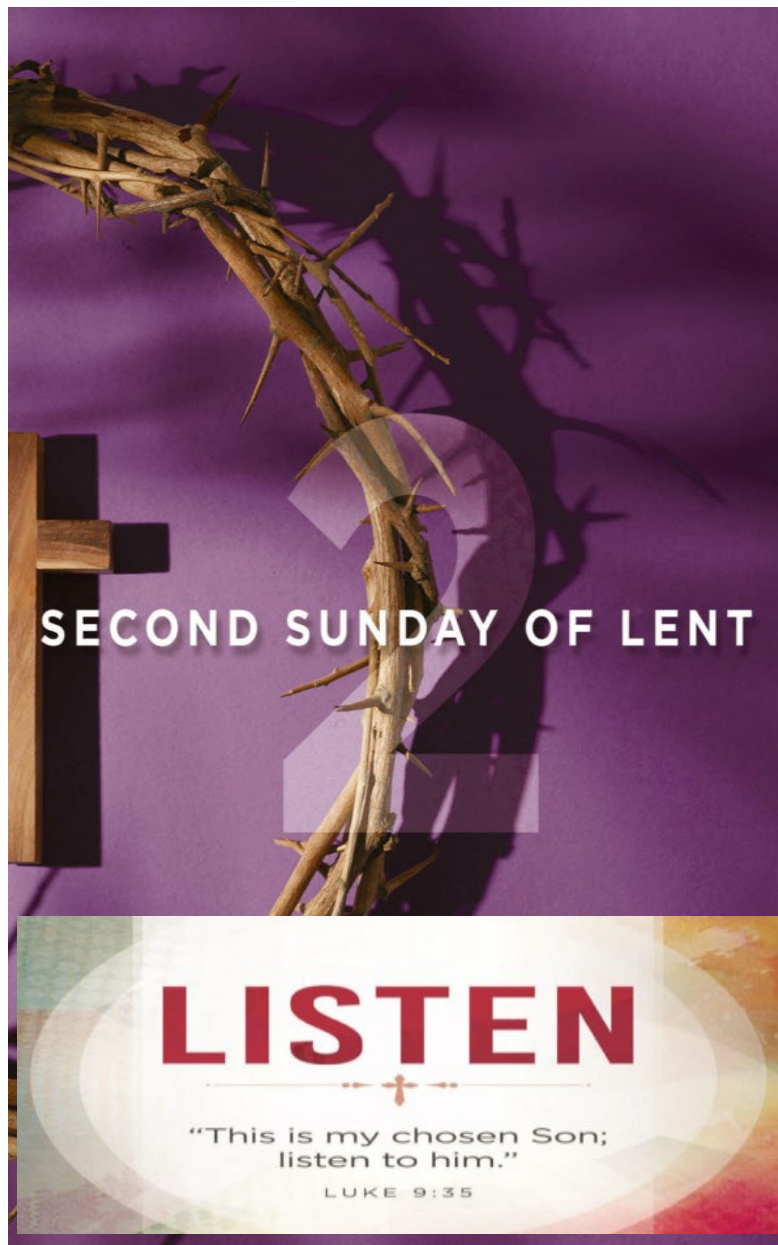
# St. Mary's Parish

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## Fr. Matthew Marshall

Pastor

March 13, 2022

Readings: 507C

# St. Mary's Parish, Coon Valley, WI

## The Second Sunday of Lent

### Intentions

Mar 12 ~ 4:00 PM - †Linda Jeffers  
 Mar 13 ~ 8:00 AM - †Gavin Williams  
 Mar 15 ~ 6:30 PM - Our Parish Family  
 Mar 17 ~ 8:00 AM - †Francis Kerska  
 Mar 19 ~ 4:00 PM - †Stanley Kerska  
 Mar 20 ~ 8:00 AM - †Ettie Kammel

### Next Week in Service — Mar 19/20

If you are not able to serve as scheduled below, please find a substitute. Thank you!

Reader:	<b>Saturday</b> – Jeana LeJeune <b>Sunday</b> – Volunteer
Money Counters:	Randy Baranczyk and Curt Horman

Sign up for **AmazonSmile** and select St. Mary Parish as your preferred charity at [smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1218730](https://smile.amazon.com/ch/39-1218730). Remember to shop for deals at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com), or with AmazonSmile ON in the Amazon app, and AmazonSmile will donate to us at no cost to you."

