

# St. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC PARISH

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

WELCOME to the family ~ BIENVENIDO a la familia

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time - November 19, 2023

Give  
THANKS  
to the Lord

For He is good; His love endures Forever.

*Psalms 136:1*

### Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation. We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities. We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes. We thank you, Lord: accept our thanksgiving on this day. We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### Oración del Día de Acción de Gracias

*Señor, te damos gracias por la bondad de nuestro pueblo y por el espíritu de justicia que llena esta nación. Te damos gracias por la belleza y la plenitud de la tierra y el desafío de las ciudades. Té damos gracias por nuestro trabajo y nuestro descanso, por los demás y por nuestros hogares. Té damos gracias, Señor: acepta nuestra acción de gracias en este día. Te lo pedimos y te damos gracias por Jesucristo, nuestro Señor. Amén.*



75th Anniversary Series

## Faith into Action

Sponsored by the Diocese of Joliet

### Podcast

The first episode of the 75th Anniversary podcast series will launch November 6, 2023.

Episodes will be released the first Monday of each month. Watch on YouTube or listen on your favorite podcast platform:



Faith Into Action YouTube (video)



Faith Into Action Podcast (audio)



## Blessing of St. Francis Xavier Statue

**DECEMBER 3, 2023 1 P.M.**

Blanchette Catholic Center  
16555 Weber Rd., Crest Hill

On the Feast of St. Francis Xavier, and the final day of the Novena of Grace, a statue of the saint will be blessed at the BCC. The statue will serve as a constant reminder of the patron saint of our diocese. Bishop Hicks will bless the statue at 1 p.m. that day, in an open ceremony so that all may witness this moving event.

COMMEMORATING 75 YEARS OF CATECHESIS, EVANGELIZATION AND SERVICE

# Novena of Grace with St. Francis Xavier

From November 25 through December 3, 2023, members of our diocese will have the opportunity to participate in a nine-day novena of prayer to St. Francis Xavier, the patron of the Diocese of Joliet.

### DAY 1 NOVEMBER 25

Lord, each day you give me new life, new graces, new opportunities to feel your presence. Give me the gift of attentiveness to notice you in the people and your creation which surround my life; that I may grow in faith, and hope, and love. Amen.

### DAY 2 NOVEMBER 26

Father, each day you show me the love of a parent for its child: watchful of my every step, eager for me to thrive; you delight in my happiness and console me in my sadness. May the constant love in which you enfold me give me the confidence to show that same love to friend and foe, family and stranger, alike. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### DAY 3 NOVEMBER 27

Father, you speak to me in the silence and in the empty spaces of my life. Give me ears to hear your voice in stillness and in the gentle breeze; eyes to see your presence in things that seem so insignificant at the time. Free me from the relentless whirl of activity, from the obsessions which limit me and snatch away my freedom to answer your call. Like St Francis, may I too become a pilgrim, called to walk the path you set before me, wherever it may lead but always safe in the knowledge that Christ walks beside me unseen. Amen.

### DAY 4 NOVEMBER 28

Lord, before I ever came into being you knew me and loved me. You have knit me together the way I am, and given me life and laughter, friends and the faces of kind strangers, and a world of wonder and new discovery. Grant me the freedom and the courage to discover you anew each day in the people I meet, in the places I go, in the sounds I hear and the things I see. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### DAY 5 NOVEMBER 29

Lord Jesus, it is so easy to be tempted as you were tempted in the desert; to make poor decisions for quick gains and satisfaction; to turn the wonderful gifts of your generosity towards unworthy and selfish ends. Give me, day by day, the same Spirit of strength with which you faced down those desert temptations of power, wealth and honour; that my desires and motives, my words and actions, may always be for the greater glory of God, my Lord. Amen.

### DAY 6 NOVEMBER 30

Father, as I look back on this day, there are so many teeming thoughts, such a babble of words, and such a blur of activity, that it is difficult to see your gentle and faithful presence amid it all. Show yourself to me today, and every day. Amen.

