

St. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC PARISH

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

WELCOME to the family

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OUR FAMILY IS GROWING...

TO DATE

**855 FAMILIES
HAVE REGISTERED**

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

THE HOLY FAMILY DECEMBER 31, 2017



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.

Oh Dios, que te complaciste en darnos el brillante ejemplo de la Sagrada Familia gentilmente concedenos que podamos imitarlos practicando las virtudes de una vida familiar enlazando la caridad para que en la alegría de su hogar sean deleitados un dia con recompensas eternas.

A PASTOR'S NEW YEAR REFLECTION

Happy new year, Church! I remember those years when life was simpler, and my family and I would welcome the new year with a simple quiet dinner, and not much fuss about fireworks and observances of new year superstitions. All we would do was to go to church for the early evening mass, to give thanks to God for the year that was ending, and to ask for blessings for the new year that was arriving. Those quiet transitions from one year to another would serve as my personal reference point whenever transitions would take place in my life, be it the arrival of a new year, or a birthday, or graduation, or maybe even during the passing of a loved one. During challenging transitions, I would revert back to an attempt to be quiet, to enter into a silent vigil, just being aware of time passing by and ticking away. During these moments, my heart is full of nostalgia, peace and gratitude. These moments would make some of my most intimate encounters with God.

CHALLENGES AND GRACES. The year 2017 proved to be among the most demanding years in my life so far, given the task of leading three parishes into becoming one, and dealing with the human elements involved in such a gargantuan task. There were many situations when I felt very overwhelmed, and yet that is just half of the story. This year is also one of the most clearly grace-filled years of my life. Grace abounded in the midst of the struggles, and I found many consoling moments that helped me to keep going. For example, I can never get over the serendipitous fact that Fr. Joel Fortier, the one Kankakee born-priest of the Diocese of Joliet, was available to be with this community during this pivotal year of unification. There have been many moments such as these, making me feel grateful and reassured. The truth about the priesthood is that we are always called to build relationships, to establish families of faith, to foster the life of community, so that we can help each other in times of challenges and share each other's joy in times of success. I pray that this new year, we see even more successes.

REVIEWING THE HIGHLIGHTS. As the year 2017 closes, we can all remember together some significant moments of this special year:

1. March 1, Ash Wednesday. Fr. Roy Jacob was transferred to St. Dominic with the determination that our three parishes will go through a process of unification by the new beginning of the new diocesan fiscal year. Fr. Joel arrived as an interim assisting priest.
2. March-April - Listening sessions and consultations.
3. April 9-16 - Final tri-parish Holy Week Observances.
4. Parish Hall Meeting.
5. May 18 - Birthday of St. John Paul II, was the day that the decree of the establishment of the new parish was signed by the Bishop, and it was also the day of the announcement of the new name of the parish, after the process of inquiry and submission of suggestions.
6. July 1 - Launching of the new parish.
7. August 28 - Installation of Founding Pastor.
8. September 23/24 - Open House and Ministry Fair.
9. October 22 - First Parish Patronal feast day.
10. November - Opening of the new Parish Office.
11. December 12 - First Guadalupe Celebrations. In this celebration, we experience the power of unified devotion, as our Hispanic families led the activities to honor the Virgin Mary.
12. December 24/25 - First Parish Christmas.

Cheers for the continued success of our parish in 2017!

Merry and hopeful,
Fr. Sunny Castillo



REFLEXIÓN DE UN PASTOR HACIA EL AÑO NUEVO

Iglesia, ¡Feliz año nuevo! Recuerdo un tiempo cuando mi vida era llana, y en familia recibíamos el nuevo año con una sencilla comida, sin alboroto, sin supersticiones, sin observancias. Simplemente íbamos a la iglesia, a la misa por la tarde, a dar gracias a Dios por el año que iba terminando, y pedir bendiciones para el año nuevo que se aproximaba.

