

# St. JOHN & PAUL II CATHOLIC PARISH

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WELCOME to the family ~ BIENVENIDO a la familia

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - December 31, 2023



*“Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be contradicted—and you yourself a sword will pierce—so that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.”*

*“Este niño ha sido puesto para ruina y resurgimiento de muchos en Israel, como signo que provocará contradicción, para que queden al descubierto los pensamientos de todos los corazones. Y a ti, una espada te atravesará el alma”.*



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

**Merry Christmas!**

As we celebrate the birth of our Lord, we also celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph this Sunday. We remember that Christ entered into a human family so that humanity can be a part of the eternal, divine family. Jesus lived in the love of the Holy Family on earth so that we can live in the love of the Holy Trinity in heaven forever. God the Son, having joined Himself to humanity for our sake, lived an ordinary life for thirty years, loved his parents, relatives, and friends, and grew in wisdom, age, and grace. The grace and working of God often happen in ordinary circumstances and are easily missed. The impact of prayer, love, and joy shared together as a family can at times be overshadowed by other commitments and burdens. May the Holy Family be a good example for us and remind us of this simple and profound fact: God loves us in our day-to-day lives, is with us always, and calls us to live together in faith, hope, and love.

Let us continue to foster holy and loving families. Let us also pray for our parish, which is a family of families. Tomorrow, New Year's Day, is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and the Day of Prayer for Peace. Even though it is not a holy day of obligation this year, I invite you to join us tomorrow for Mass (9am in English; 12pm in Latin; 6pm in Spanish). It is good for us to start the year together as a parish family united in prayer in the house of the Lord. I am praying for you and your loved ones as we begin a new year: may it be filled with grace, blessings, good health, peace, and joy. Please continue to pray for me and one another, and may this prayer from this Sunday's Mass strengthen us in living in the love of God, a love lived out daily in the Holy Family and revealed on the altar of the cross: "O God, who were pleased to give us the shining example of the Holy Family, graciously grant that we may imitate them in practicing the virtues of family life and in the bonds of charity, and so, in the joy of your house, delight one day in eternal rewards. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen." (cf. The Collect of the Mass on the Feast of the Holy Family).

In Christ,  
Fr. Matt



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

**¡Feliz Navidad!**

Al celebrar el nacimiento de nuestro Señor, también celebramos este domingo la Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José. Recordamos que Cristo entró en una familia humana para que la humanidad pueda ser parte de la familia eterna y divina. Jesús vivió en el amor de la Sagrada Familia en la tierra para que nosotros podamos vivir en el amor de la Santísima Trinidad en el cielo para siempre. Dios Hijo, habiéndose unido a la humanidad por nosotros, vivió una vida ordinaria por treinta años, amando a sus padres, parientes y amigos, y creciendo en sabiduría, estatura y gracia. La gracia y la obra de Dios a menudo ocurren en circunstancias ordinarias y fácilmente se pasan por alto. El impacto de la oración, el amor y la alegría compartidos como familia a veces están eclipsados por otros compromisos y cargas. Que la Sagrada Familia sea un buen ejemplo para nosotros y nos recuerde este hecho simple y profundo: Dios nos ama en nuestra vida cotidiana, está siempre con nosotros y nos llama a vivir juntos en la fe, la esperanza y el amor.

Sigamos fomentando familias santas y amorosas. Oremos también por nuestra parroquia, que es una familia de familias. Mañana, día de Año Nuevo, es la Solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios, y la Jornada de Oración por la Paz. Aunque este año no es un día de precepto/obligación, les invito a unirse a nosotros mañana para la misa (9 a.m. en inglés; 12 p.m. en latín; 6 p.m. en español). Es bueno para comenzar el año juntos como familia parroquial unidos en oración en la casa del Señor. Rezo por ustedes y sus seres queridos al comenzar un nuevo año: que esté lleno de gracia, bendiciones, buena salud, paz y alegría. Por favor, sigan rezando por mí y por los demás, y que esta oración de la Misa de este domingo nos fortalezca para vivir en el amor de Dios, un amor vivido diariamente en la Sagrada Familia y expresado en el altar y la cruz: "Señor y Dios nuestro, tú que nos has dado en la Sagrada Familia de tu Hijo, el modelo perfecto para nuestras familias, concédenos practicar sus virtudes domésticas y estar unidos por los lazos de tu amor, para que podamos ir a gozar en ella eternamente de la alegría de tu casa. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Amén" (cf. la colecta de la Misa de la Sagrada Familia).