### DAY 7 DECEMBER 1

God our Father, praise to you! I am surrounded by so many good people, if only I take the time to notice: people who speak your word of compassion and kindness; people who act to give reality to your justice and reconciliation; people whose lives are good seed growing in rich soil. Give me, too, the grace to live in your Spirit, and to be your presence for those I meet as I go about the business of my day. Amen.

### DAY 8 DECEMBER 2

Father, you are entire goodness and you are goodness for me. Creator of all things, who hold all things in being for me, give me faith in you and in myself, your creation. Amen.

### DAY 9 DECEMBER 3

God our Father, as St Francis Xavier travelled to the ends of the earth, impelled by love of Christ and afire with his good news, give me the trust and the grace to base all that I do entirely on you, safe in the knowledge that you raise up the lowly and fill them with good things. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Praying with Saint Francis Xavier  
The Novena of Grace

Visit [diojoliet.org/75th](http://diojoliet.org/75th) for the full novena, which includes excerpts from the letters of St. Francis Xavier



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

**HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME PARISHIONERS**

**ASBURY SUPPORTIVE LIVING:** Rosalyn Szymborski  
**BICKFORD:** Barbara Ciaccio  
**BOURBONNAIS GROVE:** Lavonne Linneman  
**BUTTERFIELD COURT:** Colette Cheffer, 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  
**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	~ Josefina Vazquez
~ Alice Ramien	~ Juan Isaac Solis
~ Anabelle Beedle	~ Kathy Call
~ Abigail Beedle	~ Kathy Dechenne
~ Antonio Dominguez	~ Kelli Burson
~ Betty Mulvihill	~ Kevin Metschuleit
~ Bill Cox	~ Magdalena Salazar
~ Bob Crane	~ Margaret Bialas
~ Bob Sowell	~ Maria Toledo
~ Charlene Russell	~ Mia Martin
~ Craig Robinson	~ Naomi
~ Colleen Kilbride	~ Nicky Frey
~ Daniel Wulffe	~ Nicole & David
~ Darby Thomas	~ Pat Crane
~ Dave Decker	~ Patty Lamie
~ Deacon George A.	~ Rafael Moreno
~ Deacon Rocco	~ Raquel Garcia
~ Debbie Turner	~ Robert & Kathy Lenzi
~ Desiree Grant	~ Ron Talamantes
~ Donna Paquette	~ Russell Westover
~ Elia López	~ Sharon Burton
~ Ema Elvir	~ Steve Schultz
~ Eula Mae Goselin	~ Sylvia Martinez
~ Gloria Mendez	~ Ted & Phyllis Bergeron
~ Harry Carpenter	~ Tom Sauch
~ Joe Petronio	~ Vito Scafiezzo
~ José Luis Delgadillo	~ Willis Buchholz
~ Jose de Jesus Isaac Solis	

**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 November 18 - 26

**Saturday, November 18**

8:00 am † Christine Genis (*Julie Azzarelli*)  
4:30 pm † Jenora Demers (*Don Demers*)  
6:00 pm Por Toda la Gente de Nuestra Parroquia

**Sunday, November 19**

8:00 am † William Dobbelaere (*Mike & Teresa Mahoney*)  
9:30 am † George Faber (*Sandy Bowsher*)  
† Barbara Messina (*Sandra & Francis Girard*)  
† Muffy Stamper & † John Stamper (*Sue Serafini*)  
11:30 am For All the Sick People of the Parish  
1:00 pm † Fidel Villagrán Camacho & † Dagoberto Villagrán (*Lupita Méndez*)  
3:00 pm † Tom & Catherine McGrath (*Bob & Mary Beth*)  
5:00 pm † George & Gabriele Kreutzer (*Family*)

**Monday, November 20**

7:30 am † Fred Capriotti (*Julie Highland*)

**Tuesday, November 21**

7:30 am † Alex Geistwhite (*Kim & Delynn Geistwhite*)  
6:00 pm Pot Toda la Gente Enferma de La Parroquia

