

# St. JOHN PAUL II

## CATHOLIC PARISH

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

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

### CONFESSIONS

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent - December 21, 2025  
IV Domingo de Adviento - 21 de Diciembre, 2025



*"Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"*

*"He aquí que la virgen concebirá y dará a luz un hijo, a quien pondrán el nombre de Emmanuel, que quiere decir Dios-con-nosotros".*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christmas is quickly approaching! This holy time, customarily marked by parties, dinners, presents, songs, and decorations, reminds us of God's presence, love, and fidelity. God has become like us to redeem us. As we hear the story of the Nativity of our Lord and reflect on His birth, I am often struck by the fact that the greatest moment in the history of the world, the coming of its own Creator and Savior, went relatively unnoticed amid the passing routines of the world. St. Luke casually remarked that there was no room for the Holy Family in the inn.

My prayer is that Christmas does not become an event that casually passes by as simply a routine each year. I pray that we recognize the profound meaning and sublime love of God who became one with us so that we can be one with Him, who entered into our history so that we can enter into eternity, who entered into our suffering and died on our behalf so that through His resurrection we may share in His glory. Do we recognize Jesus? Do we make room for Him in our daily lives? Every Christmas is an opportunity for us to make room for Him who desires to enter under our roofs, to open the doors of our hearts and receive Christ in the inns of our daily lives. He is present to us through the sacraments, particularly the Eucharist. In every holy communion, we receive the very Savior born in the manger on Christmas Day. We can also encounter Christ in our prayer, moments and experiences of grace and providence, and those in need. It is good to reflect upon these questions: Do I recognize and receive Jesus in the Sunday Eucharist and daily prayer? Do I serve Him by caring for the ill and those in need, the homeless, the poor, and the neglected? Let us receive our Lord and serve Him with gladness.

Know of my prayers for you, especially during the Christmas Masses. May the Christ child bless you and your loved ones!

In Christ,  
Fr. Matt



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

¡La Navidad se acerca rápidamente! Este tiempo sagrado, marcado por fiestas, cenas, regalos, canciones y decoraciones, nos recuerda la presencia, el amor y la fidelidad de Dios. Dios se ha vuelto como nosotros para redimirnos. Mientras escuchamos la historia de la Natividad de nuestro Señor y reflexionamos sobre su nacimiento, me llega al corazón que el evento más grande en la historia del mundo, la venida de su Creador y Salvador, pasó relativamente desapercibida en medio de las rutinas pasajeras del mundo. San Lucas mencionó casualmente que no había sitio para la Sagrada Familia en la posada.

Mi oración es que la Navidad no sea un acontecimiento que pase desapercibido, simplemente como una rutina anual. Ruego para que reconozcamos el profundo significado y el amor sublime de Dios, quien se hizo uno con nosotros para que podamos ser uno con Él, quien entró en nuestra historia para que podamos entrar en la eternidad, quien compartió nuestro sufrimiento y murió por nosotros para que, a través de su resurrección, podamos participar de su gloria. ¿Reconocemos a Jesús? ¿Hacemos espacio para Él en nuestra vida diaria? Cada Navidad es una oportunidad para que le hagamos un espacio a aquel que desea entrar en nuestros hogares, para abrir las puertas de nuestros corazones y recibir a Cristo en las posadas de nuestras vidas cotidianas. Él está presente entre nosotros a través de los sacramentos, particularmente en la Eucaristía. En cada santa comunión, recibimos al mismo salvador que nació en el pesebre en Navidad. También podemos encontrar a Cristo en nuestra oración, en los momentos y experiencias de gracia y providencia, y en los necesitados. Es bueno reflexionar sobre estas preguntas: ¿Reconozco y recibo a Jesús en la Eucaristía dominical y en la oración diaria? ¿Le sirvo cuidando a los enfermos, a los necesitados, a los pobres y a los marginados? Recibamos a nuestro Señor y sirvámosle con alegría.

Estoy rezando por ustedes, especialmente durante las misas navideñas. ¡Que el niño Jesús los bendiga a ustedes y a sus familias!

