

St. JOHN PAUL II

CATHOLIC PARISH

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WELCOME to the family

BIENVENIDO a la familia

OUR FAMILY IS GROWING...

TO DATE
821 FAMILIES
 HAVE REGISTERED

CHRISTMAS EVE DECEMBER 24, 2017

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

St. John Paul II West
 956 S. 10th Ave., Kankakee

Saturday

4:30 pm Vigil Mass

6:00 pm Misa en Español de Vigilia

Sunday

8:00 am

9:30 am

11:30 am

5:00 pm

St. John Paul II Central

St. Rose of Lima Church
 486 W. Merchant St., Kankakee
Sunday

8:00 am (Services suspended)

St. John Paul II East

St. Teresa Church
 307 N. St. Joseph Ave., Kankakee
Sunday

12:00 pm Misa en Español

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

St. John Paul II West

Monday thru Friday

7:30 am

Tuesday

6:00 pm Misa en Español

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:30 pm or by appointment



MERRY CHRISTMAS, CHURCH!

What a joy to greet you with these beautiful words – Merry Christmas! Yes indeed, we are full of joy because the truths of these two words.

FIRST CHRISTMAS AT OUR NEW PARISH. I want to make sure that I recognize that this is our first Christmas as a new parish, and I have to say that in so short a time, we have organized ourselves well. We are still working on many areas of the parish life, but for the most part, we are becoming more and more stable, and our ministries are doing well. Our giving trees to Harbor House and the Veterans Home have born much fruit, and our gifts to the recipients will bring the Christmas spirit to them even beyond Christmas! Our Book Club, Bible Study class and Growing In Faith Together sessions have been steady and well attended. Our programs for the Hispanic Community, including the Encuentros Retreat, the V Encuentro and Family Bridges have received many positive feedback from parishioners. Our masses continue to offer time for prayer both in word and song, Sacrament and Word, and fellowship with each other in a welcoming environment. Our new office is now open to serve our parishioners, and has provided another step to centralize our operations as a parish. We have more work to do but these accomplishments over the past six months is simply amazing. Merry Christmas, my dear Church!

THE BABY JESUS AND OUR KINDNESS. Thanks to the Kindness Krew, we were able to focus and be intentional about doing acts of kindness during the Advent Season, and now the Baby Jesus in the manger lies on a crib lined in kindness hay. I took some time reading the acts of kindness that we have done, and it made me feel proud of our parish. One person helped an elderly person grocery shopping, while another just tried to be more patient with family members at home. Someone spent time smiling more while still another person simply tried to be nicer to others. These acts of kindness are the perfect gift for the Lord this Christmas, and I know that the Lord is pleased by them. Merry Christmas, my dear Church!

LOOKING INWARD FOR A PARISH VISION AND MISSION. What is God asking us to do as a Church? This was what the Bishop asked us to answer from the very beginning of our journey to unification of the three parishes back only in March of this year. These days, about six months after the establishment of our parish, we are now looking inward to sort of ask that question again in order to know what we are doing. We are asking the Holy Spirit to guide us to the vision and mission of our parish, and our Parish Council is spearheading its formulation now. This is both a way of looking at what we are already doing, who we already are as a family of faith, but also defines and purposes the things that we want to become and to emphasize as we move forward in the life of our new parish. It is not hard to see, through this process, that we are already a very good parish, and we will continue to get better, and spread the Gospel of Jesus to many people in our community. Merry Christmas!

A PASTOR'S HEART EXPOSED. I am very happy to be your pastor, and after six and a half years from St. Teresa, to the Tri-parish (St. Teresa, St. Rose and St. Martin), to now St. John Paul II, I have come to call Kankakee my home here in America. God brought me here for a reason, and I can see clearly why. We have gone through so much as a family of faith, but if there is one thing that I hope you will not forget, my dear Church, it is this – that I LOVE YOU WITH THE LOVE OF THE LORD. From our parish family to your loved ones at home: Merry Christmas, my dear Church, and God bless you always!

Joyfully joyful,
Fr. Sunny Castillo



FELIZ NAVIDAD, IGLESIA!

Que alegría de saludarles con estas bellas palabras – Feliz Navidad! Sí de hecho, estamos llenos de alegría por la verdad de estas palabras.

