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# Lent:

The Second Sunday of Lent

March 13, 2022



# News From St. Joseph Parish



## WELCOME TO SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### RECONCILIATION:

3:15 pm Sat;

8:15 am Sun

### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Tuesday 12 noon

### MASS SCHEDULE:

#### Winter

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## Lenten Soup Update

Thank you to Alex and Deb Jones, Connie and Chris Jones and Marge and Al Kramer for preparing and serving the March 8 Soup Supper. Here is the info:

# Served: 73      Income: \$340.00

Expense: \$63.97 (cookies, bread, etc.)

Net: \$276.03

Thanks to the Jones' and the Kramers for covering the cost of the soup.

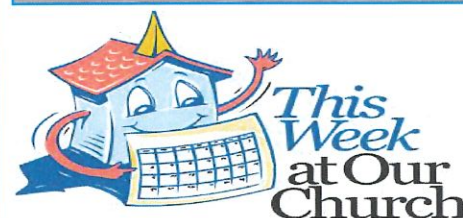
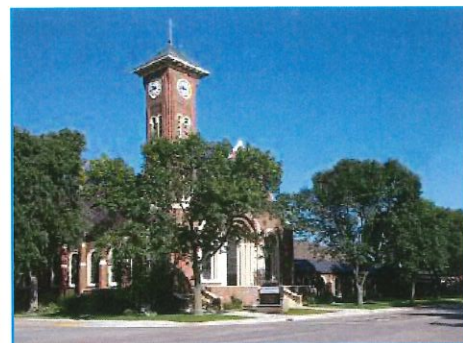
The next soup supper will be Tuesday, March 15 by the KC's featuring sauerkraut soup, chili and vegetable beef.

## Lenten Tuesdays

On the Tuesdays of Lent we will follow a special schedule that will include: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament beginning at 2 p.m., Stations of the Cross at 4:45, Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 5:15 and Mass at 5:30. Mass will be followed by a soup supper in the parish hall. All are encouraged to attend.

**THE NEXT** Baptism Class is set for Thurs., March 24, 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's, in Spirit Lake. The class will be led by Deacon Darwin and is intended for new parents or those parents who have not taken the class. A baptism date can be set following completion of the class. Parents are only required to take the class one time. Call the office to register, 712-338-2274.

**EARLY DEADLINES:** Because of staff vacation, items for the March 26-27 bulletin will be due Thurs., March 17. Thank you in advance.



## Monday, March 14

8 p.m.: Ala-non meets by zoom.

8 p.m.: AA meets in Nazareth Hall

## Tuesday, March 15

2-4:45 p.m.: Eucharistic Adoration

4:45 p.m.: Stations of the Cross

5:15 p.m.: Benediction

5:30 p.m.: Mass

6 p.m.: Soup Supper by KC's featuring sauerkraut soup, chili and vegetable beef.

6:30 p.m.: Bible Study, PC

## Wednesday, March 16

12 noon: Deadline for April newsletter.

**NO Religious Education**

## Thursday, March 17

8 a.m.: Bible Study, overflow room.

7-9 p.m.: Driver's Ed, basement.

## Saturday, March 19

1 p.m. **Sharp:** Potato peeling and table setting for annual Chicken N' Noodle dinner. All are welcome to help.

## Sunday, March 20

10 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Annual Chicken N' Noodle dinner. Food will be ready to eat in the parish center dining room, to carry-out or to be delivered starting at 10 a.m.

**WELCOME** to the men who are participating in the Men's Welcome Week-



end this weekend at St. Joseph. May your time be filled with grace and many blessings.



# News From St. Joseph Parish

## Faith Formation

By Sharon Mayer

Children's Liturgy for Lent kicked off last Sunday at the 9am Mass. We are offering this special time for our youngest learners to hear the Word of God and do an activity on their level. Although this will not be on Sundays after Lent, we are happy to bring this to you during this special season through Palm Sunday.

Please also pick up a Rice Bowl for this Lenten season at the back of church. Monies collected go to Catholic Relief Services. You should return your Rice Bowl by Holy Thursday.

