

# St. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC PARISH

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

WELCOME to the family

BIENVENIDO a la familia

OUR FAMILY IS GROWING...

TO DATE  
**818 FAMILIES**  
HAVE REGISTERED

## 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT & CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

St. John Paul II West  
907 S. 9th Ave., Kankakee

Saturday, Dec. 23

4:30 pm Vigil Mass

6:00 pm Misa en Español de Vigilia

Sunday, Dec. 24 4th Sunday of Advent

8:00 am

9:30 am

Sunday, Dec. 24 Christmas Eve

3:00 pm

5:00 pm

7:00 pm En Español

9:30 pm Christmas Carols

10:00 pm

12:00 Midnight

Monday, Dec. 25 Christmas Day

9:30 am

11:30 am

St. John Paul II East

St. Teresa Church

307 N. St. Joseph Ave., Kankakee

Sunday, Dec. 24 4th Sunday of Advent

12:00 pm Misa en Español

Monday, Dec. 25 Christmas Day

12:00 pm Misa en Español

## DAILY MASSES Dec. 26-29

Tuesday thru Friday

7:30 am

Tuesday

6:00 pm Misa en Español

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 17, 2017



Rejoice in the Lord always;  
again I say, rejoice.

Indeed, the Lord is near. *Philippians 4:4-5*

Regocíjate en el Señor siempre;  
otra vez les digo, regocíjense.

De hecho, el Señor está cerca. *Filipenses 4:4-5*

## MAKE SOME JOYFUL NOISE!

Blessed Gaudete Sunday, my beloved church!

Joy is such an important part of being a human being. It is a kind of disposition of the spirit that does not depend on the circumstances that one is made to face. Joy is possible in good times, but also in bad times. Joy is even possible in the midst of suffering and poverty. Joy is possible even in the most tragic situations. That is because joy belongs to the Holy Spirit, and the Spirit transcends every moment and time.

One thing I know, and one thing I am sure of, THERE IS JOY IN OUR CHURCH! Yes, we have gone through so much, and things have not always been perfectly smooth in our walk to where we are today, but we have a strong community with many faithful people who still choose to be a family of faith. We have gone through some challenging times together, and have lost some things along the way, but the essentials remain with us, and we are fine today. When everyone comes together at church, and new and old families coming together in prayer, there is joy. When people extend their hands to other families whom they have just met, there is joy. When our children play together, tearing down barriers of language and culture, there is joy. When people work together for a common good, to feed the hungry and give hope to the hopeless, there is joy. When parents teach their children to talk to God and to be part of the church, there is joy. When we are kind to one another, there is joy. When we never give up, through all the good and the bad, even through the differences, there is joy.

There is joyfulness in the air, one that cannot be denied, recently, here at church, when our staff moved to the west campus. It is a kind of joy that is brought by the prospect of being able to serve our community better. It is the joy that comes from knowing that we will all continue to be one, to be centralized, to be accessible, to be closer physically, and yes, even to begin a new place where good memories of serving God and His Church together can be made. I hope that this joy that the staff feels these days can be shared with the rest of the parish, as we offer the new office for the rest of our parishioners to see. I pray that people may experience a feeling of hominess and welcome as they walk into the new parish office. I also hope that we continue to move forward with the plans to better our physical plant, our processes and procedures. And lastly, I hope that the things that we are accomplishing are truly unfolding the vision that God has for us here in Kankakee. We seem to continue to receive reassurances that we are moving toward the right direction. So help us, God.

As we celebrate together this Sunday of joy, I pray that we as a church may work together toward creating more joyful memories together as a family of faith. As our patron, St. John Paul II once said, "God made us for joy. God is joy, and the joy of living reflects the original joy that God felt in creating us." Blessed Gaudete Sunday to all! Make some joyful noise!

Joyfully joyful,  
Fr. Sunny Castillo



## HACE UN SONIDO JUBILOSO!

Bendecido Domingo de Gaudete, mi querida iglesia!