En Cristo,  
Padre Mateo



**The candle in the sanctuary  
is burning in memory of  
DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE  
GRANT FAMILY**

**By: Family**

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



**Bernard J. "Bernie" Petrucci**

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

**HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME PARISHIONERS**

**BICKFORD:** Barbara Ciacio

**BOURBONNAIS GROVE:** Lavonne Linneman

**BUTTERFIELD COURT:** Pat Canfield

**HERITAGE WOODS, Kankakee:** Myrna Sandeno

**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            | ~ Leticia Muñoz           |
| ~ Alice Ramien              | ~ Lucy Canales            |
| ~ Arturo Barajas            | ~ Magdalena Salazar       |
| ~ Betty Mulvihill           | ~ Margaret Bialas         |
| ~ Bill Richley              | ~ Manuel Silva            |
| ~ Bob Crane                 | ~ 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         |
| ~ Gene Rademacher           | ~ Ron Talamantes          |
| ~ Gloria Mendez             | ~ Sharon Burton           |
| ~ Iliana Andrade            | ~ 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           |
| ~ Leouva Muñoz Castillo     |                           |

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Week of December 20 - 28**

**Saturday, December 20**

8:00 am † Adrien Raymond (*Denise Dillard*)  
4:30 pm † Cheryl Hiles (*Frederic Hiles*)  
6:00 pm POR TODA LA GENTE DE LA PARROQUIA

**Sunday, December 21**

8:00 am † Patricia Marie Hansen  
(*Tyler & Hannah Loschen*)  
9:30 am † Ozzie Lottinville (*Shenk Family*)  
† Birdie Blanchette (*Paul & Jane Gerth*)  
† Richard Leriger (*Jane McLin*)  
† Eric William Pop (*Valerie Pop-Brandt*)  
† Noralee Sirois  
(*Missionary Family of Blessed Boleslaw*)  
11:30 am Marci Henry (*Christopher*)  
1:00 pm † Luis Antonio Martínez (*Elba Rosas*)  
† Alfonso Pérez Llamas (*Cindy Pérez*)  
Julianna Rodríguez López (*Sus Papás*)  
3:00 pm Fr. Gerard Quirke (*Johnson Family*)  
5:00 pm † Raymond Mulholland (*John & Glory Klasey*)

**Monday, December 22**

7:30 am † Adrien Raymond (*Paul & Jane Gerth*)

**Tuesday, December 23**

7:30 am † John F. Azzarelli (*Betty Azzarelli*)  
6:00 pm † Luis Francisco Llanos (*Alicia Gomez*)

**Wednesday, December 24**

7:30 am † Cheryl Hiles (*Fredrick Hiles*)  
4:00 pm † Deceased Members of the Grant Family  
(*Their Family*)  
6:00 pm María de Jesús García (*Ricardo & Silvia Esparza*)  
8:00 pm † Brunette Thompson (*Nancy Birr*)

**Thursday, December 25**

12:00 am † Derek Ader (*Carol Ader*)  
8:00 am † Raymond Mulholland (*John & Glory Klasey*)  
10:00 am † Kreutzer & Ochrein Family (*Family*)  
12:00 pm † Fernando Villegas (*Lupita Méndez*)

**Friday, December 26**

7:30 am † Vearl Brouillet (*His Children*)  
12:00 pm Fr. Gerard Quirke (*Johnson Family*)

**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*)  
† Carrey 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*)

## 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

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

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

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FFP Desk: Silvia Esparza & Sandra Díaz Ext. 419

### **OUTREACH**

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Azzarelli Clinic Director: Brooke Futterer Ext. 416

Food Pantry: Nancy Godin Ext. 417

Lisieux Pastoral Center: Kathy Wade Ext. 418 815-928-6093 & 815-939-2913

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

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



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Website:

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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 13 & 14: \$9,500.87**

Envelopes/On-Line: 159

- 133 Envelopes/26 -On Line Donors (\$1,828.00) -  
(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**

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

## Time, Talent & Treasure

### Fostering Stewardship as a way of life

With gratitude for organizing the Christmas Party for all the women of our parish, we recognize and gratefully acknowledge:

#### **Council of Catholic Women**

### Tiempo, Talento & Tesoro

Fomentando la corresponsabilidad como estilo de vida  
Con agradecimiento por organizar la Fiesta de Navidad para todas las mujeres de nuestra parroquia, reconocemos y agradecemos a:

#### **Concilio de Mujeres Católicas**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Sunday, December 21**

**R1** - Isaiah 7:10-14

**R2** - Romans 1:1-7

**G** - Matthew 1:18-24

**Monday, December 22**

**R1** - 1 Samuel 1:24-28

**G** - Luke 1:46-56

**Tuesday, December 23**

**R1** - Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24

**G** - Matthew Luke 1:57-66

**Wednesday, December 24**

**R1** - 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

**G** - Luke 1:67-79

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25**

**The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) Vigil Mass**

**R1** - Isaiah 62:1-5

**R2** - Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

**G** - Matthew 1:1-25

**The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)**

**Mass during the Night**

**R1** - Isaiah 9:1-6

**R2** - Titus 2:11-14

**G** - Luke 2:1-14

**The Nativity of the Lord**

**(Christmas) Mass at Dawn**

**R1** - Isaiah 62:11-12

**R2** - Titus 3:4-7

**G** - Luke 2:15-20

**The Nativity of the Lord**

**(Christmas) Mass during the Day**

**R1** - Isaiah 52:7-10

**R2** - Hebrews 1:1-6

**G** - John 1:1-18

**Friday, December 26**

**Feast of Saint Stephen,**

**First Martyr**

**R1** - Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59

**G** - Matthew 10:17-22

**Saturday, December 27**

**Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist**

**R1** - 1 John 1:1-4

**G** - John 20:1a and 2-8

**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



## THIS WEEK AT JPII

December 22 - 28

### Monday, December 22

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

2:00 pm Lord Teach Me to Pray - Angel Room

7:00 pm Reunión del Grupo Carismático

7:00 pm Posadas - Holy Family Hall

### Tuesday, December 23

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

7:00 pm Posadas - Holy Family Hall

### Wednesday, December 24

**All Day** Parish Office Closed

**4:00 pm** Christmas Eve Mass

6:00 pm NO Faith Formation Program / Doctrina  
Christmas Break / Descanso de Navidad

**6:00 pm** Misa de Noche Buena

**8:00 pm** Christmas Eve Mass

### Thursday, December 25

**All Day** Parish Office Closed

**12:00 am** Midnight Mass (Prelude at 11:30 pm)

**8:00 am** Latin Low Mass with Cello

**10:00 am** Christmas Day Mass

**12:00 pm** Misa de Navidad

### Friday, December 26

**All Day** Parish Office Closed

9:00 am Food Pantry - East Campus

9:00 am NO Lisieux - Clothing Closet

10:00 am NO Prayer Shawl Ministry

### Saturday, December 27

11:00 am Bautismos - Español (Si se necesitan)

12:00 pm Young on Fire - Livestream Rosary

3:30 pm Confessions/Confesiones

### Sunday, December 28

9:00 am Estudio Bíblico (Hombres)