En Cristo,  
Padre Mateo



The candle in the sanctuary is burning  
in memory of  
**GEORGE & GABRIELE KREUTZER**  
By: Their 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



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

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

**PRAYING WITH INTENTION FOR THE SICK**

- |                             |                          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| ~ 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 McEroy               | ~ Russell Westover       |
| ~ Eula Mae Goselin          | ~ Sharon Burton          |
| ~ Gloria Mendez             | ~ Steve Schultz          |
| ~ Harry Carpenter           | ~ Sylvia Martinez        |
| ~ Joe Petronio              | ~ Ted & Phyllis Bergeron |
| ~ José Luis Delgado         | ~ Tom Sauch              |
| ~ Jose de Jesus Isaac Solis | ~ Vito Scafiezso         |
| ~ Josefina Vazquez          | ~ Willis Buchholz        |

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Week of December 23 – January 7

**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 & Maria 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

**Monday, January 1**

- 9:00 am † Len & Margen Planton  
(*Tom & Danna Lamie*)  
12:00 pm For All the Sick People of the Parish  
6:00 pm Por las Personas Enfermas de la Parroquia

**Tuesday, January 2**

- 7:30 am For All the Sick People of the Parish  
6:00 pm Por las Personas Enfermas de la Parroquia

**Wednesday, January 3**

- 7:30 am For All the Sick People of the Parish  
12:00 pm For All the Sick People of the Parish

**Thursday, January 4**

- 7:30 am For All the Sick People of the Parish

**Friday, January 5**

- 7:30 am † Ron Brosseau (*Teddy & Family*)  
12:00 pm For All the Sick People of the Parish  
7:00 pm Por las Benditas Animas del Purgatorio  
(*Maria Toledo*)

**Saturday, January 6**

- 8:00 am Vocations to the Carmelite Community  
(*Mystical Sta Carmelite Community*)  
9:00 am Mother Perpetua OCD (*Martha Aune*)  
4:30 pm † Tim Endres (*Judy Endres*)  
6:00 pm Por Toda la Gente de la Parroquia

**Sunday, January 7**

- 8:00 am † Chris Genis (*St John Paul II CCW*)  
9:30 am † Anna Mae & Duane Boyd  
(*Sandra L. Girard*)  
11:30 am For All the People of the Parish  
1:00 pm † Luis Jimenez (*Daisy Hernández*)  
3:00 pm For All the Sick People of the Parish  
5:00 pm For All the Sick People of the Parish

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

# ST. JOHN PAUL II DIRECTORY



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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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**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](http://jp2kankakee.org)

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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 23 & 24, 2023—**  
**\$13,137.95**

- 149 Envelopes/30 - On Line Donors (\$1,093) -

**Christmas Collection, 2023 - \$12,081.39**

(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 all their time, dedication, affection, respect and for being good examples, we recognize and gratefully acknowledge:

**Fr. Matt, Fr. Roy & Fr. John**

*Tiempo, Talento & Tesoro*

*Fomentando la Corresponsabilidad como un estilo de vida  
En agradecimiento por todo su tiempo, dedicación, cariño, respeto  
y buen ejemplo, reconocemos agradecemos y saludamos a:*

**Los Padres Matt, Roy & John**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Mon. January 1

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin

Mary, the Mother of God

The Octave Day of Christmas

R1 - Nm 6:22-27

R2 - Gal 4:4-7

G - Lk 2:16-21

### Tues. January 2

Memorial of Saints Basil the Great

and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops

and Doctors of the Church

R1 - 1 JN 2:22-28

G - Jn 1:19-28

### Weds. January 3

Christmas Weekday

R1 - 1 JN 2:29-3:6

G - Jn 1:29-34

### Thurs. January 4

Memorial of Saint Elizabeth Ann

Seton, Religious

R1 - 1 Jn 3:7-10

G - Jn 1:35-42

### Friday, January 5

Memorial of Saint John

Neumann, Bishop

R1 - 1 Jn 3:11-21

G - Jn 1:43-51

### Saturday, January 6

Christmas Weekday

R1 - 1 Jn 5:5-13

G - Mk 1:7-11

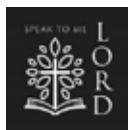
### Sunday, January 7

The Epiphany of the Lord

R1 - Is 60:1-6

R2 - Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6

G - Mt 2:1-12



*The family of St. John Paul II*

*Welcomes you!*

*Julianna A. Rodriguez*

*Baptized on December 23, 2023*

## 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

January 1 - 7

### Monday, January 1

9:00 am Regular Mass (English)

12:00 pm Mass (Latin)

1:00-5:00 pm Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament / Adoración

6:00 pm Misa (Español)

### Tuesday, January 2

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 NO Faith Formation Program

6:00 pm Virgen de Guadalupe - Misa de las Rosas

7:00 pm Living Word Bible Study

### Wednesday, January 3

6:00 - 7:30 pm NO Faith Formation Program

### Thursday, January 4

4:30 pm Pro-Life Meeting

5:00 pm Confessions

6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice

6:30 am Growing in Faith Together

7:00 pm Encuentros Juveniles

### Friday, January 5

8:00 am First Friday Adoration

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

6:00 pm Missionary Lay Group Meeting

7:00 pm Misa del Primer Viernes

### Saturday, January 6

9:00 am Carmelite Lay Meeting

9:00 am First Saturday Latin Mass

12:00 pm Young on Fire Rosary - Live Stream

3:30 pm Confessions

8:00 pm Adoración Nocturna

### Sunday, January 7

9:00 am Estudio Bíblico - Hombres

10:30 am Blood Pressure Check

6:30 pm Vespers

### FUTURE EVENTS - DATES

Jan 11 Growing in Faith Together - GIFT

Jan 12 Book Club

Jan. 13 Clases Pre-Bautismales

Hora Santa de la Divina Misericordia

Jan. 14 Clases Pre-Bautismales

Jan. 15 Parish Council Meeting

Jan. 17 Baptism Class (English) - If Needed

Jan. 21 FFP Mass - 1st & 2nd Graders

Jan. 22 CCW Deanery Meeting

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS, 2023 / MISA DE NOCHE BUENA, 2023**



