

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
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

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

Fourth Sunday of Lent - March 15 2026
IV Domingo de Cuaresma - 15 de Marzo, 2026



"I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

"Yo he venido a este mundo para que se definan los campos: para que los ciegos vean, y los que ven queden ciegos"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This weekend, we celebrate Laetare Sunday, which means "Rejoice." We are over halfway through our Lenten penances, and so this rose-colored Sunday in the midst of the purple season of Lent reminds us that the light of the Risen Lord will soon conquer the darkness of sin and death. Our time of celebration is drawing near. The great Feast of our Redemption is approaching. Holy Week begins in two weeks, and then we will celebrate the Paschal Mystery (the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord), by which God in His love and mercy has conquered sin and death and redeemed us.

As we prepare for Easter on April 5th, there are a few events I would like to bring to your attention. The celebrations of the Holy Triduum (from the evening of Holy Thursday through the evening of Easter Sunday) work together to help us enter into the mystery of Christ suffering, death, and resurrection for our salvation. In addition to the Masses on Easter Sunday, the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday at 6 pm, the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday (3 pm in English and 7pm in Spanish), and the Mass of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday at 7:45 pm are all moving celebrations that help us to truly enter into the Sacred Triduum. When we participate in the liturgies from Holy Thursday to Easter Sunday, we can be more attentive to the story of our salvation and enter into the event of our salvation, finding renewal in our faith and in the grace that comes from Christ. Other liturgies celebrated during Holy Week include lauds (Morning Prayer) at 7:30 am on Holy Thursday and Good Friday and at 8:00 am on Holy Saturday as well as Tenebrae on Wednesday, April 1, at 7 pm. The Settles Center will be open for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on Holy Thursday from 7 pm until midnight. Stations of the Cross on Good Friday will be in English at noon, and the Spanish Living Stations of the Cross will be at 5 pm on Good Friday. There will be reflections on the Seven Last Words of Christ on Tuesday, March 31, at 7 pm. The Easter Basket Blessing, which is when families are invited to bring the food for the Easter meal to be blessed, will be on Holy Saturday at noon, followed by the annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Please continue to pray for one another, and know of my continued prayers for you and your loved ones during this most sacred season of Lent.

In Christ,
Fr. Matt



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Hoy celebramos el Domingo de Laetare, que significa "Alégrese". Hemos superado la mitad de la temporada penitencial de Cuaresma. Por eso el color de este domingo es rosa en lugar del morado de la Cuaresma, recordándonos que la luz del Señor resucitado conquista las tinieblas del pecado y la muerte.

Nuestro tiempo de celebración se acerca. La gran fiesta de nuestra redención viene. La Semana Santa comienza en dos semanas y luego celebraremos el Misterio Pascual, que es la Pasión, la Muerte y la Resurrección de nuestro Señor.

Mientras nos preparamos para la Pascua, el 5 de abril, hay eventos que me gustaría llamar su atención. Las celebraciones del Santo Triduo (desde la tarde del Jueves Santo hasta la tarde del Domingo de Pascua) trabajan juntas para ayudarnos a entrar en el misterio de Cristo sufriendo, muriendo y resucitando por nosotros. Además de las misas del Domingo de Pascua, la misa bilingüe de la Cena del Señor el Jueves Santo a las 6 pm, la Celebración de la Pasión del Señor el Viernes Santo (3 pm en inglés y 7 pm en español) y la misa bilingüe del Sábado de Gloria a las 7:45 pm están celebraciones poderosas que nos ayudan a entrar en el Sagrado Triduo. Cuando participamos en las liturgias desde el Jueves Santo hasta el Domingo de Pascua, podemos estar más atentos a la historia de nuestra salvación y entrar en el acontecimiento de nuestra salvación, encontrando renovación en nuestra fe y en la gracia que viene de Cristo. Otras liturgias celebradas durante la Semana Santa incluyen laudes (oración de la mañana) a las 7:30 am el Jueves Santo y Viernes Santo y a las 8:00 am el Sábado Santo y también Tenebrae el miércoles 1 de abril a las 7 pm. El Settles Center (el gimnasio) estará abierto para la oración ante el Santísimo Sacramento el Jueves Santo desde las 7 pm hasta la medianoche. El Vía Crucis Viviente del Viernes Santo será a las 5 pm en español. Habrá reflexiones sobre las Siete Últimas Palabras de Cristo el martes 31 de marzo a las 7 pm. La Bendición de la Canastas Pascuales, cuando las familias traen los alimentos por Pascua para estar bendecidos, será el Sábado Santo al mediodía, seguida de la búsqueda anual de huevos de Pascua.

