

Saint Stanislaus Mission

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March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is also known as Laetare Sunday, where Laetare means rejoice. We are reminded to rejoice at the hope for the glory that awaits us at Easter. We also rejoice that our blindness has been removed because we have received the Light of the World: Jesus our Savior. The man born blind is a symbol of us being in darkness, “blinded” by sin. Through Jesus, we are given the gift of faith, seeing the works of God in our lives and His forgiveness of our sins. As Christians, we are to bring forth this light to those around us by what we do and how we live. We are examples of God’s love, mercy, and compassion. We are to forgive as we are forgiven. The man born blind sees more than just the physical world, he also “sees” and believes that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God. The man is healed both physically and spiritually. We too are healed every time we encounter Christ in the Eucharist as well as the people of faith that we surround ourselves with. Jesus then asks us to be people of faith so that those we meet may also come to know Him and receive His light. This is why we rejoice, because we bring others who are in darkness come to God and be filled with His love.

Mass Schedule:

Saturday:

4pm at St. Joseph (North Brookfield)
4pm at St. Stanislaus (West Warren)

Sunday:

8am at Sacred Heart (West Brookfield)
8am at St. Stanislaus (West Warren)

9am at St. Joseph (North Brookfield)

10:15am at Sacred Heart (West Brookfield)

11am at St. Joseph (North Brookfield)

Monday, Wednesday, Friday:

8:30am at Sacred Heart (West Brookfield)

Tuesday, Thursday, First Saturday:

8:30am at St. Joseph (North Brookfield)

Dear Parishioners,

Adoration is from 5pm to 7pm on Tuesday, March 17, 2026.

Stations of the Cross is at 6pm on Friday (03/20) at St. Stanislaus.

There will be a second collection next weekend (March 21/22) for Catholic Relief Services. Please see the attached letter from Bishop McManus about this appeal. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

The annual Partners in Charity campaign kicks off this week. The goal of our church is \$5000. Please consider contributing to this worthy cause. No amount is too small.

As a reminder, the Diocesan **"GUIDELINES FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE"** are as follows:

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics fourteen (14) years of age and older on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent.

Fasting is to be observed by all Catholics who are eighteen (18) years of age but not yet fifty-nine (59) years of age on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Those who are bound to fast may take 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.

Catholics should not lightly excuse themselves from these prescribed Lenten penitential practices.

Are you or someone you know House Bound and are unable to attend church services? Have you or someone you know lost loved ones, had recent hospitalizations, or do you just need a friend to talk to? If you or the person you know wish to be visited by a Eucharist Minister to receive the Eucharist or have someone from the parish to stop by to say hello, please send an email to ststanoffice@gmail.com or call either the office at 413-436-8020 or me directly at 774-200-6868.

Yours in Christ,
Deacon Dom

Quote: "To celebrate the Gospel of life means to celebrate the God of life, the God who gives life In every child which is born, and in every person who lives or dies, we see the image of God's glory. We celebrate this glory in every human being, a sign of the living God, an icon of Jesus Christ" (The Gospel of Life 84).

- Pope Saint John Paul II, *Evangelium vitae*. © 1995 Libreria Editrice Vaticana. Used with permission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

DEACON DOM'S IN-OFFICE SCHEDULE: Deacon Dom plans on being in the rectory office Monday (03/16) and Friday (03/20). He may always be reached at ststanoffice@gmail.com or 774-200-6868.

CANCER SUPPORT ROSARY GROUP: The Cancer Support Rosary Group is a gentle and welcoming space for individuals living with cancer to come together in faith, fellowship, and hope. It provides a prayerful community where no one walks alone, and where faith can be a source of courage, healing, and light. Gatherings will be facilitated by Carlene Sherbourne, a parishioner of North American Martyrs who brings both personal experience and deep faith to this ministry. It will meet **weekly** beginning **Wednesday, March 18 from 4:30pm to 5:30pm** and will be offered in a hybrid format: virtually **via Zoom** and **in person at North American Martyrs Church, 8 Wyoma Drive, Auburn**. Please contact Carlene at 774-696-4812 or cancersupportrosarygroup@gmail.com for more information about the group or to register.

WOMEN'S LENTEN MORNING OF REFLECTION: The Guild of Our Lady of Providence will hold its spring Morning of Reflection on **Saturday, March 21 from 9am to 12pm** at the **Phelan Center, Blessed Sacrament Church, 555 Pleasant Street, Worcester**. Sister Ginny Scally, SNDdeN will present "The Gift of Mary to Us." To make a reservation, send your name, address, and phone number to **Patricia Matthews, 144 Moreland Street, Worcester, MA 01609** by **March 14**. Please include a check for \$10 made out to the Guild of Our Lady of Providence.

MEN'S CONFERENCE: The 25th Annual Catholic Men's Conference will be held on **Saturday, March 21** at the **DCU Convention Center** in Worcester. The theme is "Be Not Afraid". Adult Tickets are just \$60 (through March 11) and Student Tickets are always \$30. All tickets include lunch. For ticket sales or for more information regarding this year's conference and speakers, please visit our website at www.catholicmenworc.com.

OPEN HOUSE: Spring Open House at **St. Paul Diocesan Jr./Sr. H.S.** will be **on Saturday, March 21 from 10am through 12pm**. Saint Paul is Worcester's only co-ed Catholic school serving grades 7-12, partnering with families who want an education that challenges, supports, and inspires their children. We offer a strong college-preparatory academic program, creative and engaging middle school experiences, a wide range of athletic opportunities for students of all interests and skill levels, and a vibrant fine arts department that truly must be seen to be appreciated. Grounded in faith and strengthened by a welcoming community, we invite you to come and see what makes Saint Paul special.

