

St. JOHN PAUL II

CATHOLIC PARISH

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

WELCOME to the family ~ BIENVENIDO a la familia



First Sunday of Advent - December 1, 2024
I Domingo de Adviento - 1 de Diciembre, 2024



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

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the star... And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory."
"Habrá señales prodigiosas en el sol, en la luna y en las estrellas... Entonces verán venir al Hijo del hombre en una nube, con gran poder y majestad".

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Come, Lord Jesus!" The last three sentences of the Book of Revelation are, "Amen! Come, Lord Jesus! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all." The Bible doesn't begin with, "Come, Lord Jesus!" It doesn't end with, "The Lord Jesus has come," "We have found the Lord Jesus," or simply, "The end." Rather, it ends with the People of God crying out, "Come, Lord Jesus!" Our hearts desire Christ. We have a longing for more than simply knowing about Him. We long to receive God, to be united with Him, to enter into communion with Him, to be in an eternal friendship with Him. This Sunday's collect begins, "Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ." The collect for the morning Mass on December 24 says, "Come quickly, we pray, Lord Jesus, and do not delay, that those who trust in your compassion may find solace and relief in your coming." Let us spend these next four weeks in an excited preparation to receive God, who has become one with us to redeem us, shower down His grace upon us, give us hope, and bring us to the eternal and blessed Kingdom of heaven.

As we move forward to welcome our Lord on Christmas, we remember that the name of this season is Advent, which means "coming." It is a time of anticipation and preparation for the coming of Christ our King. I hope that we are able to take some time during these four weeks of Advent to prepare our hearts and our households to receive Jesus in a new way on Christmas Day. During this next month, take some time each day for personal prayer as well as for family devotions and works of charity such as the Advent wreath, an Advent calendar that counts down to Christmas, placing Jesus in the manger on Christmas Eve, the rosary, and serving the poor and needy.

Know of my continued prayers for you, and let us continue to pray for one another. May the Lord bless you and your loved ones always as we prepare for the birth of our savior.

In Christ,
Fr. Matt



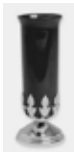
Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

"¡Ven, Señor Jesús!" Las últimas frases del libro de Apocalipsis son: "¡Amén! ¡Ven, Señor Jesús! La gracia del Señor Jesús esté con todos." La Biblia no comienza con "¡Ven, Señor Jesús!" No termina con "El Señor Jesús ha venido", "Hemos encontrado al Señor Jesús", ni simplemente, "El fin". Más bien, termina con el pueblo de Dios gritando: "¡Ven, Señor Jesús!" Nuestros corazones desean a Cristo. Anhelamos algo más que simplemente saber sobre Dios. Anhelamos recibirlo, estar unidos a Él, entrar en una comunión y una amistad eterna con Él. La oración colecta de la misa de este domingo dice: "Concede a tus fieles, Dios todopoderoso, el deseo de salir al encuentro de Cristo". La colecta de la Misa matutina del 24 de diciembre dice: "Apresúrate, Señor Jesús, no tardes más, para que, a quienes confiamos en tu bondad, nos reanime el consuelo de tu venida". Pasemos estas próximas cuatro semanas en una entusiasta preparación para recibir a Dios, quien se ha hecho uno con nosotros para redimirnos, derramar su gracia sobre nosotros, darnos esperanza y llevarnos al eterno y bendito Reino de los cielos.

Mientras avanzamos para darle la bienvenida a nuestro Señor en Navidad, recordamos que el nombre de esta temporada es Adviento, que significa "venida". Es un tiempo de anticipación y preparación para la venida de Cristo, nuestro Rey. Espero que podamos dedicar un tiempo durante estas cuatro semanas de Adviento para preparar nuestros corazones y nuestros hogares para recibir a Jesús de una manera nueva el día de Navidad. Durante el próximo mes, dedíquense tiempo cada día a la oración personal al igual que a las devociones familiares y obras de misericordia como la corona de Adviento, un calendario de Adviento que cuenta los días hasta la Navidad, colocando a Jesús en el pesebre en la víspera de Navidad, el rosario y sirviendo a los pobres y necesitados.

Sepan de mis continuas oraciones por ustedes, y continuemos rezando unos por otros. Que el Señor los bendiga siempre a ustedes y a sus seres queridos mientras nos preparamos para el nacimiento de nuestro Salvador.

