

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 MISSION STATEMENT

Influenced by our patron,
St. John Paul II, we are a
faith-sharing family of
Catholic believers
who bring Jesus to everyone
and everyone to Jesus,
through discipleship, outreach,
and the Holy Eucharist.

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

St. John Paul II Church
907 S. 9th Ave.,
Kankakee, IL 60901

SATURDAY/SÁBADO

English - 4:30 pm Vigil Mass
Español - 6:00 pm Misa de Vigilia

SUNDAY/DOMINGO

English - 8:00 am, 9:30 am,
11:30 am & 5:00 pm

Español - 1:00 pm

Latin - 3:00 pm

Sunday Vespers - 6:30 pm

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

English - Monday-Friday at 7:30 am
Saturday 8:00 am

Español - Martes 6:00 pm
Primer Viernes 7:00 pm

Latin - Wednesday & Friday 12:00 pm
First Saturday at 9:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Conference Room

Saturday 3:30-4:30 pm

Tuesday/Thursday 5:00-5:45 pm

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - February 2, 2025
Fiesta de la Presentación del Señor - 2 de Febrero, 2025



*"Now, Master, you may let your servant go
in peace, for my eyes have seen your salvation."*

*"Señor, ya puedes dejar morir en paz a tu siervo,
porque mis ojos han visto a tu Salvador".*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today is the fortieth day after Christmas, and so we celebrate that event that occurred on the fortieth day after the birth of Jesus: the Presentation of the Lord. This feast day is also traditionally known as Candlemas. This feast day does not often fall on a Sunday, and so it often goes unnoticed by many people. However, this is a beautiful feast that connects Christmas and the Epiphany with Easter, reminding us that Jesus is the light of all nations. I hope that these words of St. John Paul II help us to understand and celebrate this feast:

"Come, Lord, to your holy temple." With this invocation, which we sang in the Responsorial Psalm, the Church, on the day when she recalls the Presentation of Jesus at the temple in Jerusalem, expresses the desire to be able to welcome him again at this present moment in her history. The Presentation is an evocative liturgical feast, fixed since ancient times on the 40th day after Christmas, following what Jewish law had prescribed for the birth of all first-born males (cf. Ex 13: 2). Mary and Joseph observed it faithfully, as the Gospel account tells us. Christian traditions of the East and West have been interwoven, enriching the liturgy of this feast with a special procession in which the light of candles both large and small is a symbol of Christ, the true Light who came to illumine his people and all peoples. Today's feast is thus connected with the Nativity and Epiphany of the Lord. However, it also serves as a bridge to Easter by recalling the prophecy of the elderly Simeon, who on that occasion foretold the dramatic destiny of the Messiah and his Mother. The Evangelist has even recorded the details of this event: Simeon and Anna, two elderly persons filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, received Jesus at the temple in Jerusalem. They personify the "remnant of Israel", watchful in expectation and ready to meet the Lord, as the shepherds did on the night of his birth in Bethlehem. (Feb. 2, 2001)

May we, like Simeon and Anna, keep watch for Christ, the light of the world. May the light of Christ, the light of faith, hope, and love that we received in baptism, shine through us and guide our paths.

In Christ,
Fr. Matt



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Hoy es el cuarentavo día después de Navidad; entonces celebramos ese evento que ocurrió el cuarentavo día después del nacimiento de Jesús: la Presentación del Señor. Este día de fiesta también se conoce tradicionalmente como Candelaria. Esta fiesta hermosa conecta la Navidad y la Epifanía con la Pascua, recordándonos que Jesús es la luz para todas las naciones.

Espero que estas palabras del San Juan Pablo II nos ayuden a comprender y celebrar esta fiesta:

"Ven, Señor, a tu templo santo." Con esta invocación, que hemos cantado en el Salmo responsorial, la Iglesia, el día en que hace memoria de la Presentación de Jesús en el templo de Jerusalén, expresa el deseo de poder acogerlo también en el presente de su historia. La Presentación es una fiesta litúrgica sugestiva, fijada desde la antigüedad cuarenta días después de la Navidad, según la prescripción de la Ley judía acerca del nacimiento de todo primogénito (cf. Ex 13, 2). María y José, como muestra la narración evangélica, la cumplieron fielmente. Las tradiciones cristianas de Oriente y Occidente se han entrelazado, enriqueciendo la liturgia de esta fiesta con una procesión especial, en la que la luz de los cirios y de las candelas es símbolo de Cristo, Luz verdadera que vino para iluminar a su pueblo y a toda la gente. De este modo, la fiesta de hoy se relaciona con la Navidad y con la Epifanía del Señor. Pero, al mismo tiempo, se sitúa como un puente hacia la Pascua, evocando la profecía del anciano Simeón, que, en aquella circunstancia, anunció el dramático destino del Mesías y de su Madre. El evangelista ha recordado el hecho con detalles: dos personas ancianas, llenas de fe y del Espíritu Santo, Simeón y Ana, acogen a Jesús en el santuario de Jerusalén. Personifican al "resto de Israel", vigilante en la espera y dispuesto a ir al encuentro del Señor, como ya habían hecho los pastores en la noche de su nacimiento en Belén. (2 de Feb. de 2001)

Que nosotros, como Simeón y Ana, vigilemos a Cristo, la luz del mundo. Que la luz de Cristo, la luz de la fe, la esperanza y el amor que recibimos en el bautismo, brille a través de nosotros y guíe nuestros caminos.

En Cristo,
Padre Mateo



**The candle in the sanctuary
is burning in memory of
PATRICIA MARIE HANSEN
By: John & Nancy Scanlon**



The Family of St. John Paul II
extends our
Deepest Sympathy to the family of
Edward Frey, Mary Colleen
Kilbride, Jeanne Regnier &
Wayne Clodi
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME PARISHIONERS

ASBURY SUPPORTIVE LIVING:

BICKFORD: Barbara Ciaccio

BOURBONNAIS GROVE: Lavonne Linneman

BUTTERFIELD COURT: Pat Canfield

HERITAGE WOODS, Manteno: Noralee Sirois

HOMEBOUND: Rose Kaminsky, Rosemary Dicarolo, Bob
Granger, Jean Rykiel

LUTHER PLACE: Leola Mulvihill, Thrasilla Janczak

MILLER REHAB CENTER: Colleen Brown

PRAIRIEVIEW, Danforth:

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

~ Adrienne Raymond	~ Julia Moreno
~ Alan & Jackie LaRoche	~ Kathy Call
~ Alice Ramien	~ Kathy Dechenne
~ Arturo Barajas	~ Kelli Burson
~ Baby Wyatt & Parents	~ Magdalena Salazar
~ Betty Mulvihill	~ Margaret Bialas
~ Birdie Blanchette	~ Manuel Silva
~ Bob Crane	~ Maria de la Luz Patiño
~ Carol Gean Veranda	~ Maria Toledo
~ Carol Loiselle	~ Mia Martin
~ Charlene Russell	~ Naomi
~ Craig Robinson	~ Nicolasa Jaimes Albiter
~ Daniel Wulffe	~ Nicole & David
~ Darby Thomas	~ Pat Crane
~ Debbie Turner	~ Paul Gerth
~ Desiree Grant	~ Raquel Garcia
~ Elia López	~ Robert & Kathy Lenzi
~ Eula Mae Goselin	~ Ron Talamantes
~ Frances Powers	~ Sharon Burton
~ Gloria Mendez	~ Sylvia Lane
~ Harry Carpenter	~ Ted & Phyllis Bergeron
~ Jan Richley	~ Tom Sauch
~ José Luis Delgadillo	~ Vito Scafiezzo
~ Jose de Jesus Isaac Solis	~ Willis Buchholz

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of February 1 - 9

Saturday, February 1

8:00 am Vocations to the Carmelite Community
(*Mystical Stare Carmelite Community*)
9:00 am Special Intentions (*Joel Azzarelli*)
4:30 pm † Dolores Capriotti (*Her Family*)
6:00 pm † Jesús Suastegui, † Reyna Lira & Por las
Benditas Animas del Purgatorio (*Emy Suastegui*)

Sunday, February 2

8:00 am † Patricia Marie Hansen (*David & Suzie Schafer*)
9:30 am † Millie Blanchette (*Joanne, John & Kathy*)
Sister Elizabeth (*Char, Birdie & Candy*)
11:30 am † Ted & Nellie Kahnt (*Teddy & Family*)
1:00 pm POR TODA LA GENTE DE LA PARROQUIA
3:00 pm † Karla Butler (*Bob & Barb Boudreau*)
5:00 pm † Raul Rojo Jr. (*Christopher W.*)

