

# 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

## CONFESSIONS

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

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 15, 2026  
VI Domingo Ordinario - 15 de Febrero, 2026



*“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill.”*  
*“No crean que he venido a abolir la ley o los profetas; no he venido a abolirlos, sino a darles plenitud”.*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today's first reading, which comes from the fifteenth chapter of the book of Sirach, is about choices: "If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live; he has set before you fire and water to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand. Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him." We are encouraged to choose to follow God and His commandments. When Jesus speaks of the commandments, He is challenging. When speaking of and interpreting the commandments in today's Gospel (Mt. 5:17-37), this is the one area where Jesus appears stricter than the scribes and the Pharisees. He defends the Law and the prophets, expounds on the Law, says that "whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven," and warns His disciples not to narrowly interpret the Law as simply being a checklist, as being something solely external. The Law helps us to follow God. Behind every commandment is a virtue that can and should extend to other parts of one's life. Jesus is always challenging us to go deeper, to see the value, which is often about faith, humility, charity, purity, responsibility, integrity, respect, and self-control.

We often think about how well we are following Jesus during Lent. Ash Wednesday is quickly approaching: February 18. I encourage you to start thinking about Lenten practices this year, particularly around each discipline: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. I encourage you to make use of our devotions during Lent, particularly daily Mass, Stations of the Cross on Fridays, Sunday Vespers, adoration on Mondays, and confession during the week.

This weekend, I am asking you to prayerfully consider how you can support the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). This campaign supports the work and operations of the Church on the diocesan level.

May we continue to respond to our Lord's call to follow Him in our daily lives. I pray that as we enter into Lent, which begins this Wednesday, we may rediscover the great gifts of God's grace and love.

In Christ,  
Fr. Matt



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

La primera lectura de hoy, la cual es del capítulo quince del libro de Sirácides, es sobre opciones: "Si tú lo quieres, puedes guardar los mandamientos; permanecer fiel a ellos es cosa tuya. El Señor ha puesto delante de ti fuego y agua; extiende la mano a lo que quieras. Delante del hombre están la muerte y la vida; le será dado lo que él escoja." Estamos animados a elegir seguir a Dios y sus mandamientos. Cuando nuestro Señor Jesús habla sobre los mandamientos, Él está retando. Al hablar e interpretar los mandamientos en el Evangelio de hoy (Mt. 5: 17-37), esta es el área donde Jesús parece más estricto que los escribas y los fariseos.

Defiende la Ley y los profetas, expone la Ley, dice que "el que cumpla y enseñe estos mandamientos, será llamado grande en el Reino de los cielos," y advierte a sus discípulos que no interpreten la Ley simplemente como una lista de verificación, como algo únicamente externo. La Ley nos ayuda a seguir a Dios. Detrás de cada mandamiento es una virtud que puede y debe extenderse a otras partes de la vida. Jesús siempre nos reta a profundizar, a ver el valor, que frecuentemente se trata de fe, humildad, caridad, pureza, responsabilidad, integridad, respeto y dominio propio.

A menudo pensamos en lo bien que estamos siguiendo a Jesús durante la Cuaresma. Se acerca rápidamente el Miércoles de Ceniza: el 18 de febrero. Este año los animo a pensar en las prácticas de Cuaresma, particularmente sobre cada disciplina: oración, ayuno y limosna. Los invito a que asistan y hagan uso de nuestras devociones durante la Cuaresma, particularmente la misa diaria, el viacrucis los viernes, la oración de vísperas los domingos, la adoración los lunes y la confesión durante la semana.

Este fin de semana, les pido que consideren en oración cómo pueden apoyar la Campaña Anual de Ministerios Católicos (CMAA). Esta campaña apoya las obras y las operaciones de la Iglesia a nivel diocesano.

Que sigamos respondiendo al llamado de nuestro Señor, que lo sigamos en nuestra vida diaria. Ruego para que, al comenzar la Cuaresma, que comienza este miércoles, redescubramos los grandes dones de la gracia y el amor de Dios.