This past Wednesday, Reconciliation was offered to our students in grades 2-12. Children can be frightened of this Sacrament as I was when I was in elementary school because I didn't understand the Sacrament; I just did it as I was expected to do. A priest is there to stand in for the Lord and transfer God's forgiveness. He doesn't or shouldn't judge you. We voice our biggest errors and ASK forgiveness. The emphasis is on the asking for forgiveness not the sin. The Lord said "ask and you shall receive". Many Catholics no longer believe in or receive this Sacrament as they get older for the same reason of being judged. Priests are not judges and are happy to convey forgiveness to anyone that confesses sin. It is our human nature to sin. Communal Penance will be offered here on Sunday, March 27 as well as before Masses.

No religious education on March 16 as there is no school at Okoboji.

## THANK YOU, THANK YOU!

✓ **The Knights of Columbus** thank all who supported our first fish fry of 2022. We served 280 persons. Be sure to attend our next fish fry on Fri., March 25, 5 to 7 p.m. This will be a sit-down event in the parish center with carry-outs available.

*The Knights of Columbus*

✓ **THANK YOU** to the Knights of Columbus for treating the St. Joseph Parish Staff to lunch on Wed., March 9. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. It was delicious!

*The Saint Joseph Parish Staff*

**TAKE TIME** before you leave to sign-up to help at the annual Chicken Noodle Dinner set for Sun., March 20, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or when we run out! Sign-up sheets are on the lobby windows. We are planning to have food ready to serve or take out at 10 a.m. to accommodate those attending Mass. Food obligations from parishioners are as follows: Those with last names A-M are asked to bring one homemade pie, a pan dessert or cake and those with N-Z are asked to bring a salad that feeds 10-15 people.



**PRAY for these members:** Janet Delaney, Tutti Willison, Andrew Gross, James Higgins, Mary Mittag, Jerry Finch, Dirk Hansen, June Reiman, Ann Stein, Nancy Crepeau, Mary Langel, Geneva Knudtson, Rick DeMuth, Linda Higgins, Mary Ann Sigler, Dennis and Alma Klute, Jerry Clark, Robert Rowland, Bill James, Marie Van Hofwegen, Ethel Wilson, Steve Painter, Ginny Yore, LaDonna Jansen, Dale Langel, Finley Brunsvold, Dee Bryant, Phyllis Hintz, Terry Abbas.

**PLEASE pray for these special persons:** Dr. Doug Schulte, Joan Hall, Adam Hall, Kate Jensen, Roy Townsend, Virginia Bensman, Craig Tingwald, Cooper Hatfield, Corey Langner, Claire Yaw, Cheryl Kallis, Sammy Schumann, Ellie Wiemers, Mary Gerdes Smith, Mary W., Mary Bolan, Dick Vogel, Charles Graves, Zoe Lorenzen, Heather Hamann, Esther Morris, Harvey Baxter, Jr., Wayne Bellinghausen, Maxine Thompson, Lois Doran, Dale Gentry, Susan Barnes, Mike Cooper, Denny Daberkow, Louise DeWitt, Ray Langel, Kristin Meyer, Kevin Witrock, Charlotte Tiesler, Tailen Sturtz, Aimee Wallrich, Jan Wolf, Peggy Price, Joan Mertz, John Bruening, Ashlyn Clark, Jerry Wolford, Kami Svoboda, Darrel We-deking, Dan Mulder, Colleen Mulder, Jamie O'Neill.

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, March 12**

**4 p:** For The People

**Sunday, March 13**

**9 a:** +Alberta Nolan

**Monday, March 14**

**No Mass Today**

**Tuesday, March 15**

**5:30 p:** +Bev Sporrer

**Wednesday, March 16**

**7:30 a:** +Billie Schuett

**Thursday, March 17**

**7:30 a:** +Sean Enfield

**Friday, March 18**

**7:30 a:** +Mardell Eilers

**Saturday, March 19**

**4 p:** For The People

**Sunday, March 20**

**9 a:** +Earl & +Joan Langel

**THE TAO**, Together as One, project continues. We continue to receive payments and pledges. To date: \$28,204 of the \$38,759.00 needed has been paid by 191 of the 740 St. Joseph families. **PLEASE** return your Together as One (TAO) forms by mail, in the collection or at the parish office.