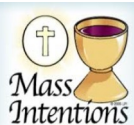


1. Catholics who have celebrated their 14th birthday are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent, and Good Friday.

2. In addition to abstaining from meat, Catholics who have celebrated their 18th birthday, until they celebrate their 59th birthday, are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are bound to this regulation may eat only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

**Donations:** Here are some ways to support your parish:

- US Postal Service: mail directly to the parish office, your 2021 Contribution envelope is postal ready!
- *Bill Pay* through online banking, add St. Mary's as contact (if possible, use your envelope number as the account number).
- Use our *online service* at: [diolc.org/st-mary-coon-valley](https://diolc.org/st-mary-coon-valley) (a processing fee will be deducted from your contribution, which averages 3% for debit/credit cards and \$.75 for EFT, ACH your contribution will be recorded for the full amount).
- *Attend Mass and drop* your contribution envelope at either church, Coon Valley or Viroqua and the funds will be directed to St. Mary's



If there is a special weekend date you would like, please get your request(s) in early.

**Sunday** openings starting **March 27, 2022.**  
**Saturday** openings beginning **Aug. 20, 2022.**  
**Weekday** openings as of **March 22, 2022.**

If you have questions feel free to email the parish office at [stmarysev@mwt.net](mailto:stmarysev@mwt.net) or call on a Tues. or Wed.

### Upcoming Events/Calendar

- **March 13** ~ Daylight Savings begins at 2 AM  
~Religious Ed Class after Mass, no class for 8th Grade
- **March 16** ~ Stations of the Cross (C.K. Leading)
- **March 20** ~ **NO** Religious Education Classes
- **March 23** ~ Stations of the Cross (M.S. leading)
- **March 27** ~ Religious Ed Class after Mass
- **March 30** ~ Stations of the Cross (M.S. leading)
- **April 3** ~ Religious Ed Class after Mass
- **April 6** ~ Stations of the Cross (C.K. leading)
- **April 9/10** ~ Palm Sunday (regular Mass times)
- **April 10** ~ Religious Ed after Mass
- **April 12** ~ Chrism Mass at the Cathedral 10:30 AM
- **April 13** ~ Stations of the Cross (C.K. leading)
- **April 14** ~ **Holy Thursday—7:30 PM**
- **April 15** ~ **Good Friday—6:30 PM**
- **April 16** ~ **Holy Saturday—7:30 PM**
- **April 17** ~ **Easter Sunday—8:00 AM**  
~ NO Religious Ed - **Happy Easter!**
- **April 30** ~ **PCCW Spring Luncheon**

**Sunday Mass streaming Live on Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/StMarysCoonValley>

**Church will be open for private prayer Tuesday through Friday from 9AM until 7 PM and Sunday until 7 PM** (please practice good social distancing)



Wednesdays during  
Lent at 6:30 PM

STATIONS of the CROSS

### Annual Appeal 2020-21

As of 3/10/2022	Total Pledged	Total Payments
Pledged/Paid	\$10,825.00	\$10,645.00
Target Amount	<u>\$14,020.00</u>	<u>\$14,020.00</u>
Under Target	(\$3,195.00)	(\$3,375.00)
Percent Pledged: 77.21%, Percent Received: 75.93%		
Number Contributing:	28	

[Give online at https://diolc.org/donate-online/](https://diolc.org/donate-online/) be sure and choose "2021 (445) St. Mary Parish, Coon Valley"

Giving Last Week		Week 09	3/13/2022
Adult Env.(32)	\$1815.00	Needed Weekly	\$2,000.00
Offertory	\$189.00	Received This Week	\$2,422.66
Cath. Life	\$25.00	Running total needed	\$22,000.00
Ash Wed (17)	\$340.00	YTD Received	\$18,779.16
Amazon Smile	<u>\$53.66</u>	Difference	(3,220.84)
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$2422.66</u></b>		

## PCCW Announcements

### Craft Show Report

Thank you to all who helped the PCCW have a very successful craft show last December. The donated baked goods for the bake sale, crafts for the craft table, and BBQ for the luncheon were much appreciated. An extra thank you needs to go out to these individuals who donated additional items thus keeping the expenses to a minimum—Karen Callan for the hotdogs; Sue Humfeld for the Amish donuts and cream puffs, Nancy Peters for the envelopes, snack baggies, quart baggies, foil and coffee; and Jodie Holdorf for the water, pop, hot chocolate, ketchup, mustard and chips. We look forward to hosting this popular event again next year.

