



# St. Patrick

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**St. Patrick Parish-Hartland**  
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**Office Hours**  
Tuesday and Thursdays  
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.  
Or by appointment.  
815-790-3643

*Sunday, March 14th, 4th Sunday of Lent*

*We are a Catholic Faith Community, united in Christ through Sacrament, dedicated to charity, community, service and spiritual growth.*

### Parish Staff

Pastor.....Fr. Burt Absalon  
Associate.....Fr. Adalberto Sanchez  
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Jeanine.....815-790-3643  
Bldg & Grds.....Matt Weidner  
Sacristan.....Ray Wagner  
Keyboardist.....Braedon Sullivan  
Cantors.....Madison Kenyon,  
Avery Hill, Jordyn Kratochvil,  
Caroline Stumpf and Hannah  
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### Sunday Masses

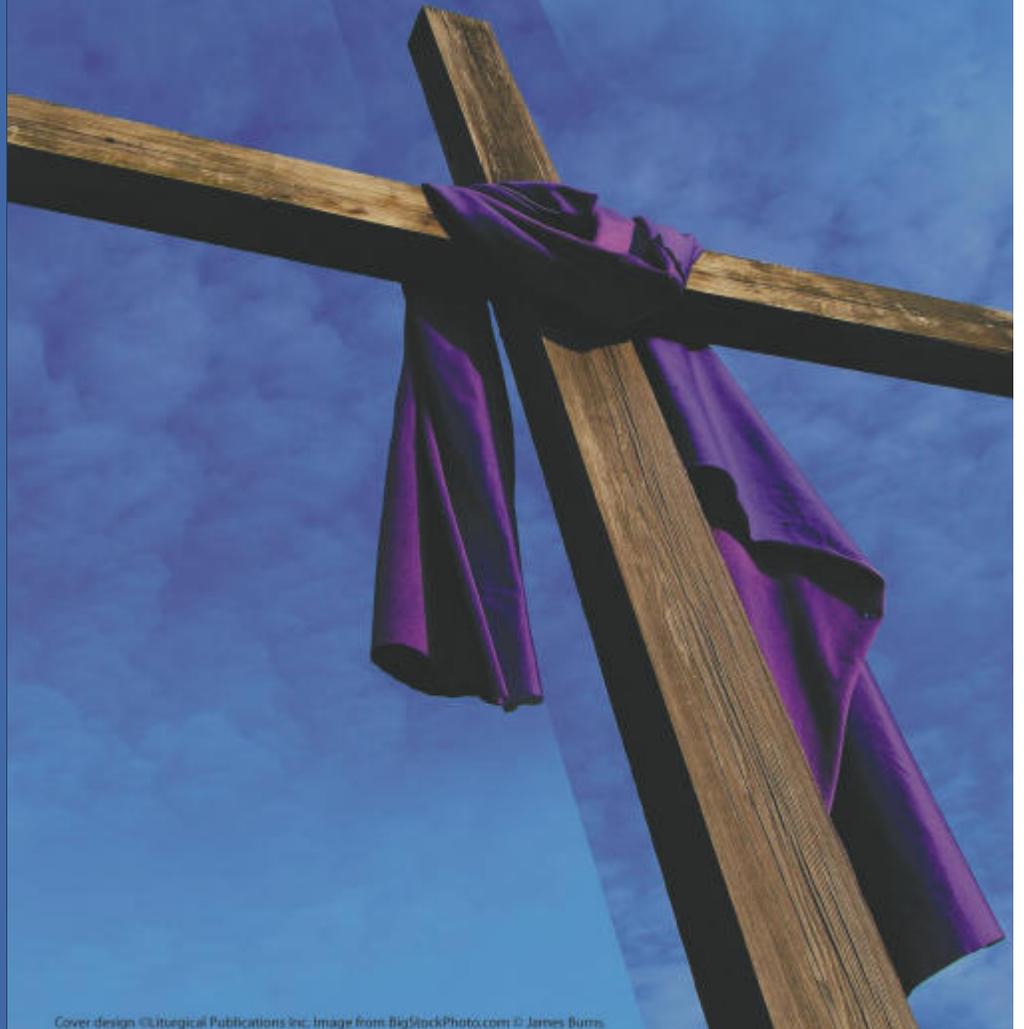
8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m.