Monday, February 3

7:30 am Genevieve Marion & Mark Miller (*Deb Marcotte*)

Tuesday, February 4

7:30 am † James Goudreau (*JPII Friends*)
6:00 pm POR LAS PERSONAS ENFERMAS DE LA
PARROQUIA

Wednesday, February 5

7:30 am † Bruce Martel (*Janice Daniels*)
12:00 pm † Glorianne Schroeckenthaler
(*Bob & Barb Boudreau*)

Thursday, February 6

7:30 am FOR THE SICK PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

Friday, February 7

7:30 am FOR THE SICK PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
12:00 pm † Gerald Frechette (*Joyce Raspolich*)
7:00 pm Por las Benditas Animas del Purgatorio
(*Maria Toledo*)

Saturday, February 8

8:00 am † Dereck Ader (*Carol Ader*)
4:30 pm † Arthur Yonke (*Greg & Julie Azzarelli*)
6:00 pm POR LAS PERSONAS ENFERMAS DE LA
PARROQUIA

Sunday, February 9

8:00 am † Patricia Marie Hansen (*John & Nancy Scanlon*)
9:30 am Neil Lumangtad (*Janice Lumangtad*)
Sr. Sue (*Char, Birdie & Candy*)
11:30 am † Gabriele Kreutzer (*Family*)
1:00 pm † Miembros Fallecidos del CCW (*JPII CCW*)
Eulalio Valadez
† Elvira Piña & † Rodolfo Canales (*Lucy Canales*)
3:00 pm FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
5:00 pm † James Wagner (*Family & Friends*)

*** The Intention of this list is to pray for the seriously ill.
Please help us keep the list updated by calling us with any

PRAYER LINE INFORMATION: For your prayer
requests, please call **Rita Kanosky at 815-932-4974**
or, email **Barb Jepson at wbjepson69@gmail.com**

ST. JOHN PAUL II DIRECTORY



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PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Julie Busken - Chairperson
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- Maria Pizano-Calderon
- Uriel Garcia
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FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

- Mark O'Connor- President
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- Dave Denault
 - Amy Anderson
 - Mickey Kreissler
 - Tom Martin
 - Ryan Carter

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 815-933-7683 + Extensión.
Llame al número y presione la Tecla #
en caso de una emergencia de muerte y
necesita un sacerdote.*

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Lisieux Pastoral Center: Kathy Wade Ext. 418 815-928-6093 & 815-939-2913
Our Shepherd's Clothing Closet*: Teri O'Connor
Hearts of Hope Youth Group: Michelle & Ken Barrie 815-382-8130

OFFERING/OFRENDAS

January 25 & 26

\$11,027.02

- 153 Envelopes/26 - On Line Donors (\$1,133) -
(This information is being provided to keep you updated)

Monthly School Subsidy to BMCS: \$6,592.92

Monthly Diocesan Assessment: \$3,211.00

Monthly Contribution Envelope Cost/

Sobres: \$435

Our goal each week is/ Meta Semanal: \$11,058.00

THANK YOU GRACIAS

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION 2024

\$20,052.88

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it's easy and convenient:**

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

ONLINE giving

Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship as a way of life

In gratitude for sharing their treasures with our parish and contributing to its improvement, we recognize and gratefully acknowledge:

All Donors

Tiempo, Talento & Tesoro

Fomentando la corresponsabilidad como estilo de vida

En agradecimiento por compartir sus tesoros con nuestra parroquia y contrubuir a su mejoramiento, reconocemos y agradecemos enormemente a:

Todos los Donadores

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Sunday, February 2

R1 - Malachi 3:1-4

R2 - Hebrews 2:14-18

G - Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Monday, February 3

R1 - Hebrews 11:32-40

G - Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday, February 4

R1 - Hebrews 12:1-4

G - Mark 5:21-43

Wednesday, February 5

Memorial of Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

R1 - Hebrews 12:4-7, 11-15

G - Mark 6:1-6

Thursday, February 6

Memorial of Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

R1 - Hebrews 12:18-19, 21-24

G - Mark 6:7-13

Friday, February 7

R1 - Hebrews 13:1-8

G - Mark 6:14-29

Saturday, February 8

R1 - Hebrews 13:15-17, 20-21

G - Mark 6:30-34

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday, February 9

R1 - Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8

R2 - 1 Corinthians

15:1-11

G - Luke 5:1-11



SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Classes are the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the church, please call to register; Baptisms are on the 3rd Saturday of the month or after Mass.

