

# St. JOHN PAUL II

## CATHOLIC PARISH



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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

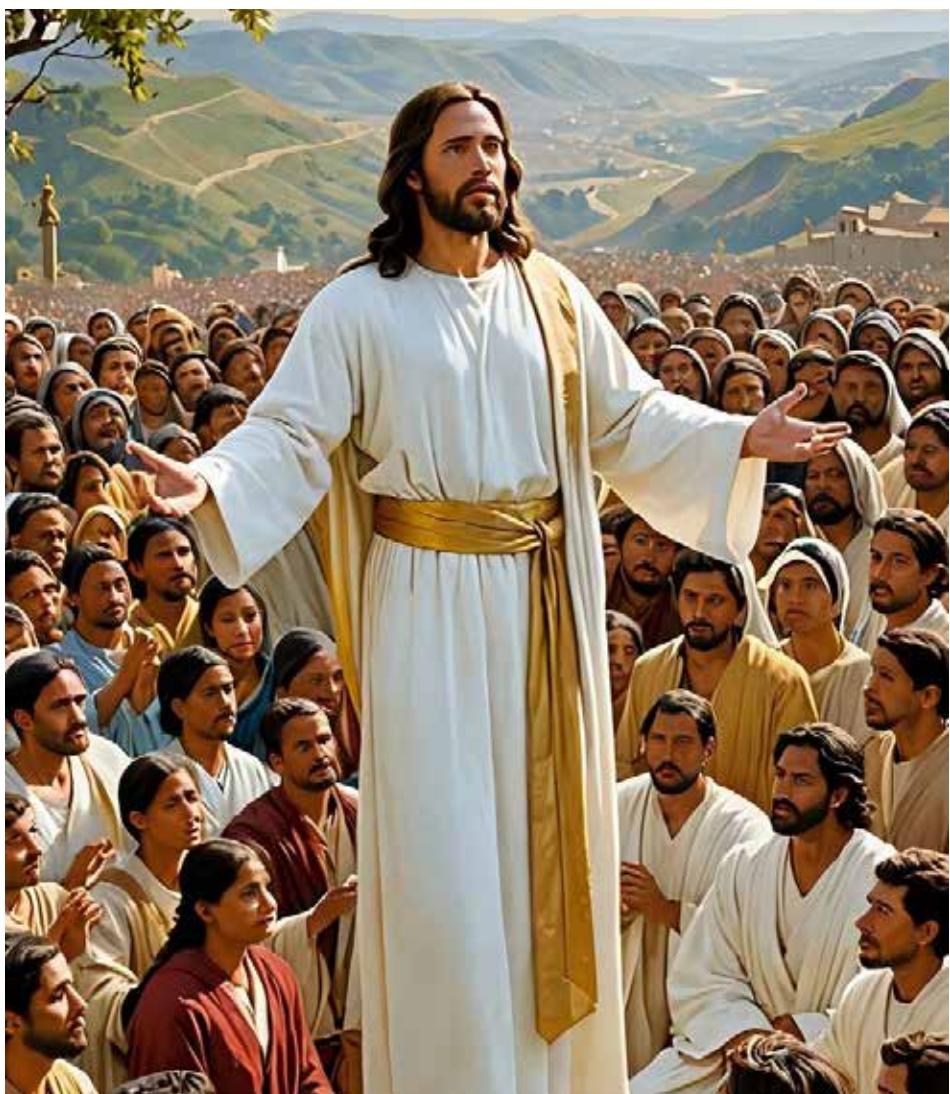
### DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 23, 2025

VII Domingo Ordinario - 23 de Febrero, 2025



*“...For the measure with which you measure  
will in return be measured out to you.”*

*“... Porque con la misma medida con que midan,  
serán medidos”.*

## A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

## UNA CARTA DEL PÁRROCO

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In only a week and half, we will begin the sacred season of Lent. Ash Wednesday is March 5th this year, and Easter Sunday will be April 20th. Lent is a penitential time to prepare ourselves to celebrate the feast of our salvation, when Christ freed us from sin and death. On Easter, when Christ conquered the tomb by rising from the dead, we will renew our baptismal promises, remembering that St. Paul said, "Or are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life" (Rom. 6:34; cf. Col. 2:12). It is easy to fall into old habits or to let our faith be something routine. Lent gives us the opportunity to put aside normal routines and focus on growing in love of God and neighbor, remembering the mystery of Jesus' Passion, death, and Resurrection and renewing our commitment to live in union with our crucified and risen savior.

