

# St. JOHN & PAUL II CATHOLIC PARISH

956 S. 10th Ave., Kankakee, Illinois 60901 815-933-7683

WELCOME to the family ~ BIENVENIDO a la familia

THIRD SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT  
*Joy*



Third Sunday of Advent - December 17, 2023

## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

St. John Paul II Church  
907 S. 9th Ave., Kankakee, IL 60901

### SATURDAY/SÁBADO

English - 4:30 pm Vigil Mass  
Español - 6:00 pm Misa de Vigilia

### SUNDAY/DOMINGO

English - 8:00 am, 9:30 am,  
11:30 am & 5:00 pm  
Español - 1:00 pm  
Latin - 3:00 pm  
Sunday Vespers - 6:30 pm

## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

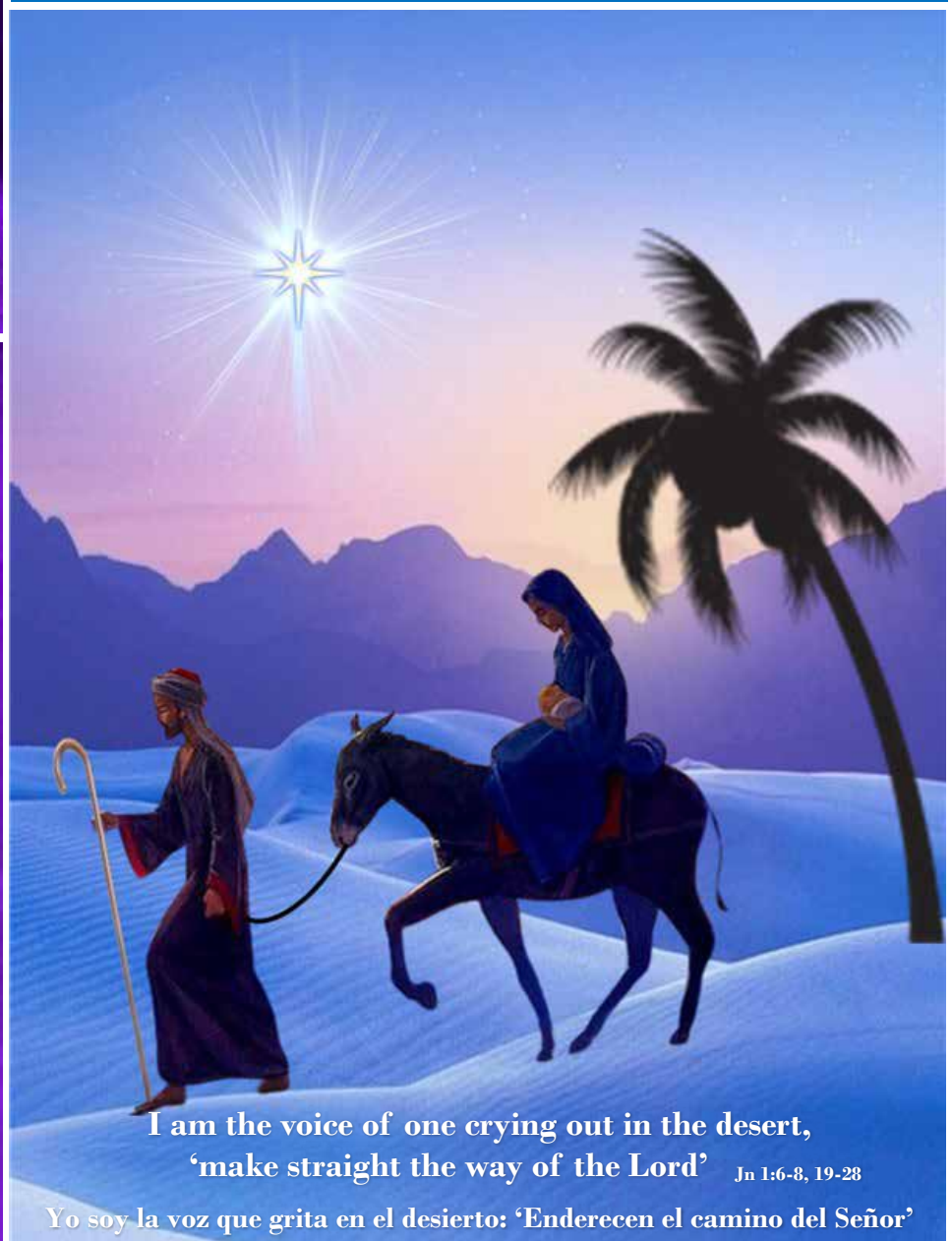
English - Monday-Friday at 7:30 am  
Saturday 8:00 am

