

Third Sunday of Lent March 8, 2026

Exodus 17:3-7; Psalm 95; Romans 5:1-2, 5-8; John 4:5-42

In those days, in their thirst for water,
the people grumbled against Moses,
saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt?
Was it just to have us die here of thirst
with our children and our livestock?"
So Moses cried out to the LORD,
"What shall I do with this people?
a little more and they will stone me!"
The LORD answered Moses,
"Go over there in front of the people,
along with some of the elders of Israel,
holding in your hand, as you go,
the staff with which you struck the river.
I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb.
Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it
for the people to drink."
This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel.
The place was called Massah and Meribah,
because the Israelites quarreled there
and tested the LORD, saying,
"Is the LORD in our midst or not?"

VOCATION CORNER March 8, 2026

Sr. Maris Stella once served her country. Her military career began at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis. Her initial assignment was as gunnery officer on a destroyer off the coast of South America in pursuit of drug traffickers. "I served in the Navy, and I tasted many of the good things that this world has to offer, but I knew my heart was made for something more." When I met the Sisters of Life, it was everything in my heart being lived out in a joyful way...offering support and resources to pregnant women and mothers and helping women who suffer after abortion. She entered the Sisters of Life in 2006, and in 2015, she moved to Denver to start a new convent "because women in college are very vulnerable..."

Sr. Maris Stella; Denver Sisters of Life Catholic War Veterans Magazine; March 2024

MEDIA CORNER

Bishop Robert Barron at www.wordonfire.org is providing a wonderful meditation on The Stations of the Cross. You can also view on YouTube.



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Parish Council Chair: Marsha Nelson Weekdays –Thursday 6:00 pm

Trustees: Steve Pobst, Matt Slife Sundays – 8:00 a

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Breakfast Bake-off Bread winners: 1st place Cathy Kruep; 2nd Place Pat Kalicki, 3rd place Pam Shallenberger.

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Breakfast Bake-off Casserole Winners: 1st Place Donna Irby; 2nd Place Laurie Coleman; 3rd Place Brian Bailey.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

SUNDAY 03/08 8:00 am Mass- *Buck & Inez Ross/ Agnes Schwartz*
THURSDAY 03/12 6:00 pm Mass
SUNDAY 03/15 8:00 am Mass- *Delmar Schwartz/ William Anderson*

Liturgical Ministers

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Mar 08	Rhi Slife	J. Hacker	B. Palmer P. Widowski	Curtner Bergmann Carter Bergmann	*Alan Irby F. Dueker

Gift Bearers Cody & Emily Taylor Cantor S. Pobst

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Greeter</u>	<u>EM</u>	<u>Servers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Mar 15	A. Dueker	C. Ross	Matt Slife S. Widowski	C. Levesque	*Joe Nelson J. Bergmann

Gift Bearers Cathy Kruep Family Cantor J. Starratt

STEWARDSHIP OFFERING March 1, 2026

General	\$1485.00	(22)
Loose	35.00	
Dio Collection	50.00	<i>Black & Indian Mission</i>
Total	\$1570.00	

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE: \$280.00 (8)

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Bill Porter, Nathan Zmuda Jr. & Matt Slife

REMINDER

Please remember to return the census and schedule pictures for the pictorial directory.

CCW COLLECTION

There will be an opportunity to donate to St. Paul CCW as you leave church this morning

THE CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

Each year, through our prayers and gifts to the Appeal, diocesan ministries continue to feed the hungry, welcome the stranger, care for the sick and elderly, educate children, reach out to the youth, train lay ministers and catechists and so much more. Your contribution will touch the lives of thousands of people throughout Southern Illinois; on behalf of each of them, please accept our heartfelt thanks.

HOUSEHOLD ITEM DRIVE FOR DAYSTAR

This collection will run through April 5th, items needed as in the past, *paper towels, laundry detergent, dish soap, hand soap, Clorox wipes, etc.* thanks for your generosity. **If there are any questions contact Peggy Widowski.**

RICE BOWLS

CRS Rice Bowls are the official Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, supported by the U.S. Bishops and embraced by families across the country. *Thanking you in advance for your generosity.*

FAITH ALIVE VOLUTEER OPPORTUNITIES

March is a busy month for St. Paul parish. **Volunteers are needed to help with our two Fish Frys and Faith Alive.** There are signup sheets on the Bulletin Board at the church entrance. Thanks to all who already signed up

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be an opportunity to pray the *Stations of the Cross at 7:40 a.m. each Sunday in Lent.* We use our **One in Faith Mass books starting on page 335.**

PRAYERS

Please keep the following list of Homebound Parishoners in your prayers. *George Bell* (Hillview), *Sandy Belski, Dick & Midge Bigler, Larry Flamm* (Hillview), *Gertrude Henderson, Suzanne McHugh, Susan Ward, Dolly Hopkins & Peter Vanes* (Hillview)

LOOKING AHEAD

March	13	Fish Fry 4:30-6:30 pm
March	19	Pro-Life March in Springfield
March	19-21	Faith Alive
March	27	Fish Fry 4:30-6:30 pm
March	31	Chrism Mass
April	02	Holy Thursday
April	03	Good Friday
April	05	Easter Sunday

****Office Hours are Wednesday 10am-1pm at the rectory. Contact Theresa at (618)658-4501 or via email. Wednesday at 12pm is the deadline for any bulletin changes or additions.****