As we approach Lent, it is important to start thinking about Lenten practices. The three Lenten disciplines are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. I encourage you to do one of each: to give something up, to love God in prayer, and to love one's neighbor through charity. The Lenten "Word Among Us" booklets give us helpful reflections, and Stations of the Cross, Mass, and adoration during the week are helpful ways to join Christ. It is also of the utmost importance that we go to confession during Lent, and don't forget that Ash Wednesday and Fridays during Lent are days to abstain from meat for everybody over the age of fourteen and that Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are also days of fasting for those who are between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine. I pray that this Lent be a time to grow closer to our merciful Lord and be renewed in faith, hope, and love. Know of my continued prayers for you, and please continue praying for one another.

In Christ,  
Fr. Matt



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

En una semana y media, vamos a comenzar la temporada sagrada de Cuaresma. El Miércoles de Ceniza es el 5 de marzo y el domingo de Pascua será el 20 de abril. La Cuaresma es un tiempo penitencial para prepararnos para la fiesta de nuestra salvación, cuando Cristo nos liberó del pecado y la muerte. En la Pascua, cuando Cristo conquistó la tumba al resucitar de entre los muertos, renovaremos nuestras promesas bautismales, recordando que San Pablo dijo: "¿O ignoran ustedes que todos los que fuimos bautizados en Cristo Jesús, fuimos bautizados en Su muerte? En efecto, fuimos sepultados con El por medio del bautismo para morir, a fin de que, como Cristo resucitó de entre los muertos por la gloria del Padre, así también nosotros vivamos una vida nueva" (Rom. 6:34; cf. Col. 2:12). Es fácil caer en viejos hábitos o dejar que nuestra fe sea algo rutinario. La Cuaresma nos da la oportunidad de dejar de lado las rutinas normales y enfocarnos en aumentar nuestro amor por Dios y el prójimo, recordando el misterio de la Pasión, muerte y Resurrección de Jesús y renovando nuestros compromisos de vivir en unión con nuestro salvador crucificado y resucitado.

Mientras nos acercamos a la Cuaresma, es importante comenzar a pensar en nuestras prácticas de Cuaresma. Las tres disciplinas Cuaresmales son la oración, el ayuno y la limosna. Les animo a que hagan una de cada una: renunciar a algo, amar a Dios en la oración y amar al prójimo a través de la caridad. Los libritos de "La Palabra entre Nosotros" para Cuaresma nos ofrecen reflexiones útiles, el Vía Crucis, la Misa y la adoración durante la semana son formas útiles de unirse con Cristo. También es de suma importancia que nos confesemos durante la Cuaresma, y no olvidemos que el Miércoles de Ceniza y los viernes de Cuaresma son días de abstinencia de carne para todos los mayores de catorce años, y que el Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo también son días de ayuno para los que tienen entre dieciocho y cincuenta y nueve años.

Ruego que esta Cuaresma sea un tiempo para acercarnos más a nuestro Señor misericordioso y recibir un aumento de fe, esperanza y amor. Conozcan mis continuas oraciones por ustedes y por favor sigan rezando los unos por los otros.