#### Income

Craft tables	\$ 950.00
Bake sale	746.75
Concessions	500.73
St. Mary's Craft Table	50.00
Quilt Raffle	<u>502.00</u>
Total Income	<u>\$2,749.48</u>

#### Expenses

Supplies	\$ 86.80
Hall Rental	<u>250.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$336.80</u>

**Net Profit** **\$2,412.68**

### Spring Luncheon

The PCCW spring luncheon will be held **Saturday, April 30th**. The members of St. Rose & St. Theresa Guilds will be the hosts this year. Each member of those two guilds are asked to provide one large salad and to help set-up, serve and clean-up after the luncheon. If you don't remember which Guild you are in, a list is posted on the bulletin board in the back of the church.

## Parish Announcements

### Easter Flower Donations

Your booklet of envelopes now offers one specifically for Easter Flowers. Additional envelopes are also available in the back of church.



### Birthright Baby Bottle Campaign concluded March 6th

If you have not returned your baby bottle, it is not too late, but please do so this weekend or ASAP. All bottles will be submitted this coming week to Birthright.

### The Word Among Us Books—Lent 2022

Free Lenten booklets are available this weekend in the back of church. These books offer the daily Mass readings and daily Mediations for Lent.

## Parish Announcements continued

### Lent for Life—CRS Rice Bowl



This Lent, commit to our global human family through daily prayer, weekly fasting and almsgiving through the Rice Bowl. Rice Bowls are available in the back of church. For more information or to give online visit:

[crsricebowl.org](http://crsricebowl.org)

### Student Mite Boxes—Missionary Childhood Association

Students are asked to help other children less fortunate than themselves this Lent by filling the MCA mite box. These funds go directly in support of impoverished children around the world.



## Diocesan/Local Announcements

### Best Ever Chicken Q and Bake Sale - March 13

Mar 13, and Apr 10, 2022 Tippy Toe Inn, Chaseburg. 11 AM until gone each day. 1/2 chicken, baked potato, coleslaw and bread for \$10. All proceeds will benefit the American Cancer Society's Sole Burner on Sept 24, 2022. For info: 608-452-3367

### Sign Up for FREE Daily Lenten Reflections

- Chris Stefanick – Real Life Catholic: [reallifecatholic.com](http://reallifecatholic.com)
- Bishop Robert Barron – Word on Fire: [wordonfire.clickfunnels.com/lent-english](http://wordonfire.clickfunnels.com/lent-english)
- Matthew Kelly – Dynamic Catholic: [https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html](http://https://www.dynamiccatholic.com/lent.html)
- Fr. Mike Schmitz – a 7-minute podcast each day: [https://media.ascensionpress.com/category/ascension-presents/fr-mike-schmitz/](http://https://media.ascensionpress.com/category/ascension-presents/fr-mike-schmitz/)
- For other Lenten Resources, visit [diolc.org/catechesis/catechist-training-resources-for-teaching/lent-resources](http://diolc.org/catechesis/catechist-training-resources-for-teaching/lent-resources)

### Bus trips to the Fireside Dinner Theatre in Fort Atkinson

April 30 - A Mighty Fortress is Our Basement, June 18 - What Happens in Vegas, featuring an all-new live band show featuring Steve Watts and the Fireside Band. Cost is only \$100 per person. New feature - choice of one of three lunch entrees. Contact Arlene Young at 608-788-3440 for more information and to sign up.

### St. Patrick Parish Lenten Fish Fry - Onalaska

Friday, March 11, 18, 25 and April 8 from 5:00 – 7:30pm. St. Patrick Church, 1031 Main St., Onalaska, WI. Dine in or takeout meals will be available in the school gymnasium (except on Good Friday). The meal includes baked or batter-fried cod, baked potato or French fries, salad bar, dinner roll, coffee or milk. Children's grilled cheese sandwich meals will be available. Soda, beer and desserts will also be available at an additional cost.