Por favor, sigamos orando los unos por los otros. Rezo por ustedes y sus seres queridos durante esta temporada sagrada de la Cuaresma.

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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Outreach Ministries

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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 7 & March 8: \$12,012.35

Envelopes: 162 | Online Donors: 29
Envelopes & Online: 191

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday, March 15

R1 - 1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7b,10-13a

R2 - Ephesians 5:8-14

G - John 9:1-41

Monday, March 16

R1 - Isaiah 65:17-21

G - John 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 17

R1 - Ezekiel 47:1-9, 12

G - John 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 18

R1 - Isaiah 49:8-15

G - John 5:17-30

Thursday, March 19

R1 - 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16

R2 - Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22

G - Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Friday, March 20

R1 - Wisdom 2:1a, 12-22

G - John 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 21

R1 - Jeremiah 11:18-20

G - John 7:40-53

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday, March 22

R1 - Ezekiel 37:12-14

R2 - Romans 8:8-11

G - John 11:1-45

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

Donald Tascher & Jeffrey Meredith

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

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

Ambrose Dean Alcorn

Baptized on March 10, 2026

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**

THIS WEEK AT JPII

March 16-22

Monday, March 16

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

7:00 pm Parish Council Meeting

7:00 pm Reunión del Grupo Carismático

Tuesday, March 17

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 18

6:00 pm Faith Formation Program / Doctrina

6:00 pm Baptism Class

Thursday, March 19

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 20

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 21

9:00 am Rosary Making Group - Conference Room

12:00 pm Young on Fire - Livestream Rosary

3:30 pm Confessions/Confesiones

6:00 pm FFP Catechist/Aides Lenten Retreat

Sunday, March 22

9:00 am Estudio Bíblico (Hombres)

6:30 pm Vespers

6:30 pm Choir Practice for Chrism Mass

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
George & Gabriele Kreutzer
Requested by Their Family

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

Week of March 15th

Saturday, March 14

4:30 pm † Carey Ortman (*Ortman Family*)
6:00 pm † Jesus Suastegui (*Jovan Suastegui*)
† Reyna Lira (*Jovan Suastegui*)
Las Anima Benditas de Pugatorio (*Jovan Suastegui*)

Sunday, March 15

8:00 am † Carey Ortman (*Pollett Family*)
9:30 am † Amanda Johnson (*Faber Family*)
† Sarah Loiselle (*Family*)
11:30 am † Jack Klasey (*Ray & Gloria Ford*)
1:00 pm † Javier Sanchez (*Maria Sanchez*)
† Nicolas Perez (*Maria Sanchez*)
† Victor Rodriguez (*Maria Sanchez*)
3:00 pm † Richard Bajt (*Azzarelli Family*)
5:00 pm For the People of the Parish

Monday, March 16

7:30 am † Marie Marsalli (*Family*)

Tuesday, March 17

7:30 am † Adrien Raymond (*Nancy Jurevich*)
6:00 pm † Adrian Salazar, y Señora Eva Salavar
(*Rolando y Eloisa Salazar*)

Wednesday, March 18

7:30 am For the People of the Parish
12:00 pm † Ruben Hernandez (*Bob & Barb Boudreau*)

Thursday, March 19

7:30 am † Cheryl Hiles (*Fredrick Hiles*)

Friday, March 20

7:30 am † Carey Ortman (*Ortman Family*)
12:00 pm Megan Boudreau (*Bob & Barb Boudreau*)

