

St. JOHN & PAUL II CATHOLIC PARISH

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WELCOME to the family ~ BIENVENIDO a la familia

FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
Love



*"For unto you is
born this day in the
city of David a
Savior which is
Christ the Lord"*

*"Porque os ha nacido
hoy, en la ciudad de
David, un Salvador,
que es Cristo el
Señor"*

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 24, 2023



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this Fourth Sunday of Advent/Christmas Eve: Merry Christmas! On behalf of Fr. Roy, Fr. John, the deacons, the parish staff, and myself, I would like to wish all of you and your loved ones a very Merry and Blessed Christmas. As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, I hope that the following words of our patron, Pope St. John Paul II, given on Christmas of 2003, will give us a better understanding and a deeper joy of the great feast we prepare to celebrate on December 25th.

In Christ,
Fr. Matt

1. *Descendit de caelis Salvator mundi. Gaudeamus!* The Savior of the world has come down from heaven. Let us rejoice! This proclamation, filled with deep rejoicing, echoed in the night of Bethlehem. Today the Church renews it with unchanged joy: The Savior is born for us! A wave of tenderness and hope fills our hearts, together with an overpowering need for closeness and peace. In the crib we contemplate the One who stripped himself of divine glory in order to become poor, driven by love for mankind. Beside the crib the Christmas tree, with its twinkling lights, reminds us that with the birth of Jesus the tree of life has blossomed anew in the desert of humanity. The crib and the tree: precious symbols, which hand down in time the true meaning of Christmas!

2. In the heavens there echoes the proclamation of the angels: "To you is born in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Lk 2:11). What wonder! By being born in Bethlehem, the Eternal Son of God has entered into the history of each person living on the face of the earth. He is now present in the world as the one Savior of humanity. For this reason, we pray to him: Savior of the world, save us!

3. Save us from the great evils which rend humanity in these first years of the third millennium. Save us from the wars and armed conflicts which lay waste whole areas of the world, from the scourge of terrorism and from the many forms of violence which assail the weak and the vulnerable. Save us from discouragement as we face the paths to peace, difficult paths indeed, yet possible and therefore necessary; paths which are always and everywhere urgent, especially in the Land where You were born, the Prince of Peace.

4. And you, Mary, the Virgin of expectation and fulfilment, who hold the secret of Christmas, make us able to recognize in the Child whom you hold in your arms the heralded Savior, who brings hope and peace to all. With you we worship him and trustingly say: we need You, Redeemer of man, You who know the hopes and fears of our hearts. Come and stay with us, Lord! May the joy of your Nativity reach to the farthest ends of the universe!

In Christ,
Fr. Matt



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

En este Cuarto Domingo de Adviento/Nochebuena: ¡Feliz Navidad! En nombre del Padre Roy, Padre John, los diáconos, el personal de la parroquia, y mío, me gustaría desearles a todos ustedes y a sus seres queridos una muy feliz y bendecida Navidad. Al celebrar el nacimiento de nuestro Salvador, espero que las siguientes palabras, dichas la Navidad del 2003 por nuestro patrono, el Papa San Juan

Pablo II, nos den una mejor comprensión y una alegría más profunda de la gran fiesta que nos preparamos para celebrar el 25 de diciembre.

En Cristo,
Padre Mateo

1. *Descendit de caelis Salvator mundi. ¡Gaudeamus!* Bajó del cielo el Salvador del mundo. ¡Alegrémonos! Este anuncio, lleno de un profundo gozo, resonó en la noche de Belén. Hoy la Iglesia lo reitera con alegría inmutable: ¡Ha nacido para nosotros el Salvador! Una ola de ternura y esperanza nos llena el ánimo, junto con una profunda necesidad de intimidad y paz. En el pesebre contemplamos a Aquél que se despojó de la gloria divina para hacerse pobre, movido por el amor al hombre. Junto al pesebre, el árbol de Navidad con el centelleo de sus luces, nos recuerda que con el nacimiento de Jesús florece de nuevo el árbol de la vida en el desierto de la humanidad. El pesebre y el árbol: símbolos preciosos, que transmiten a lo largo del tiempo el verdadero sentido de la Navidad.