LA PRIMER NAVIDAD EN NUESTRA NUEVA PARROQUIA. Quiero asegurarme de reconocer que esta es nuestra primera Navidad como una nueva iglesia y tengo que decir que en tan corto tiempo nos hemos organizado bien. Aún estamos trabajando en muchas áreas de la vida parroquial, pero por la mayor parte estamos cada vez más estables y nuestros ministerios están bien. Nuestros árboles de regalos para Harbor House y Veterans Home han dado muchos frutos, los regalos traerán el espíritu Navideño a las personas más allá de la Navidad! Las Sesiones de Nuestro Club de Libro, la clase del estudio Bíblico y Creciendo Juntos en la Fe, han estado estables y bien atendidas. Nuestros programas para la Comunidad Hispana, incluyendo el Retiro de Encuentros, Lazos de Familia han recibido comentarios positivos de nuestros feligreses. Nuestras misas continúan ofreciendo tiempo de oración en ambos, palabra y canto, Sacramento y Palabra y la convivencia entre nosotros con un ambiente de bienvenida. Nuestra oficina está abierta para servir a nuestros feligreses y ha dado otro paso para centralizar nuestras operaciones como parroquia. Tenemos más trabajo por hacer pero estos logros durante estos seis meses pasados son simplemente asombrosos. Feliz Navidad, mi querida Iglesia!

EL NIÑO JESUS Y NUESTRA BONDAD. Gracias al Equipo de Bondad, podemos enfocarnos y tener las intenciones de hacer actos de bondad durante la Temporada de Adviento para que ahora el Niño Jesús se encuentre recostado en una cuna forrada con paja de bondad. Me tome un tiempo para leer algunos actos de bondad que hemos hecho y me hizo sentir orgulloso de nuestra parroquia. Alguien ayudo a una persona mayor para ir a comprar comestibles, mientras otra trato de ser más paciente con los miembros de la familia en casa. Alguien tomo más tiempo sonriendo mientras otra simplemente trato de ser más amable con los demás. Estos actos de bondad son los regalos perfectos para el Señor en esta Navidad y sé que el Señor está complacido con ellos. Feliz Navidad, mi querida Iglesia!

MIRANDO HACIA DENTRO PARA LA VISION Y MISION DE LA IGLESIA. Que nos está pidiendo Dios que hagamos como Iglesia? Esto fue lo que el Obispo nos pidió que contestáramos desde un principio de nuestra jornada de la unificación de las tres parroquias el pasado Marzo de este año. En estos días, después de seis meses del establecimiento de nuestra parroquia, estamos mirando ahora hacia dentro para hacer esa pregunta nuevamente con el fin de saber lo que estamos haciendo. Estamos pidiéndole al Espíritu Santo que nos guie hacia la visión y misión de nuestra parroquia, nuestro Concilio Parroquial está encabezando su formulación ahora. Ambos son una manera de mirar lo que ya estamos haciendo, quien ya somos como una familia de fe, pero además define y propone en lo que nos queremos convertir y enfatizar mientras nos vamos hacia adelante en la vida de nuestra nueva parroquia. No es difícil mirar, a través de este proceso que ya somos una gran parroquia y continuaremos mejorando y llevando el Evangelio de Jesús a mucha gente en nuestra comunidad. Feliz Navidad!

EL CORAZON DEL PASTOR EXPUESTO. Estoy muy contento de ser su pasar y después de seis años y medio en Santa Teresa hasta las Tres -parroquias (Sta. Teresa. Sta. Rosa y San Martin) y ahora San Juan Pablo II, He llegado a nombrar Kankakee mi casa aquí en América. Dios me trajo aquí por una razón y ahora puedo ver claramente el porqué. Hemos pasado por tanto, como familia de fe, pero hay algo que espero no olviden mi querida Iglesia, que LOS AMOCON EL AMOR DEL SEÑOR. De nuestra familia parroquial hacia sus seres queridos en casa: Feliz Navidad, mi querida Iglesia y Dios los Bendiga Siempre!