Saturday, March 21

8:00 am † Marie Marsalli (*Kim Beaupre*)
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 Leriger (*Jane McLin*)
† Carmella Azzarelli (*Betty Azzarelli*)
11:30 am Jeiel Salazar (*Familia Salazar*)
1:00 pm † Alma Gloria Orellana (*Silvia Esparza*)
† Dalia Hernandez (*Silvia Esparza*)
† Alfonso Conterras Abetea (*Lilia Villanueva*)
† Alma Gloria Orellana (*Jorge Flores*)
3:00 pm † Jeff Gereaux (*Azzarelli Family*)
5:00 pm † Gabriele Kreutzer (*Family*)

“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 21 Sábado, 21 de Marzo		Sunday, March 22 Domingo, 22 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	Sheryl Janik	Elia Lopez Karina Toledo	Jose Nambo	Thomas Martin	Steve Kelley	Leonardo Lopez Miriam Gaytan	Jean Lindsey
USHER	Mary Causer Chris Stueck	Virginia Ayala Juana Moreno María Guerrero Eloisa Ayala	Brenda Lystila David Lystila Robert Thrasher NOT FILLED	Deb Groth Sharon Jackson Charlotte Nolte Robert Thrasher	Ian Quezada Diana Sanchez Gabriela Sanchez Robert Thrasher	Lucy Canales Ricardo Esparza María de Jesús García Octavio García	Robert Thrasher
SACRISTAN	Karen Miller	Jose Rubio	Kathy Bessette	Sharon Jackson		Gabriel & Lupita Mendez	
COMMUNION MINISTER			Cathy Langlois Kathy Bessette	Mickey Kreissler Joyce Raspolich		Gabriel Mendez Fidel Villagran Guadalupe Mendez	
GREETER				Cynthia Martin			
ALTAR SERVER		Fabian Rubio Axel Rubio NOT FILLED		Elijah Wales Isaiah Wales Jeremiah Wales	Elizabeth Garcia Jayden Grabow Athziri Pina	Yazeni Calderon Alexa Campos Avila Litzzy Campos Avila	

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

WEEKDAY MINISTER · MINISTROS DE LA SEMANA		
DATE	LECTOR	SACRISTAN
March 16-21	John Akai	Mickey Kreissler
Martes 17	Carlos Reyes	Antonio Serna Angelica Serna
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





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

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

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.**

YOUNG ON FIRE MINISTRY

HEALTHY BREAKFAST LENTEN PROJECT



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

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.

March for Life Trip

The St. John Paul II Pro Life Committee will be participating in the March for Life in Springfield, IL on Thursday, March 19th. The day will start with 7:30am Mass at St. John Paul II, a quick breakfast in Dwight, adoration at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield, then the rally and march at the State Capital from 1-3pm. We will leave Springfield at 3pm. There is a lot of walking, but if anyone is interested in joining us, we have some seats available in the 2 vehicles that are being taken. Please call or text Cathy Langlois at 815-545-2184 for availability or questions.

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

- † **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
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Order of Carmelites

**Words of Wisdom
 Book Club**

Season 9 - Session #8

**Friday, April 10,
 at 6:00 pm**

Conference Room

Book selection:

***Catherine of Sienna*
 By Sigred Undset**

For more information call: Laurie Mau 815-933-8859

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Spring 2026

Thursday, March 19

6:30 pm (Conference Room)

The Chosen - Season 5

Come watch and discuss from a
 Catholic Perspective

Episode 1: "House of Cards"



Rosary Making

Fabricación de Rosarios

Future dates/Fechas Futuras:

Monday, March 23

Lunes, 23 de marzo

5:30 - 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 28

Sábado, 28 de marzo

8:30 - 10:00 am

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For Questions Call:

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 March 14 & 28
 April 11 & 25



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Facilitators:

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Wednesdays: February 4 & 18, 2026
March 4 & 18, 2026
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& May 6, 2026
9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

[Click here](#) for episode information for each session.

WHERE:

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Sunday Gospel Faith Sharing Groups

Facilitators:

See registration form for facilitator
information per session.

WHEN: Weekly, starting February 22, 2026
Sundays, 8 - 9 p.m. via ZOOM
Mondays, 9 - 10 p.m. via ZOOM
Tuesdays, 9 - 10:15 a.m. at OHOS*
Wednesdays, 7 - 8 p.m. via ZOOM
Fridays, 12 - 1 p.m. via ZOOM

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