**Wednesday, November 22**

7:30 am † Stephen Lavqevin (*Sara & Shawn Crosswhite*)  
12:00 pm For All the Sick People of the Parish

**Thursday, November 23**

9:00 am For All the Sick People of the Parish

**Friday, November 24**

7:30 am † Wayne Dressler (*Joanne Riberdy*)  
12:00 pm For All the Sick People of the Parish

**Saturday, November 25**

8:00 am † Dolores Capriotti (*Julie Highland*)  
4:30 pm † Thomas O'Connor (*Maureen & Family*)  
6:00 pm † María Luisa García (*Familia González-García*)

**Sunday, November 26**

8:00 am † Leslie Hayden (*Betty Azzarelli*)  
9:30 am Jim Kresl (*Katy Kresl & Decker Family*)  
† Paul Marczak (*Vicky Marczak*)  
† Joseph & Julia Bajt (*Karen Bajt*)  
11:30 am † Nacy LaReau (*Katy Kresl & Decker Family*)  
1:00 pm † Fernando Villegas (*Gabriel & Lupita Méndez*)  
† Nicolás Pérez (*María Ángela Pérez*)  
† Martha Arrollo (*Juan Carbajal*)  
3:00 pm Aune Family (*Mari Hernandez*)  
5:00 pm † Carol Sue Painter (*Lori Bass*)

**“Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive.”**

# ST. JOHN PAUL II DIRECTORY



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## 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.

**Phone: 815-933-7683 Fax: 815-933-7692**

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**FFP Desk:** Silvia Esparza & Sandra Díaz Ext. 419

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**Azzarelli Clinic Main** Ext. 414

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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](http://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**

November 11& 12, 2023

**\$10,620.00**

- 180 Envelopes/36 - On Line Donors (\$1,748) -

(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**

# ONLINE *giving*

**Please consider signing up for Online Giving...  
it's easy and convenient:**

**Go to <https://jp2kankakee.weshareonline.org>**

**\*\*\*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 organizing and working the Christmas Past Sale, we recognize and gratefully acknowledge and salute:

**Cathy Langlois, Kathy Wade & All the Volunteers**

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

#### Mon. November 20

RI - 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63

G - Lk 18:35-43

#### Tues. November 21

**Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

RI - 2 Mc 6:18-31

G - Lk 19:1-10

#### Weds. November 22

**Memorial of Saint Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr**

RI - 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31

G - Lk 19:11-28

#### Thurs. November 23

RI - 1 Mc 2:15-29

G - Lk 19:41-44

#### Friday, November 24

**Memorial of Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs**

RI - 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59

G - Lk 19:45-48

#### Saturday, November 25

RI - 1 Mc 6:1-13

G - Lk 20:27-40

#### Sunday, November 26

**The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

RI - Ez 34:11-12, 15-17

R2 - 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28

G - Mt 25:31-46



# THIS WEEK AT JP II

November 20 - 26

### Monday, November 20

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

5:30 pm Rosary Making Group

6:00 pm Práctica del Coro de Niños

7:00 pm Reunión del Grupo Carismático

7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting

### Tuesday, November 21

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

7:00 pm Living Word Bible Study

7:30 pm Class - Sacrament of Initiation for Adults

### Wednesday, November 22

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

### Thursday, November 23

5:00 pm Confessions

8:00 am Set-Up for Sunday Adoration

### Friday, November 24

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

### Saturday, November 25

8:00 am Set-Up for Sunday Adoration

11:00 am Bautismos (If needed)

12:00 pm Young on Fire Rosary - Live Stream

3:30 pm Confessions

### Sunday, November 26

10:00 am Set-Up for Sunday Adoration

9:00 am Estudio Bíblico - Hombres

10:30 am ADORATION

6:30 pm Vespers

### FUTURE EVENTS / DATES

Nov. 27 CCW Deanery Meeting

Finance Council Meeting

Dec. 1 Missionary Lay Group

Arts & Environment (Set up for Advent)

Dec. 2 Nocturnal Adoration

Carmelite Lay Meeting

Dec. 3 Novena - Virgen de Guadalupe

Dec. 6 CCW Board Meeting

Dec. 7 Pro-Life Meeting

Dec. 8 Catechist & Aides Advent Retreat



*The family of St. John Paul II  
Welcomes you!  
Stella L. Suarez,  
Baptized on November 11, 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).