Esas apacibles transiciones de un año para otro servirían en adelante como punto de referencia personal en futuras transiciones en mi vida, ya sea la venida de un año nuevo, un cumpleaños, una graduación o quizá el fallecimiento de un ser querido. Durante transiciones desafiadas, yo recordaría y trataría de ser apacible, entrar a una vigilia silenciosa, sabiendo que el tiempo va pasando. Durante estos momentos, mi corazón está lleno de nostalgia, paz y gratitud. Estos momentos son mis más íntimos encuentros con Dios.

DESAFÍOS Y GRACIAS. En toda mi vida, el año 2017 ha sido el año más desafiante, con la tarea que se me encomendó en dirigir tres parroquias a unirse en una, y enfrentarme a los elementos humanos que provienen en una monstruosa labor. Habían muchas situaciones cuando me sentía abrumado, y todavía esa es la mitad de la historia. Además este año es claramente el año más lleno de gracia en mi vida. La gracia abundaba en medio de los desafíos, y encontraba momentos consoladores que me ayudaban a seguir adelante. Por ejemplo, es formidable la realidad que el Padre Joel Fortier, nacido en Kankakee y sacerdote en la Diócesis de Joliet, estaba disponible para esta comunidad durante este año de unificación. Han pasado muchos momentos como estos, cuando me siento agradecido y nuevamente asegurado. La realidad del sacerdocio es que siempre somos llamados a edificar puentes en relaciones humanas, a establecer familias de fe, a promover la vida en comunidad, y así ayudarnos unos a otros en tiempos de desafío y compartir nuestra alegría en tiempos de éxito. Ruego que este nuevo año, veamos todavía más éxitos.

REPASANDO LAS LUMINARIAS. Al terminar el año 2017, todos juntos podemos recordar algunos momentos significantes de este año especial.

1. Marzo 1, Miércoles de Ceniza. El Padre Roy Jacob fue trasladado a la Parroquia Santo Domingo con la determinación de que nuestras tres parroquias seguirían el proceso de unificación hacia el principio del nuevo año fiscal de la diócesis. El Padre Joel llegó como sacerdote asistente temporal.
2. Marzo-Abril - Sesiones oyentes y consultaciones.
3. Abril 3-16 - El final de las Observaciones de Semana Santa en las tres parroquias.
4. Reunión en el Salón Parroquial.
5. Mayo 18 - Cumpleaños de San Juan Pablo II, fue el día que el decreto del establecimiento de la nueva parroquia fue firmado por el Obispo, y fue también el día cuando se anunció el nuevo nombre de la parroquia, después del proceso de consultas y sumisión de sugerencias.
6. Julio 1 - Lanzamiento de la nueva parroquia.
7. Agosto 28 - Instalación del Pastor Fundador.
8. Septiembre 23/24 - Casa Abierta y Feria de Ministerios.
9. Octubre 22 - Primera Fiesta Parroquial de nuestro Santo Patrón.
10. Noviembre - Realización de la nueva Oficina Parroquial.
11. Diciembre 12 - Primera Celebración a la Guadalupeana. En esta celebración experimentamos el poder de la devoción edificativa, según nuestras familias Hispánicas nos guiaban en las actividades en honor a la Virgen María.
12. Diciembre 24/25 - Primera Navidad Parroquial.

¡Ánimo para el éxito continuo de nuestra parroquia en 2018!