### St. Lawrence Seminary High School

100% Catholic, 100% Boys, 100% Boarding: St. Lawrence Seminary High School is an affordable, all-boys, Catholic residential high school focused on college prep and spiritual depth. Located in Mt Calvary, WI since 1860, SLS students live, learn, work and pray together. Come explore this vibrant high school experience where 150 students from around the globe prepare for life after high school! Visit **March 18-19, April 1-2, or April 8-9**. Call (920) 753-7570 or visit [www.stlawrence.edu](http://www.stlawrence.edu)



## Diocesan/Local Announcements continued

### Bible in a Year

Join "Bible in a Year" with Fr. Mike Schmitz. This is free! This Bible study is great for beginners, or for those who wish to go deeper in their study of God's Word. Fr. Mike's knowledge and personality, along with the flexibility of being able to go at your own pace, are some of the factors that resulted in this podcast being #1 on Apple Podcasts soon after its inception. WARNING: It can be addictive! Many of those who participated last year are returning this year and it's #1 again.

<http://www.ascensionpress.com/bibleinayear>

### The Search Lenten Program

This Lent come on a journey with us as we ask questions about ourselves, God, Jesus, and the Catholic Church. It is a 30 minute video followed by a question and answer period led by a priest. No registration-open to everyone. **Come to one or all.**

#### TUESDAYS Now through April 5

**St. Patrick's Parish**, 1031 Main Street, Onalaska 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Parish Hall. Sessions led by Fr. Aaron Becker

#### FRIDAYS Now through April 8

**St. Joseph the Workman Cathedral**, 530 Main St. La Crosse 9:00 - 10:30 am, Undercroft (downstairs). Sessions led by Msgr. Gilles

## This Weeks Readings by Kieran O'Mahony, OSA

### Monday 14 March

**Daniel 9:4-10** Daniel prays a great prayer which we could make our own today. The Psalm takes up the same theme of forgiveness.

**Luke 6:36-38** Pardon is free from God — but it is truly "ours" only when we pardon in return.

### Tuesday 15 March

**Isaiah 1:10, 16-20** Following an opening command to wash and make ourselves clean, no fewer than seven imperatives help us to think practically of changes in our lives.

**Matthew 23:1-12** Matthew is aware that religious leaders can "lose the run of themselves," as we say. This is true in our Gospel of the Pharisees, but the Gospel goes on to issue a warning also to Christian leaders: they are not to be called rabbi or father or teacher. Why is that the case?

### Wednesday 16 March

**Jeremiah 18:18-20** Jeremiah, an unwilling prophet, had a tough time fulfilling his ministry, with many threats and even being put in jail. Our story is told during Lent because the plots against Jeremiah anticipate the sufferings of Jesus in today's Gospel.

**Matthew 20:17-28** Our Gospel is the charter of Christian leadership and it is very demanding. The sons of Zebedee have overstepped the mark, but it's a bit rich of the others to be indignant because they are really no different. Christian leadership, rooted in the person and practice of Jesus, simply must be very different.

### Thursday 17 March St Patrick

**Jeremiah 17:5-10** Two ways of life are contrasted today and, as always, the choice is ours. The contrast is sharply drawn. We do know that things are not so black and white in reality; however, the offer of two different ways of life still stands. The psalm going with this reading is perfect.

## This Weeks Readings (continued)

**Luke 16:19-31** The story of the rich man (Dives in Latin) and the poor man, Lazarus, is unique to this Gospel. The story is pretty clear and it would be hard to miss the message. The exploration of the parable in the last paragraph, however, is larded with irony... are we among those who would not be convinced even in someone should rise from the dead?

### Friday 22 March St. Cyril of Jerusalem

**Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28** The ordinary mass goer might well ask why this reading and what is it about? The story of the rejection of Joseph by his brothers is interesting and significant of itself. Today, however, it is told to anticipate a similar rejection in the Gospel, the rejection of Jesus and his mission. In the case of Joseph, the rejected one became the savior when there was a famine in the land of Canaan. Likewise, the rejected Jesus became a savior but not merely to one family but to the whole human race. **Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46** In the Old Testament, there are passages which talk about Israel as God's vineyard, a metaphor which undergirds today's parable. The parable on the lips of Jesus may have been simpler. The version we have in the Gospel reflects the context of Matthew's community and the later application of Psalms to Jesus' own death and resurrection.

