

# 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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - February 4, 2024



## 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

**"Let us go on to the nearby villages that  
I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come."**

***"Vamos a los pueblos cercanos para predicar  
también allá el Evangelio, pues para eso he venido".***

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In today's Gospel, after Jesus cured Peter's mother-in-law, we read, "When it was evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were ill or possessed by demons. The whole town was gathered at the door. He cured many who were sick with various diseases, and he drove out many demons... Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed. Simon and those who were with him pursued him and on finding him said, 'Everyone is looking for you.'" What often confounds people is that Jesus often spent time in prayer. On top of it, while there was great need and everybody was looking for Jesus, He went to a deserted place to pray. Why would Jesus pray, and why would prayer be His number one priority? Jesus did not need anything, but prayer is about more than receiving an answered request. Prayer is "the elevation of the mind and heart to God in praise of his glory; a petition made to God for some desired good, or in thanksgiving for a good received, or in intercession for others before God. Through prayer the Christian experiences a communion with God through Christ in the Church" (Catechism of the Catholic Church). At the heart of prayer is communion, being one with God. The Father and the Son are one, and so Christ would dedicate time on earth to communion with the Father. He shows us the importance of prayer. He prayed before choosing the Apostles, before and during miracles, and before and during the crucifixion. As a car cannot run without fuel or a house cannot stand without a foundation, prayer lifts up the soul by uniting it to God, the one who gives us eternal life and grace, so that we can bear great fruit through our actions. Our actions and works need prayer. The "Lord, Teach Us to Pray" series begins this week, and the parish's Lenten mission will be on prayer since Pope Francis has dedicated this year to prayer, calling for a "great symphony of prayer." Let us continue to stay close to our Lord each day in prayer.

As Lent approaches, I encourage you to remember the three Lenten disciplines: prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. I suggest that you make a promise for each during Lent. When we fast and make sacrifices, we turn our hearts away from our wants. Through prayer and almsgiving (works of charity) we turn our hearts to God and neighbor. Don't forget that the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun and that we will be listening to a homily from our bishop next weekend. It is an important way to support our bishop's work in the diocese. Please prayerfully consider how you can support it. Let us stay close to our Lord and grow in love of God and neighbor. Let us also continue to pray for one another and know of my prayers for you.

In Christ,  
Fr. Matt



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

En el evangelio de hoy, después de que Jesús curó a la suegra de Pedro, leemos: "Al atardecer, cuando el sol se ponía, le llevaron a todos los enfermos y poseídos de demonios, y todo el pueblo se amontonados junto a la puerta. Curó a muchos enfermos de diversos males y expulsó a muchos demonios... De madrugada, cuando todavía estaba muy oscuro, Jesús se levantó, salió y se fue a un lugar solitario, donde se puso a orar. Simón y sus compañeros lo fueron a buscar, y al encontrarlo, le dijeron: 'Todos te andan buscando.'" Lo que confunde a muchas personas es que Jesús pasaba tiempo en oración. Además, aunque había una gran necesidad y todos buscaban a Jesús, él se fue a un lugar solitario para orar. ¿Por qué oraba Jesús y por qué la oración era su prioridad número uno? Jesús no necesitaba nada, pero la oración es más que recibir una solicitud. La oración es "la elevación de la mente y el corazón a Dios en alabanza de su gloria; una petición hecha a Dios por algún bien deseado, o en acción de gracias por un bien recibido, o en intercesión por otros ante Dios. A través de la oración, el cristiano experimenta una comunión con Dios a través de Cristo en la Iglesia" (Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica). La oración desea y produce comunión, unidad con Dios. El Padre y el Hijo son uno, por eso Cristo dedicó tiempo en la tierra a la comunión con el Padre. Nos enseñaba la importancia de la oración. Oró antes de elegir a los apóstoles, antes y durante los milagros, y antes y durante la crucifixión. Como un automóvil no puede funcionar sin combustible o una casa no puede sostenerse sin cimientos, la oración eleva el alma uniéndola a Dios, quien nos da la vida eterna y la gracia, para que podamos dar grandes frutos a través de nuestras acciones. Nuestras acciones y obras necesitan oración. La serie "Señor, enséñanos a orar" comienza esta semana, y la misión cuaresmal de la parroquia será sobre la oración porque Papa Francisco ha dedicado este año a la oración, pidiendo una "gran sinfonía de oración". Sigamos estando cerca de nuestro Señor cada día en oración.

Mientras viene la Cuaresma, los animo a recordar las tres disciplinas de la Cuaresma: oración, ayuno y limosna. Les sugiero que hagan una promesa para cada disciplina durante la Cuaresma. Cuando ayunamos y hacemos sacrificios, apartamos nuestro corazón de nuestros deseos. A través de la oración y la limosna (obras de caridad) volvemos nuestros corazones a Dios y al prójimo. No olviden que la Campaña Anual de Ministerios Católicos ha comenzado y que estaremos escuchando una homilía de nuestro obispo el próximo fin de semana. Es una forma importante de apoyar el trabajo de nuestro obispo en la diócesis. Por favor, consideren en oración cómo pueden apoyarlo. Permanezcamos cerca de nuestro Señor y crezcamos en el amor a Dios y al prójimo. Sigamos también orando los unos por los otros y conozcan mis oraciones por ustedes.