Weddings: Marriage Preparation begins at least 6 months in advance; please schedule a meeting with Fr. Matt for details (before finalizing other wedding plans).

SACRAMENTOS

Bautismo: Llame a la oficina parroquial y regístrese para las pláticas Pre-Bautismales; los bautismos son el 4o sábado del mes, después de misa o en otra fecha disponible.

Bodas: La preparación comienza por lo menos 6 meses antes; Programe una cita con el Padre Matt para más detalles (antes de finalizar otros planes de su boda).

THIS WEEK AT JPII

February 3 - 9

Monday, February 3

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

6:00 pm Practica del Ballet Folclórico

7:00 pm Reunión del Grupo Carismático - Iglesia

7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting-Conference Room

Tuesday, February 4

9:00 am Lisieux-Clothing Closet

10:00 am **Fatima Rosary Group**

11:00 am Bible Study

5:00 pm Confessions/Confesiones

6:00 pm FFP - Class

7:00 pm Bible Study

7:30 pm OCIA

Wednesday, February 5

6:00 pm FFP - Class

Thursday, February 6

5:00 pm Confessions/Confesiones

6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice - Church

7:00 pm Perseverancia - Encuentros Juveniles

Friday, February 7

8:00 am First Friday Adoration

9:00 am Food Pantry - East Campus

9:00 am Clothing Closet - Lisieux Center

9:30 am Homeschoolers Gathering

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

5:00 pm Words of Wisdom - Holy Family Hall

6:00 pm Missionary Lay Group - Room 8

7:00 pm Misa del Primer Viernes

Saturday, February 8

12:00 pm Young on Fire Rosary - Live Stream

3:30 pm Confessions/Confesiones

8:00 pm Hora Santa de la Divina Misericordia

Sunday, February 9

9:00 am Estudio Bíblico - Hombres

10:00 am Blood Pressure Screening

6:30 pm Vespers

7:30 pm The Blue Knights Club - Holy Family Hall

FUTURE EVENTS - DATES

Feb. 10 Pro-Life Meeting

Feb. 12 Priests' Deanery Meeting

Feb. 14 Practica del Viacrucis

Feb. 15 Men of St. Joseph

Baptism - English (If Needed)

Clases Pre-bautismales

Feb. 16 Clases Pre-bautismales

Feb. 17 Parish Council Meeting

Feb. 19 Baptism Class - English

Feb. 21 Reunión del Consejo Hispano

"Prepare your heart to receive Jesus"
"Reconciliation is the fastest way to change your life"



February 21-23, 2025

@ JUSTICE, ILLINOIS | For Single, Catholic women ages 18-35

OPPORTUNITY FOR:

- A prayerful environment to discern God's call in one's life.
- Daily Mass, communal prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours, and Adoration.
- Fellowship with the Sisters and other young women discerning their vocations.

For queries and for registration, email Sr. Charbel Joseph, OP at vocations@sistersop.com



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Thank you to the Bradley Lions Club for their donation.



Bishop McNamara will be hosting an **IRISH EXPO** on Sunday, February 2nd from 2-4pm at the High School. We will be showcasing all we have to offer. Including athletic programs, clubs, extracurricular activities, and our strong academic curriculum. Our commitment to Faith Formation, leadership and financial aid ensures every student has a chance to thrive. Come and find out what we are all about! Questions? Contact Dawn Akerman at 815-932-7413 ext. 102.

CCW BUNCO

Sunday, February 2nd
2 PM

All women of the parish are welcome to join us at the Settles Center For an afternoon of fellowship, snacks and fun
18 and older



Sign up to play
At the back of church on our poster

Hope to see you there!