### Saturday 23 March St Joseph, husband of the BVM

**2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16** God's fidelity through time is expressed in his commitment to the family of David, of which Jesus will be born.

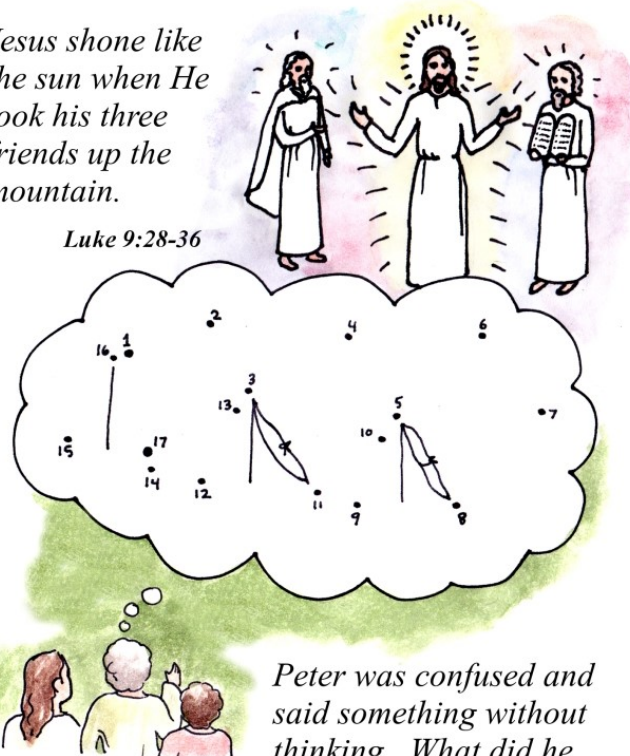
**Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22** Abraham trusted against all the odds — as did his later descendant Joseph.

**Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24** Joseph of the Gospels reminds us of Joseph of Genesis, who dreamed and who saved his family.

## KIDS CORNER

*Jesus shone like the sun when He took his three friends up the mountain.*

*Luke 9:28-36*



*Peter was confused and said something without thinking. What did he say he could make?*

*Connect the dots to find out!*

# Conversion of Heart

Lenten Reflections on Mercy and Forgiveness

Week 2

**READINGS:** *Genesis 15: 5–12, 17–18; Philippians 3:17–4:1; Luke 9:28b–36*

“While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white” (Lk 9:29).



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## Transfigure toward mercy by accepting it

In this week's reading, three of the apostles experience something they do not quite understand. As Jesus was transfigured before them with Moses and Elijah at his side, Peter thought it right to build tents for each, to contain this moment that he knew to be good.

But the voice of God interrupted him and said, “This is my chosen Son; listen to him” (Lk 9:35). It turned out that Peter's plans weren't God's plans at all.

All of sudden, it was over. Jesus was found alone, and the light that emitted from him was dimmed. The disciples, especially Peter, were left with more questions than answers. They “fell silent and

did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen” (v. 36).

We oftentimes don't understand God's mercy in our lives. We are limited in our understanding, and our perception of our motives and those of others can only go so far. We try to live lives of peace and order, but sometimes our own plans don't work out and we end up hurting others.

As Catholics, our job isn't to understand God's mercy; it is to accept it. When we do this well, we come to a deeper understanding of how God works in our lives. It is only through this acceptance that we can truly see as God sees,

which enables us to do as God does by offering that same mercy to those who are most in need of it, none needier than ourselves.

### For Reflection

- › Is God's will for your life clear to you right now?
- › Have you seen God work through the unplanned events in your life?
- › Do you find it easy to accept God's mercy?



“How happy I am to see myself imperfect  
and be in need of God’s mercy.”

~ ST. THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS



## Faith Lesson

### Attach yourself to GOD

Detachment has always been a means by which people have come closer to God. We witness Jesus’ constant detachment from worldly things every time he climbs a mountain to pray, preaches about the Kingdom, or heals the poor and outcast. He is the model par excellence of detachment.