### Confessions

30 Minutes prior to each Mass.

We need your help! If you are able to act as a greeter/cleaner for either of our Masses, easy instruction will be provided. Please contact Jeanine at 815-790-3643. Thank you!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
**LENT**



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**Disciple Stewardship:** The stewardship message in the parable of the prodigal son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal, who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he had been given.

## SCRIPTURAL READINGS 5th Sunday of Lent

### First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

God says, "I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel...I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people....I will forgive their evil-doing and remember their sin no more."

### Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 51:3-4

Create a clean heart in me, O God.

### Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

When Jesus was in the flesh, he prayed constantly to God. Through his prayer and obedience, Jesus became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him.

### Gospel: John 12:20-33

Jesus told his followers: "Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat....And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself."



### St. Patrick Parish Holy Week Schedule:

Holy Thursday April 1st: **7:00 p.m.**  
Please consider staying for  
Adoration after Mass.

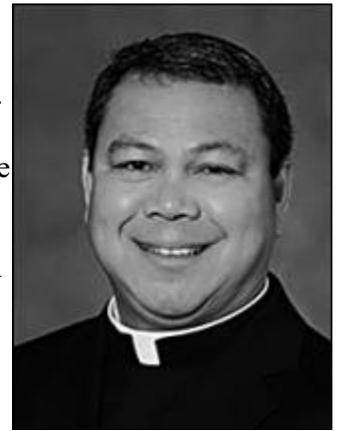
Good Friday April 2nd **3:00 p.m.**

Easter Vigil Saturday. April 3rd  
**7:30 p.m.**

Easter Sunday 4th  
Masses as usual

Dear parishioners,

This weekend, the 2021 International Appeal is held in all diocesan parishes. This annual International Appeal is primarily about us the local parish people to support the Universal Church. At the face of many local needs that we have to address, we remain conscious of our moral and spiritual obligations to care for the poor and needy beyond our borders. After all, the reason why we are called Catholics is due the extent of our faith and compassion that has a universal character, that is, without bounds. As we recall the Lord's sacrifice for us in this season of Lent, our thoughts and prayers even in this time of Covid pandemic, also go to people throughout the world who suffer from hunger, war, injustice, and persecution. Because we are people of faith and compassion, they count on our generosity as the answer to their prayers.



The International Appeal allows us to support one charity or more at one time. You can conveniently designate and allocate your support to your preferred charities as you go over and fill out the forms either a hard copy or online. The following are some of the choices you can make:

*The Peter's Pence Collection.* This charity enables the Holy Father to respond to needs around the world. The proceeds will provide the much needed funds for the Pope's use to benefit the victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Last year, our Diocese of Rockford contributed \$116,481 to this collection. *Catholic Relief Services.* CRS works with network of partners throughout the world primarily with the Catholic dioceses and local parishes. These partnerships direct and sustain many life-saving and life-changing works. Last year, Our Diocese contributed \$49,350 to this collection. *The Church in Central and Eastern Europe.* Although communism fell almost 30 years ago, the need to rebuild the Church continues up to today. Years of confiscation and destruction of Church's organizations and property left the Church in more than 20 countries in need of a lot of assistance. Your support of this collection helps rebuild churches, support seminary programs, promote ministries and education for children and families, and renew community life around the region. Last year the faithful of our diocese contributed \$15,014 to this collection.

In this Appeal, an option to also help closer to home is provided, that is, support for our *retired priests* and our struggling *Catholic schools*. In retirement many of our priests continue to offer Mass, serve as spiritual leaders, minister to the sick, and provide other pastoral support. With gratitude for their years of faithful ministry, our diocese has a Priests' Pension to support our 43 currently retired priests and those who will retire in the future. Last year, the faithful of our diocese contributed \$118,295 to the *Priests' Pension* fund for which all your priests are truly grateful. Also your support and donation help underprivileged schools in the Diocese of Rockford. Your help will enable them to continue to educate and provide religious and moral formation to our students. Thanks to your generosity, this charity provided \$150,000 to needy schools in our diocese last year.