Alegremente alegre,
Padre Sunny Castillo

Liturgical Schedule JDII West	Saturday December 30 4:30 pm	Saturday/Sabado December 30 6:00 pm	Sunday December 31 8:00 am	Sunday December 31 9:30 am	Sunday December 31 11:30 am
Altar Servers/ Monaguillos	Mario Guastalli Rosario Guastalli		Robby Sowell Kevin O’Gorman	Andrew Shepherd Ryan Shepherd	Danial Osborn Joseph Osborn Joseph Butzen
Lectors/ Lectores	1) Jacob Levy 2) Bob Pfiesser	Ismael Lara Lorenia Lara Sulema Munoz	1) Mike Boisvert 2) Bev Stukenborg	1) Sharyl Janik 2) Julie Koerner	1) Cynthia Somerville 2) David Osborn
Communion Ministers/ Ministros de la Comuni3n	* Mary Herman Sue Dietkewitz John Brill Janet Brill	Miguel Sanchez Norma Sanchez Marcela Andrade	* John Lilienthal Kerri Lilienthal Mike Wolfer Cathi Willi	* Bob Crane * Lisa Riegel * Jan Anesi Arnie Joubert Julie Busken Teri O’Connor	* Sharren Suddick Donald Somerville Paula Muldstadt Sr. Evangeline
Ushers Ujieres	* Ron Dressler Annie Syrstad Mickey Kreissler Tom Martin		* P. Pietraszewski Ann Fritz Francis Fritz Tom Panozzo	* Paul Gerth Jane Gerth Dave Denault Mark O’Connor	* Juana Osborn George Arocha Beth Arocha Steve Kelley
Welcoming/ Greeters	Diane Sheehan Brenda Dressler	Gustavo flores Serafin Lopez	Bob Kerness Linda Kerness	Kathy Dummer Barb Staniszeski Joyce Raspolich Kathy Griffiths	Isidoro Fernandez Mariana Parra

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE: DECEMBER 26-29
LECTOR: George Arocha Extraordinary Ministers: Cathi Willi, Arnie Joubert

Liturgical Schedule JDII West	Sunday December 31 5:00 pm
Altar Servers/ Monaguillos	Ryan Trout Kayla Trout
Lectors/ Lectores	Janet Hanson
Communion Ministers/ Ministros de la Comuni3n	*Bob Thrasher Kathy Anderson Brittany Parsons Alex Quezada
Ushers Ujieres	* Ramone Arce Victor Rosales Tim Trout Penny Trout
Welcoming/ Greeters	Estafany Rosales Evelyn Rosales Mitsy Rosales

Liturgical Schedule JDII East	Sunday/Domingo December 31 12:00 pm
Altar Servers/ Monaguillos	Sara Fernandez Mariely Medina Maria Fernandez Antony Martinez
Lectors/ Lectores	Jorge Flores Rogelio Canchola Silvia Esparza
Communion Ministers/ Ministros de la Comuni3n	Celene Valtierra Ricardo Valtierra Alex Quezada Bertha Aviles Rosario Lira Antonio Elvir
Ushers Ujieres	Yosmar Ocampo Octavio Garcia Ashanti Quezada Ian Quezada
Welcoming/ Greeters	Madga Valladarez Albert Valladarez

Liturgical Schedule JDII West	Tuesday/Martes January 2 6:00 pm
Altar Servers/ Monaguillos	Katia Tetlanatzy David Diaz
Lectors/ Lectores	Norma Sanchez Maria Toledo
Communion Ministers/ Ministros de la Comuni3n	
Ushers Ujieres	Sandra Diaz Aide Palma
Welcoming/ Greeters	

St. John Paul II Staff Directory

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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

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Donna Worth ext. 403

RCIA-Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Pastoral Secretary/Bulletin Editor

Kathy Dummer ext. 408

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St John Paul II Kankakee

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In case of a death or a near death emergency & you need a priest please call the parish office, 815-933-7683 and PRESS #

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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*)

† Susan Andrews (*Brian & Lisa Conrad*)

9:30 a.m.

† John Azzarelli (*Betty Azzarelli*)

† Bill Powers (*Fran Powers*)

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*)

Tuesday

December 26, 2017

7:30 a.m.

† Willidean Spaulding (*Family & Friends*)

Wednesday

December 27, 2017

7:30 a.m.

† Bernard & Jeanne Hansen (*Karen Wilken*)

Thursday

December 28, 2017

7:30 a.m.

† Richard Veronda (*LaVonne Linneman*)

† Ray Mulholland Sr. (*Family*)

Friday

December 29, 2017

7:30 a.m.