# CHRISTMAS PAST SALE 2023



## CCW Christmas DINNER

MONDAY, DEC. 4, 2023  
5-7PM

KANKAKEE TRAIN DEPOT  
199 S. EAST AVE.  
KANKAKEE

COST \$25 PER PERSON  
PLEASE PUT ENVELOPE WITH MONEY  
IN OFFERING BASKET AT CHURCH BY NOV. 26  
ONLY 60 SPOTS AVAILABLE

DINNER BY CREME OF THE CROP  
WINTER SALAD  
BEEF BOURGIGNON  
MASHED POTATOES  
GREEN BEANS WITH BACON AND ONIONS  
DESSERT  
PEPPERMINT BROWNIES  
PECAN PIE BARS

ENTERTAINMENT  
YOUTH GROUP OF KYTA



## 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 Tíma 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

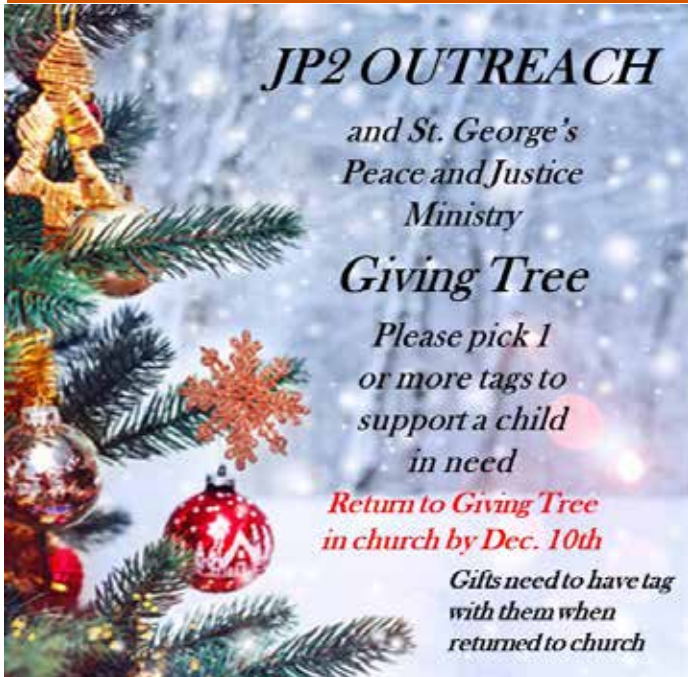
## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE / CALENDARIO LITÚRGICO

MINISTRY	Saturday, November 25 Sábado, 25 de Noviembre		Sunday, November 26 Domingo, 26 de Noviembre				
	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	Norma Sánchez Rogelio Benítez	Thomas Lamie	Mary Simmons	Cynthia Somerville	Ricardo Valtierra Rogelio Canchola	Rose Bailey
USHERS JUICERS	Mary Causer (sub req.)	Sanjuana Valadez María Medina Angélica M. Serna Susana Pérez Kathy Teclamar	Catherine Langlois	Raymond Colevris Deb Groth Stephen Kelley Sandy Kuntz	Rosa Gonzalez Pedro Gonzalez	José Hernández Rosalina Tonacatl Israel Lorenzo Maricela Lorenzo	David Montague
COMMUNION MINISTERS			Julie Yarno <i>Teri O'Connor</i>	Diane Devine <i>Sheryl Scanlon</i>		Patricia Martinez Gabriel Mendez <i>Guadalupe Mendez</i>	
GREETER				Kathryn Griffiths			
SACRISTAN	Karen Miller	Antonio & Angélica Serna	Kathy Bessette	Deb Groth & Sharon Jackson	Pedro González	Lupita & Gabriel Méndez	Need Volunteers
ALTAR SERVERS	Need Volunteers	Jade Carrera Diaz Dionisio Franquiz Perez Natalia Franquiz Perez	Need Volunteers	Julian Cortez Pedro Vazquez	Benjamin Bilderback Rebecca Pardy Athziri Pina	Litzzy Campos Avila Alexa Campos Avila Aileen Diaz	Need Volunteers

