## READINGS FOR THIS WEEK

8 SUN Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

***THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT***

9 Mon 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30

***Saint Frances of Rome, Religious***

10 Tue Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35

11 Wed Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19

12 Thu Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23

13 Fri Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

14 Sat Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

15 SUN 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

***FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT***

**LENOX BIRTHDAYS**

March 14 Michelle West

**LENOX ANNIVERSARIES**

**CORNING BIRTHDAYS**

March 7 Brylie Ramsey
March 8 Julia Paul
March 9 Diane Morrison
March 9 Mary Beaman
March 14 Larry Maeder

**CORNING ANNIVERSARIES**

March 13 Bill & Mary Beaman

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

**LENOX**

Collection - $ 1,308.00
January Income - $6,562.00
Expenses - $14,867.94

**CORNING**

Collection – $ 1,791.00
January Income - $ 198,849.51
($27,125 is building) ($157,412.12 is roof)
Expenses - $ 115,502.25 ($99,8855 is roof)
Roof Campaign - $ 111,190.00

## LITURGICAL ASSIGNMENTS

**CORNING - SATURDAY, March 14**
**Rosary:** John & Karma Green
**Lector:** Lisa A.
**EM:** Doug & Lisa
**Ushers:** Anne G. & Karma G.

**CORNING - SUNDAY, March 15**
**Rosary:** Kris R.
**Servers:** Ryder, Brylie & Monte
**Lector:** Lara C.
**Em:** Chelsea R. & Mark R.
**Sacristan:** Chelsea R.
**Ushers:** Kathy W. & Barb F.
**Gift Bearers:** Matt Ramsey Family
**Musician:**
**Cantor:** Nancy A.
**Money Counters March 10:** Nancy & Kathy

**LENOX - SUNDAY, March 15**
**Sacristan:** Judy
**Lector:** Brian & Linda
**Servers:** Chase & Mathue
**Ushers:** Sonntag Family
**Eucharistic Ministers**: Judy, Joyce, Sarah
**Money Counters:** Brad & Don
**Power Point:** Brayden
**Coffee & Rolls:**
**Mar.** 15: St. Patrick's Day Breakfast
**Mar.** 22: No Class—Spring Break

# ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCHES

## CORNING AND LENOX

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**March 7-8, 2026**

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

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**Visitation of the Sick** - Please call the parish office in Corning - 641-322-3363 or Lenox - 641-333-2565 - to arrange for Communion in your home.

**Confessions:**
**Lenox -** Sunday,8:00 -8:30 a.m.
**Corning** - Saturday, 5:00p.m.-5:30 p.m.
**Available anytime upon request**

**ROSARY**
**Corning**, Rosary Recitation every Tuesday at 11:00 a.m., before, NOON Mass, Saturday, 5: 00.pm. and Sunday at 10:00a.m.

**Mass Schedule**

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| C, Sat., Mar. 7 | 5:30 p.m. Levi & Elizabeth Green |
| L, Sun., March 8 | 8:30 a.m. Paul & Monica Lynam |
| C, Sun., March 8 | 10:30 a.m. Ed Larson |
| C, Tues., Mar. 10 | 12:00 (Noon) Richard & Irene Weis |
| L, Wed., Mar. 11 | 8:30 a.m. Don Chapman |
| C, Thurs., Mar. 12 | 12:00 (Noon) Ed & Jinx Amdor |
| L., Fri., Mar. 13 | 8:30 a.m. Father Mark Beard |
| C, Sat., Mar. 14 | 5:30 p.m. Theresa Durkin |
| L, Sun., March 15 | 8:30 a.m. Tom Lynam |
| C, Sun., March 15 | 10:30 a.m. People of our Parish |

**EXPOSITION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT**
**Corning**, First Thurs: 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.
**Lenox**, First Friday: 9.00.m.-10.00 a.m.

**SACRAMENTS**
**Marriage -** Arrangements should be made ASAP and at least six months before the wedding.
**Baptism -** Baptisms are held on the 3rd Sunday
**Lenox**, Rosary recitation every Wednesday and Friday after mass at 9:00 a.m. and Sunday at 8:00a.m.

## REFLECTION

### *THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT*

The first reading of today tells us of the ordeal of the Israelites in the wilderness. After four hundred and thirty years of slavery in Egypt, God came to deliver them (Ex 12, 40). Nevertheless, they grumbled against Moses and, consequently, against God because they were thirsty. God instructed Moses to strike the rock. From it, water came forth. The Israelites drank and were satisfied.

The rock Moses struck, and the water gushed from it allegorically prefigure Christ. He is both the rock of our salvation and our eternal living water. On this third Sunday of Lent, we also need a spiritual drink from the living water that flows from Christ, the Rock of Ages. Hence, we must: "Draw water from the well of salvation" (Is. 12:3) to quench our spiritual thirst this Lenten season.