**Wed., March 16** at 12 noon is the deadline for submitting items for the April newsletter.

## Ministry Schedule

**The Third Sunday of Lent**

**Saturday, March 19th @ 4 p.m.**

**EMHC:** Alma Klute, Jeff Knudtson, David Loebig

**LECTOR:** Joseph Schmidt

**SERVERS:** Oliver Miller, Ron Swartz

**HOSPITALITY:** Anne Donovan, Loretta Halbur, Connie Mataloni, Dick Mataloni

**Sunday, March 20th @ 9 a.m.**

**EMHC:** Deb Johnson, Mark Johnson, Pete Laven

**LECTOR:** Sara Laven

**SERVERS:** Bryce Anderson, Will Anderson

**HOSPITALITY:** Julie Fairchild, Tim Fairchild, Marshall Matuska, Jon Sorenson



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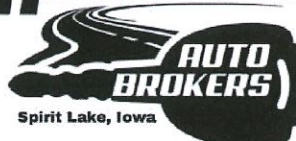
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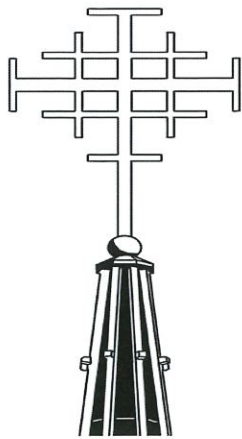
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## News From St. Mary's Parish

### St. Mary's Parish Fish Fry

St. Mary's will be hosting Lenten Fish meals in the parish hall on March 18th, and April 1st. Serving time will be from 5-7 p.m. Fried fish, French fries, baked potato, coleslaw, beverages including beer and wine along with desserts. Proceeds will be supporting parish programs and local community charities.



### Stations of the Cross

On Thursday evenings during Lent we will have Stations of the Cross at 4:45 p.m. and benediction at 5:15. Mass will be at 5:30 followed by a light supper in the parish hall. All are welcome to attend any or all of the evening events.

### Steubenville Fundraiser

The Steubenville students will be hosting coffee and donuts on Sunday, March 20th after the 10:30 Mass. Please join us in supporting our students and their trip to the Steubenville conference in Colorado. People attending the event are asked to give a free will donation.

### Baptism Class

Those expecting a baby in the coming months, or those with children wanting to be baptized, are invited to a baptismal class on Thursday, March 24th, starting at 6:30 p.m.

### Please Keep in Your Prayers

All Confidential Prayer Chain requests may be directed to Jean Mohr, our Prayer Chain Coordinator at 712-336-2559 or 712-320-5433. Prayer intentions may be entered in the prayer Request book, which can be found in the narthex of the church.



### Men's Conference

On Saturday, April 2, 2022 at All Saints Parish in LeMars, from 8-3:00 p.m. they will hold the annual Diocesan Men's Conference. The cost for the event is \$40 if you register by March 26th. After March 26th, the cost is \$50. If you register father/son, there is a \$5 discount for each participant. This year they will have Dcn Harold Burke-Sivers as keynote. Confession, Adoration, breakout sessions, and Mass with Bishop Nickless all will be a part of the day, as well as Plymouth County Fair Chops for lunch! To learn more and/or to register please go to: <https://scdiocese.org/mens-ministry>.

### High School Scripture Study

High School Students small group scripture study opportunity on Sunday evenings at St. Joseph's: We will gather in the Youth Group room in the basement at 7:00 p.m. for a study of the Acts of the Apostles driven for teens called "Act Like It". Dates: March 13, 27, April 10, 24th (the off Sundays join Teresa at OHS Commons at 7:00 p.m. for the nondenominational Fellowship of Christian Athletes scripture studies.) No need to register for either, just come as you are on Sunday evenings.



