



### Local Friday Lenten Fish Frys

#### St. Mary Church, Downs

Knights of Columbus - Council #10967

5:00-7:30 p.m. Dine-In and Carry-Out

February 23, March 8, March 22

\$11 Adults; \$5 Kids (age 6-12);

Free for Children 5 & under.

Menu: walleye, cheese pizza, grilled cheese, french fries, green beans, coleslaw, homemade dessert.

**Questions? Contact Dave Szymkiewicz.**

(217) 620-5561 (St. Patrick parishioner & K of C Member)

#### St. John the Baptist Parish Hall, Clinton

5:00-7:00 p.m.

February 16 & 23; March 1, 8, 15 & 22

Meals include two sides, dessert, and beverage.

\$9 Fish; \$11 Shrimp; \$10 Fish & Shrimp.



Food Pantry  
Donations Needed

### February Delicious Donations Suggestion:

#### **FRUITS & VEGGIES...**

dried fruit, applesauce, 100% fruit juice, baby food fruits & vegetables, various canned tomato products, vegetable juice, cooking oils, dried herbs & spices, etc. (No corn or green beans since pantries usually have an overabundance of these.) **ALL non-perishable foods or personal care items are welcome!** Place your donations in the vestibule container or for monetary donations, make checks payable to St. Patrick Altar & Rosary Society and place in the zipper bag. **Thank you!**

## ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

320 S LOCUST ST, PO BOX 116

WAPELLA IL 61777

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ADMINISTRATOR - FR. DERICK MWESIGA

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

FIRST SUNDAY

OF LENT



CATHOLIC  
**SPiRiT**



**RADIO**  
NETWORK

### Catholic Spirit Radio (CSR) Network Antenna Update

As you recall, this antenna will be attached to an existing tower in Clinton and will allow many more people in our surrounding communities to hear Catholic radio on the new frequency of **88.3 FM**. This special antenna costs about

\$15,000 to be built, shipped, and installed.

Donations toward the project were given to the Spirit representatives on the day of their presentation on January 21st. Other donations were mailed directly to the station, dropped into the parish collection basket, or given online through the CSR website. As of February 12th, St. Patrick parishioners have contributed \$7,386!

It's not too late to donate if you haven't had the chance! Any amount will help this project reach fruition. Your continued prayers are appreciated, too. All donations are tax deductible because CSR is a volunteer-run charitable, non-profit organization.

All at Catholic Spirit Radio are very appreciative of the warm welcome received during their visit to our parish as well as the generous, enthusiastic responses for the antenna project! How wonderful it will be to hear Catholic Spirit Radio in our communities! Arrival and installation for 88.3 FM should be completed by this Fall. Stay tuned!

108 Boeykens Place, Normal IL 61761 (309) 807-2427

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



USCCB / Diocesan  
Special Collection

### Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe

Thank you for your contributions last week! As a parish, we collected \$310 to restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give today or next week.

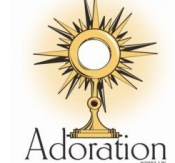
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STATIONS of the CROSS

Eucharistic



### Stations of the Cross

5:00 p.m. Fridays throughout Lent

February 16, 23; March 1, 8, 15, 22

\* Exception March 29 - Stations will begin immediately after the 3:00 p.m. Passion Liturgy.

### Lenten Eucharistic Adoration

\* 7:00-8:00 p.m. Thursday, February 22

\* 10:00-11:00 a.m. following Sunday Masses

February 18, 25; March 3, 10, 17, 24.

**Confession** will be available during Sunday Holy

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**Parish Email** stpatrickwapella@yahoo.com  
Bulletin items due by Tuesday 12:00 p.m.

**Parish Office and Sacramental Emergencies**  
(217) 935-8510 (24-hour answering service)

**Directors of Religious Education**  
Abbi Ferrie / Tasha Troha  
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**Parish Pastoral Council President**  
Greg Luebbering

**Parish Trustees** Patty Hermes / Mark Kingery

**Cemetery Trustees**  
Randy Toohill / Neil Whitted /  
Maryellen Nommensen

**Sacraments** Contact the Parish Office.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**  
30 minutes before Sunday Mass  
15 minutes before weekday Mass

## PRAYER LIST



### FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING

Sue Brown, Beth Fryman, Millie Humes, Bethany Finnigan Jackson, Randie Livingston, Bryan Lonergan, Jen Lonergan, Dan Millman, Joan Morris, Paul Parsons, Francis & Danna Powers, Marilyn Quaid, Gary Riegel, ALEX ROMER, and all parishioners dealing with illness and health conditions.

### FOR HOLY SOULS & THEIR FAMILIES

Richard F. Orthen, Jr. 2/21/23, John Leo Walsh 3/4/23, Roger G. Weber 3/5/23, William "Ben" Hale 4/2/23, Johanna Meyer Horton 5/13/23, Mary Evelyn Hale 5/21/23, Jose Jesus Munoz Gomez 9/5/23, Jeffrey Martin Toohill 11/10/23, Lawrence Patrick Toohill 11/21/23.

## SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

**February 18 - First Sunday of Lent**  
8:45 a.m. Confessions  
9:00 a.m. Mass + Clint Martens  
*Offered by Judy Martens*  
10:00 a.m. CCD Classes  
10:00-11:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration & Confession

**February 20 - Tuesday / Lenten Weekday**  
8:45 a.m. Confessions  
9:00 a.m. Mass + Jeff Toohill  
*Offered by Debra Toohill*  
6:00-7:30 p.m. Men's Group

**February 22 - Thursday / The Chair of St. Peter the Apostle**  
8:45 a.m. Confessions  
9:00 a.m. Mass + Lawrence Toohill  
*Offered by Debra Toohill*  
7:00-8:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration / Holy Hour

**February 23 - Friday / Lenten Weekday**  
5:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

**February 24 - Saturday / Lenten Weekday**  
8:30 a.m. Church Cleaning

**February 25 - Second Sunday of Lent**  
8:30-8:50 a.m. Confessions  
9:00 a.m. Mass + James L. Mollet  
*Offered by Lou Ellen Mollet*  
10:00 a.m. CCD Classes  
10:00-11:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration & Confession

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

<p><b>February 18th</b> <i>No Deacon</i> <b>Reader</b> Dave Szymkiewicz <b>Altar Servers</b> Bianca Crow Tristan Crow Silas Crow</p>	<p><b>February 25th</b> <b>Reader</b> Kathy Clesson <b>Altar Servers</b> Timmy Romer Alex Romer Jocelynn Rutherford Alex Maas</p>
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## FEBRUARY 11TH COLLECTIONS

	Sunday ----- \$1,346.50
	Children's ----- \$10.25
	Aid to Eastern Europe ----- \$302.00
	Ash Wednesday ----- \$20.00
	<b>TOTAL \$1,678.75</b>



## National Eucharistic Revival Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you give us your flesh and blood for the life of the world, and you desire that all people come to the Supper of the Sacrifice of the Lamb. Renew in your Church the truth, beauty, and goodness contained in the Most Blessed Eucharist. Jesus living in the Eucharist, come and live in me.

WWW.COMEANDFOLLOWME.ORG



## Emmaus Knights 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Feb 18, Mar 24, Apr 21  
Emmaus House

2327 W Heading Ave, Peoria  
**7th - 12th grade young men** get together on Sunday afternoon once a month to share in fun, food, and faith - just like at Emmaus Days! Those attending come from all parts of the diocese, so Fr. Chase recommends sharing rides and inviting friends who've not been to Emmaus Days before. Fathers are encouraged to drive their sons so they can join in some fraternity with other men from around the diocese!  
Registration required. [shorturl.at/DKRUZ](http://shorturl.at/DKRUZ)



## Men of St. Patrick, Wapella Tuesday, February 20

An informal men's group has recently been formed. We meet **every other Tuesday** in the church hall from **6:00-7:30 p.m.** to discuss various topics and challenges related to our Catholic faith. Journey with other men who desire to grow in holiness as we discuss living a life of virtue.

Men of all ages are welcome!

Joe (217)855-9418  
Thaddeus (309)530-0909  
Dave (217)620-5561

## Looking Ahead

\* **Sunday, February 18 - Monday, February 26**  
Pray the St. Jude Novena for our parish.

\* **Monday, February 26**  
6:15 p.m. Altar & Rosary Society meeting

\* **Tuesday, February 27**  
6:30 p.m. Adult Education Class



## Cleaning Our Church Saturday, February 24th Beginning at 8:30 a.m.

**ALL men & women are invited to help!** Bring your cleaning rags, feather dusters, buckets, extra vacuums, special cleaning tools, etc. to beautify the church before Easter arrives on March 31st. We had previously scheduled deep cleaning in March of 2020, but COVID closed our churches and didn't get done. This is a big job in taking down the statues for cleaning, moving furniture for vacuuming, wiping down altars, cleaning light fixtures, wiping down all the pews with Murphy's Oil Soap, and removing wax from furniture and carpet...and more! All help is greatly appreciated.



## Young at Heart St. Patrick's Day Lunch Saturday, March 16

11:30 a.m. Bloomington K of C Hall  
1706 R.T. Dunn Drive

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by wearing your green! Complete corned beef dinner or sandwiches available. Reservations not needed. Pay at the door. Questions?  
(309) 452-7976

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## VOCATIONS



## First Sunday of Lent February 18, 2024

**"I establish My covenant with you."** If in your

listening to the Lord you are sensing the invitation to follow Christ as a priest, sister, or brother, talk to your priest or reach out to the **Diocese of Peoria Office of Vocations** at (309) 671-1550.