**POSADAS 2023**



## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE / CALENDARIO LITÚRGICO

MINISTRY	Saturday, January 6 Sábado, 6 de Enero		Sunday, January 7 Domingo, 7 Enero				
	4:30 pm	6:00 pm Español	8:00 am	9:30 am	11:30 am	1:00 pm Español	5:00 pm
<b>LECTOR</b>	Cynthia McBarnes	Rosario Lira Serafin López	Thomas Lamie	Elizabeth Williams	Cynthia Somerville	Claudia Avila Silvia Esparza	Rose Bailey
<b>USHERS JUICERS</b>	Richard McBarnes Annie Syrstad	Juana M. Lugo Luis E. Ayala Marcela Andrade Vicente Andrade	Jon Guimond Catherine Langlois	Kathryn Griffiths Sandy Kuntz Janice Shenk Mary Westover	Rosa Gonzáles Pedro González	María Calderón Verónica Calvillo Jesús Candelario Kimberly Valtierra	Stephen Kelley
<b>COMMUNION MINISTERS</b>			Brenda Lystila <i>David Lystila</i>	Fran Powers <i>Diane Devine</i>		Patricia Martínez Guadalupe Méndez <i>Gabriel Méndez</i>	
<b>GREETER</b>				Alberta Blanchette			
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Annie Syrstad	Antonio Serna Angelica Serna	Kenneth Klipp	Deb Groth	Pedro González	Ema Elvir Patricia Martínez	Need Volunteers
<b>ALTAR SERVERS</b>	Need Volunteers	Jade Carrera Miguel Sánchez Michelle Tetlalmatzi	Need Volunteers	Ethan Garcia Michael Garcia Need Volunteer	Ethan Garcia Michael Garcia Need Volunteer	Litzy Campos Alexa Campos Fernanda Medina	Alexander Tapp

### WEEKDAY MINISTERS / MINISTROS DE LA SEMANA

DATES	LECTOR	SACRISTAN
Jan. 2 - 6	Teresa Mahoney	Mickey Kreissler
Martes 3	Elia López	Flor Rojas

**Linens/Lienzos:** Weeks of December 31 & January 7: Diane Devine



**Los Tres Reyes Magos**  
visitarán nuestra parroquia  
el domingo 7 de diciembre después  
de misa de 1:00pm.  
Traeran regalos a los niños que  
asistan a misa el sábado o domingo.


**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



St John Paul II Outreach and St George Church helped bring some cheer to 30 Child Network children with the help of our parishioners from our Giving Trees. Thank you everyone ❤️



## 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)

# 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)

St. JOHN PAUL II  
CATHOLIC PARISH  
*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](mailto:cathyslanglois@gmail.com)



Carmelites

## Seeking a Deeper Spiritual Life?

Prayerfully consider attending a Lay Carmelite Community meeting.

Saturday, January 6, 2024 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**

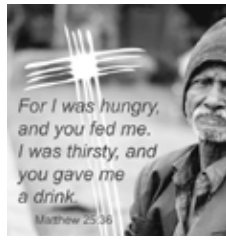
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**When: Fridays starting 12/29 – 2/16**  
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# IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD



*Come Learn about the Life of  
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**Thursday, January 18, 2024**  
6:00 - Potluck Dinner  
7:00 pm - Presentation

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**Speaker: Rev. David Mowry, S.T.L., DMin., Assistant Professor, Waud Chair of Homiletics, Department of Biblical Studies and Homiletics**

### **DINNER MEETING DETAILS**

Thursday, January 11, 2024

**St. James the Apostle Catholic Church**

480 S Park Blvd, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

**Evening Program**

**6:00 pm - Rosary**

**6:20 pm - Mass Celebrant: Fr. David Mowry**

**7:00 pm - Fellowship in the Social Hall**

**7:20 pm - Dinner and Welcome**

**7:30 pm - Start of both in person & Zoom Meeting**

**8:00 pm - Guest speaker: Fr. David Mowry**



# FROM OUR DIOCESE

## VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR

January 1-7

Remember these men and women in your daily prayers –priests, Deacons, Seminarians and Women & Men Religious in the Diocese of Joliet:

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- 3 Dcns. Eric Alvarez, Fred Ban, James Batis, Stephen Boffa
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- 5 Fr. Ryan Adorjan. Fr. James Antiporek
- 6 Dcns. Rodger Accardi, Daniel Aderholdt, Ciro Afeltra, Albert Agurkis, Mark Armamentos
- 7 Vocations Office

*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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