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### Reconciliation:

4:45 pm Sat;  
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### Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday 12 noon

### Mass Schedule:

#### Winter

Saturday at 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

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## News From St. Mary's Parish



### Farewell Reception for Mary Brandt

Mary Brandt has been working as one of the directors of our Youth Ministry and Religious Education Program since 2012. Recently, with her girls grown and out of the house, Mary and her husband Neal have taken on a new business venture.

Last summer they launched a new food truck and catering service called "Squealers On Wheels". This new project is off to a great start and Mary has decided to resign her position here at St. Mary's so that she and Neal can dedicate their entire attention to the new project. Mary has brought a great deal of positive energy and dynamic skill to our parish outreach to our students. A full generation of St. Mary's students have benefited from her hard work and her boundless energy. There is only one word to describe Mary's talents and energy, indefatigable. She has made a huge impact upon our parish and her weekly presence here will be greatly missed. While she will continue as one of our go-to volunteers she is laying aside her position here. We are profoundly grateful for everything Mary has done here, and for the strength and drive that she has shared with our parish. We will host a farewell reception for Mary at the Steubenville Rolls and Coffee after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, March 20th. Please stop by after Mass so that you can express your gratitude to her for the blessings that she has shared with our parish. May God bless her new venture!

## NEWS & Notes

Following is general information that may be helpful to you.

- ✓ **BAPTISMS:** Contact the office to inquire about pre-baptismal class.
- ✓ **MARRIAGE:** Contact the office at least six months before the date of the wedding.
- ✓ **CONFESSIONS:** Wednesday at 11:30 a.m., Saturday at 4:45 p.m. and Sunday at 9:45 a.m.
- ✓ **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Thursday from 2 to 5:15 p.m.

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, March 14**

**No Mass Today**

**Tuesday, March 15**

**5:30 p.m.:** +Jack and +Emma Garvey

**Wednesday, March 16**

**12 noon:** +Marcelline Hunnel

**Thursday, March 17**

**5:30 p.m.:** +Elizabeth Giefer

**Friday, March 18**

**12 noon:** +Bill and +Millie Kisting

**Saturday, March 19**

**5:30 p.m.:** +Jean Rusch

**Sunday, March 20**

**10:30 a.m.:** Living and Deceased of St. Mary's

### Ministry Schedule

**SATURDAY, March 19 @ 5:30 p.m.**

**EMHC:** Annette Kalkhoff, Tom Kalkhoff, Sharon Johnson

**LECTOR:** Jean Mohr

**SERVERS:** Carter Trautman

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**SUNDAY, March 20 @ 10:30 a.m.**

**EMHC:** Renee Quance, Chris Quance, Mary Emgarten

**LECTOR:** Catherine Straus

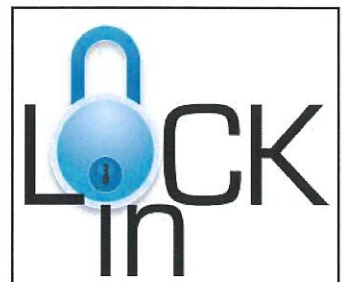
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### Middle School Lock In-April 8th

It's about that time; St. Mary's annual Middle School Lock-in is upon us! If any eager 5th-8th grade students have ever wanted to stay up all night so they can eat pizza and play capture the flag in the parish hall at 2a.m., this is their opportunity! Join us for an awesome all night event filled with games, snacks, and shenanigans. Starting April 8th at 8 p.m. and going until April 9th at 6 a.m., the annual lock in is sure to be an activity you won't want to miss out on! For any who want to sign up as a participant, a volunteer helper (for those parents and high school students that are feeling brave), or just to learn more, pick up a sign up sheet in the back of the church, print one off the website, or call the parish office!







## Upcoming Events

### Confirmation with Bishop Nickless

On Sunday, April 3rd we will welcome Bishop Nickless who will Confirm 29 of our parish members in the Catholic Faith. Our students have been working hard for two years to prepare for this event. We will also have several adults who will be confirmed along with our 10th graders. For the last 18 years St. Mary's and St. Joseph have alternated hosting his beautiful liturgy. We got off track a bit with the Covid protocols but this year we will return to a joint Confirmation Liturgy at St. Mary's at 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 3rd. Please keep the candidates for Confirmation and their Sponsors in your prayers.