Español - Martes 6:00 pm  
Primer Viernes 7:00 pm

Latin - Wednesday & Friday 12:00 pm  
First Saturday at 9:00 am

## CONFESSIONS

Conference Room  
Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm  
Tuesday/Thursday 5:00-5:45 pm



I am the voice of one crying out in the desert,  
'make straight the way of the Lord' Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

Yo soy la voz que grita en el desierto: 'Enderecen el camino del Señor'

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Sunday is different from the other Sundays of Advent. Today, the candle on the Advent wreath and the vestments of the priests and deacons take a break from purple, a color which symbolizes penitence and preparation, and are adorned in rose (or pink). None of the other Sundays in Advent have a name, but today is “Gaudete Sunday”—Gaudete is Latin for “Rejoice!” We take a break from the nighttime purple of Advent to rejoice with the color rose as the light of the Son of God begins to dawn. The coming of Christ on Christmas is near, and the feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is the cause of our joy, is quickly approaching.

So what does this Sunday tell us about the rest of Advent? We need this Sunday because, practically, we need a glimpse of Christmas joy and a reminder that the reason for our preparation, the coming of our beloved Savior, will soon be here. It focuses us. Advent is not a mini and pre-emptive Christmas season. Rather, it is a season of preparation and waiting. Waiting is an act of hope by which we create and prepare a space to receive the one we expect, in this case Jesus Christ. As the church moves from being a somewhat silent space to being filled with decorations and instruments in celebration of the joyful feast of our Lord’s Nativity, let us do the same. During this Advent, have we created that space to receive our Lord? Have we set aside time for prayer? Have we prepared our souls to receive Christ anew through the sacrament of penance and reconciliation? Have we stopped to reflect on the lights and evergreens as a reminder of the radiant coming of Christ, the author of life? The lights, trees, bows, presents, and parties are not the end, but they assist us in our celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Let us receive Him anew! While the world is always being distracted by constant movement, chaos, and conflicts, it received its Creator and Savior in the silence and stillness of the night in the little town of Bethlehem. Let us continue to create that serene, quiet, and trusting place in our lives so that we may receive with great joy our Beloved Lord Jesus Christ: “Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near” (Phil. 4:4-5).

In Christ,  
Fr. Matt



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Este domingo es diferente de los otros domingos de Adviento. Hoy, la vela en la corona de adviento y las vestiduras de los sacerdotes y diáconos descansan del morado, que simboliza la penitencia y la preparación, y se adornan en rosa. Ninguno de los otros domingos en Adviento tiene un nombre, pero hoy es el "Domingo Gaudete". Gaudete en latín significa "¡Alégrate!" La luz de Dios comienza a brillar. La venida de Cristo en Navidad está cerca y la fiesta de la Natividad de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que es la causa de nuestro gozo, se acerca rápidamente.