En Cristo,
Padre Mateo



**The candle in the sanctuary
is burning in memory of
AL "DUFF" & JUNE FORTIER
By: Suzanne Gruver**

HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME PARISHIONERS

ASBURY SUPPORTIVE LIVING:

BICKFORD: Barbara Ciaccio

BOURBONNAIS GROVE: Lavonne Linneman

BUTTERFIELD COURT: Pat Canfield

HERITAGE WOODS, Manteno: Noralee Sirois

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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

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

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

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of November 30 - December 8

Saturday, November 30

8:00 am † Gerald Frechette (*Sandy & Francis Girard*)
4:30 pm † Donna Sheehan (*Annie Syrstad*)
6:00 pm † María Luiza Garcia Ramírez (*Víctor González*)

Sunday, December 1

8:00 am † Bill Harstad (*Dave & Brenda Lystila*)
9:30 am † Irma Tinajero (*Irma Tinajero*)
11:30 am † Juanita Reichert Merrill (*Fred & Cheryl Hiles*)
1:00 pm † Nicolás Pérez (*María Angela Pérez*)
† Margarita Muñoz de Canales & † Norberto Canales Muñoz (*Beatriz Canales*)
3:00 pm FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
5:00 pm † Danute "Diane" Sheehan (*Maureen O'Connor*)

Monday, December 2

7:30 am † Mary Buckley Gierke (*Her Siblings*)

Tuesday, December 3

7:30 am † Millie Blanchette
(*Tom Scanlon & Dawn Soucie*)
6:00 pm Rosa & Daniel Varela (*Dany Varela*)

Wednesday, December 4

7:30 am For the Sick People of the Parish
12:00 pm Special Intention (*Anonymous*)

Thursday, December 5

9:00 am Carol Loiselle (*Ken & Teresa Doehring*)

Friday, December 6

7:30 am † Al "Duff" & June Fortier (*Suzanne Gruver*)
12:00 pm Heather Boudreau (*Bob & Barb Boudreau*)

Saturday, December 7

8:00 am Vocations to the Carmelite Community
(*Mystical Star Carmelite Community*)
9:00 am FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
4:30 pm Charlotte Yejin Grant (*Kristin Grant*)
6:00 pm Por las Benditas Almas del Purgatorio
(*María Toledo*)

Sunday, December 8

8:00 am Bob & Lora McKenna (*Hayden Family*)
9:30 am Respect Life at All Stages (*Pro-Life Group*)
† Martin T. Gleeson (*Mary Causer*)
11:30 am FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 pm † José Cabrales (*Patricia Martinez*)
Sanjuana Valadez (*Elizabeth Valadez*)
3:00 pm Rev. Rene Dionne (*Margaret Joubert*)
5:00 pm David Decker (*Donna Decker*)

A Blessing Prayer for Those Who Are Sick

All praise and glory is yours, Lord our God, for you have called us to serve you in love. Bless N., so that he/she may bear this illness in union with your Son's obedient suffering. Restore him/her to health, and lead him/her to glory. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ST. JOHN PAUL II DIRECTORY



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- Mark O'Connor- President
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OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

HORARIO DE OFICINA

Lunes - Jueves 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Viernes 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Please call 815-933-7683 + Extension.
Call the parish office and PRESS the #
button In case of a death or a near death
emergency and you need a priest.

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

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Azzarelli Clinic Director: Brooke Futterer Ext. 416
Food Pantry: Nancy Godin Ext. 417
Lisieux Pastoral Center: Kathy Wade Ext. 418 815-928-6093 & 815-939-2913
Our Shepherd's Clothing Closet*: Teri O'Connor
Hearts of Hope Youth Group: Michelle & Ken Barrie 815-382-8130

OFFERING/OFRENDA

November 23 & 24

\$9,697.65

- 165 Envelopes/28 - On Line Donors (\$1,285) -

(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

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

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

ONLINE giving

*****Please email bulletin requests to the above
e-mail at least one week before the weekend
requested.**

Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship as a way of life

In gratitude for donating the flowers and decorate for the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe, we recognize and gratefully acknowledge:

JPII's Nocturnal Adoration

Tiempo, Talento & Tesoro

Fomentando la corresponsabilidad como estilo de vida

En agradecimiento por donar las flores y decorar para la Solemnidad de Nuestro Señor Jesucristo Rey del Universo, reconocemos y agradecemos:

La Adoración Nocturna de JPII

*The family of St. John Paul II
Welcomes you!*



*Santí Gutierrez,
Leo Rueda, Natanael Lopez &
Valentín Gutierrez*

Baptized on November 23, 2024

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 1

R1 - Dn 7:13-14

R2 - Rv 1:5-8

G - Jn 18:33b-37

Mon. December 2

R1 - Is 2:1-5

G - Mt 8:5-11

Tues. December 3

Memorial of Saint Francis

Xavier, Priest

R1 - Is 11:1-10

G - Lk 10:21-24

Weds. December 4

R1 - Is 25:6-10a

G - Mt 15:29-37

Thurs. December 5

R1 - Is 26:1-6

G - Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 6

R1 - Is 29:17-24

G - Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 7

Memorial of Saint Ambrose,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church

R1 - Is 30:19-21, 23-26

G - Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 8

R1 - Bar 5:1-9

R2 - Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

G - Lk 3:1-6

THIS WEEK AT JPII

December 2 - 8

Monday, December 2

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

7:00 pm Reunión del Grupo Carismático

Tuesday, December 3

9:00 am Lisieux-Clothing Closet

10:00 am **Fatima Rosary Group**

11:00 am Bible Study

5:00 pm Confessions/Confesiones

5:15 pm Fit'n Healthy - Lisieux Center

6:00 pm FFP - Class

7:00 pm Novena a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

7:30 pm OCIA

Wednesday, December 4

6:00 pm FFP - Class

7:00 pm Novena a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Thursday, December 5

4:30 pm Pro-Life Meeting

5:00 pm Confessions/Confesiones

5:15 pm Fit'n Healthy - Lisieux Center

6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice - Church

7:00 pm Perseverancia - Encuentros Juveniles

7:00 pm Novena a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Friday, December 6

8:00 am First Friday Adoration / Adoración

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

6:00 pm Missionary Lay Group - Room 8

7:00 pm Misa del Primer Viernes

7:00 pm Novena a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

Saturday, December 7

6:30 am Men of St. Joseph - Study Group

9:00 am Carmelite Lay Group Meeting

9:00 am First Saturday Latin Mass

12:00 pm Young on Fire Rosary - Live Stream

3:30 pm Confessions/Confesiones

7:00 pm Novena a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

8:00 pm Adoración Nocturna

Sunday, December 8

9:00 am Estudio Bíblico - Hombres

6:30 pm Vespers

7:00 pm Novena a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

FUTURE EVENTS - DATES

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).

YOUNG ON FIRE

ANNUAL HOLIDAY SERVICE PROJECT Hats, Mittens, Gloves & Scarves



Please donate items
throughout December.

*They will be distributed at
the Good Shepard Clothing
Closet on January 3rd.*

**Favor de donarlos
durante diciembre.**

*Serán distribuidos en el
Armario de Ropa el 5 de enero.*

Collection containers will be located at the entrance of
church, at the hall counter, and in our parish office.

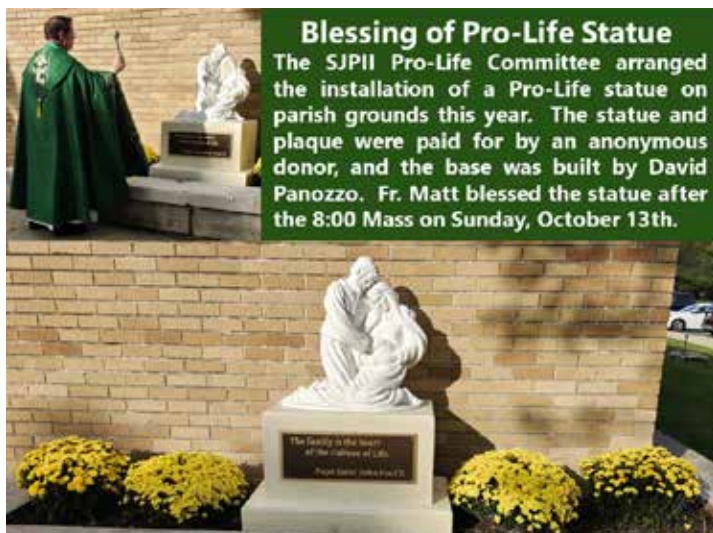
*Habrà contenedores en la entrada de la iglesia, en el mostrador
del pasillo y en la oficina parroquial.*

***Sizes are not only needed for children, but also for adults.**

**No sólo se necesitan tallas para
niños, sino también para adultos.*

Thank you so much!