2. Resuena en el cielo el anuncio de los ángeles: "En la ciudad de David, os ha nacido un salvador, que es el Cristo Señor" (Lc 2,11). ¡Qué asombro! Naciendo en Belén, el Hijo eterno de Dios entró en la historia de cada persona que vive sobre la faz de la tierra. Ya está presente en el mundo como único Salvador de la humanidad. Por esto nosotros le pedimos: ¡Salvador del mundo, sálvanos!

3. Sálvanos de los grandes males que afligen a la humanidad al inicio del tercer milenio. Sálvanos de las guerras y de los conflictos armados que devastan regiones enteras del globo; sálvanos de la plaga del terrorismo y de las numerosas formas de violencia que torturan a personas débiles vulnerables. Sálvanos del desánimo al emprender los caminos de la paz, ciertamente difíciles, pero posibles y por lo tanto necesarios; caminos apremiantes, siempre y doquier, sobre todo en la tierra donde naciste Tú, Príncipe de la Paz.

4. Y tú, María, Virgen de la espera y del cumplimiento, que conservas el secreto de la Navidad, haznos capaces de reconocer en el Niño, que estrechas en tus brazos, al Salvador anunciado, que trae a todos la esperanza y la paz. Contigo lo adoramos y decimos confiados: tenemos necesidad de ti, Redentor del hombre, que conoces las expectativas y ansias de nuestro corazón. ¡Ven y permanece con nosotros, Señor! Que la alegría de tu Navidad llegue hasta los últimos confines del universo.

En Cristo,
Padre Mateo



The candle in the sanctuary is burning
in memory of
THERESE FALKENHAN
By: Her Family

HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME PARISHIONERS

ASBURY SUPPORTIVE LIVING:

BICKFORD: Barbara Ciaccio

BOURBONNAIS GROVE: Lavonne Linneman

BUTTERFIELD COURT: Pat Canfield

HERITAGE WOODS, Manteno: Noralee Sirois

HOMEBOUND: Rose Kaminsky, Rosemary Dicarolo, Bob Granger, Jean Rykiel

LUTHER PLACE: Leola Mulvihill, Thrasilla Janczak

MILLER REHAB CENTER: Rita Morris, Colleen Brown

PRAIRIEVIEW, Danforth: Lyn Lamie

PRESENCE HERITAGE LODGE: Dick Keethers

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 Delgado	~ 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 23 – December 31

Saturday, December 23

8:00 am † Charles “Bud” Birr (*Birr Family*)
4:30 pm † John F. Azzarelli (*Betty Azzarelli*)
6:00 pm † Carmelo Ramirez 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*)
† Nicolás Pérez (*María Angela Pérez*)
† Jaime López (*José López*)
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*)

Monday, December 25

12:00 am † Thomas O’Connor (*Maureen & Family*)
8:00 am † Greg Householder (*Sharon & Mickey*)
10:00 am † George Faber (*Mary & Tom*)
12:00 pm † Fernando Villegas (*Gabriel & Lupita*)

Tuesday, December 26

7:30 am † Jim Duggan (*Pam Bierbaum*)
6:00 pm Por las Personas Enfermas de la Parroquia

Wednesday, December 27

7:30 am † Therese Falkenhan (*Her Family*)
12:00 pm † Don Glenzinski (*Bob & Mary Beth McGrath*)
6:00 pm Por las Personas Enfermas de la Parroquia

Thursday, December 28

7:30 am † Leslie Morriral (*Craig & Liz Frerichs*)

Friday, December 29

7:30 am † Vivian Dobbela (*Mike & Teresa Mahoney*)
12:00 pm † Suzann McCabe (*Teresa Pfeiffer*)

Saturday, December 30

8:00 am † Pam Bierbaum (*Dennis & Sue O’Connor*)
4:30 pm † George & Gabriele Kreutzer (*Family*)
6:00 pm † Roberto Esparza (*Ricardo Esparza*)

