

St. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC PARISH

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WELCOME to the family ~ BIENVENIDO a la familia

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph - December 28, 2025

Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia - 28 de Diciembre, 2025



"O Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, Holy Family, bless our family with your unity, peace, and love. Keep us safe from harm and help us grow in holiness. Amen."

"Oh Jesús, María y José, Sagrada Familia, bendigan a nuestra familia con su unidad, paz y amor. Protejannos del mal y ayudennos a crecer en santidad. Amén".

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Merry Christmas!

As we celebrate the birth of our Lord, we also celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph this Sunday. We remember that Christ entered into a human family so that humanity can be a part of the eternal, divine family. Jesus lived in the love of the Holy Family on earth so that we can live in the love of the Holy Trinity in heaven forever. God the Son, having joined Himself to humanity for our sake, lived an ordinary life for thirty years, loved his parents, relatives, and friends, and grew in wisdom, age, and grace. The grace and working of God often happen in ordinary circumstances and are easily missed. Unfortunately, the impact of prayer, love, and joy shared together as a family can at times be overshadowed by other commitments and burdens. May the Holy Family be a good example for us and remind us of this simple and profound fact: God loves us in our day-to-day lives, is with us always, and calls us to live together in faith, hope, and love.

Let us continue to foster holy and loving families. Let us also pray for our parish, which is a family of families. Thursday, New Year's Day, is the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and the Day of Prayer for Peace—it is a holy day of obligation. There will be a vigil Mass on Tuesday, New Year's Eve, at 4 p.m. in English as well as Mass on Wednesday at 9 a.m. in English, 12 p.m. in Latin, and 7 p.m. in Spanish. It is good for us to start the year together as a parish family united in prayer in the house of the Lord. I am praying for you and your loved ones as we begin a new year: may it be filled with grace, blessings, good health, peace, and joy. Please continue to pray for me and one another, and may this prayer from this Sunday's Mass strengthen us in living in the love of God, a love lived out daily in the Holy Family and revealed on the altar of the cross: ***"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. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."*** (cf. The Collect of the Mass on the Feast of the Holy Family).

In Christ,
Fr. Mat



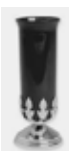
Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

¡Feliz Navidad!

Al celebrar el nacimiento de nuestro Señor, también celebramos este domingo la Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de Jesús, María y José. Recordamos que Cristo entró en una familia humana para que la humanidad pueda ser parte de la familia eterna y divina. Jesús vivió en el amor de la Sagrada Familia en la tierra para que nosotros podamos vivir en el amor de la Santísima Trinidad en el cielo por siempre. Dios Hijo, habiéndose unido a la humanidad por nosotros, vivió una vida ordinaria por treinta años, amando a sus padres, parientes y amigos, y creciendo en sabiduría, edad y gracia. La gracia y la obra de Dios a menudo se manifiestan en circunstancias ordinarias y es fácil pasarlas por alto. Lamentablemente el impacto de la oración, el amor y la alegría compartidos como familia a veces están eclipsados por otros compromisos y cargas. Que la Sagrada Familia sea un buen ejemplo para nosotros y nos recuerde este mensaje simple y profundo: Dios nos ama en nuestra vida cotidiana, está siempre con nosotros y nos llama a vivir juntos en la fe, la esperanza y el amor.

Sigamos formando familias santas y amorosas. Oremos también por nuestra parroquia, que es una familia de familias. El jueves, día de Año Nuevo, es la Solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios, y la Jornada de Oración por la Paz—es un día de precepto/obligación. La misa de vigilia será el miércoles a las 4 p.m. y las misas del día del Año Nuevo serán a las 9:00 a.m. en inglés, 12:00 p.m. en latín y 7:00 p.m. en español. Es bueno comenzar el año juntos como familia parroquial, unidos en oración en la casa del Señor. Rezo por ustedes y sus seres queridos al comenzar un nuevo año: que esté lleno de gracia, bendiciones, buena salud, paz y alegría. Por favor, sigan rezando por mí y por los demás, y que la oración de la misa de este domingo nos fortalezca para vivir en el amor de Dios, un amor vivido diariamente en la Sagrada Familia y expresado en el altar y la cruz: ***"Señor y Dios nuestro, tú que nos has dado en la Sagrada Familia de tu Hijo, el modelo perfecto para nuestras familias, concédenos practicar sus virtudes domésticas y estar unidos por los lazos de tu amor, para que podamos ir a gozar en ella eternamente de la alegría de tu casa. Por nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Amén"*** (cf. la colecta de la Misa de la Sagrada Familia).