### WEEKDAY MINISTERS / MINISTROS DE LA SEMANA

DATES	LECTOR	SACRISTAN
Nov. 20 - 25	Jacob Levy	Flor Rojas
Martes 21	Marcela Andrade	Antonio & Angelica Serna

Linens/Lienzos: Week of November 12: Sandy Girard;  
Weeks of November 19 & 26: Frances Powers



**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

**Complete  
Holiday Feast**  
Catered by  
**The Bennett-Curtis House**  
Turkey - Ham - Stuffing  
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy  
Cranberry Sauce - Salad - Vegetable - Pie  
**Reservations Required**  
(815) 614-2697  
RSVP by Noon Friday, December 22  
(Monday - Friday)

**Comida para el  
dia de fiesta**  
preparada por  
**The Bennett-Curtis House**  
Pavo • Jamón • Relleno • Patatas y Salsa  
Salsa de Arándano • Ensalada  
Legumbres • Empanada  
**Reservaciones Requeridas**  
(815) 614-2697  
antes de viernes, 22 diciembre  
(lunes a viernes)



**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.

**Adult Size Coats  
Needed**  
drop off at church lobby  
**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  
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



## 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, November 20  
Lunes, 20 de Noviembre  
5:30-7:00 pm

JP2 Conference Room

Saturday, November 25

For Questions Call:

Sábado, 25 de noviembre

Deb Groth at 815-263-1675

10:00 am

## Words of Wisdom Book Club

Friday, December 1 at 6:00 pm  
(In the Holy Family Hall)

**December's Book Selection -**  
**Jesus of Nazareth**

By: Pope Benedict XVI

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:**

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## November 2023 NOVENA OF GRACE

From November 25 through December 3, members of our diocese will have the opportunity to participate in a novena of prayer to St. Francis Xavier, our patron saint.

### Day 1

*"May our Lord increase the days of [your] life for many years, and may he grant you to feel, in this present life, his most holy will and the spiritual strength to fulfil it, so that you do and accomplish that which, at the hour of your death, you will wish to have done."*

Letter to King John III of Portugal from Malacca in Malacca 28<sup>th</sup> June 1549

### Reflection

- What are the things in my life of which I am most proud?
- Which of these things will I be most pleased to place before God at the close of my life?
- What do I need to do more of, or less of, if I am to present my best self to God my Lord?

### Prayer

Lord,  
each day you give me new life,  
new graces,  
new opportunities to feel your presence.  
Give me the gift of attentiveness  
to notice you in the people  
and your creation  
which surround my life;  
that I may grow in faith,  
and hope,  
and love.  
Amen.

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The program starts on November 20th, 2023 and meets virtually each Monday at 5:30PM.

Go to catholiccharitiesjoliet.org or call 815-723-0331 to register. Questions? Email counselingreferrals@cc-doj.org Please note: This program is not intended for court, legal, probation, parole, and employment requirements.

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## Sponsor a Needy Individual or Family for Christmas

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# FROM OUR DIOCESE

## VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR Nov. 20-26

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

- 20 Fr. Julian von Duerbeck O.S.B., Fr. James Flint O.S.B.
  - 21 Fr. Theodore Weitzel
  - 22 Fr. Wolf VK Werling, Fr. Charles Wheeler
  - 23 Dcns. Edward Szymanski, Jesus Tagle, Timothy Taylor, Terrence Taylor, Dennis F Theriault, Thomas Thiltgen
  - 24 Transitional Dcn. Luis Ron
  - 25 Sr. Margaret McGuckin OSF, Sr. Patricia Mitchell OSF, Sr. Mary Jean Morris OSF
  - 26 Fr. Anthony Jacob O.S.B., Fr. Jude Randall O.S.B.
- 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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