

St. JOHN & PAUL II CATHOLIC PARISH

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

WELCOME to the family ~ BIENVENIDO a la familia

FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

Hope



First Sunday of Advent - December 3, 2023



Prayer to Mary Immaculate

Mary, Immaculate Virgin, our Mother, patroness of our land, we praise you and honor you and give ourselves to you.

Protect us from every harm. Pray for us, that acting always according to your will and the will of your divine Son, we may live and die pleasing to God.
Amen.

Oración a María Inmaculada

María, Virgen Inmaculada, Madre nuestra, patrona de nuestra tierra, te alabamos, te honramos y nos entregamos a ti.

Protégenos de todo mal. Ruega por nosotros, para que actuando siempre según tu voluntad y la de tu divino hijo, vivamos y muéranos agradando a Dios.
Amén.

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

on Friday December 8 - Holy Day of Obligation

- MASS SCHEDULE -

Thursday, December 7: - 6:00 pm (B) - Vigil Mass

Friday, December 8: 7:30 am (English); 12:00 pm (Latin);

5:00 pm (English); 7:00 pm (Español)

Saturday, December 9: 6:15 am Rorate Caeli Mass (Latin)

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we begin the season of Advent, we also prepare to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Diocese of Joliet on December 11th. I would like to call our attention to the life of the patron saint of our diocese, whose feast day is this Sunday, December 3rd: St. Francis Xavier.



St. Francis was born on April 7, 1506, in Javier, Spain, into a devout, aristocratic family. When he was 19, he went to Paris to study. He was more interested in worldly honors and parties than in his spiritual life and his studies. While at the university, he came in contact with St. Ignatius of Loyola, whose other-worldly values and love of poverty made an impression on the university, drawing criticism and ridicule from many young students, including St. Francis Xavier. The kindness of St. Ignatius and his repetition of Jesus' words, "What profit is it to a man to gain the whole world and to lose his own soul?" impacted St. Francis Xavier so much that he eventually permitted St. Ignatius to direct him in the Spiritual Exercises. St. Francis Xavier then decided to dedicate his life to serving God. He joined St. Ignatius and five others to make their vows at Montmartre, Paris, on August 15, 1534, beginning a new religious order, the Society of Jesus, known as the Jesuits. They then went to Rome to offer themselves at the service of the Pope. Their desire was "to do great things for God." Some were sent to missions and to councils, kings, and princes, but St. Francis Xavier was requested to stay in Rome and help with the management of the new religious order. For someone who wanted to "go forth," this must have been a difficult assignment. At the last moment, St. Francis Xavier was asked to take the place of another Jesuit who had fallen ill. With no preparation, he left for Goa, India, to spread God's word. He never returned home or saw St. Ignatius or his family again. St. Francis Xavier embraced poverty, worked tirelessly, and traveled throughout India. He learned other languages in order to teach with joy and passion the Creed and the Ten Commandments, converting thousands and baptizing them. Always looking for new souls to save, St. Francis Xavier also traveled to Borneo, the Maluku Islands, Japan, and other areas in Southeast Asia. Spending almost three years in Japan, he learned Japanese customs so he could better explain the beliefs of Christianity. Despite needing a translator to preach, he made many converts, because the way he lived his life so closely reflected what he preached. After 10 years in the missions, he never knew that St. Ignatius had sent for him to come home; the letter arrived after he had died. Legend has it that on December 3, 1552, St. Francis Xavier died on the beach, looking across the sea toward mainland China, the land he never reached.

May St. Francis Xavier, the patron saint of the missions and of our diocese, pray for us so that we may follow God's will and bring the good news to other through our words and examples.

In Christ,
Fr. Matt

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Al comenzar la temporada de Adviento, también nos preparamos para celebrar el 75o aniversario del establecimiento de la Diócesis de Joliet, el 11 de diciembre. Me gustaría llamar nuestra atención sobre la vida del santo patrono de nuestra diócesis, cuya fiesta es este domingo 3 de diciembre: San Francisco Javier.