When it comes to accepting God’s gift of mercy, our first step is to imitate the saints who followed Christ’s call to detachment. The first reaction of every holy man or woman after they accept this reward reacts the same way — with a sense of unworthiness that is followed by acts of fasting to make up for the sins they committed. In other words, we

disassociate ourselves with our former life and detach from our old ways. We are then a “new creation” (2 Cor 5:17) and thus better equipped to complete our God-given mission.

What do you need to detach from so as to *attach* yourself to God more intimately?

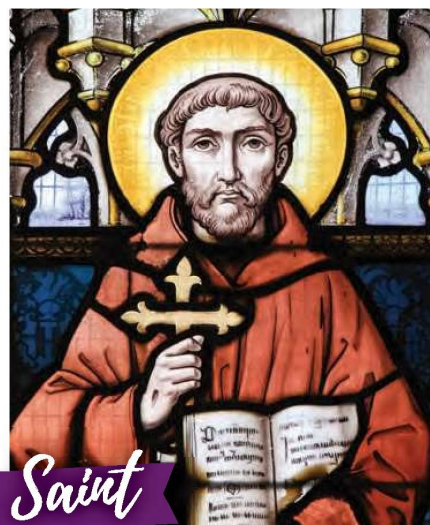
#### Fasting TIPS

Consider making a fast from technology this week. Apart from abstaining from meat on Friday, try going off social media, streaming videos, or other forms of digital entertainment. If you really want to go all out, try fasting from all screens and take that time to pray and reflect.



## Prayer

Lord, I am not worthy to be called your servant, but, nevertheless, I am. Allow me to accept your mercy with humility and purity of heart so that I may teach others to do the same. Strengthen me in my weakness and allow me to overcome my imperfections so that I might better imitate your Son to whom I am forever in debt.



### Become an instrument of peace

Francis of Assisi was a man lost in the darkness of sin. He was selfish and determined to gain honor as a soldier and popularity as a frequent partygoer. It wasn’t long before he hit rock bottom as a constant consumer of worldly pleasures. He realized his life was not well-lived, and God told him in a dream to return from war and convert his life. He spent several months attempting to live a good, holy life, oftentimes spending nights in a nearby cave where he would weep for his sins.

It wasn’t until he became completely detached from worldly desires that he found true peace and a reason for being: serving the poor. After years of service and founding many like-minded communities, he would become one of the greatest saints the Church has ever known.

As you continue your Lenten journey, take a page from St. Francis’s book and accept the mercy from God that will transform you into something greater than your own desires. God is the potter, and we are the clay. May he make of you a beautiful instrument of his peace.



# To Ukraine, with Love

## Please Help this People Ravaged by War



With Russia's cruel invasion of Ukraine, many devastating images from news reports fill our minds. But there is also a recent image that stirs hope. It is a photo of one of the Ukrainian priests who works with Valentyna Pavsyukova, founder of Chalice of Mercy, holding a bag of rosaries made by the children of Casa Hogar, our diocesan orphanage in Peru. They would be carried by Fr. Andrew to Ukrainian soldiers on the front lines of combat with Russia, who would receive them with deep gratitude. What a beautiful gesture of love and prayer from orphan children across the world!

Thanks to people's generosity, Chalice of Mercy is able to share much besides rosaries with the devastated people of Ukraine, but the rosaries point to the foundation of everything done by Valentyna and her mission to Ukraine – prayer and trust in God.

For those unfamiliar with Valentyna Pavsyukova, she came to the U.S. from Ukraine in 2002 at the age of 18, having been chosen from a U.S. Government Green Card Lottery in which she had been entered by her mother, who saw it as a path to a better life. Valentyna came to live with a Ukrainian couple in Medford, WI. Knowing barely a word of English, she experienced a time of great hardship and loneliness, made worse by the fact that she had grown up with virtually no religious formation due to the lingering effects of religious suppression in Ukraine, even after the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989. But Valentyna remembered one prayer taught to her by her beloved grandmother – the Our Father. Waking up one morning with a great heaviness in her heart, she prayed it and asked, "O God, help me, heal me, because I cannot do this on my own anymore."