6:30 pm Vespers

### FUTURE EVENTS

Dec. 29 - Jan. 2 Parish Office Closed

Dec. 29 CCW Deanery Meeting

Rosary Making Group

## 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 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).

**DELEBRACIÓN DE NUESTRA SEÑORA DE GUADALUPE EL 12 DE DICIEMBRE, 2025**



**CCW CHRISTMAS PARTY ON DECEMBER 10, 2025**



**Donut Sunday on December 14, 2025**

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE / CALENDARIO LITÚRGICO

| MINISTRY            | Saturday, December 20<br>Sábado, 20 de Diciembre |                                                                                         | Sunday, December 21<br>Domingo, 21 de Diciembre                              |                                                                  |                                                                 |                                                                      |                       |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
|                     | 4:30 pm                                          | 6:00 pm<br>Español                                                                      | 8:00 am                                                                      | 9:30 am                                                          | 11:30                                                           | 1:00 pm<br>Español                                                   | 5:00 pm               |
| LECTORS             | Rose Bailey                                      | Federico Ramírez<br>Norma Sánchez                                                       | Richard Hemza                                                                | Mary Simmons                                                     | Laura Shellie                                                   | Elia López<br>Claudia Perilla                                        | Victor Rosales        |
| USHERS              | Ronald Dressler<br>Karen Miller                  | Sanjuana Valadez<br>María Medina<br>Angelica M. Serna<br>Susana Pérez<br>Kathy Teclamar | Brenda Lystila<br>David Lystila<br>Robert Thrasher<br><i>Need Volunteers</i> | Deb Groth<br>Charlotte Nolte<br>Robert Thrasher<br>Mary Westover | Beth Arocha<br>Steve Kelley<br>Jeiel Salazar<br>Robert Thrasher | Lucy Canales<br>Ricardo Esparza<br>Marichuy García<br>Octavio García | Robert Thrasher       |
| SACRISTAN           | Karen Miller                                     | Patricia Martínez<br>Camila Roblero                                                     | Kathy Bessette                                                               | Deb Groth                                                        | <i>Need Volunteer</i>                                           | Lupita Méndez<br>Gabriel Méndez                                      |                       |
| COMMUNION MINISTERS |                                                  |                                                                                         | Kathy Bessette<br><i>Catherine Langlois</i>                                  | Thomas Martin<br><i>Mickey Kreissler</i>                         |                                                                 | Guadalupe Méndez<br>Gabriel Méndez<br><i>Silvia Esparza</i>          |                       |
| GREETER             |                                                  |                                                                                         |                                                                              | Cynthia Martin                                                   |                                                                 |                                                                      |                       |
| ALTAR SERVERS       | <i>Need Volunteers</i>                           | Dionisio Franquiz<br>Natalia Franquiz<br>Angel Franquiz                                 | <i>Need Volunteers</i>                                                       | Julian Cortez<br>Elliot Powers<br>Pedro Vazquez                  | Isabelle Ramirez<br>Damian Ramirez<br>Aaron Ramirez             | Aileen Diaz<br>Alex Hernández<br>Isaac Medina                        | <i>Need Volunteer</i> |

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

## CHRISTMAS LITURGICAL SCHEDULE / CALENDARIO LITÚRGICO DE NAVIDAD

| MINISTRY            | Wednesday, December 24 / Miércoles, 24 de Diciembre      |                                                                                     |                                            | Thursday, December 25 / Jueves, 25 de Diciembre                   |                                                                            |                                                                           |
|---------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                     | 4:00 pm                                                  | 6:00 pm<br>Español                                                                  | 8:00 pm                                    | 12:00 am<br>Midnight                                              | 10:00 am                                                                   | 12:00 pm<br>Español                                                       |
| LECTORS             | Jose Nambo                                               | Leonardo López<br>Claudia Ávila                                                     | Cynthia McBarnes                           | Cynthia Somerville                                                | Rose Bailey                                                                | Rogelio Canchola<br>Trinidad García                                       |
| USHERS              | Jeiel Salazar<br>Annie Syrstad<br><i>Need Volunteers</i> | Norma Sánchez<br>Jennifer Sánchez<br>Lucy Canales<br>Manuel Duarte<br>Ericka Duarte | Richard McBarnes<br><i>Need Volunteers</i> | Kathryn Griffiths<br>Sandy Kuntz<br>Janice Shenk<br>Mary Westover | Kathy Bessette<br>Sharon Jackson<br>Mickey Kreissler<br>Catherine Langlois | José Hernández<br>Rosalina Tonacatl<br>Israel Lorenzo<br>Maricela Lorenzo |
| SACRISTAN           | Mary Causer                                              | Flor Rojas                                                                          | <i>Need Volunteer</i>                      | <i>Need Volunteer</i>                                             | Sharon Jackson                                                             | Daniel Varela &<br>Reyes Cintora                                          |
| COMMUNION MINISTERS | Julie Yarno<br><i>Need Volunteer</i>                     | <i>Necesita Voluntarios</i>                                                         |                                            |                                                                   | David Lystila<br><i>Brenda Lystila</i>                                     | <i>Necesita Voluntarios</i>                                               |
| ALTAR SERVERS       | Julian Cortez<br>Pedro Vazquez<br><i>Need Volunteer</i>  | <i>Necesita Voluntarios</i>                                                         | <i>Need Volunteers</i>                     | <i>Need Volunteers</i>                                            | Mia Moreno-Rosas<br>Sofia Moreno-Rosas<br>Olivia Moreno-Rosas              | <i>Necesita Voluntarios</i>                                               |