En Cristo,  
Padre Mateo

**The candle in the sanctuary  
is burning in memory of**  
**DONNA GRANT**  
**By: Her Family**



The Family of St. John Paul II  
extends our  
Deepest Sympathy to the family of  
**Jackson D. Smith**

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 Ciacco

**BOURBONNAIS GROVE:** Lavonne Linneman,  
John & Charlene Russell

**BUTTERFIELD COURT:** Pat Canfield

**HERITAGE WOODS, Manteno:** Noralee Sirois

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

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Week of February 22 - March 2**

#### **Saturday, February 22**

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| 8:00 am | † Anna Marie Wheeler ( <i>CND Associates</i> )    |
| 4:30 pm | FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH                      |
| 6:00 pm | María del Carmen Rosalio ( <i>Diana Rosalio</i> ) |

#### **Sunday, February 23**

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| 8:00 am  | † Ron Gierke ( <i>Myron &amp; Dorothy Lemenager</i> )                    |
| 9:30 am  | † Gerald Frechette ( <i>Joyce Raspolich</i> )                            |
|          | Sr. Elsie Gamez ( <i>Char, Birdie &amp; Candy</i> )                      |
|          | Jeanne Regnier ( <i>Myron and Dorothy Lemenager</i> )                    |
| 11:30 am | † Donna Grant ( <i>Her Family</i> )                                      |
| 1:00 pm  | † Sr. Roberto Esparza ( <i>Ricardo Esparza</i> )                         |
| 3:00 pm  | † Terry McCullough<br>( <i>Bob &amp; Marybeth McGrath &amp; Family</i> ) |
| 5:00 pm  | † Diane Sheehan ( <i>Betty Azzarelli</i> )                               |

#### **Monday, February 24**

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| 7:30 am | Special Intention ( <i>Deb Marcotte</i> ) |
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#### **Tuesday, February 25**

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| 7:30 am | Janice Ramos-Lumangtad ( <i>Neil Lumangtad</i> ) |
| 6:00 pm | Verónica Santoyo ( <i>Silvia Esparza</i> )       |

#### **Wednesday, February 26**

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| 7:30 am  | FOR THE SICK PEOPLE OF THE PARISH                                   |
| 12:00 pm | Laura Sniegowski<br>( <i>Maureen Johnson &amp; Tania Stachyra</i> ) |

#### **Thursday, February 27**

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| 7:30 am | † Marlene Boudreau ( <i>Margaret Joubert</i> ) |
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#### **Friday, February 28**

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| 7:30 am  | † Deceased Members of JPII Prayer Line<br>( <i>JPII Prayer Line</i> ) |
| 12:00 pm | Special Intention ( <i>Joel Azzarelli</i> )                           |

#### **Saturday, March 1**

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| 8:00 am | Vocations to the Carmelite Community<br>( <i>Mystical Star Carmelite Community</i> ) |
| 9:00 am | For the Poor Souls in Purgatory  |
| 4:30 pm | FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH   |
| 6:00 pm | POR LAS PERSONAS ENFERMAS DE LA PARROQUIA  |

#### **Sunday, March 2**

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| 8:00 am  | † Patricia Marie Hansen ( <i>Davis &amp; Suzie Schafer</i> )                  |
| 9:30 am  | † James Goudreau ( <i>JPII Friends</i> )                                      |
|          | † Mother of Sister Krystina<br>( <i>Mission Family of Blessed Boleslawa</i> ) |
| 11:30 am | † Millie Blanchette ( <i>Joanne, John &amp; Kathy</i> )                       |
| 1:00 pm  | Lisa Valadez ( <i>JPII Family</i> )   |
| 3:00 pm  | Special Intention ( <i>Joel Azzarelli</i> )                                   |
| 5:00 pm  | † Les Hayden ( <i>Hayden Family</i> )   |

\*\*\* 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!

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

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

# ST. JOHN PAUL II DIRECTORY



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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.

