



# *St. Rose of Lima Parish*

## Quincy, Illinois

### **St. Patrick's Day Dinner at St. Rose**

### **Lenten Commutation**

Since 2009, St. Rose of Lima Parish has been celebrating its secondary patron saint, St. Patrick, with a dinner offering the traditional fare of cabbage and corned beef. This year, the Feast of St. Patrick (March 17), falls on a Friday in Lent. Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence. Abstinence obliges one to abstain from all meats and meat products. It applies to all Catholics who have reached the age of 14.

Wishing nevertheless to foster a joyful and reverent devotion to our patron saint, to honor the Irish people who sacrificed so much and built our magnificent church, a testimony to their great faith, I wish to grant an individual commutation of the law of abstinence to those parishioners or Catholic visitors attending the St. Patrick's Day dinner at St Rose (can. 1245). They may eat meat only at this meal and must abstain from meat the rest of the day. They must also abstain from meat at another meal that week. This applies also to those who might eat their meal outside the parish property (carry-outs). No special request is required as I will consider your sharing our St. Patrick's Dinner as an implicit request.

This individual dispensation does not extend to Catholics who live across the river and belongs to the neighboring Dioceses of Jefferson-City, MO and Davenport, IA as they are already dispensed from abstinence by their Bishop. In the latter diocese, if you decide to eat meat on St. Patrick's feast, you must abstain from meat another day of the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of Lent. For other dioceses, please contact your parish. This dispensation does not extend to Catholics of this diocese who do not share in this festal St. Patrick celebration at St. Rose. However, these Catholics, for a just reason, may request an individual dispensation from their own Parish priest.

This dispensation does not remove the obligation to undertake works of penance during the rest of the Lenten season. Every weekday of Lent is a day of penance.

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<http://www.diojeffcity.org/headline/bishop-offers-one-time-lenten-dispensation-for-st-patricks-day/>

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