Sunday, December 31

8:00 am † Kenneth C. Emling (*The Faber Family*)
9:30 am † Derek Ader (*Carole Duffield*)
† Marie Panozzo (*Sandra L. Girard*)
† Stephen Lavqevin (*Shawn & Sara Crosswhite*)
11:30 am † Nancy LaReau (*Katy Kresl & Decker Family*)
1:00 pm † Roberto Esparza (*Ricardo Esparza*)
† Alisson & † Celestino Saldaña (*José Luis & María Saldaña*)
† Fernando Villegas (*Gabriel & Lupita*)
† Celia Villagomez (*Su Familia*)
3:00 pm † Rose Rivard (*Greg & Julie Azzarelli*)
5:00 pm For All the People of the Parish

ST. JOHN PAUL II DIRECTORY



FOLLOW US

JPII MEDIA LINKS

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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Azzarelli Clinic Director: Brooke Futterer Ext. 416

Food Pantry: Nancy Godin Ext. 417

Lisieux Pastoral Center: Kathy Wade Ext. 418 815-928-6093 & 815-939-2913

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

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

Website:
jp2kankakee.org

**Facebook &
YouTube:**
**St. John Paul II
Kankakee**



PARISH COUNCIL

MEMBERS

- Julie Busken - Chairperson
- Cathy Langlois - Co-Chair
- Deb Groth - Secretary
- Gabriel Mendez
- Bob Kerness
- Maria Pizano-Calderon
- Uriel Garcia
- Pedro Gonzalez
- David Montague

FINANCE COUNCIL

MEMBERS

- Mark O'Connor - President
- Cheryl Walsh - Secretary
- Alicia Saldivar
- Amy Anderson
- Mickey Kreissler
- Tom Martin
- Ryan Carter

OFFERING/OFRENDA

December 16 & 17, 2023

\$13,694.29

- 175 Envelopes/34 - On Line Donors (\$1,523) -

(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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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, 1er Viernes del Mes

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

CONFESSIONS (Confession Room)

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

THIS WEEK AT JPII

December 25 - January 1

Monday, December 25

12:00 am	Midnight Mass (Prelude – 11:30 pm)
8:00 am	Christmas Mass (Latin)
10:00 am	Christmas Mass (English)
12:00 pm	Misa de Navidad (Español)

Tuesday, December 26

10:00 am	Fatima Rosary Group
5:00 pm	Confessions
6:00 - 7:30 pm	NO Faith Formation Program - Advent Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 27

6:00 - 7:30 pm	NO Faith Formation Program - Advent Reconciliation
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Thursday, December 28

5:00 pm	Confessions
6:30 pm	Adult Choir Practice
7:00 pm	Encuentros Juveniles

Friday, December 29

9:00 am	Food Pantry - East Campus
10:00 am	Prayer Shawl Ministry

Saturday, December 30

12:00 pm	Young on Fire Rosary – Live Stream
3:30 pm	Confessions

Sunday, December 31

8:00 am	Regular Mass (English)
9:30 am	Regular Mass (English)
11:30 am	Regular Mass (English)
1:00 pm	Misa Regular (Español)
3:00 pm	Mass (Latin)
5:00 pm	Regular Mass (English)

Monday, January 1

9:00 am	Regular Mass (English)
12:00 pm	Mass (Latin)
6:00 pm	Misa (Español)

Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship as a way of life

In gratitude organizing, serving and donating items for the Celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe, we recognize and gratefully acknowledge and salute:

Hispanic Ministry and All the Volunteers

Tiempo, Talento & Tesoro

Fomentando la Corresponsabilidad como forma de vida

En agradecimiento por organizar, servir y donar artículos para la Celebración de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, reconocemos agradecemos y saludamos a:

Ministerio Hispano y a todos los Voluntarios

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. December 25

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Vigil Mass

R1 - Is 62:1-5

R2 - Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

G - Mt 1:1-25

Tues. December 26

Feast of Saint Stephen, first martyr

R1 - Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59

G - Mt 10:17-22

Weds. December 27

Feast of Saint John, Apostle and evangelist

R1 - 1 Jn 1:1-4

G - Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Thurs. December 28

Feast of the Holy Innocents, martyrs

R1 - 1 Jn 1:5-2:2

G - Mt 2:13-18

Friday, December 29

R1 - 1 Jn 2:3-11

G - Lk 2:22-35

Saturday, December 30

R1 - 1 Jn 2:12-17

G - Lk 2:36-40

Sunday, December 31

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

R1 - Sir 3:2-6, 12-14

R2 - Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

G - Lk 2:22-40



SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Classes are the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the church, please call to register; Baptisms are on the 3rd 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).