En Cristo,
Padre Mateo



**The candle in the sanctuary
is burning in memory of
GEORGE & GABRIELE KREUTZER**

By: Their Family

The Family of St. John Paul II extends our
Deepest Sympathy to the family of

Marie Marsalli

May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in
peace.



HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME PARISHIONERS

BICKFORD: Barbara Ciaccio

BOURBONNAIS GROVE: Lavonne Linneman

BUTTERFIELD COURT: Pat Canfield

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HERITAGE WOODS, Manteno:

HOMEBOUND: Rose Kaminsky, Jean Rykiel

LABELLA, Clifton: Kathleen Hardwick

LUTHER PLACE: Leola Mulvihill

PRESENCE HERITAGE LODGE:

RIVERSIDE SENIOR CARE: David Africano

THE ARC, Dwight: Sylvia Lane

WESTWOOD OAKS: Eileen Dupuis, Desiree Grant

PRAYING WITH INTENTION FOR THE SICK

~ Jackie LaRoche	~ Leouva Muñoz Castillo
~ Alice Ramien	~ Leticia Muñoz
~ Arturo Barajas	~ Lucy Canales
~ Betty Mulvihill	~ Magdalena Salazar
~ Bill Richley	~ Margaret Bialas
~ Bob Crane	~ Manuel Silva
~ Craig Robinson	~ Maria de la Luz Patiño
~ Daniel Wulffe	~ Maria Nunez
~ Darby Thomas	~ Naomi
~ Darlene Fortin	~ Nicolasa Jaimes Albiter
~ Debbie Turner	~ Nicole & David
~ Desiree Grant	~ Pat Crane
~ Elia López	~ Paul Gerth
~ Eula Mae Goselin	~ Raquel Garcia
~ Gene Rademacher	~ Ramiro Castillo
~ Gloria Mendez	~ Ron Talamantes
~ Iliana Andrade	~ 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

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of December 27 - January 4

Saturday, December 27

8:00 am † Adrien Raymond (*Denise Dillard*)
9:00 am Mary Ann Zeilenga (*Aune & Boudreau Family*)
4:30 pm † Jack Regnier (*His Grandchildren*)
6:00 pm POR TODA LA GENTE DE LA PARROQUIA

Sunday, December 28

8:00 am † Adrien Raymond (*Paul & Jane Gerth*)
9:30 am † Duff & Veronica Carlson
(*Kathy & Troy DeChenne*)
† Carey Ortman (*Paul & Karen Miller*)
† Noralee Sirois (*Charlotte & Candy*)
11:30 am † Bruce Grant (*Desiree Grant*)
1:00 pm † Roberto Esparza de Luna (*Ricardo Esparza*)
† Luis Antonio Martínez (*Elba Rosas*)
† Roberto Prado Elías (*Celene Valtierra*)
3:00 pm Don Glenzinski (*Bob & Marybeth McGrath*)
5:00 pm † Raymond Mulholland (*John & Glory Klasey*)

Monday, December 29

7:30 am † Fred Capriotti Sr. (*His Family*)

Tuesday, December 30

7:30 am † Adrien Raymond (*Denise Dillard*)
6:00 pm † Luis Francisco Llanos (*Alicia Gomez*)

Wednesday, December 31

7:30 am † Raymond Mulholland (*Phil & Barb Staniszeski*)
12:00 pm † Mary McDonald (*Robert & Barbara Boudreau*)
4:00 pm Marci Henry (*Christopher*)

Thursday, January 1

9:00 am † Raymond Palmateer (*Betty Azzarelli*)
12:00 pm Leo & Estella Haberkorn (*Barbara Gray*)
7:00 pm Por Todos los Fieles Difuntos y Agonizantes
(*Maria Toledo*)