Entonces, ¿qué nos dice este domingo sobre el resto del Adviento? Necesitamos este domingo porque, en la práctica, necesitamos un vistazo de la alegría navideña y un recordatorio de que el propósito de nuestra preparación, la venida de nuestro Salvador, pronto estará aquí. Nos enfoca. El Adviento no se define como una temporada navideña diminuta ni preventiva. Más bien, es una temporada de preparación y esperanza. Esperar es un acto de esperanza por medio del cual creamos y preparamos un espacio para recibir al que esperamos, en este caso Jesucristo. Mientras la iglesia pasa de ser un espacio un tanto silencioso a llenarse de adornos e instrumentos para celebrar la alegre fiesta de la Natividad de nuestro Señor, hagamos nosotros lo mismo. Durante este Adviento, ¿hemos creado espacio para recibir a nuestro Señor? ¿Hemos reservado tiempo para la oración? ¿Hemos preparado nuestras almas para recibir a Cristo nuevamente a través del sacramento de la penitencia y la reconciliación? ¿Hemos reflexionado de las luces y los árboles como recordatorios de la radiante venida de Cristo, el autor de la vida? Las luces, los árboles, los moños, los regalos y las fiestas no son todo, pero nos ayudan en nuestra celebración del nacimiento de Jesucristo. ¡Recibámoslo nuevamente! Mientras que el mundo está siempre distraído con el constante movimiento, el caos y los conflictos, recibe a su Creador y Salvador en el silencio y la quietud de la noche en la pequeña ciudad de Belén. Sigamos creando un lugar sereno, tranquilo y confiado en nuestras vidas para que podamos recibir con gran alegría a Jesucristo, nuestro Señor: “Alégrense siempre en el Señor; se los repito: ¡alégrense! El Señor está cerca” (Fil. 4: 4-5).

En Cristo,  
Padre Mateo



The candle in the sanctuary is burning  
in memory of  
**ROBERTO ESPARZA SR.**  
By: Ricardo Esparza

### HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME PARISHIONERS

#### ASBURY SUPPORTIVE LIVING:

**BICKFORD:** Barbara Ciccio

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**RIVERSIDE SENIOR LIFE/MEMORY CARE:**

**SENIOR CARE:** David Africano

**WESTWOOD OAKS:** Eileen Dupuis, Desiree Grant

### PRAYING WITH INTENTION FOR THE SICK

~ Alan & Jackie LaRoche	~ Juan Isaac Solis
~ Alice Ramien	~ Kathy Call
~ Anabelle Beedle	~ Kathy Dechenne
~ Abigail Beedle	~ Kelli Burson
~ Angela Benitez	~ Kevin Metschuleit
~ Antonio Dominguez	~ Magdalena Salazar
~ Betty Mulvihill	~ Margaret Bialas
~ Bill Cox	~ Maria Toledo
~ Bob Crane	~ Mia Martin
~ Bob Sowell	~ Naomi
~ Charlene Russell	~ Nicky Frey
~ Craig Robinson	~ Nicole & David
~ Colleen Kilbride	~ Pat Crane
~ Daniel Wulffe	~ Patty Lamie
~ Darby Thomas	~ Rafael Moreno
~ Debbie Turner	~ Raquel Garcia
~ Desiree Grant	~ Robert & Kathy Lenzi
~ Donna Paquette	~ Ron Talamantes
~ Elia López	~ Russell Westover
~ Eric McEroy	~ Sharon Burton
~ Eula Mae Goselin	~ Steve Schultz
~ Gloria Mendez	~ Sylvia Martinez
~ Harry Carpenter	~ Ted & Phyllis Bergeron
~ Joe Petronio	~ Tom Sauch
~ José Luis Delgadillo	~ Vito Scafiezzo
~ Jose de Jesus Isaac Solis	~ Willis Buchholz
~ Josefina Vazquez	

**PRAYER LINE INFORMATION:** For your prayer requests, please call **Ann Wheeler at 815-932-7938** or, email **Barb Jepson at wbjepson69@gmail.com**

\*\*\* The Intention of this list is to pray for the seriously ill. Please help us keep the list updated by calling us with any changes. Thank You!  
*La intención de esta lista es rezar por quienes están seriamente enfermos. Ayúdenos a mantenerla actualizada llamándonos. ¡Gracias!*

## MASS INTENTIONS

Week of December 16 – December 24

### Saturday, December 16

8:00 am † Phillip Czernik (*Paula Czernik & Family*)  
4:30 pm † Pam Bierbaum (*Koerner Family*)  
6:00 pm Por Toda la Gente de la Parroquia

### Sunday, December 17

8:00 am † Ardelle Norgaard  
(*Ron & Pat Hansen & Family*)  
9:30 am † George Faber (*Tim & Pam Ravens*)  
† Bill Powers (*Frances Powers*)  
† Debra Lee Lystila Linder (*Judy Nowman*)  
† Veronica Carlson (*Kathy Dechenne*)  
11:30 am † Jim Kresl (*Katy Kresl & Decker Family*)  
1:00 pm † Evangelina Mendez  
(*Gabriel & Lupita Mendez*)  
† Jaime Lopez (*Jose Lopez*)  
3:00 pm † Patricia Nelson (*Greg & Julie Azzarelli*)  
5:00 pm † Jenora Demers (*Don Demers*)