† Nancy Shronts (*Family*)

Saturday

December 30, 2017

4:30 p.m.

Living & Deceased members of the Fushi Family (*Family*)

† Madlyn Griffis (*Bernice Bukosky*)

† Frank Einfeldt (*Anna Einfeldt*)

6:00 p.m.

Leticia Gonzalez (*Maria Flores*)

Sunday

December 31, 2017

8:00 a.m.

† Chris McCormick (*Ann Wheeler*)

† Deacon Ron Whitman (*Joanne Whitman*)

9:30 a.m.

† Bob Linneman (*LaVonne Linneman*)

† Judi Buchholz (*Terri Henderson*)

11:30 a.m.

† Bill Rooney (*Sisters Catherine & Mary*)

† Joan Hegg (*David Hegg*)

Maria Fernandez (*Fernandez Family*)

12:00 p.m.

Julio Sanchez (*Sister Mary*)

Ernesto Crrillo (*Sister Mary*)

5:00 p.m.

For all the People of St. John Paul II

Monday

January 1, 2017 New Years Day

6:00 p.m.

† Raymond Palmateer (*Daughters*)

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:

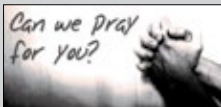
La Preparacion empieza por lo menos 6 meses antes. Llame a la oficina para confirmar la fecha y finalizar otros planes de la boda.

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



Prayer Line Information

You may call any of these numbers with your prayer requests.
All information is confidential.

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Beverly Kohan	815-932-1364
Ann Wheeler	815-932-7938
Rose Mary Ciaccio	815-932-8664
Rita Kanosky	815-939-0319

Sanctuary Candles

The candles in the sanctuary at JP2 West are burning for

Daniel Mill

Requested by Vern & Rita Mill
&

The Steger & Hartly Families
Requested by their families



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.

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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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OUR LADY OF ANGELS- Rev. Lloyd Bowden

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Village- Margaret Guimond, Virginia Gaines

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RIVERSIDE SENIOR LIFE BOURBONNAIS- Myrl Billadeau

RIVERSIDE SENIOR LIFE KANKAKEE

Miller: Rosalyn Szymborski, Marion Ader

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

Westwood Oaks-Lorraine Whittington, Eileen Dupuis

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A Welcoming Church:

We are called to welcome and invite! It is the Lord Jesus who transforms people's lives, and our Christian calling is to bring people close to Him. Wherever you are in your encounter with God, we are here to be with you and share your joys, and help in your struggles. We welcome every person, of every age, race and socio-economic status.

A Eucharist Centered Church:

The heart of our parish is the celebration of the Eucharist! In our Eucharistic celebrations, we endeavor to be united by Word and Sacrament, praising God in song, and offering the experience of a divine encounter with God. We believe that our parish family praying together is a glimpse of what awaits us all in the fullness of God's Kingdom.



A Missionary Church:

Our missionary platform as a church begins in our local neighborhoods. We provide free healthcare services to over 2,000 patients at our Azzarelli Clinic and we welcome over a hundred families to our Catholic Food Pantry every Friday. We offer family wellness services through our Family Bridges Program and Couples' Date Nights. The Lisieux Mission Center offers various services for immigration, hosts tutoring for children, and serves many outreach events for the local community as a whole.

An Evangelizing Church:

We are a church family that is proud of our Catholic Tradition and is passionate about sharing it, teaching it, and celebrating it with others. We accomplish this through our discipleship and evangelization programs, including Bible Study, RCIA, Faith Formation, Growing in Faith Together, and presentations about various topics pertaining to Catholicism.



A Church for the Young:

While we are a church for the entire family, we particularly want to focus on being a church community for the young. We would like to offer reasons for the children to be excited about their faith, and for families with young children to be at home in our parish environment, where we foster faith and fellowship in the spirit of St. John Paul II's love for youth and children.



St. John Paul II Parish was decreed on May 18, 2017, and established on July 1, 2017. It was born out of the unification of three Kankakee churches—St. Martin of Tours, St. Rose of Lima, and St. Teresa of Lisieux. Putting together the rich history and faith of these parishes, we have become a stronger family of disciples. Reflecting on ourselves and our God-given mission as the Church of our time, we are inspired to build a culture of intentional Catholics.