Friday, January 2

7:30 am † Cheryl Hiles (*Fredrick Hiles*)
12:00 pm Therese Jachim (*The Johnson Family*)
7:00 pm Por Todos los Fieles Difuntos y Agonizantes
(*Maria Toledo*)

Saturday, January 3

8:00 am Vocations to the Carmelite Community
(*Mystical Star Carmelite Community*)
9:00 am Zofia Bukowska-Jarzabek (*The Johnson Family*)
4:30 pm † Robert F. Granger (*Marianne W. Heinzl*)
6:00 pm POR TODA LA GENTE DE LA PARROQUIA

Sunday, January 4

8:00 am † Patricia Marie Hansen
(*Tyler & Hannah Loschen*)
9:30 am † George Faber (*Rose, David & Julie*)
† Stanley Paul Pop (*Valerie Pop-Brandt*)
† Tom Grant (*Patty & Alan William*)
Jack Klasey (*Mickey Kreissler*)
11:30 am † Ron Brosseau (*Teddy & Family*)
1:00 pm Eloisa Martínez (*Jeiel & Lisa Salazar*)
† Elvira Piña & † Rodolfo Canales & Pedro † Canales
Muños (*Lucy Canales*)
† Roberto Prado Elías (*Celene Valtierra*)
3:00 pm Sam Rodriguez (*The Johnson Family*)
5:00 pm † For the Departed Souls of the Wagner & Washabaugh
Family (*Jean Lindsey*)

ST. JOHN PAUL II DIRECTORY

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

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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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Our Shepherd's Clothing Closet*: Teri O'Connor

Hearts of Hope Youth Group: Michelle & Ken Barrie 815-382-8130



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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

December 20 & 21: \$13,350.50

Envelopes/On-Line: 211

- 177 Envelopes/34 -On Line Donors (\$2,100.00) -
(This information is being provided to keep you updated)

Monthly School Subsidy to BMCS: \$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

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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, 1er Viernes del Mes 7:00 pm

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

CONFESSIONS (Conference Room)

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

Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship as a way of life

With gratitude for participating and making possible the play of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12, we recognize and gratefully acknowledge:

José López, Chloe Pérez, Alejandro Chiguil, Fabian Santoyo, Luis E. Saldaña, Celso, Fernanda & Angie Santoyo.

Tiempo, Talento & Tesoro

Fomentando la corresponsabilidad como estilo de vida
Con agradecimiento por participar y hacer posible la obra de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el pasado 12 de diciembre, reconocemos y agradecemos a:

José López, Chloe Pérez, Alejandro Chiguil, Fabian Santoyo, Luis E. Saldaña, Celso, Fernanda & Angie Santoyo.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

Sunday, December 28

R1 - Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

R2 - Colossians 3:12-21 or 3:12-17

G - Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Monday, December 29

The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas

R1 - 1 John 2:3-11

G - Luke 2:22-35

Tuesday, December 30

The Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

R1 - 1 John 2:12-17

G - Luke 2:36-40

Wednesday, December 31

The Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

R1 - 1 John 2:18-21

G - John 1:1-18

Thursday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord

R1 - Numbers 6:22-27

R2 - Galatians 4:4-7

G - Luke 2:16-21

Friday, January 2

Memorial of Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

R1 - 1 John 2:22-28

G - John 1:19-28

Saturday, January 3

R1 - 1 John 2:29-3:6

G - John 1:29-34

The Epiphany of the Lord

Sunday, January 4

R1 - Isaiah 60:1-6

R2 - Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

G - Matthew 2:1-12



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).

THIS WEEK AT JPII

December 29 - January 4

Monday, December 29

All Day	Parish Office Closed
12:00-5:00 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
2:00 pm	Lord Teach Me to Pray - Angel Room
5:30 pm	CCW Deanery Meeting
5:30 pm	Rosary Making Group
7:00 pm	Reunión del Grupo Carismático

Tuesday, December 30

All Day	Parish Office Closed
9:00 am	NO Lisieux - Clothing Closet
10:00 am	Fatima Rosary Group
11:00 am	Bible Study
5:00 pm	Confessions/Confesiones
6:00 pm	NO Faith Formation Program / Doctrina Christmas Break / Descanso de Navidad
7:00 pm	Bible Study - Conference Room