BE FORMED

A 90 DAY DISCIPLESHIP EXPERIENCE FOR MEN AND WOMEN

EXPERIENCE PRAYER, SCRIPTURE, THE SACRAMENTS, COMMUNITY, AND THE TEACHINGS & TRADITIONS OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH



SEASON 10 - THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
February 10th - May 10th, 2025

Register online December 20th through January 12th, 2025

Late registrations run through February 2nd, 2025



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE / CALENDARIO LITÚRGICO

MINISTRY	Saturday, February 8 Sábado, 8 de Febrero		Sunday, February 9 Domingo, 9 de Febrero				
	4:30 pm	6:00 pm Español	8:00 am	9:30 am	11:30 am	1:00 pm Español	5:00 pm
LECTOR	Ryan Carte	Federico Ramirez Israel Lira	Linda Kerness	Judith Smead	Laura Shellie	Jorge Flores Elizabeth Málaga	Virginia Marsick
USHERS UJIERES	Laura Carter Chris Stuec	Virginia Ayala Juana Moreno María Guerrero Eloísa Ayala	Robert Kerness Catherine Langlois Robert Thrasher <i>Need Volunteer</i>	Sharon Jackson Mickey Kreissler Charlotte Nolte Robert Thrasher	Ian Quezada Robert Thrasher	José Hernández Rosalina Tonacatl Israel Lorenzo Maricela Lorenzo	Robert Thrasher
SACRISTAN	Mary Causer	Flor Rojas Reyes Cintora	Kenneth Klipp	<i>Need Volunteer</i>	<i>Need Volunteer</i>	Gabriel Méndez Lupita Méndez	<i>Need Volunteer</i>
COMMUNION MINISTERS			Brenda Lystila <i>David Lystila</i>	Judith Smead <i>Irma Tinajero</i>		Guadalupe Méndez Rogelio Canchola <i>Gabriel Méndez</i>	
GREETER				Cynthia Martin			
ALTAR SERVERS	<i>Need Volunteers</i>	Abilene Franquiz Miguel Sanchez Michelle Tetlalmatzi	<i>Need Volunteers</i>	Elliot Powers Bretton Quick <i>Need Volunteer</i>	Benjamin Bilderback Athziri Pina <i>Need Volunteer</i>	Cynthia Canchola Emily Canchola Alexander Gayta	Alexander Tapp

This Ministry Schedule is subject to change. Please consult MSP for the most accurate schedule.

WEEKDAY MINISTERS /MINISTROS DE LA SEMANA

DATES	LECTOR	SACRISTAN
Feb. 3 - 8	Ross Bailey	Linda Libby
Martes 4	Elia López	Flor Rojas

Linens/Lienzos: Weeks of Feb. 2 & 9: Sanjuana Valadez

DONUT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, Feb. 9th will be
"Donut Sunday" after 9:30 mass





St. JOHN PAUL II
CATHOLIC PARISH

En nuestra Parroquia de San Juan Pablo II
se celebraran:

Bodas Comunitarias

El día sábado, 12 de abril, 2025

¡Te invitamos a que recibas este sacramento!

Para mayores informes contacta a la Oficina Parroquial.

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

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 FEBRUARY CELEBRATIONS



On February 16-18, our Holy Father will be remembering in prayer and celebrating with artists. Look around the outside and inside of your parish church. Look around your neighborhood or the nearby towns. Look in your own house. Look at the skyline of any city. Just look as you drive to and from work and everywhere you can see the handprint of an artist. These women and men give to us a beauty that speaks of God in all His glory. We thank them for sharing their gifts and talents in a way that opens our eyes to the God-Given beauty around us.

OUTREACH MINISTRIES



KANKAKEE CATHOLIC FOOD PANTRY

341 N. St. Joseph Ave., Kankakee
815-933-7683 Ext. 417

FRIDAYS 9:00-11:00am

OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!!

"Every week we are feeding between 150-180 families." We are looking for both monetary and non-perishable food donations such as peanut butter, jelly, cereal, boxed stuffing, jell-o, pudding, pasta, granola bars, and pancake mix.

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF ON SITE

OR AT ST. JOHN PAUL II PARISH

For Monetary Donations go to jp2kankakee.org or,
by mail to: Kankakee Catholic Food Pantry
956 S. 10th Ave., Kankakee, IL 60901

Azzarelli Outreach Medical Clinic

341 N. St. Joseph Ave. Kankakee, IL 60901



Week of February 3 – 7

For details please call **815-928-6093** and
listen to the entire message!

Hours are posted on the front door.

*Para detalles llame al 815-928-6093
y escuche todo el mensaje.*

Los horarios están en la Puerta.