Alegría es una parte tan importante de un ser humano. Es una clase de disposición del espíritu que no depende de las circunstancias que uno está hecho para enfrentar. La alegría es posible en tiempos buenos pero también en tiempos malos. Alegría es aun posible en medio del sufrimiento y pobreza. Alegría es posible aún en las situaciones más trágicas. Esto es porque la alegría le pertenece al Espíritu Santo, y el Espíritu trasciende cada tiempo y momento.

Una cosa si se y de una cosa estoy seguro, EN NUESTRA IGLESIA HAY ALEGRÍA! Si, hemos pasado por tanto, y las cosas no han sido siempre tan placenteras en nuestro caminar hacia donde estamos hoy, pero tenemos una comunidad con muchos fieles quienes han elegido ser una familia de fe. Hemos pasado juntos por algunos desafíos y hemos perdido algunas cosas por el camino, pero lo esencial permanece con nosotros, y ahora estamos bien. Cuando todos nos reunimos en oración en el templo en las familias nuevas y las anteriores hay alegría. Cuando las personas extienden sus manos a otras familias que acaban de conocer hay alegría. Cuando nuestros niños juegan juntos rompiendo barreras del idioma y cultura, hay alegría.

Cuando las personas trabajan unidas por un bien común, para alimentar a los pobres y dar aliento a los desamparados hay alegría. Cuando los padres enseñan a sus hijos a hablar con Dios y ser parte de la iglesia, hay alegría. Cuando somos amables unos a los otros, hay alegría. Cuando nunca nos damos por vencidos, a través de todo lo bueno y lo malo, aun entre las diferencias, hay alegría.

Hay alegría en el aire, algo que no se puede negar, recientemente aquí en la iglesia, cuando el personal se cambio al lado oeste. Es una clase de alegría traída por la perspectiva de servir mejor a nuestra comunidad. Es la alegría que viene de saber que continuaremos siendo uno, estar centralizados, ser accesibles, estar cerca físicamente y si, incluso comenzar un lugar nuevo donde juntos podemos construir nuevos recuerdos de servir a Dios y Su Iglesia. Espero que esta alegría que el equipo siente en estos días pueda ser compartida con el resto de la iglesia, mientras ofrecemos nuestra nueva oficina para que el resto de nuestros feligreses vean. Pido que la gente pueda experimentar un sentimiento de bienvenida, como en casa, mientras caminan por la nueva oficina parroquial. También espero que continuemos hacia adelante con los planes de mejorar nuestro lugar físico, nuestro proceso y procedimientos. Y por ultimo espero que las cosas que estamos llevando acabo están en verdad desenvolviendo la visión que Dios tiene para nosotros aquí en Kankakee. Parece ser que seguimos recibiendo confirmación de que vamos hacia la dirección correcta. Así que ayúdanos, Dios.

Mientras celebramos este Domingo de alegría, Pido que como iglesia trabajemos juntos creando muchos mas recuerdos juntos, como una familia de fe. Como nuestro patrón, San Juan Pablo II dijo una vez. "Dios nos hizo felices. Dios es alegría, y la alegría de vivir refleja la alegría que Dios sintió al crearnos." Bendecido Domingo de Gaudete a todos! Hagamos un sonido jubiloso!

Jubiloso jubiloso,  
Padre Sunny Castillo

# SACRAMENTS

## SACRAMENT PROCEDURES

### Baptism:

Call the parish office for Pre-Baptismal requirements and scheduling.

### Weddings:

Marriage Preparation begins at least 6 months in advance. Call the parish office for date confirmation before finalizing other wedding plans.

## PROCEDIMIENTO PARA SACRAMENTOS

### Curso Pre-Bautismal:

Favor de llamar a la oficina de 2 a 3 meses de anticipación

### Bodas:

La Preparacion empieza por lo menos 6 meses antes. Llame a la oficina para confirmar la fecha y finalizar otros planes de la boda.

### Confessions:

St. John Paul II West: 3:30 pm Saturday  
By appointment: Call the parish office

### Confesiones:

San Juan Pablo II Oeste: 3:30 pm Sábado  
Por Cita llame a su parroquia

# ADVENT CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

9:00-11:00 AM

JP2 WEST CAMPUS

Can we pray  
for you?



### Prayer Line Information

You may call any of these numbers with your prayer requests.

All information is confidential.

