

St. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC PARISH

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

WELCOME to the family ~ BIENVENIDO a la familia

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

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

Vespers

6:30 pm

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

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

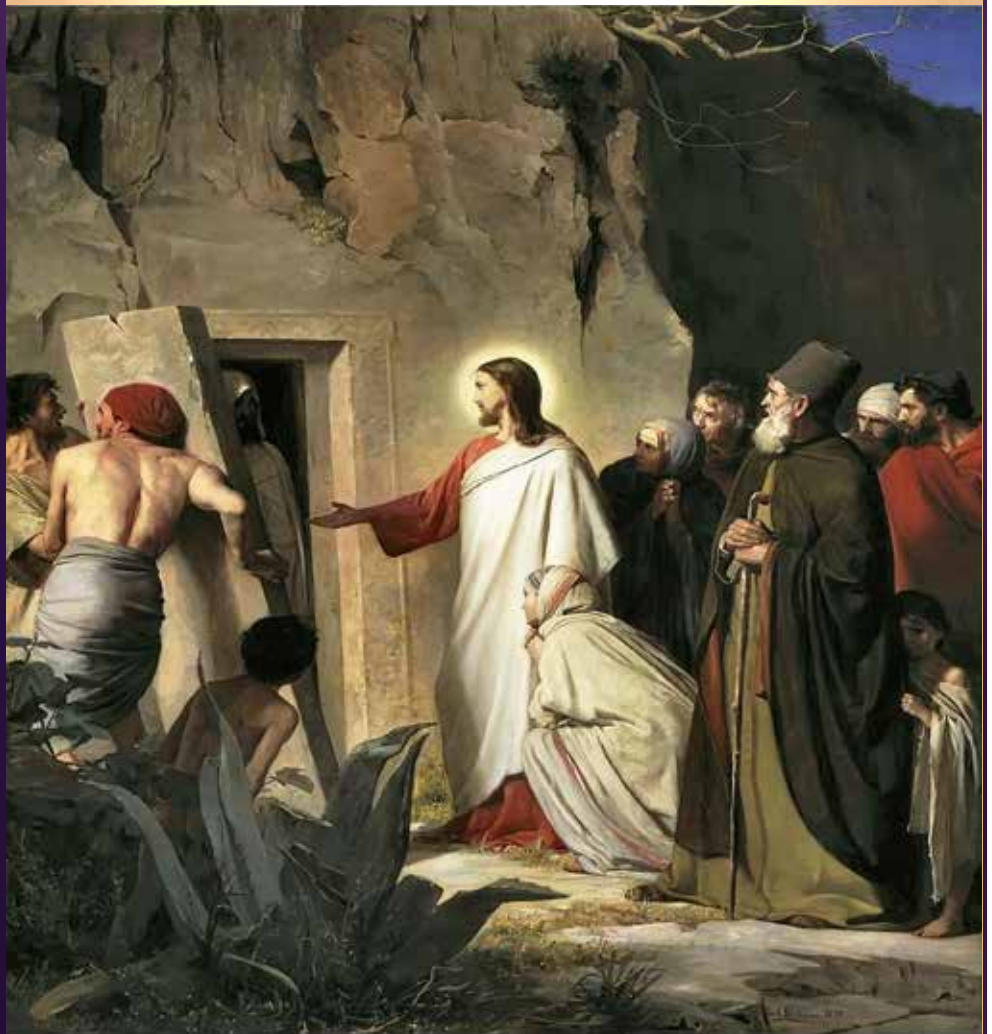
Español: Martes 6:00 pm
Primer Viernes 7:00 pm

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

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Tuesday/Thursday: 5:00 - 5:45 pm
Conference Room

Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 22, 2026
V Domingo de Cuaresma - 22 de Marzo, 2026



*"I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die."*

*"Yo soy la resurrección y la vida, dice el Señor;
el que cree en mí no morirá para siempre."*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Sunday we begin Passiontide. There are only two more weeks until Easter. One of the aspects most noticeable about this time is the covering of the statues and crucifixes with purple veils. This recalls St. John's observation in the eighth chapter of the Gospel that Jesus Himself hid during the last couple of weeks before His betrayal and crucifixion. These two weeks, along with the devotions and liturgies that accompany them, help us to be more aware of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord and enter into it. The Stations of the Cross, the Gospel accounts of the Passion of Christ, reflections on the Seven Last Words of Christ, the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, prayers before the crucifix, and the daily Mass readings are all helpful ways to reflect upon and meditate on our Lord entering into the darkness and isolation of this world with us so that He would conquer it and give us hope.