En Cristo,  
Padre Mateo



**The candle in the sanctuary  
is burning in memory of**

**GEORGE FABER**

**By: Rose, David & Julie**



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

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  
**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            | ~ Kevin Schaumburg        |
| ~ 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         |
| ~ Iliana Andrade            | ~ Ron Talamantes          |
| ~ Irma Castillo             | ~ Sharon Burton           |
| ~ Jerome Holohan            | ~ Sylvia Lane             |
| ~ José Luis Delgado         | ~ 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 February 14 - 22**

**Saturday, February 14**

- 8:00 am † Cheryl Hiles (*Fredrick Hiles*)  
 4:30 pm FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
 6:00 pm Padre Roy Jacob (*Familia Rubio Martínez*)

**Sunday, February 15**

- 8:00 am † Adrien Raymond (*Rebecca Donnelly*)  
 9:30 am † George Faber (*Rose, David & Julie*)  
 † Tom Griffen (*Jollinda Jones*)  
 † Angie Faber (*Faber Family*)  
 11:30 am † Marie Marsali (*Les & Patsy Hayden*)  
 1:00 pm † Rodolfo Canales & † Elvira Piña (*Lucy Canales*)  
 Jairo Cabrales (*Patricia Martínez*)  
 3:00 pm † Carol Jeanne Evavold (*Patricia Wagner*)  
 5:00 pm † Jack Klasey (*Scholarship Committee*)

**Monday, February 16**

- 7:30 am † Lena Dionne (*Margaret Joubert*)

**Tuesday, February 17**

- 7:30 am † Adrien Raymond (*Marge Hildebrand*)  
 6:00 pm † Rodolfo Canales & † Elvira Piña (*Lucy Canales*)

**Wednesday, February 18**

- 6:30 am † Chuck Smead (*Judith Smead*)  
 7:30 am † Don & Bruce Martell (*Family*)  
 12:00 pm Briana Lamb & Baby (*Jackie Brady*)  
 4:30 pm † Carey Ortman (*Dr. Keller*)  
 6:15 pm FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
 7:45 pm † Andrés Pérez Pérez (*Susana Pérez*)

**Thursday, February 19**

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

**Friday, February 20**

- 7:30 am Fr. John Horan (*JPII*)  
 12:00 pm Briana Lamb & Baby (*Jackie Brady*)

**Saturday, February 21**

- 8:00 am † Marie Marsalli (*Les & Patsy Hayden*)  
 4:30 pm † Jack Clasey (*Judy Mulholland*)  
 6:00 pm Padre Rodolfo Arty (*Familia Rubio Martínez*)

**Sunday, February 22**

- 8:00 am † Juanita Reichert-Merrill (*Cheryl & Fred Hiles*)  
 9:30 am † Carey Ortman (*Ortman Family*)  
 † Noralee Sirois (*Sharon Jackson*)  
 † Kenny Shenk (*Family*)  
 11:30 am † Donna Grant (*Her Family*)  
 1:00 pm † Roberto Esparza (*Ricardo Esparza*)  
 † Alfonso Contreras Abetea (*Liliana Villanueva*)  
 † Luis Francisco Llanos (*Alicia Gomez*)  
 3:00 pm † Terry McCullough  
 (*Bob & Marybeth McGrath & Family*)  
 5:00 pm FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

\*\*\* 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!

# 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.*

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

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Food Pantry: Nancy Godin Ext. 417

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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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## 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
- Randy Howard

## FINANCE COUNCIL

### MEMBERS

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

## OFFERING/OFRENDA

**February 7 & 8: \$10,741.27**

Envelopes/On-Line: 193

- 162 Envelopes/27 -On Line Donors (\$2,033) -  
(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**

# ONLINE giving

Please consider signing up for Online Giving...  
it's easy and convenient:  
Go to <https://jp2kankakee.weshareonline.org>

**\*\*\*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 dedicating their time and effort to feed the most needy in our community, we recognize and gratefully acknowledge:

### Food Pantry Volunteers

## Tiempo, Talento & Tesoro

Fomentando la corresponsabilidad como estilo de vida  
Con agradecimiento por dedicar su tiempo y esfuerzo para alimentar a los más necesitados de nuestra comunidad, reconocemos y agradecemos a:

### Voluntarios de la Despensa de Alimentos



### 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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Sunday, February 15