San Francisco nació en una familia aristocrática y devota el 7 de abril de 1506 en Javier, España. Cuando tenía 19 años se fue a París a estudiar. Estaba más interesado en los honores y fiestas mundanas que en su vida espiritual y sus estudios. Mientras estaba en la universidad, conoció a San Ignacio de Loyola, cuyos valores sobrenaturales y su amor por la pobreza impresionaron a la universidad, provocando críticas y burlas de muchos jóvenes, incluido San Francisco Javier. La bondad de San Ignacio y su repetición de las palabras de Jesús, "¿De qué le sirve al hombre ganar el mundo entero y perder su alma?" impactó tanto a San Francisco Javier que eventualmente permitió que San Ignacio lo dirigiera en los Ejercicios Espirituales. San Francisco Javier decidió dedicar su vida al servicio de Dios. Se unió a San Ignacio y a otros cinco hombres para hacer sus votos en Montmartre, París, el 15 de agosto de 1534, iniciando una nueva orden religiosa, la Compañía de Jesús, conocida como los Jesuitas. Luego fueron a Roma para ofrecerse al servicio del papa. Su deseo era "hacer grandes cosas para Dios". Algunos fueron enviados a misiones y concilios, reyes y príncipes, pero a San Francisco Javier se le pidió que permaneciera en Roma y ayudara en la gestión de la nueva orden religiosa. Para alguien que quería avanzar la misión, esto era difícil. En el último momento, se le pidió a San Francisco Javier que ocupara el lugar de otro jesuita que había caído enfermo. Sin ninguna preparación, partió hacia Goa, India, para difundir la palabra de Dios. Nunca regresó a su hogar ni volvió a ver a San Ignacio ni a su familia. San Francisco Javier abrazaba la pobreza, trabajaba incansablemente y viajaba por toda la India. Aprendía otros idiomas para enseñar con alegría y pasión el Credo y los Diez Mandamientos, convirtiendo a miles y bautizándolos. Siempre buscando nuevas almas, San Francisco Javier también viajó a Borneo, las Islas Maluku, Japón y otras zonas del sudeste asiático. Al pasar casi tres años en Japón, aprendió las costumbres japonesas para explicar mejor las creencias del cristianismo. A pesar de necesitar un traductor para predicar, logró muchos conversos, porque la forma en que vivía reflejaba muy fielmente lo que predicaba. Después de 10 años en las misiones, nunca supo que San Ignacio lo había llamado para regresar a casa; la carta llegó después de su muerte. Cuenta la leyenda que el 3 de diciembre de 1552 San Francisco Javier murió en la playa, mirando al otro lado del mar hacia China continental, tierra a la que nunca llegó.

Que San Francisco Javier, santo patrono de las misiones y de nuestra diócesis, ruegue por nosotros para que sigamos la voluntad de Dios y llevemos la buena nueva a los demás a través de nuestras palabras y ejemplos.

En Cristo,
Padre Mateo



The candle in the sanctuary is burning
in memory of
LESLIE HAYDEN
By: Betty Azzarelli

HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME PARISHIONERS

ASBURY SUPPORTIVE LIVING:

BICKFORD: Barbara Ciaccio

BOURBONNAIS GROVE: Lavonne Linneman

BUTTERFIELD COURT: Pat Canfield

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

LUTHER PLACE: Leola Mulvihill, Thrasilla Janczak

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PRAIRIEVIEW, Danforth: Lyn Lamie

PRESENCE HERITAGE LODGE: Dick Keethers

RIVERSIDE SENIOR LIFE/MEMORY CARE:

SENIOR CARE: David Africano

WESTWOOD OAKS: Eileen Dupuis, Desiree Grant



The Family of St. John Paul II extends our
Deepest Sympathy to the family of

Dave Decker
Colette Cheffer

May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

PRAYING WITH INTENTION FOR THE SICK

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of November 2 – December 10

Saturday, December 2

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| 8:00 am | † Mary (Buckley) Gierke (<i>Her siblings</i>) |
| 9:00 am | Vocations to the Carmelite Community
(<i>Mystical Star Carmelite Community</i>) |
| 4:30 pm | † Kenneth C. Emling (<i>Andrew & Nancy Wulff</i>) |
| 6:00 pm | Por las Benditas Animas del Purgatorio
(<i>María Toledo</i>) |

Sunday, December 3

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| 8:00 am | † Bill Harstad (<i>Dave & Brenda Lystila</i>) |
| 9:30 am | † George Faber (<i>BAI Staff</i>) |
| | † Lana Magiera (<i>Husband Mike</i>) |
| | † Anna Mae & † Duane Boyd
(<i>Sandra L Girard</i>) |
| 11:30 am | † Nacy LaReau (<i>Katy Kresl & Decker Family</i>) |
| 1:00 pm | † José Cabrales (<i>Patricia Martinez</i>) |
| | † Luis Jimenez (<i>Deisy Hernández</i>) |
| 3:00 pm | For All the People of the Parish |
| 5:00 pm | † Jenora Demers (<i>Don Demers</i>) |

Monday, December 4

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| 7:30 am | † Pam Bierbaum (<i>Bill Cox</i>) |
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Tuesday, December 5

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| 7:30 am | † Wulff & Ticulka Families (<i>Caroline Emling</i>) |
| 6:00 pm | † Manuel Alvarado (<i>José Alvarado</i>) |