We ask you then to reflect with us, and if you find that our dreams as a parish align with your dreams and vision of being part of the Catholic Church, we invite you to be our companion on this journey, and be a spiritual ally for the future generation of our community, and the whole world! God Bless You!



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Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

Estas super invitado a participar en esta liturgia especial
 en el primer día de la semana
 Nacional de Migración 2018
 Misa de DACA

Domingo 7 de Enero 2018
4:00 pm
 Iglesia San Patricio, Kankakee

You are invited and encouraged to participate in this special
 liturgy on the first day of
National Migration Week 2018
DACA Mass
 (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals)

Sunday, January 7, 2018
4:00 pm
 St. Patrick Church, Kankakee

Come for a better understanding, Come and pray with and
 for DREAMERS. Come and celebrate Human dignity of every
 person.
 Presider and Homilist will be Fr. Corey Brost, CSV.



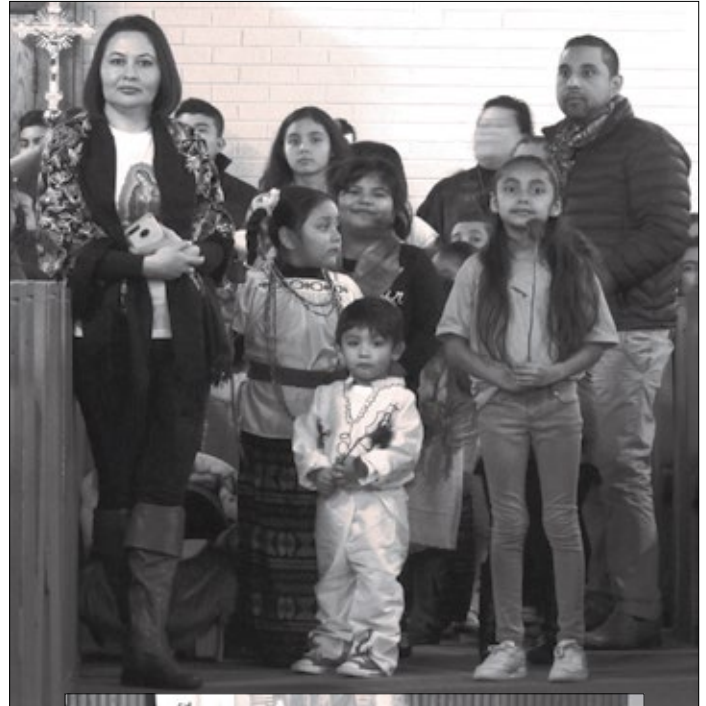
ROSARIO POR LA UNIDAD EN NUESTRAS FAMILIAS

Todos los jueves por la tarde
7:30 pm

San Juan Pablo II Oeste
Unete a nosotros y trae tus intenciones

Rezaremos por la armonía y unidad de nuestras familias.
 Oremos por la paz en el mundo y la paz en nuestros hogares
 Rosario Bilingüe.

Dirigido por las Hermanas Misioneras de la Sagrada Familia



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as communication, conflict resolution and problem solving. We also help them understand the role that emotions, forgiveness, gratitude, commitment and affection play in any relationship. For more information:

Family Bridges Local Contact- St. John Paul II Parish
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Adult Faith Formation December 26-29

Tuesday, Dec. 26 **No Rosary this morning**
 Fatima Novena- Pray the Rosary

There will be no Tuesday Bible Study on Dec. 26, we will resume on January 2. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

For Bible Study info call: Jacob Levy 815-474-2312
 For Parenting in Christ info call: FFP office 815-932-7911
 For GIFT or Words of Wisdom Book Club info call: Laurie Mau 815-953-8921



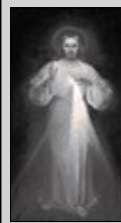
Have a joyful and safe
 Christmas
 and a Happy New Year!!