R1 - Sirach 15:15-20

R2 - 1 Corinthians 2:6-10

G - Matthew 5:17-37

Monday, February 16

R1 - James 1:1-11

G - Mark 8:11-13

Tuesday, February 17

R1 - James 1:12-18

G - Mark 8:14-21

Wednesday, February 18

ASH WEDNESDAY

R1 - Joel 2:12-18

R2 - 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2

G - Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday, February 19

R1 - Deuteronomy 30:15-20

G - Luke 9:22-25

Friday, February 20

R1 - Isaiah 58:1-9a

G - Matthew 9:14-15

Saturday, February 21

R1 - Isaiah 58:9b-14

G - Luke 5:27-32

First Sunday of Lent

Sunday, February 22

R1 - Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

R2 - Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19

G - Matthew 4:1-11



# THIS WEEK AT JPII

February 16 - 22

### Monday, February 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, February 17

9:00 am Lisieux - Clothing Closet

10:00 am Fatima Rosary Group

11:00 am Bible Study

1:00 pm Staff Meeting

5:00 pm Confessions/Confesiones

6:00 pm Faith Formation Program / Doctrina

7:00 pm Bible Study - Conference Room

8:00 pm Compline w/ the Burial of the Alleluia

### Wednesday, February 18

6:30 am Mass - Ash Wednesday

7:30 am Mass - Ash Wednesday

12:00 pm Latin Mass - Ash Wednesday

4:30 pm Mass - Ash Wednesday

6:00 pm Faith Formation Program / Doctrina

6:00 pm Baptism Class - English

6:15 pm Mass - Ash Wednesday - Bilingual

7:45 pm Misas - Miércoles de Ceniza

### Thursday, February 19

5:00 pm Confessions / Confesiones

6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice

7:00 pm Encuentros Juveniles

### Friday, February 20

9:00 am Food Pantry - East Campus

9:00 am Lisieux - Clothing Closet

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

5:00 pm YOF Movie Night - Holy Family Hall

6:00 pm Stations of the Cross

7:00 pm Practica del Viacrucis

7:00 pm Viacrucis

### Saturday, February 21

11:00 am Baptism - English (If needed)

12:00 pm Young on Fire - Livestream Rosary

3:30 pm Confessions/Confesiones

### Sunday, February 22

9:00 am Estudio Bíblico (Hombres)

6:30 pm Blue Knights - Settles Center

6:30 pm Vespers

## 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).

YOUNG ON FIRE MINISTRY  
INVITES ALL CONFIRMATION STUDENTS TO A

# MOVIE NIGHT

FEATURED MOVIE:

**CARLO ACUTIS: ROADMAP TO REALITY**  
following with small-group discussions

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20**  
**6:00 PM - 8:30 PM**

St. John Paul II Parish,  
Holy Family Hall

POPCORN & DRINK PROVIDED  
THIS ACTIVITY COUNTS AS FAITH HOURS



**Bishop Blanchette Scholarship**  
For High School Students at BMCS



St. JP2 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 2026-27 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 to apply. Applications must be received by Sharon and Beth by March 8. Our CCW can nominate only one student.

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

1. *Debes ser estudiante de la Escuela Secundaria Obispo McNamara para el año escolar 2026-27, en los grados 9, 10, 11 o 12.*
2. *Debes ser miembro activo de la Parroquia San Juan Pablo II.*
3. *La beca se otorga principalmente en función de la necesidad.*

*Para solicitarla, llame a Sharon Jackson al 815-937-1556 o a Beth Arocha al 815-922-5463. Las solicitudes deben ser recibidas por Sharon y Beth antes del 8 de marzo. Nuestra CCW solo puede nominar a un estudiante.*



Our Easter Egg Hunt will be held  
**Saturday, April 4, 2026.**

Immediately after the Blessing of the baskets at 12:00 pm.

Outside of the Settles Center.

We are in need of the following donations: **plastic fillable Easter eggs, candy to fill the eggs, small stuffed animals and toys** for the Easter baskets that we give out.

Please, turn in your donations by Sunday, March 15.