OUR SHEPHERD'S CLOTHING CLOSET

Located at Lisieux Outreach Center
371 N. St. Joseph Ave., Kankakee

Open Fridays
to choose clothing
9:00 – 11:00 am



F R E E W I L L



This time of year is a moment to cherish our loved ones, engage in thoughtful stewardship, and plan for the future. **One step I encourage our parish family to take is to create your will.**

Your will puts your love into action by supporting the people and ministries you love. It's a powerful, lasting testament of your faith.

St. John Paul II Parish is pleased to offer this **online will-writing tool**, sponsored by the Diocese of Joliet. In just 20 minutes, you can join more than 725 parishioners and create a free plan that reflects your faith and protects your blessings.

Put love into action through my will

While creating your plan, please prayerfully consider including a gift to St. John Paul II Parish. Your legacy can be one of love and provide lasting support to our ministries and the communities they serve.

Blessings,
Very Rev. Matthew Pratscher

DIocese of Joliet
Office of Mission

NAVAJO NATION Mission 2025

PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION THROUGH
INTENTIONAL SERVICE AND SOLIDARITY
WITH THE POOR

THE PLAN

The Diocese of Joliet has been putting faith into action in Chinle, Arizona, for 20 years and will return to Navajo Nation for a two-week mission focused on construction and outreach from May 31 to June 13, 2025.

THE CALL

The Office of Mission is seeking parishioners (18+) willing to help local area families with light construction work. No experience is necessary, but a heart willing to serve is required! Mission leaders will train any inexperienced workers.

THE ADVENTURE

Missionaries stay on the campus of Our Lady of Fatima in Chinle, AZ. Teams share meals, work, and joy. There is time for spiritual formation, fun, rest and ample time to learn about the Navajo culture and take it in. Come experience the beautiful landscapes and traditions of the Navajo Nation Catholic Community.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

7 PM on Wednesday, January 15th, 2025
Blanchette Catholic Center
16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, IL 60403



Questions?

Alex Buldak, Mission Lead
(815) 221-6256
abuldak@dioceseofjoliet.org
catechesis.diojoliet.org/missions

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 Viernes: Devociones al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, después de misa de 7:00 pm
- † 1er Sábado: Rosario, después de misa de 6:00 pm
- † 2do Sábado: Hora Santa de La Divina Misericordia, después de misa de 6:00 pm.

UNVEILING THE TRUTH BIBLE STUDY

OLD TESTAMENT:
Fr. Roy Jacob CMI

NEW TESTAMENT:
Deacon George Arocha

IN PERSON: Tuesdays from
11:00 am - 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
PLACE: Conference Room

ST. JOHN PAUL II
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Rosary Group

— TUESDAYS —
at 10:00 a.m. in Church



**CATHOLIC
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Saturday, February 1, 2025 at 9:00 am
JP2 Conference Room

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More Info? Call/Text 815-592-1181 Theresa Doebling

Words of Wisdom Book Club

Friday, February 7
At 6:00 pm
(Holy Family Hall)

February's Book election -
"Rome Sweet Rome"
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Growing in Faith Together - GIFT -



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Rosary Making

Fabricación de Rosarios
Future dates/Fechas Futuras:

Monday, February 10

Lunes, 10 de Febrero

5:30 - 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 15

Sábado, 15 de Febrero

8:30 - 10:00 am

St. John Paul II Parish: Men of Saint Joseph

*"Men determined to grow in faith, discipline,
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x Meets every-other Saturday 6:30 A.M. - 8:00 A.M. at
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x Exodus 90 starting January 20, 2025 (Ends on

x Future Meeting Dates: January: 4, 18, February 1, 15,
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Senior Companion volunteers provide assistance and friendship to older adults with difficulty with daily living tasks. This program helps seniors stay independent longer and provides respite to family caregivers. Senior Companion volunteers report better health and longevity, having served the community. Are you ready to forge new relationships and make a significant difference in the lives of others?

In Kankakee and Iroquois Counties, call Bry Williams at 815-933-7791 ext. 9928 or mail americorpsseniors@cc-doj.org. For more information about the programs and services provided by Catholic Charities, visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.



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Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen



Oración del Jubileo

Padre que estás en el cielo,
la fe que nos has donado en
tu Hijo Jesucristo, nuestro hermano,
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despierten en nosotros la bienaventura-
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en la venida de tu Reino.

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que fermenten la humanidad y el cosmos,
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cuando vencidas las fuerzas del mal,
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reavive en nosotros, Peregrinos de Esperanza,
el anhelo de los bienes celestiales
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de nuestro Redentor.

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