**Phone: 815-933-7683 Fax: 815-933-7692**

**Pastor/Párroco:** Very Rev. Matthew Pratscher

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Ext. 412 [frhoran@jp2kankakee.org](mailto:frhoran@jp2kankakee.org)

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**Parish Secretary:** Lisa Valadez

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Ext. 408 [cwilcox@jp2kankakee.org](mailto:cwilcox@jp2kankakee.org)

## Formación Espiritual y

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**Superintendent:** David C. Panozzo 815-953-2104

**FAITH FORMATION OFFICE: 815-932-7911**

**FFP Coordinator:** Sr. Maxencia Nanyanzi Ext. 420 [srmax@jp2kankakee.org](mailto:srmax@jp2kankakee.org)

**FFP Desk:** Silvia Esparza & Sandra Díaz Ext. 419

## OUTREACH

**Outreach Coordinator\*:** Teri O'Connor 815-693-9152 [oconnor.teri@gmail.com](mailto:oconnor.teri@gmail.com)

**Azzarelli Clinic Main**

Ext. 414 [azzarelliclinic@yahoo.com](mailto:azzarelliclinic@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

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

## OFFERING/OFRENDA

**February 15 & 16**

**\$23,249.91**

- 147 Envelopes/36 - On Line Donors (\$1,823) -

(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**

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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.

## JPII MEDIA LINKS

**Website:**  
[jp2kankakee.org](http://jp2kankakee.org)

**Facebook &**  
**YouTube:**  
[St. John Paul II](#)  
[Kankakee](#)



## PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

## FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

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

## Time, Talent & Treasure

### Fostering Stewardship as a way of life

In gratitude for all the time they dedicate each week to help our students learn about our Catholic faith, we recognize and gratefully acknowledge:

### All Catechists

## Tiempo, Talento & Tesoro

### Fomentando la corresponsabilidad como estilo de vida

En agradecimiento por todo el tiempo que dedican semanalmente para ayudar a nuestros estudiantes a que conozcan nuestra fe católica, reconocemos y agradecemos enormemente a:

### Todos los Catequistas

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary

#### Time

#### Sunday, February 23

R1 - 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13,  
22-23

R2 - 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

G - Luke 6:27-38

#### Monday, February 24

R1 - Sirach 1:1-10

G - Mark 9:14-29

#### Tuesday, February 25

R1 - Sirach 2:1-11

G - Mark 9:30-37

#### Wednesday, February 26

R1 - Sirach 4:11-19

G - Mark 9:38-40

### Thursday, February 27

R1 - Sirach 5:1-8

G - Mark 9:41-50

### Friday, February 28

R1 - Sirach 6:5-17

G - Mark 10:1-12

### Saturday, March 1

R1 - Sirach 17:1-15

G - Mark 10:13-16

### Eight Sunday in Ordinary

#### Time

#### Sunday, March 2

R1 - Sirach 27:4-7

R2 - 1 Corinthians  
15:54-58

G - Luke 6:39-45



## SACRAMENTS

**Baptism:** Classes are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month in the church, please call to register; Baptisms are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>o</sup> 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 24 - March 2