PLAY "WHO MADE THE BREAD": On **March 28 at 7pm** and again on **March 29 at 12:30pm**, all are invited to play "Who Made the Bread" presented by the Living Art of Christ Ministry of St. Joseph Charlton Parish. This play draws inspiration from Jesus breaking bread at the Last Supper. It takes place at St. Joseph Parish in **Charlton** and admission is free (donations accepted).

VISITATION HOUSE ANNUAL DINNER: On **Saturday, April 18 from 5:30pm to 9pm**, the Visitation House 2026 Annual Dinner will be held at the **College of the Holy Cross Hogan Campus Center**. Tickets are **\$120 per person (cash bar)**. The theme is "The House that Ruth Built" and will feature speakers Atty. Dwight Duncan, postulator for the Cause of Ruth Pakaluk and Meghan Tallarita, Exec. Director of the Ruth Pakaluk Foundation. Tickets can be purchased online at www.visitationhouse.org or call Rebecca at 508-798-8002.

WOMEN'S CURSILLO: The Cursillo is designed for those who want to strengthen their faith, be closer to Christ, and to bring Christ to those around them. The next **Women's Cursillo** is **April 9-12**. Contact Deacon Dome DeMartino via email, stanooffice@gmail.com, or call 774-200-6868 for more information and/or application.

PRO-LIFE MORNING OF REFLECTION: The Pro-Life Morning of Reflection and Enrichment is **Saturday, May 9 from 9:30am through 1pm** at the **Cathedral of St. Paul**, 38 High St., Worcester. The day will include reflections by Msgr. James Moroney, Mass, and light lunch. There is no cost to attend but pre-registration is required. To register, send your name, parish, and email address to aledoux@worcesterdiocese.org, or contact the Respect Life Office at 508-929-4311.

OPERATION CARRY THE CROSS: On **June 6 at 9am**, local native Noah Hajdu will be carrying a life-size cross up **Mount Wachusett**. Father Derek Mobilio will offer **Mass near the summit**. If you would like to learn more about how to sponsor his effort or join the hike, please check out www.worcervocations.com/operation. All proceeds support college campus ministry in the Diocese of Worcester.

CALL TO VOCATION OF MARRIAGE: "I am the light of the world." (John 9:5) Christ's light shines through those who answer His call. In marriage, couples reflect that light by the way they love, forgive, and serve one another. Their faith-filled witness creates a home filled with love and grace, drawing others closer to Christ. How does your marriage reveal God's love to those around you? Talk to your pastor or reach out to the Vocation Office at (508) 630-4473 or via email: donato.infante@worcesterdiocese.org.

PROJECT RACHEL: Not every pregnancy is easy to talk about. Project Rachel is the Catholic Church's ministry of healing and reconciliation to those who have been wounded by a past abortion. Services are free and strictly confidential. Begin your healing journey by calling 508-791-HOPE(4673).

MASS INTENTIONS:

Saturday, March 14, Fourth Sunday of Lent, 4pm, St. Stanislaus:
† Joan and Bernard Dracek by Family

Sunday, March 15, Fourth Sunday of Lent, 8am, St. Stanislaus:
† Peter J. Wolkowicz Sr. by Wolkowicz family

Saturday, March 21, Fifth Sunday of Lent, 4pm, St. Stanislaus:
† Elmer "Bud" Fontaine by Family

Sunday, March 22, Fifth Sunday of Lent, 8am, St. Stanislaus:
† Dominick P. DeMartino by Family

COLLECTIONS WEEKEND (03/08/2026):

Offertory	\$731
Maintenance	\$30
Higher Utility/Energy costs	\$70



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March 12, 2026

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

In these days of escalating turmoil around the world, I invite you to “Reveal Christ’s Love” by supporting the national **Catholic Relief Services (CRS) Collection on the weekend of March 22**. Catholic Relief Services supports Catholic organizations that carry out international relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war, and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor; legal and support services for poor immigrants; and peace and reconciliation work for people suffering from violence.

With last year’s cuts to USAID by the U.S. government, CRS lost access to hundreds of millions of dollars of grants which were directly serving people in the most dire situations around the world. In 2025 Bill O’Keefe, Vice President for Government Relations and Advocacy at CRS, said in remarks at a panel at Georgetown University that “my concern is needs are going up around the world. . . hunger, which for decades has been going down, in the last five years or so, has been going back up.” This is further compounded by continuing conflicts in the Middle East, Eastern Europe and East Africa which are displacing tens of millions of people who have nothing left.

Originally founded in 1943 as War Relief Services for survivors and refugees of World War II and later renamed in 1955 as its international mission expanded, CRS has been providing expertise and compassion to the very poorest of our brothers and sisters in more than 100 countries. But CRS cannot do this lifesaving work without your help.

When asked last fall about national charities such as CRS, Pope Leo XIV said, quoting Pope Francis, that they “are living examples of the Church’s proclamation that ‘Christ’s preference is for the poor, the least, the abandoned and discarded.’”

I ask that you prayerfully consider how you can offer hope to those struggling to stay alive by supporting the Catholic Relief Services Collection this year. If you want to learn more about the collection and the people who are assisted, please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

With every prayerful best wish, I remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. McManus
Bishop of Worcester

*Please share this letter on the weekend of March 15 and
take up the collection on the weekend of March 22 in your parish.*