Con esperanza y júbilo,
Padre Sunny Castillo

Liturgical Schedule JDII West	Saturday January 6 4:30 pm	Saturday/Sabado January 6 6:00 pm	Sunday January 7 8:00 am	Sunday January 7 9:30 am	Sunday January 7 11:30 am
Altar Servers/ Monaguillos	Payton Anderson Ayden Anderson	Edwin Perez Gadisury Jacobo Martha Andrade Erika Molina	Riley Havener Zane Coy	Edwin Perez Melanie Perez	Mario Guastalli Rosario Guastalli Adrian Molina
Lectors/ Lectores	1) Diane Sheehan 2) Dolores O'Connor	Karina Toledo Maria Toledo Ismael Lara	1) Cathi Willi 2) Kim Zirkle	1) Carol Karnitsky 2) Jacob Levy	1) Darby Thomas 2) George Arocha
Communion Ministers/ Ministros de la Comuni3n	* Diane Devine Tracy Douglas Deb Turner Deb Groth	Eloisa Ayala Valente Velazco Jose Ayala	* Richard Hemza Dena Coy Ann Wheeler Rosemary Ciaccio	* Frances Powers * Amy Anderson * Jan Rodgers Charlotte Nolte Barb Staniszeski Mary Causer	* Sandy Girard David Hegg Annette Kurzejka Mike Kurzejka
Ushers Ujieres	* Bernie O'Malley Vic Peregrine Bob Pfeiffer Ron Dressler	Aide Palma Virginia Ayala Erika Duarte Maria Guerrero	* Steve Coy Deb Leach Kathy Bessette Maureen Kambic	* John Rodgers Jerry Kuntz Rende Langlois Wendy Langlois	* Chuck Juarez Steve Kelley Beth Arocha Leo Donath
Welcoming/ Greeters	Lucas Anderson Rose Faber	Gustavo Flores Jose Toledo	Julie Azzarelli Sandy Kuntz	Donna Ray Julie Busken Kathy Griffiths	Paula Muhlstadt Beth Arocha* *Usher/Welcomes

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE: January 2-5

LECTOR: Desiree Grant Extraordinary Ministers: Sr. Teresa, Bob Pfeiffer

Liturgical Schedule JDII West	Sunday January 7 5:00 pm
Altar Servers/ Monaguillos	Ashanti Quezada Ian Quezada
Lectors/ Lectores	Tatia Godin
Communion Ministers/ Ministros de la Comuni3n	*Luis Ayala Juana Ayala Sharren Suddick Alex Quezada
Ushers Ujieres	* Victor Rosales Ramone Arce
Welcoming/ Greeters	Need Volunteers

Liturgical Schedule JDII East	Sunday/Domingo January 7 12:00 pm
Altar Servers/ Monaguillos	Cassandra Valtierra Sara Fernandez Jose Mercado Yael Calderon
Lectors/ Lectores	Jorge Flores Elizabeth Suarez Magda Salazar
Communion Ministers/ Ministros de la Comuni3n	Rosa Chavez Rosario Lira Ema Elvir Antonio Elvir Ricardo Valtierra Celene Valtierra
Ushers Ujieres	Yosmar Ocampo Octavio Garcia Ashanti Quezada Ian Quezada
Welcoming/ Greeters	Guadalupe Mendez Gabriel Mendez

Liturgical Schedule JDII West	Tuesday/Martes January 9 6:00 pm
Altar Servers/ Monaguillos	Martha Andrade Sabrina Prado
Lectors/ Lectores	Maribethla Tercero Teresa Lopez
Communion Ministers/ Ministros de la Comuni3n	
Ushers Ujieres	Eloisa Ayala Maria Toledo
Welcoming/ Greeters	Veronica Carmona

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

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Fr. Fredy Santos, C.S.V.

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Donna Worth ext. 403

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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

4:30 p.m.

December 30, 2017

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

8:00 a.m.

December 31, 2017

† 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 Carillo (*Sister Mary*)

5:00 p.m.

For all the People of St. John Paul II

Monday

6:00 p.m.

January 1, 2018 New Years Day

† Raymond Palmateer (*Daughters*)

Tuesday

7:30 a.m.

January 2, 2018

† Nancy Shronts (*Cheryl Heldt*)

6:00 p.m.

Luis Hernandez (*Sr. Mary*)

Ramiro Castro (*Sr. Mary*)

Wednesday

7:30 a.m.

January 3, 2018

† Bob Linneman (*LaVonne Linneman*)

Thursday

7:30 a.m.

January 4, 2018

† Sr. Dobrava (*Missionary Sisters of the Holy Family*)

Friday

7:30 a.m.

January 5, 2018

† Sr. Dobrava (*Missionary Sisters of the Holy Family*)

Saturday

4:30 p.m.

January 6, 2018

† Richard Veronda (*LaVonne Linneman*)

6:00 p.m.

