



**Cross Catholic
OUTREACH**

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

Wells of Salvation

Our Lenten Outreach



“When it rains, we draw muddy water. We are drinking together with animals, and you can even see the animal droppings all around,” Agnes Mwanja mourns. “My girls go to school in dirty uniforms.”

Agnes, 35, is a hardworking subsistence farmer and mother of five living in northern Malawi. Without a safe water source, Agnes and her daughters toil exhaustively to find something — anything — to drink. The family typically makes six back-and-forth trips to the Wibogholo River, a small body of water that is teeming with dirt, debris and bacteria.

Still, Agnes gives thanks when she can find water at all. During Malawi’s dry season, the Wibogholo River evaporates into nothing, so Agnes must walk four hours in hopes of filling her buckets at the distant Upiwo River. Snakes and leopards lie along the path, adding another element of danger to an already strenuous journey.

Agnes prays for the day when her daughters will be able to quench their thirst without risking waterborne diseases or wild animal attacks... and we believe God can answer her prayers through us! **This Lent, our parish is working with Cross Catholic Outreach to share the mercy of Christ by providing deep, clean wells — as well as safe sanitation and empowering educational opportunities — for families in dire need.**



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Help Quench Thirst and Build a Brighter Future This Lent

Families in Ghana, Malawi and Zambia often long for a sip of safe water. With no access to clean sources, they struggle each day to collect the water they need and often suffer from painful diseases when they must draw from a contaminated stream or shallow well.

These families face other crushing hardships too. Most lack sanitary bathrooms, and their schools and other essential facilities are crumbling into disrepair. That's why our parish is partnering with Cross Catholic Outreach to help build a brighter future for poor communities. Meaningful devotions and fundraising activities will help you apply your **prayers, fasting and almsgiving** to transform lives with:

-  **CLEAN WATER** Your support will **install 65 wells** to provide clean water for four communities in Ghana, six communities in Malawi and 55 communities in Zambia. It will also **repair an insufficient water system** in Zambia and **build eight sanitary latrines** in Ghana.
-  **EDUCATION** You will improve access to Catholic education in Ghana by **constructing one three-classroom kindergarten, two three-classroom junior high schools and housing for teachers**. You will also **repair a primary school** that has suffered severe storm damage.
-  **SPIRITUAL OUTREACH** You will help **construct one multipurpose building** in Ghana to host Catholic spiritual formation activities and various classes. Your support will **share the hope of Christ** with suffering families and answer their prayers for relief.

Visit CrossCatholic.org/clean-water to access the digital Lent Activity Guide and make a donation today.

Your participation in this outreach will bless nearly 52,000 people!

BEFORE



In the Diocese of Chipata, Zambia, Dorothy Lungu used to collect water from this murky pond.

AFTER



Today, she can pump crystal-clear water from a safe hand-pump well!