**St. John Paul II**

**CCW Women's Retreat**

**Saturday, March 7 at 8:00 am**

**"Seeing with Mary's Eyes"**

Presented by Deacon George Arocha



8:00 am – Mass

8:45 am – Light breakfast in the Holy Family Hall

9:15 am - Presentation

10:30 am – Closing remarks

**ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED**  
**SIGN UP SHEETS ARE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH**



Our Shepherd's Clothing Closet of JP2 is handing out red bags today.

The bags are for you to fill out with personal care items for the needy.

A list of ideas is provided on each bag.

**Please, return to back of church by February 28.**

**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.**

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE / CALENDARIO LITÚRGICO

MINISTRY	Saturday, February 21 Sábado, 21 de Febrero		Sunday, February 22 Domingo, 22 de Febrero				
	4:30 pm	6:00 pm Español	8:00 am	9:30 am	11:30	1:00 pm Español	5:00 pm
LECTORS	Ryan Carter	Víctor Bolívar Norma Sánchez	David Palmer	Elizabeth Williams	Cynthia Somerville	Miriam Gaytán Rogelio Canchola	Rose Bailey
USHERS	Laura Carter Karen Miller	Virginia Ayala Juana Moreno María Guerrero Eloísa Ayala	John Lilienthal Kerri Lilienthal Robert Thrasher <i>Need Volunteer</i>	Sandy Kuntz Charlotte Nolte Robert Thrasher Mary Westover	Beth Arocha Diana Sanchez Gabriela Sanchez Robert Thrasher	Lucy Canales Ricardo Esparza Octavio García	Robert Thrasher
SACRISTAN	Mary Causer	José Rubio & Julisa	Kathy Besette	Deb Groth	<i>Need Volunteer</i>	Lupita & Gabriel	
COMMUNION MINISTERS			Julie Yarno <i>Katherine Langlois</i>	Sheryl Scanlon <i>Mickey Kreissler</i>		Kimberly Candelario Guadalupe Méndez <i>Gabriel Méndez</i>	
GREETER				Cynthia Martin			
ALTAR SERVERS	<i>Need Volunteers</i>	Fabian Rubio Axel Rubio <i>Necesita Voluntario</i>	<i>Need Volunteers</i>	Sofia Moreno Olivia Moreno Mia Moreno	Elizabeth Garcia Jayden Grabow <i>Need Volunteer</i>	Alexander Gaytán Itzayana Torres Gavino Torres	<i>Need Volunteer</i>

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

### ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES / MISAS DEL MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA

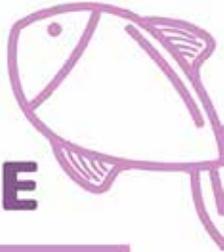
TIMES	LECTOR	SACRISTAN	USHERS	ALTAR SERVERS
6:30 am	<i>Needs Volunteers</i>	<i>Needs Volunteer</i>	<i>Needs Volunteers</i>	<i>Needs Volunteers</i>
7:30 am	John Akai	Mickey Kreissler	Oralia Candelario, Fabian Rubio, María Saldivar, Jazmín & Pablo.	<i>Needs Volunteers</i>
4:30 pm	Cynthia McBarnes	Annie Syrstad	Richard McBarnes Annie Syrstad , <i>Need Volunteers</i>	<i>Needs Volunteers</i>
6:15 pm	Rose Bailey	<i>Needs Volunteer</i>	<i>Needs Volunteers</i>	Alexander Tapp
7:45 PM	Juana M. Lugo	Flor Rojas	<i>Needs Volunteers</i>	Shahid Suarez

#### WEEKDAY MINISTERS / MINISTROS DE LA SEMANA

DATES	LECTOR	SACRISTAN
Feb. 16-21	John Akai	Mickey Kreissler
Martes 17	Juana M. Lugo	Antonio & Angelica Serna

Linens/Lienzos: Weeks of February 15 & 22: Sharon Jackson

## LENTEN FASTING & ABSTINENCE



#### Fasting

Ash Wednesday  
Good Friday

Ages 18-59

#### Abstinence

Every Friday  
during Lent

Ages 14+

#### How do we fast?

When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

#### Am I excused from fasting and abstinence?

Those that are excused from fast and abstinence outside the age limits include the physically or mentally ill including individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes. Also excluded are pregnant or nursing women.

For more information on fasting and abstinence, visit [usccb.org](http://usccb.org).