In connection, Jesus in today's Gospel reading presents himself to the Samaritan woman as the Eternal Living Water. This underscores the importance of Christ in our life. The lesson from this is that we must not discriminate against people based on their race or culture. Jesus knew quite well who the woman was (a Samaritan) and her life history. However, he approached her for a drink. Jesus aimed to draw her closer to himself, the Eternal Living Water.

By breaking the silence and going against the social customs and prejudices between Jews and Samaritans, Jesus becomes the gift of God to this woman and her people. Like Jesus, therefore, we must be ready to take risks. This is by challenging the unjust rules of social structures and norms. It is by breaking down walls that excludes people and opens up possibilities to others. This is so that they can experience Christ.

Finally, the argument between Jesus and the woman represents the obstacles we must overcome to draw people to Christ, the Eternal Living Water. In other words, they represent the "Rational, stubbornness" that society will present to us before they finally yield to the gospel. However, if we are connected to Eternal Living Water, we shall have a better and more convincing witness without getting weary.

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***LENTEN QUOTE***

***Lent is more than just a self-improvement "project." It's an invitation to draw our hearts into closer union with Christ.***

## COMBINED ANNOUNCEMENTS

**FISH FRY DATES**

March 13th 5:30-7:00 p.m. Corning
March 27th 5:30-7:00 p.m. Corning

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Lenox—immediately following Sunday Mass
Corning—Fridays during Lent at 5:30 p.m.

**LENTEN COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION**

(confessions by visiting Priest)
March 18 – Corning 6:00 p.m.
March 25 – Lenox 6:00 p.m.

**FATHER IS AVAILABLE**

Contact Fr. Livinus for any concern during the March 11th – 24th Office Closings.

**FISH FRY IN MASSENA**

Friday, March 20th, 2026, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Massena from 5:00-7:00. Menu: Fish, Baked Potato, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Dinner Roll, Drink and for dessert is a Brownie Sundae or Angel Food Cake & Strawberries. Carry outs are also available. Free Will Offering.

## CORNING ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LENTEN PEACE PARADE—MARCH 25th**

This is a new event for 2026 and our need for peace in the Holy Land and throughout the world. A Soup Supper will be held at 5:30 p.m. with the Peace Parade from the Parish Center to the Church beginning at 6:00 p.m.

**OFFICE CLOSED**

Jane will be out of the office from March 11-23rd.

**2026 ADA**

If you have giiven to thee Annual Diocesan Appeal you should be receiving a notice in the mail. Our parish goal this year is $13,526.00

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT**

Nora Paul, Makenna Ramsey, Sean Hogan & Addy Morgan will be going to St. Thomas More Center for their Confirmation Retreat on March 28-29th.

**ST PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION**

The Parish Council along with the KC's and Altar Society will host an Irish Stew and Soda Bread meal on Tuesday, March 17th at 6 p.m.

**SYMPATHY**

Please keep the family of John Christensen in your prayers. He is the nephew of Rosie Bissell and passed away last week in Greenfield. May his soul and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace.

**IT IS TIME**

The KC's will pay $150 per child for registration at CYC for this summer. Registrations are due.

**CORNING PRAYER LIST**

Liam Morstorf Mary Moore Cathy Luther
Catie Hunter Casey McKee Doug Hardisty
Ben Schweers Hank Sorensen Dash Burr
John Hawks Karen Taylor Kathy Hogan
Marcella Gearheart Christopher Black
Deborah K Piper

## LENOX ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THANK YOU**

Our Fish Fry was a HUGE success thanks to everyone's willingness to help and share their time. We cleared approximately $1,500.00. A special thank you to the Corning Knights who prepared the fish for all of us to enjoy.

**APPEAL**

This year's Appeal is $16,235.00. Appeal cards have been attached to the bulletin. Please prayerfully consider you donation and turn back into the office. If we do not meet our goal the balance will have to come out of our operating account.

**OFFICE CLOSED** - The Lenox office will be closed March 11-23rd.

**CYO SCHEDULE**

No CYO March 11th or 18th.
No RE Classes on March 22 due to Spring Break

**LENTEN PROJECT** - We will be collecting toiletry and food items for the Neighborhood Center during Lent. Items needed are laundry, dish, and hand soap, paper towels, toilet paper, Kleenex, hamburger helper, flavored rice and noodles. Other items are also greatly appreciated. There are laundry baskets in the back of the church for items.

**LENOX PRAYER LIST**

Irene Ripperger Kenny Heim Nathan Harms
John Heim Camilla Perez Elvira Meny
Rachael Reed Paul Maynes Ben Schweers
Sergio Dozier Leslie Cerda Brandon Larimer
Stacy Callahan Brown Jack Wackernagle
David Hale Ben French Mary O'Riley
Michael Gray Wayne Haidsiak Andrea Rayhons
Cyrila Roberts Debbie Bradley Coleen Cruise