#### Monday, February 24

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

5:30 pm CCW Deanery Meeting

6:00 pm Finance Council Meeting

6:00 pm Practica del Ballet Folclórico

7:00 pm Reunión del Grupo Carismático - Iglesia

#### Tuesday, February 25

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 26

6:00 pm FFP - Class

#### Thursday, February 27

5:00 pm Confessions/Confesiones

6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice - Church

7:00 pm Perseverancia - Encuentros Juveniles

#### Friday, February 28

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

7:00 pm Practica del Vía Crucis

#### Saturday, March 1

6:30 am Men of St Joseph - Study Group

9:00 am Carmelite Lay Meeting

9:00 am 1st Saturday Latin Mass

12:00 pm Young on Fire Rosary - Live Stream

3:30 pm Confessions/Confesiones

8:00 pm Adoración Nocturna

#### Sunday, March 2

9:00 am Estudio Bíblico - Hombres

6:30 pm Vespers

#### FUTURE EVENTS - DATES

Mar. 3 Junta del Consejo de Encuentros

Mar. 5 Ash Wednesday

Mar. 7 First Friday Adoration

Missionary Lay Group

Misa del Primer Viernes

Mar. 8 Hora Santa de la Divina Misericordia

Mar. 10 Pro-Life Meeting

Mar. 14 Words of Wisdom

Mar. 15 Men of St. Joseph - Study Group

Clases Pre-Bautismales

Mar. 16 Clases Pre-Bautismales

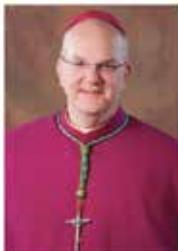
Blood Pressure Screening

Mar. 17 Parish Council Meeting

Mar. 19 Baptism Class - English

# THEOLOGY ON TAP

Young Adult Ministry



Bishop Dennis E. Spies

#### Auxiliary Bishop of Joliet

Bishop Spies was ordained a priest in the Diocese of Joliet on June 1, 2002, by Bishop Joseph L. Imesch at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet, Illinois. Following ordination, Bishop Spies ministered for many years in the Diocese.

Over the past 18 years, Bishop Spies has given his time and offered ministry in a number of other roles including Diocesan Presbyteral Council, Dean of the Will County Deanery of parishes and priests, Institute of Priestly Formation spiritual director, Cursillo weekend retreats and spiritual leader, and Be Healed weekend retreats and spiritual leader.

Throughout his various ministries, Bishop Spies values the ability to meet and connect with people in a way that allows others to better know Jesus Christ. His life goal is to be known as "one who loved and taught others to love."

Department of  
Catechesis and  
Evangelization

Jim Elias  
Lifelong Lay Formation  
(815) 221-6134  
jelias@dioceseofjoliet.org

DIOCESE OF JOLIET  
[diojoliet.org](http://diojoliet.org)

Time: 6:30 to 9:30 pm

PAISANS PIZZERIA  
2901 Ogden Ave Lisle, IL 60532



## Called & Gifted Charism Workshop

Discover your gifts and how God may be calling you to use them!



Saturday, March 1, 2025

Holy Spirit Catholic Church  
2003 Hassert Blvd, Naperville, IL 60564  
8:30am-3:30pm (lunch included)

God is calling you to a unique purpose in life, a work of love that only you can do. Discern your charisms (spiritual gifts) and begin to discern God's call. You have received gifts in Baptism and Confirmation through which God intends His love to reach others. Come and discover these charisms in you!

This workshop is sponsored by the Diocese of Joliet, hosted by Holy Spirit parish, and led by the Catherine of Siena Institute. Since its founding in 1997, the Siena Institute has worked with over 100,000 Catholics in hundreds of parishes on 5 continents.



Register for just \$35 by 2/19/25  
<https://p.constantcontactpages.com/ex/reg/d2xj49>

Questions? Contact Martha Torres at 815-221-6128 or [mtorres@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:mtorres@dioceseofjoliet.org)



## Bishop Blanchette Scholarship For High School Students at BMCS



**CCW**  
Council of Catholic Women



St. JP II Council of Catholic Women is accepting applications for the Bishop Blanchette Scholarship.

1. You must be a student at Bishop McNamara High School for the 2025-26 school year, grade 9, 10, 11 or 12.
2. You must be an active member of St. John Paul II Parish.
3. Scholarship is based primarily on need.

Please call Sharon Jackson at 815-937-1556 or Beth Arocha at 815-922-5463 before March 3 if you wish to apply.

**Our CCW can nominate only one student.**

El Consejo de Mujeres Católicas San JP II está aceptando solicitudes para la Beca Obispo Blanchette.

1. Debes ser estudiante de Bishop McNamara High School para el año escolar 2025-26, grado 9, 10, 11 o 12.
2. Debes ser un miembro activo de la Parroquia de San Juan Pablo II.
3. La beca se basa principalmente en la necesidad.