Wednesday, December 6

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| 7:30 am | † Patricia Kahnt (<i>Sharon Jackson</i>) |
| 12:00 pm | Victor Aune (<i>Martha Aune</i>) |

Thursday, December 7

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| 7:30 am | † Belly Aguilar (<i>Esposo e Hijos</i>) |
| 6:00 am | † Duff & June Fortier (<i>Suzanne Gruver</i>) |

Friday, December 8

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| 7:30 am | † Deceased members of the Birr & Clodi
Family (<i>Nancy Birr</i>) |
| 12:00 pm | Victor Aune (<i>Martha Aune</i>) |
| 5:00 am | † Pam Bierbaum (<i>Dennis & Sue O'Connor</i>) |
| 7:00 pm | Por Todos los Feligrees de la Parroquia |

Saturday, December 9

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| 6:15 am | For the Sick People of our Parish |
| 8:00 am | † Christine Genis (<i>Julie Azzarelli</i>) |
| 4:30 pm | † Leslie Morrical (<i>Neena Christiansen</i>) |
| 6:00 pm | Por el Respeto a Todas las Etapas de la Vida
(<i>Pro-Life Commettee</i>) |

Sunday, December 10

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| 8:00 am | † Kenneth C. Emling (<i>Joe & Danute Sheehan</i>) |
| 9:30 am | † Christine Genis (<i>Julie Azzarelli</i>) |
| | † Paul, † Julius & † Christine Marczak
(<i>Vicky Marczak</i>) |
| 11:30 am | † Deceased Members of JPPII's CCW (CCW) |
| 1:00 pm | Por Toda la Gente de la Parroquia |
| 3:00 pm | † Ruse Rivard (<i>Greg & Julie Azzarelli</i>) |
| 5:00 pm | For the Sick People of our Parish |

PRAYER LINE INFORMATION: For your prayer requests, please
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ST. JOHN PAUL II DIRECTORY



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Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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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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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Julie Busken - Chairperson
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- 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

November 25 & 26, 2023

\$9,174.50

- 186 Envelopes/31 - On Line Donors (\$1,131) -

(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 (Conference Room)

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

Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship as a way of life

In gratitude for his availability and time dedicated to fixing what is needed in the parish buildings, we recognize and gratefully acknowledge and salute:

Dave Panozzo

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. December 4

Monday of the First Week of Advent

R1 - Is 2:1-5

G - Mt 8:5-11

Tues. December 5

R1 - Is 11:1-10

G - Lk 10:21-24

Weds. December 6

R1 - Is 25:6-10a

G - Lk Mt 15:29-37

Thurs. December 7

Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

R1 - Is 26:1-6

G - Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 8

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

R1 - Gn 3:9-15, 20

R2 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12

G - Lk 1:26-38

Saturday, December 9

R1 - Is 30:19-21, 23-26

G - Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

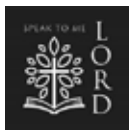
Sunday, December 10

First Sunday of Advent

R1 - IS 40:1-5, 9-11

R2 - 2 PT 3:8-14

G - MK 1:1-8



*The family of St. John Paul II
Welcomes you!
Guadalupe G. Moreno
Baptized on November 11, 2023*

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).

THIS WEEK AT JPII

December 4 - 10

Monday, December 4

12:00-5:00 pm Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament

5:30 pm CCW Christmas Dinner

5:30 pm Rosary Making Group

6:00 pm Práctica del Coro de Niños

7:00 pm Novena - Virgen de Guadalupe

Tuesday, December 5

9:00 am Lisieux-Clothing Closet

10:00 am **Fatima Rosary Group**

11:00 am Living Word Bible Study

5:00 pm Confessions

6:00 - 7:30 pm Faith Formation Program

7:00 pm Living Word Bible Study

7:00 pm Novena - Virgen de Guadalupe

7:30 pm Class - Sacrament of Initiation for Adults

Wednesday, December 6

3:30 pm CCW Board Meeting

6:00 - 7:30 pm Faith Formation Program

7:00 pm Novena - Virgen de Guadalupe

Thursday, December 7

4:30 pm Pro-Life Meeting

5:00 pm Confessions

6:00 pm Vigil Mass - Immaculate Conception

6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice

6:30 am Clase - Sacramentos de Iniciación

7:00 pm Encuentros Juveniles

7:00 pm Novena - Virgen de Guadalupe

Friday, December 8

7:30 am Mass - Immaculate Conception

9:00 am Food Pantry - East Campus

9:00 am Clothing Closet - Lisieux Center

9:30 am Home School Gathering

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

12:00 pm Mass - Immaculate Conception (Latin)

4:00 pm Arts & Environment - Wreath's set-up

5:00 pm Mass - Immaculate Conception

7:00 pm Misa - Inmaculada Concepción

7:00 pm Novena - Virgen de Guadalupe

Saturday, December 9

6:15 am Mass - Rorate Caeli Mass (Latin)

8:30 am Rosary Making Group

12:00 pm Young on Fire Rosary - Live Stream

3:30 pm Confessions

6:00 pm Catechists & Aides Advent Retreat

7:00 pm Hora Santa de la Divina Misericordia

7:00 pm Novena - Virgen de Guadalupe

Sunday, December 10

9:00 am Estudio Bíblico - Hombres

6:30 pm Vespers

7:00 pm Novena - Virgen de Guadalupe

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 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!