Bev Stukenborg	815-304-5956 or 932-7411
Beverly Kohan	815-932-1364
Ann Wheeler	815-932-7938
Rose Mary Ciaccio	815-932-8664
Rita Kanosky	815-939-0319

## HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

If you or someone you know is recuperating from an illness or homebound please call **Donna Worth** at the parish office



## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH

Please let us know if you would like your name added or removed from this list by calling the office.

Tracie Martin, Bonnie Gregg, Dolores Ruder, Mary Krippel, Pat Crane, Jackson Smith, Sandy Mayer, Benjamin Worsham, Sheila Somers, Bill Johnson, Kay Harris, Mia Martin, Kathy Call, Craig Robison, Yvonne Borem, Arthur Licon, Margaret Guimond, Abraham Daily, Joyce Mayo, Francis Raut, Donna Valex, Andy Summers, Rosemary Miller, Elizabeth Hitzen, Mary Lou Murphy, Father Dennis Settles, Jim Saindon, Cheryl Heldt, Carol Veronda, Eleanor Leriger, Mary Orban, Sheri Cavender, Kathy Lenzi, Elvira Berens, Kenneth Emling, Kay Peeken, Francis Boudreau, Jim Beedle, Jonette LaPierre, Nicholas Senor, Dorothy Suprenant, Kathy Dechenne, Luella Rockway, Donald Schafroth, Anthony & Agnes Pagano, Celia Gonzalez, Elias Cortes, Ethel Lamie, Ivan Jaimes Valencia, Kevin Sprimont, Sylvia Martinez, Dan McGrath, Elvira Baron, Jeffery Papineau, Humberto Lopez, Alberta Blanchette, Dennis Brady, Ted Bergeron, Judy Swanson

## Homebound & Nursing Home Parishioners

**HOMEBOUND-** Rev. Dennis Settles, Mary Orban, Stanley Gulczynski, Francis Boudreau, Bert White II, Bernadette Denault, Dolores Fritz, Edyth Maher, Barbara Ciaccio, Mary Martin, Rose Kaminsky, Rich Bergan, Therese Gleeson

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**LUTHER PLACE-** Leola Mulvihill

**OUR LADY OF ANGELS-** Rev. Lloyd Bowden

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**Village-** Margaret Guimond, Virginia Gaines

**RIVER NORTH-** Eleanor Leriger, Ted Wheeler

**RIVERSIDE SENIOR LIFE BOURBONNAIS-** Myrl Billadeau

**RIVERSIDE SENIOR LIFE KANKAKEE**

**Miller:** Rosalyn Szymborski

**Butterfield Court -** Marion Ader, Dorothy Kanosky, Antoinette Rabideau, Rita Morris, Colette Cheffer, Juliana Boudreau, Jean O'Connell

**Westwood Oaks-** Lorraine Whittington, Eileen Dupuis

**WATSEKA HEALTH CARE -** Harvey Longtin

**MERKLE KNIPPRATH-** Ethel Lamie, Gertrude (Trudy) Suprenant

If you have any corrections or additions, please call Kathy Dummer at the parish office, 933-7683.

If you would like the Sanctuary Candle lit for a special intention please call the Parish Office at  
**815-933-7683**



Si desea que se encienda La Vela de Oracion para una intencion especial por favor llame a la Oficina Parroquia  
**815-933-7683**



## St. John Paul II Staff Directory

Phone 815-933-7683 Fax 815-933-7692

### Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 9 am—4 pm

Friday 9 am—1 pm

### Horario de la Oficina Hispana

Martes a Jueves 9am-4pm

Viernes 9 am—1 pm

### Pastor

Rev. Santos “Sunny” Castillo ext. 402

### Parochial Vicar

Fr. Fredy Santos, C.S.V.