Por favor llame a Lorenia Lara al 815-549-9191 antes del 3 de marzo si desea aplicar.

**Nuestro CCW puede nominar solamente a un estudiante.**



**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](mailto:vocations@sistersop.com)



**DOMINICAN SISTERS  
IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PROVINCE**



## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE / CALENDARIO LITÚRGICO

MINISTRY	Saturday, March 1 Sábado, 1 de Marzo		Sunday, March 2 Domingo, 2 de Marzo				
	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 Carter	José López Rosario Lira	Richard Hemza	Virginia Marsick	Rick Ramirez	Claudia Perilla Claudia Ávila	Julie Koerner
USHERS UJIERES	Laura Carter Annie Syrstad	José Ayala Teresa López Serafín López José Chaca Adriana Chaca	John Lilienthal Kerri Lilienthal David Lystila Christopher Ryan	Kathryn Griffiths Deb Growth Stephen Kelley Charlotte Nolte	Rosa González Pedro González	Marina Reza Eulalio Valadez Sanjuana Valadez	<i>Need Volunteer</i>
SACRISTAN	Annie Syrstad	Antonio Serna Angelica Serna	Kenneth Klipp	Deb Groth	Pedro Gonzalez	Ema Elvir	<i>Need Volunteer</i>
COMMUNION MINISTERS			Julie Yarno <i>Brenda Lystila</i>	Fran Powers <i>Sandy Girard</i>		Rogelio Canchola Celene Valtierra <i>Ema Elvir</i>	
GREETER				Alberta Blanchette Mario Reyes			
ALTAR SERVERS	<i>Need Volunteers</i>	Mariana Cabrales Miguel Sánchez Michelle Tetlalmatzli	<i>Need Volunteers</i>	Julian Cortez Xavy Reyes Pedro Vazquez	Damian Ramirez Isabelle Ramirez Aaron Ramirez	Litzy & Alexa Campos Ávila Aileen Diaz	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. 24-Mar. 1	Jacob Levy	Kenneth Klipp
Martes 25	Víctor Bolívar	Patricia Martínez
<b>Linens/Lienzos:</b> Week of Feb. 23: Sharon Jackson; weeks of March 2 & 9: Rosario Lira		



## Bring Your Old Palms

**Baskets will be in the back of the church  
through Sunday, March 2nd**



**MASS SCHEDULE**  
6:30 am, 7:30 am, 4:30 pm  
(English)  
12:00 pm (Latin)  
6:15 pm (Bilingual),  
7:30 pm (Español)



**CORNELIA BENSON EDUCATIONAL FUND SCHOLARSHIPS**  
Applications are now available!

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 2025-2026 school year. St. John Paul II parents with students in kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade may apply.  
PRESCHOOL STUDENTS ARE NOT ELEGIBLE.

### BECAS DEL FONDO EDUCATIVO CORNELIA BENSON

¡Ya están disponibles las aplicaciones!

Ya están disponibles las solicitudes para la Beca Cornelia Benson (*anteriormente conocida como Beca Santa Teresa*) para el año escolar 2025-2026 en las escuelas católicas Bishop McNamara y en la oficina parroquial. Los padres de San Juan Pablo II con estudiantes en Kindergarten – 12<sup>th</sup> grado pueden aplicar. **LOS ESTUDIANTES DE PREESCOLAR NO SON ELEGIBLES.**