### Monday, December 18

7:30 am Dulce Maria Salazar  
(*Jeiel & Elizabeth Salazar*)

### Tuesday, December 19

7:30 am † Stephen Lavgevin  
(*Sara & Shawn Crosswhite*)  
6:00 pm Miguel & Irma Castillo (*Silvia Esparza*)

### Wednesday, December 20

7:30 am † Ardelle Norgaard (*Betty Azzarelli*)  
12:00 pm † Suzanne McCabe (*Teresa Pfeiffer*)

### Thursday, December 21

7:30 am Duffy & Veronica Carlson (*Kathy Dechenne*)

### Friday, December 22

7:30 am † Barbara Azzarelli (*Betty Azzarelli*)  
12:00 pm † Ron Dionne (*Margaret Joubert*)

### Saturday, December 23

8:00 am † Charles "Bud" Birr (*Birr Family*)  
4:30 pm † John F. Azzarelli (*Betty Azzarelli*)  
6:00 pm † Carmelo Ramírez Carrillo  
(*Gumesindo Rubio Sánchez*)

### Sunday, December 24

7:00 am For All the Sick People of the Parish  
8:00 am † Frank & Anna Einfeldt (*Family*)  
9:30 am † Kenneth C. Emling  
(*Claudia, Brian & Caroline Noe*)  
† Vearl Brouillet (*His Children*)  
† Anna Mae & † Duane Boyd  
(*Madeline Bouchard*)  
11:30 am † Derek Ader (*Carol Ader*)  
1:00 pm Familia Esparza Castillo  
(*Ricardo & Silvia Esparza*)  
† Nicolás Pérez (*María Ángela Pérez*)  
4:00 pm † Deceased Members of the Grant Family  
(*Aunt Patsy*)  
6:00 pm Maria Felix & Loreto Castillo (*Familia*)  
8:00 pm Muffy Stamper (*Sue Serafini*)

# ST. JOHN PAUL II DIRECTORY



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- Julie Busken - Chairperson
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- Bob Kerness
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- Cheryl Walsh - Secretary
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- Mickey Kreissler
- Tom Martin
- Ryan Carter

**OFFICE HOURS**  
Monday–Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

**HORARIO DE OFICINA**  
Lunes–Jueves 9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Viernes 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Please call 815-933-7683 + Extension.  
Call the parish office and PRESS the # button  
In case of a death or a near death emergency  
and you need a priest.

*Marque 815-93397683 + Extensión.  
Llame al número y presione la Tecla # en caso  
de una emergencia de muerte y necesita un  
sacerdote.*

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**Our Shepherd's Clothing Closet:** Teri O'Connor 815-693-9152

**Hearts of Hope Youth Group:** Michelle & Ken Barrie 815-382-8130

## OFFERING/OFRENDA

December 9 & 10, 2023

\$9,831.00

- 177 Envelopes/32 - On Line Donors (\$1,351) -

(This information is being provided to keep you updated)

**Monthly School Subsidy to BMCS: \$6,279.00**

**Monthly Diocesan Assessment: \$3,451.00**

**Monthly Contribution Envelope Cost/Sobres: \$435**

**Our goal each week is/ Meta Semanal: \$10,962.00**

**THANK YOU GRACIAS**

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**\*\*\*Please email bulletin requests to the above e-mail at least one week before the weekend requested.**

## Time, Talent & Treasure

### Fostering Stewardship as a way of life

In gratitude for preparing and decorating the altar for the Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we recognize and gratefully acknowledge and salute:

**Sheryl Scanlon & Teri O'Connor**

## Tiempo, Talento & Tesoro

### Fomentando la Corresponsabilidad como forma de vida

En agradecimiento por preparar y decorar el altar para la Celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, reconocemos agradecemos y saludamos a:

**Israel & Rosario Lira**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Mon. December 18

Monday of the Third Week of Advent

RI - Jer 23:5-8

G - Mt 1:18-25

### Tues. December 19

RI - Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a

G - Lk 1:5-25

### Weds. December 20

RI - Is 7:10-14

G - Lk 1:26-38

### Thurs. December 21

RI - Sg 2:8-14

G - Lk 1:39-45

### Friday, December 22

RI - 1 Sm 1:24-28

G - Lk 1:46-56

### Saturday, December 23

RI - Mal 3:1-4, 23-24

G - Lk 1:57-66

### Sunday, December 24

Fourth Sunday of Advent

RI - 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

R2 - Rom 16:25-27

G - Lk 1:26-38



## SACRAMENTS

**Baptism:** Classes are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month in the church, please call to register; Baptisms are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month or after Mass.

**Weddings:** Marriage Preparation begins at least 6 months in advance; please schedule a meeting with Fr. Matt for details (before finalizing other wedding plans).

## SACRAMENTOS

**Bautismo:** Llame a la oficina parroquial y regístrese para las pláticas pre-bautismales; los bautismos son el 4o sábado del mes, después de misa o en otra fecha disponible.

**Bodas:** La preparación comienza por lo menos 6 meses antes; Programe una cita con el Padre Matt para más detalles (antes de finalizar otros planes de su boda).

## THIS WEEK AT JPII

December 18 - 24

### Monday, December 18

12:00-5:00 pm	Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament
5:30 pm	Rosary Making Committee
6:00 pm	Práctica del Coro de Niños
7:00 pm	Posada Navideña - Holy Family Hall

### Tuesday, December 19

9:00 am	Lisieux-Clothing Closet
10:00 am	<b>Fatima Rosary Group</b>
11:00 am	Living Word Bible Study
5:00 pm	Confessions
6:00 - 7:30 pm	Faith Formation Program - Advent Reconciliation
7:00 pm	Posada Navideña - Holy Family Hall
7:00 pm	Living Word Bible Study
7:30 pm	Class - Sacrament of Initiation for Adults

### Wednesday, December 20

6:00 - 7:30 pm	Faith Formation Program - Advent Reconciliation
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### Thursday, December 21

5:00 pm	Confessions
6:30 pm	Adult Choir Practice
7:00 pm	Encuentros Juveniles
7:00 pm	Posada Navideña - Holy Family Hall

### Friday, December 22

9:00 am	Food Pantry - East Campus
10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry
4:00 pm	Arts & Environment - Christmas Nativity
7:00 pm	Posada Navideña - Holy Family Hall

### Saturday, December 23

12:00 pm	Young on Fire Rosary - Live Stream
3:30 pm	Confessions
7:00 pm	Posada Navideña - Holy Family Hall

### Sunday, December 24

7:00 am	Mass (Latin)
8:00 am	Regular Mass (English)
9:30 am	Regular Mass (English)
11:30 am	Regular Mass (English)
1:00 pm	Misa Regular (Español)
<b>4:00 pm</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Mass (English)</b>
<b>6:00 pm</b>	<b>Misa de Noche Buena (Español)</b>
<b>8:00 pm</b>	<b>Christmas Eve Mass (English)</b>

### Monday, December 25

<b>12:00 am</b>	<b>Midnight Mass (Prelude - 11:30 pm)</b>
<b>8:00 am</b>	<b>Christmas Mass (Latin)</b>
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Christmas Mass (English)</b>
<b>12:00 pm</b>	<b>Misa de Navidad (Español)</b>

*Merry Christmas*





Del 16 al 23 de Diciembre a las 7:00 pm  
en el Holy Family Hall (Sótano)

## YOUNG ON FIRE

ANNUAL SERVICE HOLIDAY PROJECT  
Hats, Mittens, Gloves & Scarfs



Please donate items  
throughout December.

They will be distributed at the  
Good Shepard Clothing Closet on  
January 5th.

Favor de donarlos durante  
diciembre.

Serán distribuidos en el  
Armarío de Ropa el 5 de enero.

Collection containers will be located at the back of church,  
on the counter in the front foyer, and in our parish office.