Wednesday, December 31

All Day	Parish Office Closed
4:00 pm	Mass - The Solemnity of Mary
6:00 pm	NO Faith Formation Program / Doctrina Christmas Break / Descanso de Navidad

Thursday, January 1

All Day	Parish Office Closed
9:00 am	Mass - The Solemnity of Mary
12:00 pm	Latin Mass - The Solemnity of Mary
5:00 pm	Confessions / Confesiones
6:30 pm	Adult Choir Practice
7:00 pm	Encuentros Juveniles
7:00 pm	Misa de la Solemnidad de María

Friday, January 2

All Day	Parish Office Closed
8:00 am	First Friday Adoration
9:00 am	Food Pantry - East Campus
9:00 am	NO Lisieux - Clothing Closet
10:00 am	NO Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:00 pm	Missionary Lay Group - Room 8
7:00 pm	Misa del Primer Viernes

Saturday, January 3

6:30 am	Men of St. Joseph - Study Group
9:00 am	Carmelite Lay Meeting - Conference Rm.
9:00 am	First Saturday Latin Mass
12:00 pm	Young on Fire - Livestream Rosary
3:30 pm	Confessions/Confesiones
8:00 pm	Adoración Nocturna

Sunday, January 4

9:00 am	Estudio Bíblico (Hombres)
2:00 pm	Los Tres Reyes Magos
6:30 pm	Vespers

FUTURE EVENTS

Jan. 9	Words of Wisdom
Jan 10	Clases Pre-bautismales
Jan 11	Clases Pre-bautismales
Jan. 12	Pro-Life Meeting

YOUNG ON FIRE

ANNUAL HOLIDAY SERVICE PROJECT



Please Donate

Hats, Mittens, Gloves & Scarves

Please donate items

January 3rd - 18th.

YOF will wrap and distribute them at
Our Shepherd's Clothing Closet on January 23rd.

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

PROYECTO ANUAL DE SERVICIO

Gorras, Guantes, Bufandas & Calcomines

Done los artículos del 3-18 de enero

YOF los envolverá y distribuiremos

en Our Shepherd's Clothing Closet el 23 de enero.

Las cestas para la colecta estarán situadas en la entrada de la iglesia, en el mostrador del vestíbulo y en la oficina parroquial.



Thank you so much!

¡Muchas gracias!



Thank you to all the parishioners of St John Paul II and St George Parish that purchased gifts for this years Giving Tree.

Thank you to all volunteers for their generosity, time and talents: Annie Syrtad, Barb Staniszeski, Cindy Paulissen McBarnes, Diane Devine, Frances Powers, Janice Anesi, Julie Azzarelli, Jeanne Savole, Kathy Lambert, Kathy Wade, Linda Born, Mickey Kreissler, Rita K, Sheryl Marion Scanlon, and Sharon Jackson.

We were able to help 37 Families with a total of 65 children.



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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE / CALENDARIO LITÚRGICO

MINISTRY	Saturday, January 3 Sábado, 3 de Enero		Sunday, January 4 Domingo, 4 de Enero				
	4:30 pm	6:00 pm Español	8:00 am	9:30 am	11:30	1:00 pm Español	5:00 pm
LECTORS	Sheryl Janik	Elia López José López	Linda Kerness	Virginia Marsick	Cynthia Somerville	Jorge Flores Leonardo López	Julie Koerner
USHERS	Chris Stueck Annie Syrstad	José Contreras Adriana Chaca Virginia Ayala Verónica Carmona María Guerrero	Jon Guimond Robert Kerness John Lilienthal Kerri Lilienthal	Kathryn Griffiths Sandy Kuntz Janice Shenk Mary Westover	Pedro Gonzalez Rosa Gonzalez Diana Sanchez Gabriela Sanchez	María Calderón Verónica Calvillo Jesús Candelario Kimberly Valtierra	Sharon Jackson
SACRISTAN	Annie Syrstad	Luis E. Ayala	Kenneth Klipp	Deb Groth	Rosa Gonzalez	Lupita Méndez	
COMMUNION MINISTERS			Teri O'Connor Daniel Trivino	Thomas Martin Fran Powers		Kimberly Candelario Fidel Villagrán Rogelio Canchola	
GREETER				Mary Talamantes			
ALTAR SERVERS	Need Volunteers	Jade Carrera Diaz Miguel Sanchez Michelle Tetlalmatzi	Need Volunteers	Sofia Moreno Olivia Moreno Mia Moreno	Benjamin Bilderback Athziri Pina Xavy Reyes	Yazeni Calderon Emily Canchola Cynthia Canchola	Alexander Tapp