**Burning of Palms**  
Sunday, March 2nd 6:30pm

### Kneelers / Reclinatorios



We Still Need/Aún necesitamos: \$16,613.16  
Total Cost/Costo Total: \$29,675.46

## Escuela para Padres

*¡¡Ven!! Y descubre las Claves para una Crianza Saludable y Feliz.*



**Todos los miércoles de 6:00 a 7:30 pm**

*(Durante las clases de Doctrina)*

**COMENZANDO EL 5 DE MARZO, 2025**

#### Aprenderás:

1. La Importancia de la Comunicación: Escucha Empática, Expresión de Sentimientos, Diálogo Abierto
2. Establecimiento de Límites y Reglas: Consistencia, Flexibilidad, Disciplina Positiva
3. Fomentar la Autoestima: Elogio Esfuerzos, Apoyo Emocional, Modelar Autoestima
4. Tiempo de Calidad en Familia: Actividades en Conjunto, Rutinas Familiares, Desconexión Digital
5. Educación en Valores: Respeto, Responsabilidad, Empatía, Generosidad.
6. Salud Mental y Bienestar: Atención a las Emociones, Relajación y Autocuidado, Apoyo Profesional, Apoyo Espiritual.

**Recuerda:** ¡Cada niño es único y cada familia es diferente! Lo importante es adaptar estas estrategias a las necesidades particulares de tu familia.

# 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](http://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 24 – 28**  
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



## mobile food pantry

### FEBRUARY 21: ST. JOSEPH

211 N. CENTER AVE, BRADLEY  
10:00AM - 11:30AM

### FEBRUARY 24: ST. LAWRENCE

165 RICE RD, SOUTH WILMINGTON  
4:00PM - 5:30PM

### MARCH 7: OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

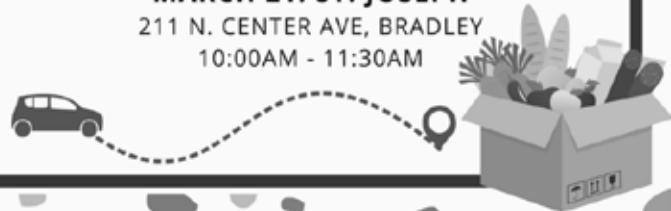
205 E. JACKSON ST, JOLIET  
10:00AM - 11:30AM

### MARCH 17: ST. LAWRENCE

165 RICE RD, SOUTH WILMINGTON 4:00PM - 5:30PM

### MARCH 21: ST. JOSEPH

211 N. CENTER AVE, BRADLEY  
10:00AM - 11:30AM



## NEW COUNSELING WALK-IN CLINIC

AT DAYBREAK CENTER



Catholic Charities is excited to announce a new Counseling Walk-In Clinic at Daybreak Center in Joliet (611 E. Cass St.), offering mental health support to those in need.

Starting February 10, the clinic will be open on the second Monday of each month from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM, providing:

- ✓ Mental Health Assessments
- ✓ Open Hours to Talk to a Therapist
- ✓ Crisis Interventions

No appointment is needed! This clinic ensures that individuals struggling with mental health challenges can access professional support easily and without barriers.

We accept Medicaid, Medicare, Commercial Insurance, and sliding scale payments (proof of income is required for sliding scale). Please bring a photo ID and insurance card if applicable.

For questions, call 815-723-0331.

# 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

## UNVEILING THE TRUTH BIBLE STUDY



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NEW TESTAMENT:  
Deacon George Arocha

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

## 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.

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## Rosary Group

— TUESDAYS —  
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## Seeking a Deeper Spiritual Life?

Prayerfully consider attending a Lay Carmelite Community meeting.

Saturday, March 1, 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, March 14**

**At 6:30 pm**  
(Holy Family Hall)

**March's Book Selection -  
"Complaints of the Saints"**  
By: Sr. Mary Lea Hill, FSP

Questions: Call Laurie Mau 815-933-8859



- GIFT -  
Thursday,  
February 27  
6:30 pm

(Holy Family Hall)

Bishop Robert Barron's

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- Session 3: "Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son"



JPII Conference Room

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

## Rosary Making

Fabricación de Rosarios  
Future dates/Fechas Futuras:

**Monday, February 24**

Lunes, 24 de Febrero  
5:30 - 7:00 pm

**Saturday, March 1**

Sábado, 1 de Marzo  
8:30 - 10:00 am

## Prayer Shawl

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**Every Friday / Cada Viernes**  
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Future Meeting Dates: January: 4, 18, February 1, 15,  
March 1, 15, 29