*Habrà contenedores atràs de la iglesia, en el mostrador del  
pasillo y en la oficina parroquial.*

\*Not only is there a need for youth sizes, this year there is  
a great need for men and women's sizes.

Thank you so much!

\*No solo se  
necesitan para  
niños, este año hay  
una gran necesidad  
de medidas para  
adultos.

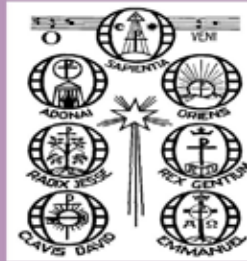
Muchas Gracias!



### ADVENT ANTIPHONS

WITH VESPERS AND BENEDICTION

Sunday, December 17, 2023, at 6:30pm—7:30pm



Adoration; Brief Meditations on the  
Antiphon Titles, each followed by a  
verse of *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*;  
Vespers (Evening Prayer); Benediction;  
Cookies and Hot Cocoa

To focus on Jesus as Christmas draws  
near, we will meditate on who He is and  
His 7 titles: Wisdom • Lord • Root of  
Jesse • Key of David • Dayspring • King  
of the Nations • Emmanuel

## A CHRISTMAS PRAYER FOR YOU

May knowing Jesus bring you  
PEACE to bless each day  
HOPE for each tomorrow  
and JOY in every season

From Bishop McNamara Catholic School



## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE / CALENDARIO LITÚRGICO

MINISTRY	Saturday, December 23 Sábado, 23 de Diciembre		Sunday, December 24 Domingo, 24 de Diciembre			
	4:30 pm	6:00 pm Español	8:00 am	9:30 am	11:30 am	1:00 pm Español
LECTOR	Danute Sheehan	Norma Sánchez Rogelio Benítez	Thomas Lamie	Virginia Marsick	Cynthia Somerville	Ricardo Valtierra Rogelio Canchola
USHERS JUICERS	David Montague	Sanjuana Valadez María Medina Angélica M. Serna Susana Pérez Kathy Teclamar	David Lystila Brenda Lystila	Deb Groth Rende Langlois Charlotte Nolte Janice Shenk	Rosa Gonzalez Pedro Gonzalez	José Hernández Rosalina Tonacatl Israel Lorenzo Maricela Lorenzo
COMMUNION MINISTERS			Julie Yarno Teri O'Connor	Fran Powers Sheryl Scanlon		Rogelio Canchola Fidel Villagran Ema Elvir
GREETER				Joyce Raspolich		
SACRISTAN	Mary Causer	Antonio & Angélica Serna	Kathy Bessette	Deb Groth & Sharon Jackson	Pedro González	Lupita Méndez Gabriel Méndez
ALTAR SERVERS	Need Volunteers	Jade Carrera Diaz Abilene Franquiz Miguel Sanchez	Need Volunteers	Julian Cortez Pedro Vazquez	Damian Ramirez Aaron Ramirez	Mariana Cabrales Cynthia Canchola Emily Canchola

### WEEKDAY MINISTERS / MINISTROS DE LA SEMANA

DATES	LECTOR	SACRISTAN
Dec. 18 - 23	Cheryl Heldt	Flor Rojas
Martes 19	Marcela Andrade	Antonio & Angelica Serna

Linens/Lienzos: Weeks of December 17 & 24: Mickey Kreissler

**KANKAKEE DEANERY  
COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**  
Saturday, January 6, 2024

# JOY

in January

11:00 AM Registration  
12:00 PM Luncheon

Kankakee Country Club  
2011 Cobb Blvd.  
Kankakee, IL

**Cost is \$35.00 per Person**  
Please make checks Payable to:  
St. John Paul II CCW

### CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE HORARIO DE MISAS NAVIDEÑAS

**December 24 (Christmas Eve / Noche Buena)**  
4:00 pm • 6:00 pm (Español) • 8:00 pm

**December 25 (Christmas Day / Navidad)**  
12:00 am Midnight (Prelude beginning at 11:30 pm)  
8:00 am Latin Low Mass with Cello  
10:00 am • 12:00 pm (Español)

In addition to the regular Mass Schedule

## Azzarelli Outreach Clinic

Could you spare 3 hours each month to help at the Azzarelli Clinic? If so, we would love to discuss volunteer opportunities with you. In order to continue our mission of serving the uninsured and underinsured, we need the following volunteers:

- Translators
- Front desk Receptionists
- LPN (licensed)
- RN (licensed)
- Medical Assistants or EMTs
- Physicians
- Nurse Practitioners (certified)



**Holiday  
BUCKS**

Help families  
in your community have a  
great holiday!