**Muchas Gracias!*



Blessing of Pro-Life Statue

The SJPII Pro-Life Committee arranged the installation of a Pro-Life statue on parish grounds this year. The statue and plaque were paid for by an anonymous donor, and the base was built by David Panozzo. Fr. Matt blessed the statue after the 8:00 Mass on Sunday, October 13th.

Spiritual Adoption Program Baby Gifts Drive

Thank you to everyone who donated baby items in honor of our Spiritually Adopted babies! All of the items were given to the River Valley Pregnancy Center in Bradley. The ladies there were very happy to receive them!



Let's celebrate together!

ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH
ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

KANKAKEE DEANERY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN
JOY IN JANUARY
SATURDAY, JANUARY 4, 2025

11:00 A.M. REGISTRATION
12:00 P.M. LUNCHEON

KANKAKEE COUNTRY CLUB
2011 COBB BLVD
KANKAKEE, IL 60901

PLEASE RSVP ON SIGN UP SHEET IN BACK OF CHURCH
BY DECEMBER 15TH
PAYMENT IS REQUIRED AT TIME OF SIGN UP

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: ST JOHN PAUL II CCW
\$38 A PERSON

CHICKEN CHAMPAGNE,
MASHED POTATOES,
CORN SOUFFLE,
HOUSE SALAD
ROLLS
& DESSERT

We have been advised that drinks from the bar will have must be made with a charge card.

St John Paul II Outreach

GIVING TREE

Starts Wednesday, Nov. 27th

Tree is located at back of church.

Please feel free to take multiple tags

Gifts need to be returned to church by Dec. 15th

Please make sure your tag is on the gift.

Gifts can be wrapped.

Who we are helping
this Christmas

JPPII Parishioners
Food Pantry Patrons
Child Network

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE / CALENDARIO LITÚRGICO

MINISTRY	Saturday, December 7 Sábado, 7 de Diciembre		Sunday, December 8 Domingo, 8 de Diciembre				
	4:30 pm	6:00 pm Español	8:00 am	9:30 am	11:30 am	1:00 pm Español	5:00 pm
LECTOR	Cynthia McBarnes	José López Elia López	Richard Hemza	Elizabeth Williams	Cynthia Somerville	Jorge Flores Miriam Gaytán	Rose Bailey
USHERS UJIERES	Chris Stueck Annie Syrstad	Verónica Calvillo Teresa López Serafin López José Ayala José & Adriana Chaca	Jon Guimond Catherine Langlois Brenda Lystila David Lystila	Kathryn Griffiths Sharon Jackson Mickey Kreissler Janice Shenk	Pedro Gonzalez Rosa Gonzalez	Marina Reza Sanjuana Valadez Eulalio Valadez	Robert Thrasher
SACRISTAN	Annie Syrstad	Antonio & Angelica Serna	Kenneth Klipp	Sharon Jackson	Pedro Gonzalez	Ema Elvir	<i>Need Volunteer</i>
COMMUNION MINISTERS			Teri O'Connor Julie Yarno	Sheryl Scanlon Sandy Girard		<i>Celene Valtierra</i> Rogelio Canchola Fidel Villagrán	
GREETER				Kathryn Griffiths			
ALTAR SERVERS	<i>Need Volunteers</i>	Dionisio & Natalia Franquiz Perez Michelle Tetlalmatzi	<i>Need Volunteers</i>	Julian Cortez Bretton Quick Pedro Vazquez	Benjamin Bilderback Athziri Pina <i>Need Volunteer</i>	Aileen Diaz Aaron Ferreira <i>Voluntario(a)</i>	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
Dec. 2- 7	Cheryl Heldt	Mickey Kreisler
Martes 3	Serafin López	Patricia Martínez

Linens/Lienzos: Weeks of Dec. 1 & 8: Julie Busken



DONUT SUNDAY WITH SANTA!

Come and join us!!