Our Lord gives us hope. These past couple of weeks, many people have been affected by hailstorms and the tornado. During the days that followed the storm, amid the tragedy, we witnessed faith, hope, and love: neighbors helping neighbors; people and organizations, motivated by charity and faith, helping a community in need; people asking for prayers, leaning on God, and praying for and with another. I, along with many others, was overwhelmed by people calling to check in and offer assistance and prayers. I am grateful for the many people in our community and country who have been lifting us up in prayer, including Bishop Spies and Archbishop Hicks. Together, we turn to the Lord who has entered the darkness and gives us hope. Christ, with a perfect love, has entered our suffering and our tomb and won the victory for us, and His love endures forever. We turn to the Lord each day for hope, perseverance, and joy, and we are strengthened by Him in love.

Know of my daily prayers for you, and please continue to pray for me and one another, especially as we begin Passiontide and prepare for Holy Week and Easter, the great feast of our salvation and hope.

In Christ,

Fr. Matt



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Este domingo comenzamos las dos semanas antes de la Pascua. Uno de los aspectos más notables de esta época es la cobertura de las estatuas y crucifijos con velos morados. Esta recuerda la observación de San Juan en el octavo capítulo del Evangelio que Jesús se ocultó durante las últimas semanas antes de su traición y crucifixión. Estas dos semanas con sus devociones y liturgias nos ayudan a estar más conscientes de la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de nuestro Señor y entrar en ellas. Las estaciones del viacrucis, las lecturas de la Pasión de Cristo, las reflexiones sobre las siete últimas palabras de Cristo, los misterios dolorosos del rosario, las oraciones antes del crucifijo y las lecturas diarias de la misa son formas útiles de reflexionar y meditar en nuestro Señor entrando la oscuridad de este mundo para conquistarlo y darnos esperanza.

Nuestro Señor nos da esperanza. Durante estas semanas pasadas, muchas personas se han estado afectadas por las tormentas y el tornado. En los días siguientes después de la tormenta, en medio de la tragedia, fuimos testigos de fe, esperanza y amor: vecinos ayudando a vecinos; personas y organizaciones, motivadas por la caridad y la fe, socorriendo a una comunidad necesitada; personas pidiendo oraciones, apoyándose en Dios y rezando unos por otros y con otros. Yo, junto con muchos otros, me sentí abrumado por la cantidad de personas que llamaban para saber de nosotros y ofrecer su ayuda y sus oraciones. Agradezco a las muchas personas de nuestra comunidad y de nuestro país que nos han sostenido con sus oraciones, incluidos el Obispo Spies y el Arzobispo Hicks. Juntos, miramos al Señor, quien ha entrado en la oscuridad y nos infunde esperanza. Cristo, con un amor perfecto, ha entrado en nuestro sufrimiento y en nuestra tumba, y los ha vencido para nosotros; y su amor dura para siempre. Nos volvemos al Señor cada día en busca de esperanza, perseverancia y gozo, y en él somos fortalecidos en el amor.

Sepan que rezo por ustedes cada día. Por favor, continúen rezando por mí y unos por otros, especialmente ahora que comenzamos el Tiempo de Pasión y nos preparamos para la Semana Santa y la Pascua, la gran fiesta de nuestra salvación y esperanza.

En Cristo,

Padre Mateo

ST. JOHN PAUL II DIRECTORY

815-933-7683

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.

Parish Staff

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FFP Desk: Sandra Díaz Ext. 419

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Outreach Coordinator: Teri O'Connor 815-693-9152 oconnor.teri@gmail.com

Azzarelli Clinic Main Ext. 414 azzarellclinic@yahoo.com

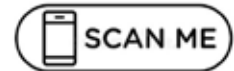
Azzarelli Clinic Director: Brooke Futterer Ext. 416

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

JPII SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS



PARISH COUNCIL

MEMBERS

- Julie Busken - Chairperson
- Cathy Langlois - Co-Chair
- Deb Groth - Secretary
- Gabriel Mendez
- Bob Kerness
- Maria Pizano-Calderon
- Uriel Garcia
- Pedro Gonzalez
- Randy Howard

FINANCE COUNCIL

MEMBERS

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

OFFERING/OFRENDA

March 14 & March 15: \$8,280.51

Envelopes: 142 | Online Donors: 30
Envelopes & Online: 172

BMCS Monthly School Subsidy: \$6,823.67

Monthly Diocesan Assessment: \$3,400.00

Monthly Contribution Envelope Cost/
Sobres: \$435

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

THANK YOU • GRACIAS

ONLINE *giving*



An easy way to support the work of
your parish. Simply scan the QR
Code to give online!