**Jewel  
Osco**

**TO PARTICIPATE GO TO:**  
Jewel-Osco, 446 S Washington Ave., Kankakee

If you can't make it to Jewel, MAKE A CHECK TO:  
St John Paul II Parish -marked Turkey Dinner-  
MAIL IT TO: LISIEUX OUTREACH CENTER,  
371 N St Joseph Ave Kankakee, IL 60901

Please see it in your heart to donate  
and help us feed families in need.  
We are truly grateful for your continued support.

# FAITH FORMATION

**Sunday Vespers & Benediction** - Every Sunday - 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm: Vespers (Evening Prayer) consisting of praying with psalms and scripture. It ends with Benediction with the Blessed



Every Monday/Cada Lunes  
12:00 - 5:00 pm  
First Friday / Primer Viernes  
8:00 am- 6:00 pm  
Nocturnal Adoration/Adoración Nocturna  
First Saturday / Primer Sábado  
8:00 pm-2:00 am

## Devociones Mensuales en Español

- 1er sábado: Adoración Nocturna a las 8:00 pm
- 1er sábado: Rosario después de misa de 6:00 pm
- 2do sábado del mes: Hora Santa de La Divina Misericordia después de misa de 6:00 pm
- Devociones al Sagrado Corazón: Después de misa del primer viernes del mes de 7:00 pm.

## THE LIVING WORD BIBLE STUDY

LIVESTREAM: Gospel of Matthew  
Monday - Friday 10:00 am & Saturday 9:00 am  
Facebook: St. John Paul II  
- The Living Word Bible Study Kankakee  
YouTube: The Living Word Bible Study Kankakee  
IN PERSON: Tuesday 11:00 am - 12:00 pm (1st Letter of John)  
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm (The Book SIRACH)



**Rosary Group**  
— TUESDAYS —  
at 10:00 a.m. in Church



**CATHOLIC PRO-LIFE community**  
CREATED TO LOVE. COMMITTED TO LIFE.

Please contact Cathy Langlois with any question at 815-545-2184 / Email: cathyslanglois@gmail.com



Carmelites

## Seeking a Deeper Spiritual Life?

Prayerfully consider attending a Lay Carmelite Community meeting.

Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 9:00 am  
JP2 Conference Room

All are Welcome!!

More Info? Call/Text 815-592-1181 Theresa Doehring



Questions: Call Laurie Mau 815-933-8859



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Future dates/Fechas Futuras:

**Monday, December 18**

Lunes, 18 de Diciembre

5:30 - 7:00 pm

**Saturday, December 23**

Sábado, 23 de Diciembre

8:30 - 10:00 am

JP2 Conference Room

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*Come Learn about the Life of  
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**Thursday, January 18, 2024**  
6:00 - Potluck Dinner  
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Fr. Jogues returned to France after being captured and tortured by the Mohawks. He eventually left France once more to again minister in the New World, where he was martyred. He was canonized in 1930, along with the seven other North American Martyrs.

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**Saturday, December 16th**  
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## VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR

December 18-24

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- 18 Dcns. Joseph Urso, Glenn Vanek, Joseph Verdico, Herbert Waldron, Robert Wallace
- 19 Dcns. Randy Waring, Douglas Wells, Charles Woods
- 20 Sr. Janet Tucci OSF
- 21 Sr. Helen Vahling OSF, Sr. Rita Vahling OSF
- 22 Seminarian Jonathan Hernandez and Seminarian Colin McGarel
- 23 Dcns. Gary Wooley, Duane Wozek
- 24 Dcns. Ronald Yurcus, Robert Ziomek

*Vocations are born in prayer and from prayer; and only through prayer can they persevere and bear fruit.*

Pope Francis

## VOCATION PRAYER

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Prayer for Vocations by Pope Francis

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