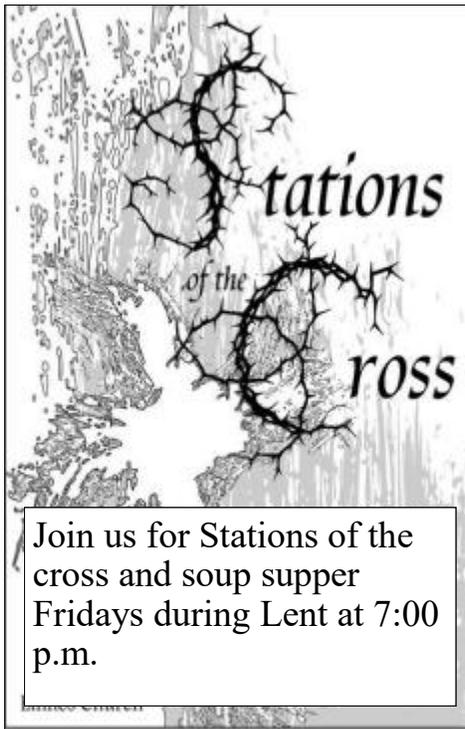
In this International Appeal, please prayerfully consider taking part and know that your generous giving truly changes lives and our world. May the Lord in His love and compassion reward you beyond measure. Blessings!

## Vocations Corner

### Using the Tools We've Been Given

A couple of months ago I decided I wanted to learn how to whittle. I came to the conclusion that my first project would be to create a wooden mug. I began by watching YouTube videos and reading articles. I then bought the wood and tools and I sat down to begin my adventure in whittling. I was eager and zealously started off on a great foot. Yet after a few days the weather became increasingly cold and each night I would tell myself that it was too cold to whittle. I pushed off the whittling for days as I used the excuse of the weather.

At some point I realized that I couldn't keep using the cold as an excuse. I had to choose to go out and finish what I started. This is at time is like our spiritual life. The Lord gives us the tools to receive His love and become Saints but He will never force us to get up and continue the task. As you discern God's will for you in your life ask yourself the following questions.. Am I using the tools God gave me? Do I pray daily? Do I read scripture? Do I attend mass regularly and confess my sins? Do I have a spiritual mentor to help me in the journey? Do I examine my day with the Lord before bed? The Lord has given you the tools so don't be afraid to carve out time for Him and make room for Him to speak to you!



Join us for Stations of the cross and soup supper Fridays during Lent at 7:00 p.m.

### Greeter Schedule:

March 14th  
8:00: The Vest Family  
10:15: Hill Family

March 21st  
8:00: The Widmayer Family  
10:15 The Fifer Family

March 28th:  
8:00: The Vanderstappen Family  
10:15: The Hill Family



## People of God

Your prayers are requested for the sick;

Casey Porch	Jeff Kruzan
Erwin Arendt	Cindy Kruzan
Lisa Ash	Robert Kutella
Mary Bassett	Barb Lanphier
Emily Davis	Henry Kranz
Renee Biestek	Steve Welch
Rich Biestek	Bill Matussek
Mary Lou	Billy Matussek
Draper	John Ferraro
Barbara Dye	Harold Johnson
Wayne Dye	Paul Kries
Steve Fitzgerald	Melissa Rath
Mary Watson	Karen Scimeca
Dennis Gallagher	Jeremy Scully
Mary Gillis	Geraldine Slarai
Nancy Golbeck	Derrick Verona
Art Holt	Rita Hagenbruch
Gayle Johnson	Viola Huff



### Mass Intentions

#### Sunday, March 21st

8:00 a.m.: Martin Lucas  
Requested by Mary Lucas

10:15: People of the Parish  
Masses are available starting in August—please call or email Jeanine.

## Sacramental Policies

**Baptism:** Contact the parish Office to participate in the Sacramental Baptismal preparation program.

**First Eucharist:** Children will be permitted to approach First Eucharist upon completion of the Parish Religious Education Program required for the reception of Holy Communion.

**Matrimony:** Rev. Burt Absalon, should be contacted at least one year prior to the anticipated date for the marriage. It is the policy of the Rockford Diocese that those to be married be at least 19 years of age, and will be required to participate in instructional programs: including Pre-marriage and Natural Family Planning Seminars. One of those to be married must be a registered member of the St. Patrick Parish of Hartland.

**Confessions:** The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available 30 minutes prior to the 8:00 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. Sunday Masses.

**Anointing of the Sick:** For reception of the Sacrament of the Sick, and visits, please contact the Parish office at 815-338-7883.

**New Members:** New members to our community are asked to fill out a registration form found in the back of the church and drop it in the collection, or contact the Parish office.



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