**Deacons** David Marlowe & Greg Clodi

### Pastoral Associate

Donna Worth ext. 403

RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

### Pastoral Secretary/Bulletin Editor

Kathy Dummer ext. 408

Please e-mail articles by Fri. 12:00 noon the week before to

[kdummer@jp2kankakee.org](mailto:kdummer@jp2kankakee.org)

### Director of Hispanic Ministry-Ministerio Hispano

Alex Quezada ext. 404

### Hispanic Ministry Associate

Maria Flores ext. 407

Sister Elsie Gamez

**Business Manager** ext. 406

**Liturgy Coordinator** Lori Ciaccio ext. 405

### Receptionists

Silvia Barajas ext. 410

Betty Clodi ext. 409

**Music Director** Michael Berger 815-922-8651

DJBerger@mail.com

**Música Español** Ema Segura 815-592-4175

**Maintenance Supervisor** Brian Haller

### Parish Media Links

#### Website

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



#### Facebook

St John Paul II Kankakee

### Parish Council Members

Cathi Willi-President Wendy Langlois-Secretary

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Deb Groth Ken Klipp

Ramon Lopez Kimra Anderson

Maria Pizano-Calderon Kerri Lilienthal

### Finance Council Members

Mark O'Connor-President Cheryl Walsh-Secretary

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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday

**December 16, 2017**

4:30 p.m.

† Donnie Bogdan (*Bernice Bukosky*)

† Betty Bridgewater (*Jean Azzarelli*)

6:00 p.m.

† Obdulia Zavala (*Blanca Zavala Calderon*)

### Sunday

**December 17, 2017**

8:00 a.m.

† Lyle Arends (*Family*)

Lu Lowe (*Brian & Lisa Conrad*)

† Susan Andrews (*Brian & Lisa Conrad*)

9:30 a.m.

† Jeanne Hansen (*Verna Mae Tompkins*)

† Joanne O'Connor (*Patrick O'Connor*)

† Bill Powers (*Betty Azzarelli*)

† Bishop Joseph Imesch (*Parish Family*)

11:30 a.m.

† Bernard Hansen (*Ron, Pat, & Gunnar Hansen*)

12:00 p.m.

Maria Trinidad & Octavio Garcia (*Parish Family*)

5:00 p.m.

Veronica Carlson (*Kathy & Troy Dechenne*)

### Monday

**December 18, 2017**

7:30 a.m.

† Emmet Jacklin (*A Parishioner of St. John Paul II*)

### Tuesday

**December 19, 2017**

7:30 a.m.

† Carolyn “Carrie” Walker (*Merle & June Raymond*)

### Wednesday

**December 20, 2017**

7:30 a.m.

† Marilyn Block (*LaVonne Linneman*)

### Thursday

**December 21, 2017**

7:30 a.m.

† Richard Veronda (*LaVonne Linneman*)

### Friday

**December 22, 2017**

7:30 a.m.

† Mary Warner (*Sister Elsie Gamez*)

† Darren Johnson (*Julie Johnson*)

### Saturday

**December 23, 2017**

4:30 p.m.

† Mike Pecchenino (*Family, Brothers, Sisters*)

† Gene Seamark Sr. (*Bernice Bukosky*)

6:00 p.m.

Leticia Gonzalez (*Leticia Gonzalez*)

### Sunday

**December 24, 2017**

#### Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m.

† Eileen Buckley (*Marlene Papineau*)

9:30 a.m.

† John Azzarelli (*Betty Azzarelli*)

12:00 p.m.

Dolores & Martin Pizano (*Parish Family*)

#### Christmas Eve

3:00 p.m.

† Dana Grant (*Aunt Patsy*)

5:00 p.m.

† Daniel Mill (*Verm & Rita Mill & Family*)

7:00 p.m.

Jose Vazquez (*Sr. Maria*)

10:00 p.m.

For All the People of St. John Paul II

12:00 p.m.

† Francis & Phyllis Bisping (*Family*)

### Monday

**December 25, 2017 Christmas Day**

9:30 a.m.

† Reimer & Mulholland Families (*Family*)

11:30 a.m.

† Erma Boudreau (*Francis Boudreau*)

† Madonna Brosseau (*Judy Wesoloski*)

12:00 p.m.

† Carmen Solis (*Alejandra R*)

All children of the parish are welcome to participate in the **JP2 Children's Christmas Choir**

Practice is December 17 after the 11:30am Mass.

The Children's Choir will be at 5:00 pm mass on Christmas Eve!!!