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 22

R1 - Ezekiel 37:12-14

R2 - Romans 8:8-11

G - John 11:1-45

Monday, March 23

R1 - Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30, 33-62

G - John 8:1-11

Tuesday, March 24

R1 - Numbers 21:4-9

G - John 8:21-30

Wednesday, March 25

R1 - Isaiah 7:10-14, 8:10

R2 - Hebrews 10:4-10

G - Luke 1:26-38

Thursday, March 26

R1 - Genesis 17:3-9

G - John 8:51-59

Friday, March 27

R1 - Jeremiah 20:10-13

G - John 10:31-42

Saturday, March 28

R1 - Ezekiel 37:21-28

G - John 11:45-56

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 29

G1 - Matthew 21:1-11

R1 - Isaiah 50:4-7

R2 - Philippians 2:6-11

G2 - Matthew 26:14-27:66

ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT/ ADORACIÓN

**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**

Bodas comunitarias

Esta es una oportunidad para quienes desean entrar en el sacramento de matrimonio.



Las parejas que desean casarse están invitadas a la reunión informativa el viernes, **27 de marzo**, a las **7:30 p.m.** en el Salón de Conferencias.

**Recibirán información sobre los detalles de la Boda Comunitaria.
Favor de contactarse a la oficina parroquial**

THIS WEEK AT JPII

Monday, March 23

12:00-5:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

5:15 pm Easter Egg Stuffing - Settles Center

5:30 pm Rosary Making Group - Conference Room

6:30 pm MAKE Presentation by Bishop Spies

7:00 pm Reunión del Grupo Carismático

Tuesday, March 24

9:00 am Clothing Closet - Lisieux

10:00 am Fatima Rosary Group

11:00 am Bible Study

5:00 pm Confessions/Confesiones

6:00 pm Faith Formation Program / Doctrina

7:00 pm Bible Study - Conference Room

7:00 pm Practica del Viacrucis

7:30 pm OCIA - Office Conference Room

Wednesday, March 25

6:00 pm Faith Formation Program / Doctrina

6:00 pm Baptism Class

Thursday, March 26

5:00 pm Confessions / Confesiones

6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice - Church

6:30 pm GIFT - Conference Room

7:00 pm Encuentros Juveniles

Friday, March 27

9:00 am Food Pantry - East Campus

9:00 am Clothing Closet - Lisieux

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

4:30 pm Veiling of the Statues

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm Practica del Viacrucis

7:00 pm Viacrucis

Saturday, March 28

6:30 am Men of St. Joseph - Conference Room

9:00 am Rosary Making Group - Conference Room

12:00 pm Young on Fire - Livestream Rosary

3:30 pm Confessions/Confesiones

Sunday, March 29

9:00 am Estudio Bíblico (Hombres)

6:30 pm Vespers

S A C R A M E N T S

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).

S A C R A M E N T O S

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).



The sanctuary lamp
is burning in memory of
Julia Diacos
Requested by Kathy Griffiths

HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME PARISHIONERS

Bickford House: Barbara Ciaccio
Bourbonnais Grove: Lavonne Linneman
Butterfield Court: Pat Canfield
Heritage Lodge: Dick Keethers
Heritage Woods, Kankakee: Myrna Sandeno
Homebound: Rose Kaminsky, Jean Rykiel
LaBella of Clifton: Kathleen Hardwick
Luther Place: Leola Mulvihill
Riverside Senior Care: David Africano
The ARC, Dwight: Sylvia Lane
Westwood Oaks: Eileen Dupuis, Desiree Grant

