



**Cross Catholic
OUTREACH**

Delivering Food, Shelter and Hope to the Poorest of the Poor

Water for Life

Join Our Parish's Lenten Almsgiving Project

The season of Lent challenges us to unite in sacrifice. It's a time to listen intently to Jesus' call on our lives and find ways to share his love in our hurting world. This Lent, our parish is joining Catholics across the U.S. to raise money for lifesaving water projects in Africa. Our alms will help Cross Catholic Outreach build 145 community water systems, blessing **238,903 people** with a lifetime supply of safe, clean water.



Glory drinks water drawn from a narrow stream in Malawi's Diocese of Karonga.

Project Plan

Our donations will set a series of steps in motion, resulting in safe, abundant water!

1. A local nomination process will be used to select villages with the greatest need for clean water. This often involves collaboration among Church leaders, village chiefs and medical professionals.
2. The land will be surveyed to determine the ideal location for a community water system.
3. Plans will be finalized based on local needs — whether it's for a simple hand-pump community well or a solar-powered water tower.
4. A professional crew will drill to the proper depth, ensuring water will flow during the dry season.
5. Villages will elect a committee to oversee the care and sustainability of the water source, and families will be trained in sanitation and hygiene practices.
6. Families will contribute a small payment to their local water committee to cover future maintenance needs, ensuring clean water will flow for many years to come.

Scan the code or visit [CrossCatholic.org/Lent](https://www.CrossCatholic.org/Lent) to learn how you can transform lives in Africa this Lent!





Pray. Fast. Share a Glass.

Your Lenten almsgiving can change the lives of girls like Patricia, who lives in Chilipapa Village in northern Malawi. When Cross Catholic Outreach met Patricia, she wanted to know if children in America also walk long distances to rivers and streams to collect drinking water for their families. Patricia has struggled with terrible illnesses from contaminated water, which makes it difficult for her to attend school regularly. She wants to be a teacher someday, and the gift of clean water can help put her goal within reach.

Your gift will support Cross Catholic Outreach's lifesaving projects in Ghana, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Zambia and Eswatini.

WATER & HEALTH

- Build 145 community water systems tailored to local needs, ranging from low-maintenance hand-pump boreholes to solar-powered water systems with elephant-resistant elevated storage tanks.
- Train families in sanitation and hygiene practices and create water committees in each community to protect and maintain water sources.
- Build a health center, offer mobile medical clinics, provide medical supplies, and construct latrines in rural Malawi.
- Ship health supplies, such as medicines, vitamins, diapers and blankets, to orphaned children and vulnerable families in Eswatini and Zambia.

SPIRITUAL OUTREACH

- Provide Bibles and catechism books and offer ecumenical workshops in Malawi.
- Offer prayer and Bible study workshops for community leaders and provide Bibles to families in Zambia.



Patricia is shown here at the Chahuwa Stream, which is her family's source of water for drinking, cooking, bathing and cleaning.

Looking for family-friendly Lent activities?

Visit CrossCatholic.org/Lent for a 2025 activity guide and donate today.

A gift of \$105 provides clean water for life for a family of five!