## ASH WEDNESDAY MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA February 18, 2026

*Ashes will be distributed during mass.  
Se impone la ceniza durante las misas.*

6:30 a.m. Mass  
7:30 a.m. Mass  
12:00 Noon Latin Mass (*Ashes at the Beginning*)  
4:30 p.m. Mass  
6:15 p.m. Bilingual Mass with FFP students  
7:45 p.m. Misa en español

### DEVOTIONS PREPARING FOR LENT



THE BURNING  
OF THE PALMS  
& VESPERS

Sunday  
February 15, 2026  
6:30 p.m.



### COMPLINE/NIGHT PRAYER WITH THE BURIAL OF THE ALLELUIA

Tuesday, February 17, 2026; 8:00 p.m.



# 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 16 - 20

- 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

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371 N. St. Joseph Ave., Kankakee

**Open Fridays  
to choose clothing  
9:00 – 11:00 am**



## 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. Mary Immaculate Parish, 15629 Illinois Route 59, Plainfield, IL

**When:** Thurs., March 5, 6:30-8 pm



Scan the QR Code to RSVP



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DIOCESE OF JOLIET

## SPIRITUAL DIRECTION



Deacon Tony Clisem, Ed.D.

*What is spiritual direction?  
How do I find a spiritual director?  
Do I hear a call to be a trained spiritual director?*

## COME AND SEE

**WHO:** Persons of Faith Interested in . . .

- Learning about spiritual direction
- Finding a spiritual director.
- Becoming a spiritual director.

**WHEN:** Wed., March 4, 7:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church (Fireplace Room)  
306 W. Fourth Street, Hinsdale

**HOW:** Enter glass doors next to main church entrance.  
Limited space. Register by March 1 here:

[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/R/9UNQNSAF3W](https://forms.office.com/R/9UNQNSAF3W)



PRESENTED BY: Deacon Tony Clisem, Ed.D. Catechetical Lead, Diocese of Joliet  
WITH: Spiritual direction panel.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 815-221-6142 OR EMAIL  
[ACLISEM@DIOCESEOFJOLIET.ORG](mailto:ACLISEM@DIOCESEOFJOLIET.ORG)

# 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

## 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**



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Deacon George Arocha

IN PERSON: Tuesdays from  
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PLACE: Conference Room

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## Seeking a Deeper Spiritual Life?

Prayerfully consider attending a Lay Carmelite Community meeting.

Saturday, February 7, 2026 at 9:00 am  
JP2 Conference Room

All are Welcome!!

More Info? Call/Text 815-592-1181 Theresa Doehring

## Words of Wisdom Book Club 2025-2026

Season 9 - Session #7

Friday, March 13  
at 6:00 pm

Conference Room

February's Book selection:

*The Last Four Things*

By Fr. Martin VonCochen OSFC

\*Please call for directions: Laurie Mau 815-933-8859

## - GIFT -

Spring 2026

Thursday, March 12

6:30 pm (Conference Room)

The Chosen - Season 5

Come watch and discuss from a  
Catholic Perspective

Episode 1: "Entry"



JP2 Conference Room

For Questions Call:

Deb Groth at 815-263-1675

## Rosary Making

Fabricación de Rosarios

Future dates/Fechas Futuras:

Monday, February 23

Lunes, 23 de febrero

5:30 - 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 28

Sábado, 28 de febrero

8:30 - 10:00 am

St. John Paul II Parish: Men of Saint Joseph

"Men determined to grow in faith, discipline,  
self-sacrifice, integrity, and courage"

x Meets every-other Saturday 6:30 A.M. -8:00 A.M. at  
the Parish Conference Room (Next to the Angel Room)

x Join us for study and discussion of faith, family,  
the Church, the Saints, and more.

x Future Meeting Dates: Every other Saturday:  
January 3, 17, 31, February 14, 28, March  
14, 28, April 11, 25



## Prayer Shawl

MINISTERIO MANTO DE ORACIÓN



Every Friday / Cada Viernes

10:00 am

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Saturday February 14, 2026

St. Joseph Parish Center  
283 N Center Ave  
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Cash prize of \$400.00 and trophy to winning team