In that moment Valentyna was flooded with God's grace and assurance, and it marked a turning point in her life. Working as a hairdresser (she had earned a cosmetology license in Ukraine), she met a Catholic woman who agreed to take her to Mass. Valentyna knew nothing of the Mass, but at the moment of the consecration she was seized by a powerful awareness and remembers thinking, "I don't know anything, but I know that this is true. Right there in front of me on the altar is the Body of Christ."

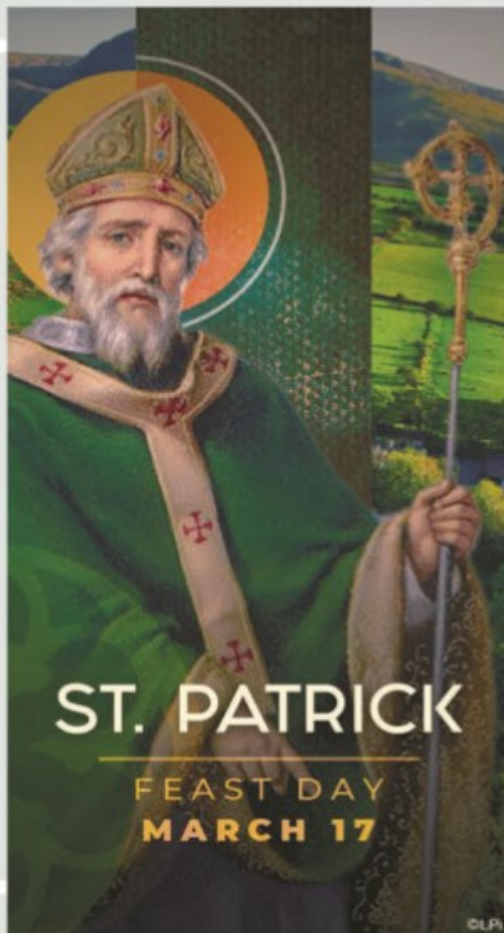


Valentyna with Bishop Callahan and Chalice of Mercy Board Member Fr. Daniel Thelen

With the support of a circle of Catholic friends, Valentyna grew in her faith and was received into the Church in 2007. She burned with the desire to give herself completely to God as a missionary and considered Africa. But, "suddenly I thought of my own people in Ukraine. How could I forget them?"

That would be the beginning of the Chalice of Mercy mission to Ukraine, and more of the story can be learned by visiting the website [www.chaliceofmercy.org](http://www.chaliceofmercy.org). Valentyna and her mission have undertaken many beautiful initiatives, especially in providing medical missions and in leading more than 1500 Ukrainian doctors on life-changing pilgrimages in which they encounter God and His Mercy. Many who had practiced abortion (sadly commonplace in Ukraine) have renounced it and become champions of human life and dignity.

**That brings us to today, when human life and dignity have been cruelly ravaged by Vladimir Putin and his Russian invasion.** *Chalice of Mercy is at this moment collecting funds to purchase and ship medical supplies to treat wounded soldiers and civilians, as well as warm undergarments and other clothing for the Ukrainian soldiers defending their homeland in freezing temperatures, often without full uniforms. These supplies will be collected in Poland and transported across the border into Ukraine. Learn how you can help by visiting [www.chaliceofmercy.org/donation](http://www.chaliceofmercy.org/donation). These funds are very needed! And remember above all to pray for Valentyna, pray for the work of Chalice of Mercy, and pray and fast this Lent for her native Ukraine!*



## Saint of the Week

Whether you know him as the man who brought Christianity to Ireland or simply as a reason you eat corned beef and cabbage in March, St. Patrick (415 – 493) is a well-known saint around the world.

St. Patrick was born in Britain of a Romanized family. At the age of 16, he was kidnapped by Irish raiders from the villa of his father, a deacon and local official, and brought into slavery in Ireland. He spent six long years there as a herdsman, during which he turned to his faith for strength. He later escaped back to Britain on a ship, where he was eventually reunited with his family.

His years of captivity changed him and brought out a zeal for God and a yearning to spread the message of Jesus Christ. Despite the constant danger of martyrdom, he continued to travel throughout Ireland where he baptized and confirmed in the name of Christ.

Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day



**St. Patrick of Ireland**

THE CATHOLIC ROSE