PRAYING FOR THE SICK ORANDO POR LOS ENFERMOS

~ Alice Ramien	~ Kevin Schaumburg
~ Arturo Barajas	~ Leticia Muñoz
~ Betty Mulvihill	~ Lucy Canales
~ Bill Richley	~ Magdalena Salazar
~ Bob Crane	~ Margaret Bialas
~ Cheryl Heldt	~ Manuel Silva
~ Cindy Frey	~ Maria de la Luz Patiño
~ Craig Robinson	~ Maria Nunez
~ Daniel Wulffe	~ Naomi
~ Darby Thomas	~ Nicolasa Jaimes Albiter
~ Darlene Fortin	~ Nicole & David
~ Debbie Turner	~ Pat Crane
~ Desiree Grant	~ Paul Gerth
~ Elia López	~ Raquel Garcia
~ Eula Mae Goselin	~ Ramiro Castillo
~ Iliana Andrade	~ Richard Frey
~ Irma Castillo	~ Ron Talamantes
~ Jackie LaRoche	~ Sharon Burton
~ Jerome Holohan	~ Sylvia Lane
~ José Luis Delgadillo	~ Ted & Phyllis Bergeron
~ Jose de Jesus Isaac Solis	~ Tom Sauch
~ Judith Lozano	~ Tony Rosas
~ Julia Moreno	~ Virginia Estrada
~ Kathy Call	~ Virginia Pronger
~ Kathy Dechenne	~ Willis Buchholz
~ Kelli Burson	~ Yael Martínez

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

La intención de esta lista es rezar por quienes están seriamente enfermos. Ayúdenos a mantenerla actualizada llamándonos. ¡Gracias!

PRAYER LINE INFORMATION

For prayer requests, please call Rita Kanosky at 815-932-4974 or,
email Barb Jepson at bjepson69@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 21

4:30 pm For the People of the Parish
6:00 pm † Alex Andrade (*Familia Andrade*)

Sunday, March 22

8:00 am † Adrien Raymond (*John Riberdy*)
9:30 am † Jack Klasey (*Ray & Gloria Ford*)
† Marie Marsalli (*Sharon Daren*)
† Paul & Eleanor Leiger (*Jane McLin*)
† Carmella Azzarelli (*Betty Azzarelli*)
11:30 am Jeiel Salazar (*Familia Salazar*)
1:00 pm † Alma Gloria Orellana (*Silvia Ezparza & Jorge Flores*)
† Dalia Hernandez (*Silvia Esparza*)
† Alfonso Conterras Abetea (*Lilia Villanueva*)
3:00 pm † Jeff Gereaux (*Azzarelli Family*)
5:00 pm † Gabriele Kreutzer (*Family*)

Monday, March 23

7:30 am Special Intention (*Azzarelli Family*)

Tuesday, March 24

7:30 am † Sarah Loiselle (*Family*)
6:00 pm † Gloria Mendez (*Tom & Alyssa Clocksin*)

Wednesday, March 25

7:30 am † Carey Ortman (*Pollett Family*)
12:00 pm † Leo Haberkorn (*Barbara Gray*)

Thursday, March 26

7:30 am † Frank Einfeldt (*Einfeldt Family*)

Friday, March 27

7:30 am † Juanita Reichert-Merrill (*Cheryl & Fred Hiles*)
12:00 pm † Michael Gray (*Barbara Gray*)

Saturday, March 28

8:00 am † Julia Diacos (*Kathy Griffiths*)
4:30 pm † Joseph & Lavaun Demers (*Don Demers*)
6:00 pm † Luis Francisco Llanos (*Alicia Gomez*)

Sunday, March 29

8:00 am † Cheryl Hiles (*Frederick Hiles*)
9:30 am † Bill Clocksin (*Kathy Griffiths*)
† Jack Klasey (*Joanne Riberdy*)
† Virginia Nanos (*Faber Family*)
† Joseph Offenbecher (*Kathy Dechenne*)
† Audrey Donath (*Fran Powers*)
11:30 am † Daniel Grant (*His Family*)
1:00 pm Para los Enfermos de la Parroquia
3:00 pm For the People of the Parish
5:00 pm Carmen Ayuso (*Irma Tinajero*)

Please call the office at 815-933-7683 if you or a family member needs
to receive Communion or Anointing of the Sick.

Por favor, llame a la oficina al 815-933-7683 si usted o un familiar
necesita recibir la Comunión o Unción de los Enfermos.

“Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive.”
“Lo que pidas en oración con fe, lo recibirás”.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE / CALENDARIO LITÚRGICO

	Saturday, March 28 Sábado, 28 de Marzo		Sunday, March 29 Domingo, 29 de Marzo				
	4:30 pm	6:00 pm Español	8:00 am	9:30 am	11:30	1:00 pm Español	5:00 pm
Lector	Cindy McBarnes	Norma Sanchez Victor Bolivar	David Palmer	Laura Shellie	Cynthia Somerville	Jorge Flores Claudia Avila	Julie Koerner
Usher	Ronald Dressler Rich McBarnes	Juana M. Lugo Luis E. Ayala Marcela Andrade Vincente Andrade	Robert Kerness Cathy Langlois NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Kathy Griffiths Sandy Kuntz Janice Shenk Mary Westover	Pedro Gonzalez Rosa Gonzalez Steve Kelley Ian Quezada	José Hernández Rosalina Tonacatl Israel Lorenzo Maricela Lorenzno	NOT FILLED
Sacristan	Karen Miller	Antonio Serna Angelica Serna	Kenneth Klipp	Deb Groth	Pedro Gonzalez	Daniel Varela Camila Roblero	
Communion Minister			David Lystila Brenda Lystila	Fran Powers Charlotte Nolte		Silvia Esparza Celene Valtierra Kimberly Candelario	
Altar Server		Miguel Sanchez Michelle Tetlalmatz NOT FILLED		Julian Cortez Jayden Grabow Pedro Vazquez	Benjamin Bilderback Athziri Pina Xavy Reyes	Mariana Cabrales Itzayana Torres Gavino Torres	Alexander Tapp
Greeter				Kathy Griffiths			

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

WEEKDAY MINISTER • MINISTROS DE LA SEMANA		
DATE	LECTOR	SACRISTAN
March 23-28	Rose Bailey	Linda Libby
Martes 24	Juana Maria Lugo	Camila Roblero Flor Rojas

Linens/Lienzos: Week of March 15 & 22: Karen Bajt
Week of March 29 & April 5: Mickey Kreissler

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4th
Immediately following the
Blessing of Baskets at 12:00pm

MAKE

How Do We MAKE Disciples for Jesus?

What: Join us for a conversation with Auxiliary Bishop Dennis Spies on how to make disciples for Jesus in the Diocese of Joliet. Continuing the legacy of Archbishop Ron Hicks of New York, the event will focus on common questions about putting our faith into action and making disciples in our parish communities.

Where: St. John Paul II Catholic Church, 907 S. 9th St., Kankakee

When: Mon., March 23, 6:30-8 pm

Scan the QR Code to RSVP

MAKE is a call to action—rooted in Catechesis, Evangelization, and Faith into Action—to follow Jesus' Great Commission to go and make disciples (Matthew 28:19-20).

make.diojoliet.org

YOUNG ON FIRE MINISTRY

HEALTHY BREAKFAST LENTEN PROJECT

March 14th - 29th 2026

Baskets will be available near the Parish entrances

Our annual food collection is here! Young on Fire kids will be assembling HEALTHY BREAKFAST EASTER BASKETS to be given out to our community members who visit the Food Pantry on Good Friday.

Please, bring your donations and help us spread kindness!

Most Needed Items:

- Breakfast bars
- Canned fruits
- Cereal
- Granola
- Jam/Jelly
- Oatmeal
- Peanut Butter

HOLY WEEK AND TRIDUUM SEMANA SANTA Y EL TRIDUO



Masses on Palm Sunday / Domingo de Ramos:

March 29, 2026

Saturday, March 28: 4:30pm; 6:00pm en español

Sunday, March 29: 8:00am; 9:30am; 11:30am;

1:00pm en español; 3:00pm Latin; 5:00pm

Seven Last Words of Christ: Tuesday, March 31, at 7:00pm | Tenebrae: Wednesday, April 1, at 7:00pm

Holy Thursday / Jueves Santo:

April 2

7:30am Morning Prayer

6:00pm Mass of the Lord's
Supper / Misa de la Cena del
Señor (Bilingual)

7:00pm – 12:00am Adoration in
Settles Center (Adoración en
el Centro Settles, el
gimnasio)

Good Friday / Viernes Santo:

April 3

7:30am Morning Prayer

12:00pm Stations of the Cross

3:00pm Celebration of the
Lord's Passion

5:00pm Viacrucis Viviente y
luego la Celebración
Litúrgica de la Pasión con
la Veneración de la Cruz