- BYOB and snacks for your team
  - Split the pot
  - Minute to win it games

Doors 6:00 PM  
Trivia 7:00 PM

\$20.00 a person - Tables of eight - \$160.00

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## Martin Scorsese Presents: The Saints

Facilitators:

Sr. Kathleen Mulchay &  
Sr. Evelyn Varboncoeur

Wednesdays: February 4 & 18, 2026

March 4 & 18, 2026

April 1 & 15, 2026

& 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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Questions? Contact Susan Amann:

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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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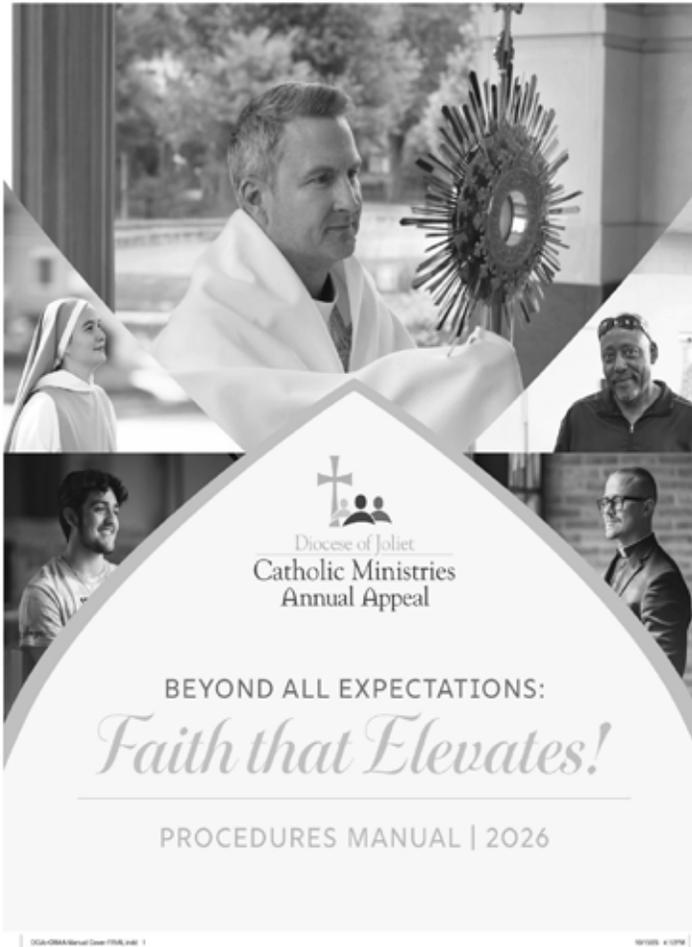
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# FROM OUR DIOCESE



## Pledge your gift to the CMAA

This is commitment weekend for the 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). The appeal is a powerful way to put our faith into action.

This year's theme is Beyond all Expectations: Faith that Elevates! When we care for those in need, we answer this call. Our parish joins with other parishes to serve the vulnerable, grow children in faith, and strengthen vocations. We cannot foster these ministries alone. This is a diocese-wide effort. We receive 70% of any amount raised over our goal to reinvest in our parish.

Please prayerfully consider your gift and help our parish reach \$53,500.00. Complete and return a pledge envelope in church today. Thank you for your support!

### ¡Comprométase a hacer una donación a la CMAA!

Este es el fin de semana de compromiso para la Campaña Anual de Ministerios Católicos (CMAA) de 2026. La campaña es una forma poderosa de poner nuestra fe en acción.

El tema de este año es "Más allá de todas las expectativas: ¡la fe que eleva!". Cuando cuidamos de los necesitados, respondemos a esta llamada. Nuestra parroquia se une a otras parroquias para servir a los vulnerables, hacer crecer a los niños en la fe y fortalecer las vocaciones. No podemos fomentar estos ministerios solos. Se trata de un esfuerzo de toda la diócesis.

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Por favor, considere con espíritu de oración su donación y ayude a nuestra parroquia a alcanzar el objetivo de 53,500.00. Rellene y devuelva hoy mismo el sobre de compromiso en la iglesia. ¡Gracias por su apoyo!

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**Tuesday & Wednesday, February 24 & 25 from 7:00 pm – 7:30 pm**

**Miércoles, 18 de Febrero - MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA**

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