Todos los niños de la iglesia son bienvenidos a participar en el **Coro Navideño de JP2**

Practica es Diciembre 17 despues de la misa de 11:30 am. El Cor de Niños estará en la misa del las 5:00 pm en Noche Buena!!!

# JP2 Music Ministry

Adult Choir practices are held on Monday nights at 7:00 pm & Saturday afternoons at 2:00 pm In the music room

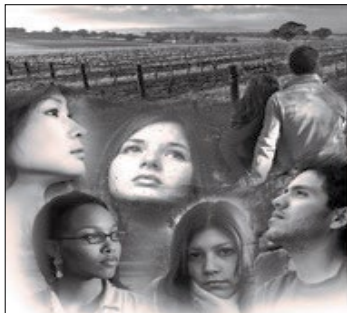
New members are always welcome!!

## The JP2 Staff has moved!!

After 5 months of sharing the office spaces at JP2 East Campus, we have moved into our newly renovated offices at JP2 West campus. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way with the renovation process!!

The Parish Office phone number and fax number will stay the same.

Phone 815-933-7683 Fax 815-933-7692



## Rachel's Vineyard

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Contact: Kay Corcoran 866-99-4-GIVE (4483) for [informationcorcoran-family@sbcglobal.net](mailto:informationcorcoran-family@sbcglobal.net)



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<b>Liturgical Schedule</b> <b>4th Sunday</b> <b>Of Advent</b>	<b>Saturday</b> December 23 4:30 pm <b>West campus</b>	<b>Saturday/Sabado</b> December 23 6:00 pm <b>West campus</b>	<b>Sunday</b> December 24 8:00 am <b>West campus</b>	<b>Sunday</b> December 24 9:30 am <b>West campus</b>	<b>Sunday/Domingo</b> December 24 12:00 pm <b>East campus</b>
<b>Altar Servers/ Monaguillos</b>	Kevin O’Gorman <b>Need Volunteer</b>	Isabel Velazco David Diaz	Richard Hemza	Isabel Velasco Collin Furrow Katelyn Furrow	Yareni Martinez Mariely Medina Cassandra Valtierra Yael Calderon
<b>Lectors/ Lectores</b>	1) Cindy McBarnes 2) Cheryl Walsh	Maria Toledo Karina Toledo Gustavo Flores	1) Bob Sowell 2) Ann Wheeler	1) Pat Hansen 2) Donna Ray	Miriam Gaytan Teresa Zamarripa Guadalupe Fernandez
<b>Communion Ministers/ Ministros de la Comuni3n</b>	* Jan Rodgers Charlotte Nolte Fran Powers Sue Dykiewitz	Ofelia Carmona Juana Ayala Jose Ayala	* Bev Stukenborg Kathy Bessette Diane Goodwin Julie Yarno	* Mickey Kreissler * Deb Groth * Judy Smead Tom Martin Kathy Dummer DeLynn Geistwhite	Dolores Pizano Rosa Chavez Rosa Vazquez Ema Elvir Maria Fernandez Blanca Martinez
<b>Ushers Ujieres</b>	* John Rodgers Bob Pfeiffer Bernie O’Malley Vic Peregrine	Serafin Lopez Teresa Lopez Veronica Carmona Eloisa Ayala	* Jackie Robinson Maureen Kambic Harla Boulee Steve Coy	* Bob Crane Charlene Russell Jerry Kuntz Gary Shaw	Edgardo Mendez Maria Mendez Patricia Martrinez Eva Mora
<b>Welcoming/ Greeters</b>	Julie Johnson Irene Granger	Jose Toledo Maria Toledo	Fermin Quezada Cathi Willi	James Shellie Laura Shellie Mike Riegel Lisa Riegel	Guadalupe Mendez Gabriel Mendez

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 18-22**  
LECTOR: Ann Wheeler      Extraordinary Ministers: Bob Pfeiffer, Sr. Krystyna