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## 2025 Lent Programs

### *First Belong to God: On Retreat with Pope Francis Book Study*

February 27, 2025

March 6, 13, 20, & 27, 2025

April 3, 10, 17, & 24, 2025

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

At One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center AND via ZOOM

### Busy Person's Retreat

Individually scheduled

### Weekend Retreat – An Invitation to Joy

February 28 - March 2, 2025

-OR-

March 7 - 9, 2025

6:30 p.m. Friday - 1:30 p.m. Sunday

At Nazareth Spirituality Center

### 1-Day Retreat – An Invitation to Joy

March 8, 2025

8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

At One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center



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### INFORMES Y SOLICITUDES

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### GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

The UpliftedCare Community Grief Center offers something for everyone at any stage of their grief journey.  
Please see our full list of support groups and the schedule below.

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All services are completely free of charge.



#### MONDAYS

- 10:00 a.m. Loss of a Parent
- 10:00 a.m. Finding Your New Normal
- 12:00 p.m. Grief Walk & Talk

#### T

- 10:00 a.m. Women's Talk & Tea
- 4:00 p.m. Spousal Loss

#### W

- 10:00 a.m. Moving Through Grief with Yoga  
3rd Wednesday each month
- 4:00 p.m. Child Loss  
1st & 3rd Wednesday each month

#### TH

- 4:00 p.m. Grief Book Club  
4th Thursday each month

#### SA

- 12:00 p.m. Kid's Hour  
3rd Saturday of the month  
January, February, April, May, June, July, August and November  
November group time will be 12:30-1:30 p.m.

### GROUP SCHEDULE



All groups are completely free of charge.  
Registration is required, please call: 815.939.4141  
Group schedule subject to change.

Upliftedcare.org



815.939.4141

Full schedule at  
[Upliftedcare.org](http://Upliftedcare.org)

main@upliftedcare.org

## FROM OUR DIOCESE

### Your gift to CMAA makes an impact!

The Opening Report for the 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) in today's bulletin reflects how as Christians, we are called to Open our hearts to God's goodness in service to our brothers and sisters in need.

Through the CMAA, we show generosity toward the most vulnerable members of our community. We also benefit, as a parish, from the many ministries the CMAA supports, that touch our own lives and the lives of our fellow parishioners. Ministries that include vocations, Catholic education, and faith formation.

Our parish goal for the 2025 CMAA is \$GOAL. The diocese will return 70% of any amount we raise over our goal to us, to be used fruitfully within our own parish. Please review the materials you received in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal. Thank you!

### Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal



### ¡Su donativo a la CAMC tiene un impacto!

El Informe Inicial para la Campaña Anual de Ministerios Católicos 2025 (CAMC) en el boletín de hoy refleja cómo, como cristianos, estamos llamados a abrir nuestros corazones a la bondad de Dios en el servicio a nuestros hermanos y hermanas necesitados.

A través de la CAMC, mostramos generosidad hacia los miembros más vulnerables de nuestra comunidad. También nos beneficiamos, como parroquia, de los muchos ministerios que apoya la CAMC, que afectan nuestras propias vidas y las vidas de nuestros compañeros feligreses. Ministerios que incluyen las vocaciones, la educación católica y la formación en la fe.

Nuestra meta parroquial para el CAMC 2025 es \$GOAL. La diócesis nos devolverá el 70% de cualquier cantidad que recaudemos por encima de nuestra meta, para que se use fructíferamente dentro de nuestra propia parroquia. Revisen los materiales que recibieron por correo de la Diócesis de Joliet este mes y reflexionen en oración sobre su donación a la Campaña Anual de este año. ¡Gracias!

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**Tuesday & Wednesday, February 25 & 26**

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**NOCHE PARA PADRES (Todos los Padres deben de asistir)**

**Martes y Miércoles, 25 & 26 de Febrero**

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