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

The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God | Solemnidad de María Santísima, Madre de Dios

MINISTRY	Wednesday, December 31 Miércoles, 31 de Diciembre	Thursday, January 1 Jueves, 1 de Enero	
	4:00 pm	9:00 am	7:00 pm Español
LECTORS	Judith Smead	Rose Bailey	Marcela Andrade Federico Ramirez
USHERS	Annie Syrstad Need Volunteers	Sharon Jackson, Brenda Lystila, David Lystila & Mary Westover	Verónica Calvillo, Teresa López, Serafin López, José Ayala, José & Adriana Chaca
SACRISTAN	Annie Syrstad	Sharon Jackson	Patricia Martínez
COMMUNION MINISTERS		Fran Powers & Mickey Kreissler	Gabriel Méndez, Guadalupe Méndez & Rogelio Canchola
ALTAR SERVERS	Julian Cortez, Pedro Vazquez Need Volunteer	Need Volunteers	Necesita Voluntarios

WEEKDAY MINISTERS /MINISTROS DE LA SEMANA

DATES	LECTOR	SACRISTAN
Dec. 29-Jan. 3	Rose Panozzo	Sharon Jackson
Martes 30	Claudia Perilla	Flor Rojas
Viernes 2	Víctor Bolívar	Flor Rojas
Linens/Lienzos: Week of December 28: Mickey Kreissler; weeks of Jan. 4 & 11: Diane Devine		



¡Adoración Nocturna!

Sábado, 3 de Enero, 2026
8:00 pm - 2:00 am (o más tarde)

En la Iglesia y en el Salón de la Sagrada Familia (Sótano)

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Solemnidad de Santa María, Madre de Dios

Holy Day of Obligation
Día de Precepto/Obligación

Dec. 31 (Vigil)—Wednesday (Miércoles)
4:00 p.m. (English)

Jan. 1 / 1 de Enero —Thursday (Jueves)
9:00 a.m. Mass (English)
12:00 p.m. Mass (Latin)
7:00 p.m. Misa (Español)



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Celebración de los
Tres Reyes Magos
Domingo 4 de Enero
después de misa de 1:00 pm
En el gimnasio

3 Kings Celebration on January 4th
after 1:00 pm Mass in the gym.



Our Shepherd's
Clothing Closet
Closed Dec. 22 - Jan 5

Merry
Christmas

OUTREACH MINISTRIES

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 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



Open Dec. 23 for messages only
9:00-10:30 am,

Closed Dec. 24-29

- **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

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



Blessing of Wine

Saturday, December 27

The Feast of St. John, Apostle and Evangelist

During the 8:00am Mass (English) and 6:00pm Mass (Spanish);

Following the 9:00am Traditional Latin Mass

All are invited to bring bottles of wine to be blessed at the Masses on December 27th. The blessing of the wine, benedictio vini, is done on this day in memory of the Beloved Disciple, St. John, who drank poisoned wine without detriment. Remembering the great love of Christ that filled the Beloved Disciple's heart, this blessed wine is referred to as the "Love of St. John". The blessed wine is brought home and consumed throughout the year at special occasions like weddings, anniversaries, or baptisms as well as that day, the feast of St. John. It is customary on the third day of Christmas, December 27th, to make a toast to St. John before dinner with the blessed wine: "I drink you the love of Saint John," and the people respond while clinking their wine glasses, "I thank you for the love of Saint John."

Bendición del Vino

Sábado, 27 de Diciembre

La fiesta de San Juan, Apóstol y Evangelista

Durante las misas de las 8:00am (ingles) y de las 6:00pm (español)
y después de la misa en latín de las 9:00am



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- † 1er Viernes: Devociones al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, después de misa de 7:00 pm
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 Thursday, January 29, 2026
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