### Penance Services

We have begun our annual Lenten Penance services here at St. Joseph and St. Mary's. We had two penance services at St. Joseph this last Wednesday and will be gathering with our St. Mary's students on Wednesday, April 6th. Our parish Penance Services have been scheduled for Sunday, March 27th. We have several priests who will be joining us for these prayerful services. The St. Mary's Penance Service will be held at 2:30 p.m. on the 27th and the St. Joseph Service will be at 4:30 p.m. the same afternoon. Going to Confession is a challenge for all of us but the rewards of dealing with ourselves before the Lord will bear great fruit for our spiritual lives and our relationships with others. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

### Friday Evening Fish Fry's

As Lent proceeds we continue with our Friday evening Fish Fry's. These great events that help us support a wide variety of concerns. At St. Mary's we will have Friday Fish Frys on March 18th and April 1st. At St. Joseph's we will be serving fish on March 25th and April 8th. Serving at both sites will be from 5 to 7 p.m. All these meals are in person events shared in our parish halls. While carry-outs will be available these are not drive-by events. Please come and join us for these fun evenings.

### Crisis in Ukraine

Before our very eyes we can see that the whole social, political, religious, and educational structure of Ukraine is disintegrating. What we see on the television, the internet and the printed news only gives a glimpse of the terror and heartache that is taking place in Eastern Europe. A full-blown humanitarian crisis is underway. Please read the attached fact sheet from Catholic Relief Services who are on the ground in Ukraine and in the surrounding countries to help with the impossible influx of more than two million refugees. Catholic Relief Services is working with Caritas International in Poland, Hungary Romania and Moldova to assist those fleeing the violence in their homeland. Your help is urgently needed. Please use CRS website to make a contribution to this urgent problem and again and again, please pray for peace. You can contribute to our second collection the next two weeks or use the CRS online donation page at: [support.crs.org/Ukraine](http://support.crs.org/Ukraine)



Peter, James, and John wanted to build a "booth" for Jesus and just stay on the mountain where His transfiguration took place. But the Son of God, the Chosen One, knew that He must instead keep moving toward His Crucifixion. We, too, must rise from worship and do what we can to hasten the coming of the Kingdom.

### ST. MARY'S FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

March 6, 2022

Attendance: 437

Adults: \$6,173.86

Online: \$936.30

Dollar: \$240.75 Special Ash Wednesday: \$686.00

Votive: \$48.40

### ST. JOSEPH FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

March 6, 2022

Attendance: 434

Adults: \$9,116.00

Online: \$1,715.00

P & J: \$2,860.00

Loose: \$708.00

Poor Box.: \$46.00

Candles: \$73.76

2nd Coll. to P & J: \$294.00

Building: \$1,941.00

Endow: \$53.00

Rental: \$500.00

Sign: \$240.00

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## Emergency Relief

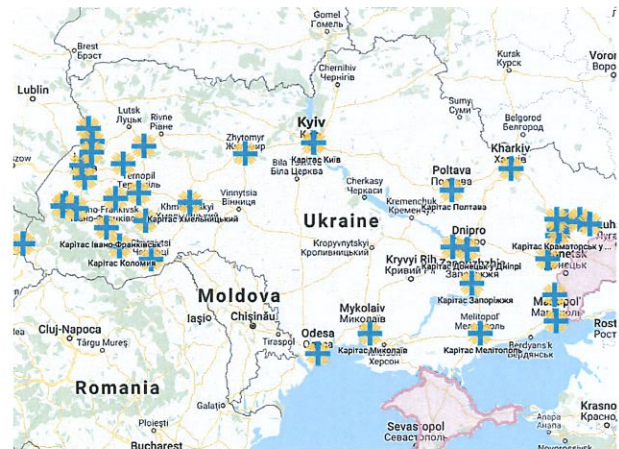
As reports emerge of families being displaced by the recent attacks in Ukraine, Catholic Relief Services is helping Caritas teams prepare to respond to urgent humanitarian needs across the country—including for evacuation, food and safe shelter—while taking every precaution to ensure the safety of their staff.