<b>Liturgical Schedule</b> <b>Christmas</b> <b> Eve</b>	<b>Sunday</b> December 24 3:00 pm <b>West campus</b>	<b>Sunday</b> December 24 5:00 pm <b>West campus</b>	<b>Sunday/Domingo</b> December 24 7:00 pm <b>West campus</b>	<b>Sunday</b> December 24 10:00 pm <b>West campus</b>	<b>Sunday</b> December 24 12:00 Midnight <b>West campus</b>
<b>Altar Servers/ Monaguillos</b>	Maddie Russell <b>Need Volunteer</b> <b>Need Volunteer</b>	Abigail Richey <b>Need Volunteer</b> <b>Need Volunteer</b>	Denise Andrade Isabel Velazco Katia Tetlatzi Yurary Jacobo	Joseph Butzen <b>Need Volunteer</b> <b>Need Volunteer</b>	Roxanne Storke Kevin O’Gorman Kayla Trout Ryan Trout
<b>Lectors/ Lectores</b>	1) Jacob Levy 2) Dick Frey	1) Cindy McBarnes 2) George Arocha	Sulema Munoz Karina Toledo Liz Suarez	1) Jane Gerth 2) Paul Gerth	1) Bev Stukenborg 2) Alex Quezada
<b>Communion Ministers/ Ministros de la Comuni3n</b>	* Deb Groth Deb Carlson Sandy Girard <b>Need Volunteer</b> <b>Need Volunteer</b> <b>Need Volunteer</b>	Bev Kohan Beth Arocha John Brill Janet Brill Deb Groth	Jose Ayala Rosa Chavez Valente Velazco Bertha Aviles Vicente Andrade Luis Ayala	* Cathy Langlois * Amy Anderson * Charlotte Nolte Jan Rodgers Kathy Dummer <b>Need Volunteer</b>	* Frances Powers * Lisa Conrad * Ian Quezada <b>Need Volunteer</b> <b>Need Volunteer</b> <b>Need Volunteer</b>
<b>Ushers Ujieres</b>	* <b>Need Volunteer</b> <b>Need Volunteer</b> <b>Need Volunteer</b> <b>Need Volunteer</b>	Ron Dressler <b>Need Volunteer</b> <b>Need Volunteer</b> <b>Need Volunteer</b>	Jose Toledo Sandra Diaz Veronica Carmona Maria Guerrero	* John Rodgers <b>Need Volunteer</b> <b>Need Volunteer</b> <b>Need Volunteer</b>	* Juana Ayala Luis Ayala <b>Need Volunteer</b> <b>Need Volunteer</b>
<b>Welcoming/ Greeters</b>	<b>Need Volunteer</b> <b>Need Volunteer</b> <b>Need Volunteer</b> <b>Need Volunteer</b>	Maria Pizano-Calderon <b>Need Volunteer</b> <b>Need Volunteer</b> <b>Need Volunteer</b>	Serafin Lopez Teresa Lopez Gustavo Flores Maria Toledo	Maureen Haller Brian Haller	Ashanti Quezada Janice Shenk Sandra Kuntz



<b>Liturgical Schedule Christmas</b>	<b>Saturday</b> December 25 9:30 am West campus	<b>Saturday/Sabado</b> December 25 11:30 am West campus	<b>Sunday</b> December 25 12:00 pm East campus
<b>Altar Servers/ Monaguillos</b>	Mike Wolfer Zane Coy Riley Havener	Joseph Butzen <b>Need Volunteer</b> <b>Need Volunteer</b>	Sara Fernandez Chris Garcia Ricardo Valtierra Albert Valladares
<b>Lectors/ Lectores</b>	1) Edison Barber 2) Wendy Langlois	1) Paula Muhlstadt 2) Steve Kelley	Lorenia Lara Silvia Esparza Magda Salazar
<b>Communion Ministers/ Ministros de la Comuni3n</b>	* Diane Devine * Diane Sheehan * Julie Yarno Teri O'Connor Dena Coy <b>Need Volunteer</b>	* Bob Thrasher <b>* Need Volunteer</b> <b>* Need Volunteer</b> <b>Need Volunteer</b> <b>Need Volunteer</b>	Bertha Aviles Celene Valtierra Marcela Andrade Norma Sanchez Dolores Pizano Ema Elvir
<b>Ushers Ujeres</b>	* Gary Shaw Steve Coy <b>Need Volunteer</b> <b>Need Volunteer</b>	* Annie Syrstad Chuck Juarez Leo Donath Dave Hegg	Angeles Juarez Yoana Hernandez Kimberly Valtierra Jesus Candelario
<b>Welcoming/ Greeters</b>	Kathy Griffiths <b>Need Volunteer</b>	<b>Need Volunteer</b> <b>Need Volunteer</b>	Guadalupe Mendez Gabriel Mendez