### WEEKDAY MINISTERS / MINISTROS DE LA SEMANA

| DATES      | LECTOR         | SACRISTAN                   |
|------------|----------------|-----------------------------|
| Dec. 22-27 | Sharon Jackson | Linda Libby                 |
| Martes 23  | Víctor Bolívar | Camila Roblero & Flor Rojas |

Linens/Lienzos: Weeks of December 21 & 28:  
Mickey Kreissler

**¡Vengan Tosos a las posadas Navideñas!**

**Del 16 al 23 de Diciembre**

**7:00 – 8:30 pm**

La primer posada del día 16 será en Bishop McNamara High School de 5:00 – 8:00 pm

*Posada Navideña*



**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

**HORARIO DE MISAS NAVIDEÑAS**

**December 24 (Christmas Eve / Noche Buena)**

4:00 pm • 6:00 pm en español • 8:00 pm

**December 25 (Christmas Day / Navidad)**

12:00 am Midnight (Prelude beginning at 11:30 pm)

8:00 am Latin Low Mass with Cello

10:00 am • 12:00 pm en Español



## 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**

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### 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



Todos están invitados a traer botellas de vino para ser bendecidas en las misas del 27 de diciembre. La bendición del vino, benedictio vini, se hace en este día en memoria del Discípulo Amado, San Juan, quien sin detrimento bebió vino envenenado. Recordando el gran amor por Cristo que llenó el corazón del Discípulo Amado, este vino bendito se le apoda el "Amor de San Juan". El vino bendito se lleva a casa y está bebido durante el año en ocasiones especiales como bodas, aniversarios o bautizos y especialmente ese día de la fiesta de San Juan. Es costumbre el tercer día de Navidad, el 27 de diciembre, hacer un brindis por San Juan antes de la cena con el vino bendito: "Te bebo el amor de San Juan," y la gente responde tintineando sus copas de vino, "Te doy las gracias por el amor de San Juan."

# FAITH FORMATION

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8:00 am- 6:00 pm  
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8:00 pm-2:00 am

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- † 1er Viernes: Devociones al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, después de misa de 7:00 pm
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Friday, January 9

at 6:00 pm

Conference Room

January's Book selection:

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By Michael Nicholas Richard



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## Rosary Making

Fabricación de Rosarios

Future dates/Fechas Futuras:

Monday, December 29

Lunes, 29 de diciembre

5:30 - 7:00 pm

Saturday, December 20

Sábado, 20 de diciembre

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## FROM OUR DIOCESE



### The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,  
may the faith you have given us  
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of charity enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed hope  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of  
the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within  
both humanity and the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil van-  
quished,  
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

### Oración del Jubileo

Padre que estás en el cielo,  
la fe que nos has donado en  
tu Hijo Jesucristo, nuestro hermano,  
y la llama de caridad  
infundida en nuestros corazones

por el Espíritu Santo,  
despierten en nosotros  
la bienaventurada esperanza  
en la venida de tu Reino.

Tu gracia nos transforme  
en dedicados cultivadores de  
las semillas del Evangelio  
que fermenten la humanidad y el cosmos,  
en espera confiada  
de los cielos nuevos y de la tierra nueva,  
cuando vencidas las fuerzas del mal,  
se manifestará para siempre tu gloria.

La gracia del Jubileo reavive en nosotros,  
Peregrinos de Esperanza,  
el anhelo de los bienes celestiales  
y derrame en el mundo entero  
la alegría y la paz  
de nuestro Redentor.

A ti, Dios bendito eternamente,  
sea la alabanza y la gloria por los siglos.  
Amén.

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