Caritas Ukraine teams conducted emergency simulations in October last year in preparation for a potential humanitarian crisis. Photo courtesy of Caritas Ukraine

### OVERVIEW

The first signs of a humanitarian crisis are emerging in Ukraine after Russia invaded the country from three sides in the early hours of Thursday, February 24. The capital city of Kyiv and the eastern city of Kharkiv were targeted with attacks that quickly spread across central and eastern areas of the country. In less than 24 hours, attacks have displaced people from their homes, especially in those cities and towns along the contact line in the east. As events quickly evolve, Caritas teams are preparing to respond to urgent humanitarian needs, including evacuation, food and safe shelter.





CRS has been supporting Caritas Ukraine as it ramps up its emergency preparedness for this potential humanitarian crisis.

Photo courtesy of Caritas Internationalis



**CRS and other agencies are planning to receive Ukrainian refugees in neighboring countries. CRS is helping Caritas Moldova and Caritas Romania prepare for people fleeing across the border.**

The logistics present significant operational challenges: Key arteries between major cities in the east are blocked by military vehicles, hampering evacuation and the transport of goods. Cash is unavailable in many areas due to the banking systems not working. There are reports that people have limited or no access to groceries, food and fuel, and that airports have been damaged or destroyed.

CRS and other agencies are also planning to receive Ukrainian refugees in neighboring countries.

Years of conflict along the eastern border have already displaced 1.3 million people from their homes and claimed 14,000 lives. Throughout this time, Caritas Ukraine, with support from CRS, has been providing emergency relief and recovery.

### CRS' ONGOING SUPPORT FOR CARITAS UKRAINE

CRS has supported Caritas Ukraine in its emergency efforts since the conflict began in 2014, by providing shelter, food and livelihood support for individuals and families displaced and affected by crisis. Emergency assistance supports people who have been displaced to safe areas, as well as conflict-affected residents of isolated settlements along the contact line. Caritas Ukraine is actively working in eastern Ukraine.

CRS has been supporting Caritas Ukraine at the national and diocesan levels as it ramps up its emergency preparedness for this potential humanitarian crisis. This includes planning across each of the 17 diocesan offices for the reception, care and support for displaced and affected people. In its emergency response efforts, CRS takes a holistic approach to comprehensively meet people's immediate and long-term needs. These include food, water and safe, dignified shelter, as well as counseling and care for psychosocial needs, opportunities to strengthen livelihoods and the resources to

## CRS AND CARITAS RESPONSE

Despite the enormous challenges and uncertainty, Caritas Ukraine is responding across the country through its 17 diocesan offices.

Initial urgent efforts and plans to support displaced families include the following:

- Field kitchens to provide food.
- Reception services at Caritas offices, train stations and other locations for displaced families in transit. These will provide information, referrals, food, water, hygiene items and psychosocial support.
- Transportation of displaced families to friends, families and local social services.
- Evacuation centers providing shelter, food and psychosocial support for displaced families. These centers will include support to address emotional care, including case management and child-friendly spaces.
- Evacuating vulnerable children from centers in conflict areas to centers in safe zones.

In an effort to respond quickly and efficiently, Caritas Ukraine has worked with its own network and that of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church to mobilize and train 1,000 staff and volunteers in their mission, code of conduct, and humanitarian and safeguarding principles.

**Neighboring countries:** CRS is helping Caritas Moldova and Caritas Romania prepare for potential waves of displaced people, mapping out a likely initial response and conducting assessment and planning sessions with its network near Ukraine's borders.

## HOW TO HELP

- Donate online: [support.crs.org/ukraine](https://support.crs.org/ukraine)
- Donate by phone: 1-877-HELP-CRS
- Donate by check: Ukraine Response, Catholic Relief Services, P.O. Box 17090,