**CONFESSIONS**

**Saturday,  
Dec. 23  
9-11 am**

**Saturday,  
Dec. 30  
3:30 pm**

**West Campus**

The parish office will be closed December 23-January 1

In case of a death or a near death emergency & you need a priest, Please call the parish office at 815-933-7683 and PRESS \*

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**December 20**

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**Sunday, January 7, 2018**

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## Adult Faith Formation December 18-23

**Tuesday, Dec. 19 Church** 10:00 am  
Fatima Novena- Pray the Rosary

**Tuesday, Dec. 19 Conference Rm.** 11:00 am & 7:00 pm  
Living Word Bible Study

**Tuesday, Dec. 19** 6:30 pm  
FFP Holiday Parties

**Wednesday, Dec. 20** 6:30 pm  
FFP Holiday Parties

**Wednesday, Dec. 20 Conference Rm.** 6:30 pm  
GIFT-Growing in Faith Together-The Bible & The Sacraments

**Thursday, Dec. 21** 6:30 pm  
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## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



**St. John Paul II West**  
8:00 am – 6:00 pm First Friday of the month  
1er Sábado del mes / First Saturday of the month  
8:00 pm – 5:00 am Nocturnal Adoration



**Divina Misericordia/Divine Mercy**  
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## Azzarelli Outreach Medical Clinic December 19-21

Tues./Martes, Weds./Miercoles, Thurs./Jueves  
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### Wednesday/Miercoles—December 19

- Doctor Day 9:00 am-12:00 pm

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### Wednesday/Miércoles-December 20

- Doctor Day -Pediatrician 9:00 am-12:00 pm

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It will re-open on Wednesday, January 3 from 9 am-2pm.

Thank you and God Bless you for your continued support of the  
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## DAILY MASS READINGS

**Monday, December 18 (Late Advent Weekday)**

Jeremiah 23:5-8

Matthew 1:18-25

**Tuesday, December 19 (Late Advent Weekday)**

Judges 13:2-7, 24-25

Luke 1:5-25

**Wednesday, December 20 (Late Advent Weekday)**

Isaiah 7:10-14

Luke 1:26-38

**Thursday, December 21 (St. Peter Canisius)**

Song of Songs 2:8-14 or Zephaniah 3:14-18

Luke 1:39-45

**Friday, December 22 (Late Advent Weekday)**

1 Samuel 1:24-28

Luke 1:46-56

**Saturday, December 23 (St. John of Kanty)**

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24

Luke 1:57-66

**Sunday, December 24 (Fourth Sunday of Advent)**

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12, 14, 16

Romans 16:25-27

Luke 1:26-38

**Sunday, December 24 (Christmas Vigil Mass)**

Isaiah 62:1-5

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

Matthew 1:1-25

**Sunday, December 24 (Christmas Evening Mass)**

Isaiah 9:1-6

Titus 2:11-14

Luke 2:1-14

**Sunday, December 24 (Christmas Midnight Mass)**

Isaiah 62:11-12

Titus 3:4-7

Luke 2:15-20

**Monday, December 25 (Christmas Day Mass)**

Isaiah 52:7-10

Hebrews 1:1-6

John 1:1-18



Dec. 17, 2017, Third Sunday of Advent

"He is always with us. Jesus promised this when he gave the disciples the same mission he gives to each of us: Go...Walk with each other. Do not be afraid to embrace God's gift of life. Whatever storms or trials we face, we are not alone. He is with us." USCCB

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# Gaudete Sunday

Dec. 17, 2017 Third Sunday of Advent



The return of Christ in glory is an article of our faith. It is part of the Good News that we proclaim, and a cause for rejoicing. During this Advent season, as we focus on preparing for the return of Christ, let us embrace and project to the world an attitude of joyful expectation, proclaiming through our words and actions the coming of the Lord.

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**When: After mass on Sundays**

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