Sunday, December 8

After 9:30 am Mass

Hosted by the
Kindness Krew



FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH PRIMER VIERNES DEL MES

7:30 am – Misa
8:00 am – Confessions
8:00-11:45 am – Adoration
12:00 pm – Latin Mass
12:45 pm-6:00 pm – Adoration
6:00 pm – Benediction
7:00 pm – Misa en Español con Oraciones al Sagrado Corazón y Bendición con el Santísimo



Festividad de la Bienaventurada Virgen María de Guadalupe

- Jueves, 12 de Diciembre, 2024 -



~ 5:00 am Mañanitas y Misa
~ 6:00 pm Misa de Rosas

**Los que gusten venir vestidos de San Juan Diego y de la Virgencita pueden ofrecerle flores en la procesión de entrada del 9, 11 y 12 de diciembre.*

~ 7:00 pm Obra, Bailes, Cena y Rifa

Rosario de la Novena:

3 - 11 de Diciembre a las 7:00 pm

**Lunes, 9 de Diciembre: Misa y Rosario*
**Miércoles, 11 de Diciembre: Rosario y Procesión Guadalupana*



Organ Fund Giving

Thank you for your generosity!

We are only \$1,000 away from our goal of 80,000 for the New Organ!

You can donate online using the QR code, by mail or in person. Remember, your donations are tax free.



HELP GOD'S POOREST IN NEED

Steve Kelley, a fellow Parishioner, is going on a mission trip to the Philippines from January 31 to February 15 and needs your help. The **Poor Household of God** is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization (#EIN 26-2998831) that raises funds for the OIKOS Sisters, a small community of nuns in the Philippines who have dedicated their lives to serving the poor. **Mission of Hope** is composed of a team of missionaries who

go to the Philippines to build homes for families in need of a roof over their heads. An outreach team serves many living in poor far-flung villages. Mission of Hope is under the direction of the OIKOS Sisters. 100% of your donations will go directly toward the homes being built or fulfilling the needs of the villagers. If you choose to make a donation, please go to the donor page at PoorHouseholdofGod.org or send a donation via check written to Poor Household of God with *Mission of Hope* in the memo line and send to Poor Household of God PO Box 4482, Wheaton, IL 60189.

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
CATHOLIC PARISH
Rosary Group
— TUESDAYS —
at 10:00 a.m. in Church



**CATHOLIC
PRO-LIFE
community**
CREATED TO LOVE. COMMITTED TO LIFE

Please contact Cathy Langlois with any question at
815-545-2184 / Email: cathyslanglois@gmail.com



Carmelites

Seeking a Deeper Spiritual Life?

Prayerfully consider attending a Lay Carmelite Community meeting.

Saturday, January 4, 2025 at 9:00 am
JP2 Conference Room

All are Welcome!!

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

Words of Wisdom Book Club

Friday, December 13

At 6:00 pm
(Holy Family Hall)

*December's Book election -
"The Rocking Chair Prophet"*
By: Matthew Kelly

Questions: Call Laurie Mau 815-933-8859

Growing in Faith
Together - GIFT -



*Happy
Holidays!*



JP2 Conference Room

For Questions Call:
Deb Groth at 815-263-1675

Rosary Making

Fabricación de Rosarios
Future dates/Fechas Futuras:

Monday, December 16

Lunes, 16 de Diciembre
5:30 - 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 7

Sábado, 7 de Diciembre
8:30 - 10:00 am



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OPENING OF THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025



On Sunday, December 29, throughout the world Catholics will gather at their Cathedral Churches to celebrate the opening of the Jubilee Year 2025.

The Diocese of Joliet will celebrate the opening of this Jubilee Year at the 10:30 am Mass on December 29, at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet. Everyone is invited to this very special Mass as a worldwide celebration of the Jubilee Year 2025 begins. This will be a very special time for the Church and plans have been made to celebrate this Jubilee Year throughout the Diocese. In the coming weeks, we will be sharing with you these important days, times and places where we will gather to continue our celebration of the Jubilee Year.

VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR

Week of December 1

For the Parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Bolingbrook, the Parishioners of St. Dominic, Parish in Bolingbrook, and the Parishioners of St. Isidore Parish in Bloomingdale, that abundant blessings will be bestowed upon them during this our Diocesan Anniversary Year. Let us pray to the Lord.

Monday, December 2 St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Bolingbrook

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