Holy Saturday / Sábado de

Gloria: April 4

8:00am Morning Prayer

12:00pm Basket Blessing of Food
for the Easter Meal

12:15pm Easter Egg Hunt

Mass of the Easter Vigil / Misa de
la Vigilia Pascual (Bilingual)

Saturday, April 4, at 7:45pm

Easter Sunday / Domingo de Pascua: April 5, 2026

Latin Mass at 6:30am; English Masses at 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am; Misa en español a la 1:00pm

CORNELIA BENSON EDUCATIONAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP

Apply between

Monday, February 2nd – Monday, June 1st
for the 2026-2027 School Year

Applications for the Cornelia Benson Scholarship (formerly known as St. Teresa Scholarship) are now available at Bishop McNamara Catholic Schools, and in the parish office for the 2026-2027 school year. St. John Paul II parents with students in kindergarten through 12th grade may apply.

Pre-School students are not eligible.

BECA DEL FONDO EDUCATIVO CORNELIA BENSON

Aplica entre el

Lunes, 2 de Febrero – Lunes 1º de Junio
para el Año Escolar 2026-2027

Ya están disponibles las solicitudes para la Beca Cornelia Benson (anteriormente conocida como Beca Santa Teresa) para el año escolar 2026-2027 en las escuelas católicas Bishop McNamara y en la oficina parroquial. Los padres de San Juan Pablo II con estudiantes en Kindergarten – 12º grado pueden aplicar. **Los estudiantes de Pre-Escolar no son elegibles.**

Mission of Hope



From February 8-21, 2026, parishioners Susan Henke and Steve Kelley were blessed to be on mission for The Poor Household of God in the Philippines, under the direction of the Oikos sisters. The people of Samar Island are very poor in material things, but very blessed with the joy and appreciation and gratitude they showed us for the work we were doing. While we were there, we built desks for the students,

bookcases for the teachers, poured a concrete floor for a new chapel, and performed medical checks and free dental work for the children of Oikos Village and surrounding barrios.

You can help by being a sponsor to the one of the children for \$25 a month. This helps pay for their educational expenses.

If you are interested, or just want to learn more about Mission of Hope, please call Steve Kelley at 815-214-7063.

OUTREACH

KANKAKEE CATHOLIC FOOD PANTRY

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,
by mail: Kankakee Catholic Food Pantry
956 S. 10th Ave., Kankakee, IL 60901

Azzarelli Outreach Medical Clinic

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



- Please call for an appointment -

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

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



Spiritual Adoption Program

March 25th to December 25th

The St. John Paul II Pro Life Committee is starting the Spiritual Adoption Program to run from The Feast of the Annunciation to The Feast of the Nativity (3/25-12/25)!

Those who participate commit to praying the Bishop Fulton Sheen prayer everyday for nine months for the protection of an unborn baby who is in danger of abortion. Families are encouraged to name their spiritually adopted babies too! Over the upcoming nine months, there will be information in the bulletin about the baby's fetal development as well as other upcoming events.

Visit the display board in the back of church starting the weekend of March 21st and 22nd for instructions on how to sign up, and to pick up your copy of the Bishop Fulton Sheen prayer.

Programa de Adopción Espiritual

El Comité Pro Vida San Juan Pablo II está iniciando el Programa de Adopción Espiritual, que se extenderá desde la Fiesta de la Anunciación hasta la Fiesta de la Natividad (25/3-25/12).

Quienes participen se comprometen a rezar la oración del obispo Fulton Sheen todos los días durante nueve meses para proteger a un bebé no nacido que está en peligro de ser abortado. Animamos a las familias a que también pongan nombre a sus bebés adoptados espiritualmente. Durante los próximos nueve meses, se publicará información en el boletín sobre el desarrollo fetal del bebé, así como sobre otros eventos próximos.

Visite el tablón de anuncios que hay en la entrada de la iglesia a partir del fin de semana del 21 y 22 de marzo para obtener instrucciones sobre cómo inscribirse y recoger su copia de la oración del obispo Fulton Sheen.



You Are Invited - Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026 at 7pm

Maternity BVM Parish will be presenting the Living Last Supper. Come and join us for this free event held inside our historic church depicting the Last Supper from each of the disciples' points of view as they wonder, "Is it I?"

FAITH FORMATION

Sunday Vespers & Benediction - Sunday - 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Vespers, consisting of praying with psalms and scripture. Ending with Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament.



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

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