Faith Formation Classes will not be held
 Dec. 26-28 and Jan. 2-4
 Classes will resume on January 9

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



St. John Paul II West
 8:00 am – 6:00 pm First Friday of the month
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 8:00 pm – 5:00 am Nocturnal Adoration



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 9 Diciembre / December 9
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ROSARY FOR UNITY IN OUR FAMILIES

Every Thursday evening
 7:30 pm
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Join us and bring your intentions

We will be praying for harmony and unity in our families, and peace in the world starting with peace in our homes.
 This will be a bilingual rosary.
 Led by the Missionary Sisters of the Holy Family

St. John Paul II Words of Wisdom Book Club

WHEN: Friday, January 19 6:00 pm

BOOK FOR THE MONTH:
 Surprised by Truth by Patrick Madrid

WHERE: St. John Paul II Family Center, 907 S. Ninth St.
 Questions? Call Laurie Mau 815-953-8921



Growing in Faith Together
 will not meet on
 December 27 or on January 3

They will resume on January 10 with
 Oremus-A guide to Catholic Prayer DVD
 Session 1
 "What is Prayer?"

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Azzarelli Outreach Medical Clinic



The clinic will be closed December 22–January 2. It will re-open on Wednesday, January 3, from 9 am-2pm.

Thank you and God Bless you for your continued support of the Azzarelli Outreach Medical Clinic.



Kankakee Catholic Food Pantry

341 N. St. Joseph Ave. Kankakee

Friday/Viernes—December 22
9:00 am—11:45 am

This program is staffed by an all volunteer group of dedicated individuals. It is open to Kankakee County residents, but you must show proof of address and are eligible to receive food once a month.



Thank you to everyone who donated to Harbor House and the Manteno Veterans Home Giving Trees.
God Bless you all!



CHRISTMAS AND YEAR END GIVING

An "Investment" in Your Parish

The final months of the year are traditionally considered the season of giving. In addition to the gifts we give to the important people in our lives, this season of generosity is also the prime time to show support for the causes we love. When you make a gift at year-end in support of your parish, not only will you help us meet our goals, but you can also receive important tax benefits.

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2. When you donate stocks that are worth more than what you originally paid for them, you can claim deductions for their full fair market value and eliminate any tax on the appreciation.

Please consider a year end donation to St. John Paul II Parish



New Ministry at JP2 "Kindness Krew"

The goal of this program is to help spread kindness in our parish, to our pastor, and our community. If you would like to be part of this ministry, call the parish office. Pictured are some of the current members of this ministry.



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*Catholics for Life of St. John Paul II Parish
wish you and your family
His peace and His joy this Christmas Season
and throughout the New Year.*



Dec. 24, 2017

"An unexpected pregnancy can be a difficult and frightening time, and it's important that your friend knows you are thinking of her and supporting her. Your support might be the only support she receives. Even if we never know how, the smallest things we do can change someone's life." USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

"Un embarazo inesperado puede ser una época difícil y aterradora, y es importante que tu amiga sepa que piensas en ella y la apoyas. Tu apoyo puede ser el único que recibas. Aunque no nos demos cuenta, las cosas más pequeñas Pueden cambiar la vida de alguien". Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB,

DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday, December 25 (The Nativity of the Lord)

Isaiah 52:7-10

Hebrews 1:1-6

John 1:1-18

Tuesday, December 26 (St. Stephen)

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59

Matthew 10:17-22

Wednesday, December 27 (St. John)

1 John 1:1-4

John 20:1-8

Thursday, December 28 (The Holy Innocents)

1 John 1:5-2:2

Matthew 2:13-18

Friday, December 29 (Fifth Day within the Octave of Christmas)

1 John 2:3-11

Luke 2:22-35

Saturday, December 30 (Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas)

1 John 2:12-17

Luke 2:36-40

Sunday, December 31 (The Holy Family)

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14 or Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3

Colossians 3:12-21 or Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19

Luke 2:22-40

Dec. 24, 2017



God promised David a dynasty that would stand firm forever. This promise was a source of hope for the Jewish people. They anticipated a time when a great leader would arise and defeat Israel's enemies. Jesus came from the House of David; His reign has endured, and the enemies-including sin and death-have been defeated for all who believe.

We have gathered and shared stories over cups of hot coffee and endless rounds of donuts for the glory of God, for the joy of our St. John Paul II community, for the blessing of hearts! Thank you for entering in to the beauty of FELLOWSHIP & FRIENDS each Sunday with us. You are loved. Have a blessed and warm Christmas!!!

There will be no fellowship after the masses on Sunday, December 24, or 31. We will resume our gatherings on Jan 7.

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