Fiesta de la Bienaventurada Virgen María de Guadalupe

— 12 de Diciembre —

Parroquia Católica San Juan Pablo II
907 S. 9th Ave., Kankakee, IL 60901



12 de Diciembre
(Martes)

5:00 am Mañanitas y Misa

6:00 pm Misa de las Rosas

*Personas vestidos de San Juan Diego y la Virgencita presentarán flores en la procesión de entrada

7:00 pm Obra, Bailables y Cena

*Rifa de una Tilma de la Virgencita \$5/boleto

Novena: Del 3 al 11 de Diciembre; 7:00 pm - Rosario

*8 de Dic. Misa y Rosario 7:00 pm

*11 de Dic. Rosario durante la Procesión Guadalupeana con velas

For unto us
a child is born!



As we prepare our hearts during Advent for the birth of Christ, let us gather together for a Posada celebration!

Saturday, December 16th
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Kankakee Site
(Cafeteria)

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For more information contact Mrs. Elvir eelvir@bmcss.org

Porque un
niño nos a
nacido!



Al preparar nuestros corazones durante el Adviento para el nacimiento de Cristo,

¡Reunámonos para una celebración de Posada!

Sabado, Diciembre 16
6:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
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(Cafeteria)

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE / CALENDARIO LITÚRGICO

MINISTRY	Saturday, December 9 Sábado, 9 de Diciembre		Sunday, December 10 Domingo, 10 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	Sheryl Janik	Israel Lira José López	Linda Kerness	Elizabeth Williams	Rick Ramirez	Claudia Avila Elizabeth Suarez	Jacob Levy
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COMMUNION MINISTERS			Kathy Bessette Teri O'Connor	Thomas Martin Sandy Girard		Ema Elvir Patricia Martinez <i>Silvia Esparza</i>	
GREETER				Mary Talamantes			
SACRISTAN	Mary Causer	José López & Vanessa López	Kenneth Klipp	Deb Groth & Sharon Jackson	Pedro González	Rogelio Canchola	Need Volunteers
ALTAR SERVERS	Need Volunteers	Jade Carrera Diaz Dionisio Franquiz Natalia Franquiz	Need Volunteers	Julian Cortez Pedro Vazquez	Benjamin Bilderback Rebecca Pardy Athziri Pina	Alexander Gaytan Cassandra Valtierra Marie Zavala	Need Volunteers

WEEKDAY MINISTERS / MINISTROS DE LA SEMANA

DATES	LECTOR	SACRISTAN
Dec. 4 - 9	Mariana Fernandez	Linda Libby
Martes 5	Elia López	Flor Rojas

Linens/Lienzos: Weeks of December 3 & 11: Julie Busken

**KANKAKEE DEANERY
COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN**

Saturday, January 6, 2024

JOY

in January

11:00 AM Registration
12:00 PM Luncheon

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

Kankakee Country Club
2011 Cobb Blvd.
Kankakee, IL

**Help families
in your community have a
great holiday!**

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.

JP2 OUTREACH

and St. George's
Peace and Justice
Ministry

Giving Tree

Please pick 1
or more tags to
support a child
in need

Return to Giving Tree
in church by Dec. 10th

Gifts need to have tag
with them when
returned to church

WINTER COAT DRIVE

Our Shepherd's Clothing Closet of JP2
needs adult coats to give to the needy.

Please drop them off in the lobby, behind the counter, or bring them to the Clothing Closet on Tuesdays between 9 and 11 am.

Thank you and God bless you!

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
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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
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Questions: Call Laurie Mau 815-933-8859



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Future dates/Fechas Futuras:
Monday, December 4
Lunes, 4 de Diciembre
5:30 - 7:00 pm

JPII Conference Room
For Questions Call:
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Saturday, December 9
Sábado, 9 de Diciembre
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- 8 Sr. Rita Schmitz OSF, Sr. Clarita Schumacher OSF
- 9 Dcns. William Thomas, Arturo Tiongson, Matthew Tretina, Robert True
- 10 Fr. Steven Borello

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

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