Jeannet Elienne (*Sr. Mary*)

Teresa Estrada (*Sr. Mary*)

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

January 7, 2018

† Judi Buchholz (*Ray Powroznik*)

9:30 a.m.

† Kathy Petrucci (*Linda Beckman*)

† Judy Kohl (*The Family*)

11:30 a.m.

† Joan Hegg (*David Hegg*)

† Ed Menigoz (*Grandma Mary*)

12:00 p.m.

For all the People of St. John Paul II

5:00 p.m.

† Ernadell Hendricks (*Leslie Morrival*)

† Glenn Dressler (*Dolores Roberts*)

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:

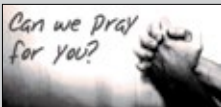
La Preparacion empieza por lo menos 6 meses antes. Llame a la oficina para confirmar la fecha y finalizar otros planes de la boda.

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



Do you have someone that you would like to honor with a *mass intention* for a birthday, anniversary, or another special date?

Please call the parish office to schedule
Weekday and Weekend masses
Suggested Donation: \$10.00



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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Miller: Rosalyn Szymborski

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Westwood Oaks-Lorraine Whittington, Eileen Dupuis

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DACA

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:

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Adult Faith Formation January 2-5

Tuesday, Jan. 2 Church 10:00 am
Fatima Novena- Pray the Rosary

Tuesday, Jan. 2 Conference Rm. 11:00 am & 7:00 pm
Living Word Bible Study

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



Day of Prayer and Discernment "Vocation - Call from God, My Father"

When: Saturday, Jan. 13th 10am to 2pm
Who: Young Women from 18 to 30ish
Where: Convent of Missionary Sisters of the Holy Family at
710 W. Water St., Kankakee, IL 60901

Contact and Registration: Sr. Magdalena, MSF: sr.mmsf@gmail.com
or 414-813-0701

**Missionary Sisters of the Holy Family
Come and join us!!!**

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

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



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2do Sábado de mes / Second Saturday of the month
9 Diciembre / December 9
7-9 pm @ St. John Paul II West
Llame/Call Maria Toledo
815-935-8359
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ROSARY FOR UNITY IN OUR FAMILIES

Every Thursday evening
7:30 pm
St. John Paul II West

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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



Growing in Faith Together will not meet on January 3, 2018

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Weds./Miercoles, Thurs./Jueves
9:00 am—2:00 pm

Wednesday/Miercoles—January 3

- Doctor Day 9:00 am-11:00 am

Come early, there are no appointments. First come, first served

Wednesday/Miércoles—January 4

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Kankakee Catholic Food Pantry

341 N. St. Joseph Ave. Kankakee

Friday/Viernes—January 5
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.



Christmas Day Dinner
170 People were served



Clase de Potegiendo Los Niños de Dios

Viernes, 5 de enero, 2018

6:00 pm

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DAILY MASS READINGS

Monday, January 1 (Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

Numbers 6:22-27

Galatians 4:4-7

Luke 2:16-21

Tuesday, January 2 (St. Basil the Great & St. Gregory)

1 John 2:22-28

John 1:19-28

Wednesday, January 3 (Christmas Weekday)

1 John 2:29-3:6

John 1:29-34

Thursday, January 4 (St. Elizabeth Seton)

1 John 3:7-10

John 1:35-42

Friday, January 5 (St. John Neumann)

1 John 3:11-21

John 1:43-51

Saturday, January 6 (Christmas Weekday)

1 John 5:5-13

Mark 1:7-11

Sunday, January 7 (The Epiphany of the Lord)

Isaiah 60:1-6

Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

Matthew 2:1-12



Dec. 31 2017

"Your own quiet, patient presence can provide important support as your loved one prepares emotionally and spiritually for his or her passing."

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"Su propia presencia tranquila y paciente puede ser un apoyo importante mientras su ser querido se prepara emocional y espiritualmente para la partida." Secretariado de Actividades Pro-Vida de la USCCB, "Cuidado de los seres queridos al final de la vida"

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.

Blessings for the New Year!

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

FELLOWSHIP & FRIENDS



YEAR END GIVING

An "Investment" in Your Parish

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