Due to Christmas, there is no adoration on Monday, December 25th

Debido a la Navidad, no hay adoración el lunes 25 de diciembre.

Merry Christmas



Our Lady of Guadalupe Celebration on Tuesday, December 12, 2023
Nuestra Celebración de la Virgencita de Guadalupe el martes, 12 de diciembre, 2023



Donut Sunday on Sunday, December 17, 2023

**"May the Blessings of Christmas be with you,
 may the Christ Child light your way,
 may God's holy Angels guide you,
 and keep you safe each day."**

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

**From Fr. Matt, Fr. Roy, Fr. John, Deacons David,
 Greg & George and the entire staff at St. John Paul
 II Catholic Parish**

**"Que las bendiciones de la Navidad te acompañen,
 que el Niño Jesús ilumine tu camino,
 que los santos Ángeles de Dios te guíen,
 y te mantengan a salvo cada día".**

¡FELIZ NAVIDAD!

**departe del Padre Matt, Padre Roy, Padre John, los
 diáconos David, Greg y George y de todo el
 personal de la Parroquia San Juan Pablo II.**



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	5:00 pm
LECTOR	Cynthia McBarnes	Rosario Lira Serafín López	Anna Marie Wheeler	Judith Smead	Laura Shellie	Federico Ramirez Elizabeth Suarez	Stephen Kelley
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COMMUNION MINISTERS			Brenda Lystila <i>David Lystila</i>	Sandy Girard <i>Diane Devine</i>		Silvia Esparza Gabriel Mendez <i>Guadalupe Mendez</i>	
GREETER				Alberta Blanchette			
SACRISTAN	Karen Miller	José López Vanessa López	Kenneth Klipp	Deb Groth & Sharon Jackson	Pedro González	Patricia Martínez	Need Volunteers
ALTAR SERVERS	Need Volunteers	Jade Carrera Dionisio Franquiz Natalia Franquiz	Need Volunteers	Mia & Sofia Moreno-Rosas	Benjamin Bilderback Rebecca Pardy Athziri Pina	Litzy Campos Alexa Campos Aileen Diaz	Need Volunteers

WEEKDAY MINISTERS / MINISTROS DE LA SEMANA

DATES	LECTOR	SACRISTAN
Dec. 25 - 30	Teresa Mahoney	Kenneth Klipp
Martes 26	Serafín López	Ema Elvir

Linens/Lienzos: Week of December 24: Mickey Kreissler;
Weeks of December 31 & January 7: Diane Devine

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)

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



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)



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



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



Rosary Making Fabricación de Rosarios

Future dates/Fechas Futuras:

Monday, January 15

Lunes, 15 de Enero

5:30 - 7:00 pm

JP2 Conference Room

Saturday, January 6

For Questions Call:

Sábado, 6 de Enero

Deb Groth at 815-263-1675

8:30 - 10:00 am

Words of Wisdom Book Club

Friday, January 12 at 6:00 pm
(In the Holy Family Hall)

**December's Book Selection -
Union with God**

According to St. John of the Cross

Questions: Call Laurie Mau 815-933-8859

Prayer Shawl

Ministerio Manto de Oración

Every Friday / Cada Viernes
10:00 am

Settles Center Coat Room
En el salón del gimnasio



OUTREACH MINISTRIES



**KANKAKEE
CATHOLIC
FOOD PANTRY**
341 N. St. Joseph Ave., Kankakee
FRIDAYS 9:00-11:00am

815-933-7683 Ext. 417

Each week we feed anywhere from 100 to 150 families at the Kankakee Catholic Food Pantry of St. John Paul II Parish. The cost of food has been growing on everyday staples that we give to our families. It costs us approximately \$1,000 a week to feed our community needing help. We are looking for donations of things like peanut butter, jelly, cereal, boxed stuffing, jell-o, pudding, pasta, granola bars, and pancake mix. **DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT ST. JOHN PAUL II PARISH**

Monetary Donations:

- ◆ Online giving at jp2kankakee.org
- ◆ By Mail to:

Kankakee Catholic Food Pantry
956 S. 10th Ave., Kankakee, IL 60901



Azzarelli Outreach Medical Clinic

341 N. St. Joseph Ave. Kankakee, IL 60901

Week of Dec. 26 – 29



For details please call **815-928-6093** and listen to the entire message!

Hours are posted on the front door.

Para detalles llame al 815-928-6093 y escuche todo el mensaje.

Los horarios están en la Puerta.

OUR SHEPHERD'S CLOTHING CLOSET

Located at Lisieux Outreach Center
371 N. St. Joseph Ave., Kankakee

Open Fridays
to choose clothing
9:00 – 11:00 am



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 Armario 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 atrás 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!



Telephone Reassurance Program

Catholic Charities' Telephone Reassurance Program (TRP) is a friendly caller program that matches volunteer callers to older adults in our community. The Program connects older adults and volunteers through weekly telephone conversations that foster connection, increase socialization, and help reduce feelings of loneliness. Telephone Reassurance Participants and Volunteers develop person-to-person relationships that provide support and a friendly person to talk to.

We are actively seeking individuals who are interested in participating in the Program.

To receive calls, you must be 60+, live in Grundy, Will, or Kankakee counties, and want to make a social connection over the phone.

To volunteer for the Telephone Reassurance Program, we ask volunteers to serve 3-6 hours a week. As a volunteer, you will receive pre-service orientation and training. All volunteers must pass federal and state background checks. You can volunteer from the comfort of your own home.

To learn more about this social and rewarding opportunity, please contact Crystal Del Rio at 815-221-6020 / trp@cc-doj.org.

IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD



*Come Learn about the Life of
St. Isaac Jogues*

Thursday, January 18, 2024
6:00 - Potluck Dinner
7:00 pm - Presentation

**Saints Peter and Paul
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Ministry Center Social Hall
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Director of Catechesis and Evangelization, Michael Lewandowski, will present on the life of St. Isaac Jogues. Born to a prosperous family in France in 1609, his desire was to bring the Gospel far and wide as a Jesuit missionary. He first ministered among the Hurons in Canada. Fr. Jogues struggled to spread the Gospel in the New World. He bore much suffering and danger, and witnessed terrible torture. However, his zeal and love for souls would eventually bear fruit.

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.

For more information and to RSVP, please visit sspeterandpaul.net/cloud

Sponsor a Needy Individual or Family for Christmas

Catholic Charities is providing the opportunity for you to help their clients at Christmas this year. The Gift of Christmas is an annual program that fulfills wish lists for individuals who are served by Catholic Charities.

Read stories about clients and choose who you would like to help this Christmas. Or, if you prefer, you can direct your donation to an individual or family who hasn't been chosen yet.

Donating is simple: visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org and click on "donate." Or, call 815-724-1140 to make your donation over the phone. To send a check, please note "Gift of Christmas" in the memo and send checks to:

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- exercise to increase strength and balance

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- anyone concerned about falls
- anyone interested in improving balance, flexibility and strength
- anyone who has fallen in the past
- anyone who has restricted activities because of falling concerns

Dates are subject to change due to scheduling conflict or extreme weather. Participants will be notified prior to any changes. All participants are required to register for classes.

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When: Fridays starting 12/29 - 2/16
Time: 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
Where: John Paul Parish - Settles Center, 956 S. 10th Ave Kankakee

To register, please call Jan at 815-933-7791 ext. 9910 or Brooke at ext. 9954 by Thursday, December 21.

Program is FREE and for individuals who are age 60 or older.



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FROM OUR DIOCESE

VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR December 25-31

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 - 27 Sr. M. Joan Clare Wisner OSF, Sr. Irene Yosick OSF
 - 28 Fr. Gerald Cole, Fr. Karl Langsdorf S.P.S.
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 - 30 Sr. Lucille Adelman OSF
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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

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