En Cristo,  
Padre Mateo



The candle in the sanctuary is burning  
in memory of  
**TED & NELL KAHNT**  
By: Teddy & Pat

**HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME PARISHIONERS**

**ASBURY SUPPORTIVE LIVING:**

**BICKFORD:** Barbara Ciaccio

**BOURBONNAIS GROVE:** Lavonne Linneman

**BUTTERFIELD COURT:** Pat Canfield

**HERITAGE WOODS, Manteno:** Noralee Sirois

**HOMEBOUND:** Rose Kaminsky, Rosemary Dicarolo, Bob Granger, Jean Rykiel

**LUTHER PLACE:** Leola Mulvihill, Thrasilla Janczak

**MILLER REHAB CENTER:** Rita Morris, Colleen Brown

**PRAIRIEVIEW, Danforth:** Lyn Lamie

**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**

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| ~ Alan & Jackie LaRoche     | ~ Kathy Call             |
| ~ Alice Ramien              | ~ Kathy Dechenne         |
| ~ Anabelle Beedle           | ~ Kelli Burson           |
| ~ Abigail Beedle            | ~ Kevin Metschuleit      |
| ~ Antonio Dominguez         | ~ Magdalena Salazar      |
| ~ Betty Mulvihill           | ~ Maria Toledo           |
| ~ Bill Cox                  | ~ Mia Martin             |
| ~ Bob Crane                 | ~ Naomi                  |
| ~ Charlene Russell          | ~ Nicky Frey             |
| ~ Craig Robinson            | ~ Nicole & David         |
| ~ Colleen Kilbride          | ~ Pat Crane              |
| ~ Daniel Wulffe             | ~ Patty Lamie            |
| ~ Darby Thomas              | ~ Rafael Moreno          |
| ~ Debbie Turner             | ~ Raquel Garcia          |
| ~ Desiree Grant             | ~ Robert & Kathy Lenzi   |
| ~ Donna Paquette            | ~ Ron Talamantes         |
| ~ Elia López                | ~ Russell Westover       |
| ~ Eula Mae Goselin          | ~ Sharon Burton          |
| ~ Gloria Mendez             | ~ Steve Schultz          |
| ~ Harry Carpenter           | ~ Sylvia Martinez        |
| ~ Joe Petronio              | ~ Ted & Phyllis Bergeron |
| ~ José Luis Delgadillo      | ~ Tom Sauch              |
| ~ Jose de Jesus Isaac Solis | ~ Vito Scafiezzo         |
| ~ Josefina Vazquez          | ~ Willis Buchholz        |
| ~ Juan Isaac Solis          |                          |

**PRAYER LINE INFORMATION:** For your prayer requests, please call **Ann Wheeler at 815-932-7938** or, email **Barb Jepson at [wbjepson69@gmail.com](mailto:wbjepson69@gmail.com)**

\*\*\* 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. ¡Gracias!*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Week of – February 3 - 11

**Saturday, February 3**

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| 8:00 am | Vocations to the Carmelite Community<br><i>(Mystical Star Carmelite Community)</i> |
| 9:00 am | † Loren Pasel <i>(Betty Azzarelli)</i>   |
| 4:30 pm | † Ardelle Norgaard <i>(Betty Azzarelli)</i>  |
| 6:00 pm | Por Toda la Gente de la Parroquia  |

**Sunday, February 4**

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| 8:00 am  | † Chris Genis <i>(Beth Azzarelli)</i>          |
| 9:30 am  | † Marie Panozzo <i>(Sandra L. Girard)</i>      |
| 11:30 am | † Ted & Nell Kahnt <i>(Teddy &amp; Pat)</i>    |
| 1:00 pm  | † Luis Jimenez <i>(Deisy Hernandez)</i>        |
| 3:00 pm  | † Harry Shekey <i>(Bob &amp; Zandra Cross)</i> |
| 5:00 pm  | † Gabriele Kreutzer <i>(Kreutzer Family)</i>   |

**Monday, February 5**

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| 7:30 am | Amaro & Miot Families <i>(Kathy Griffiths)</i> |
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**Tuesday, February 6**

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| 7:30 am | Abalos & Rivas Families <i>(Kathy Griffiths)</i>   |
| 6:00 pm | Rafael Catillo y Familia <i>(Familia Castillo)</i> |

**Wednesday, February 7**

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| 7:30 am  | For the Sick People of Our Parish              |
| 12:00 pm | Special Intention <i>(Augustine Azzarelli)</i> |

**Thursday, February 8**

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| 7:30 am | † Derek Ader <i>(Carol Ader)</i> |
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**Friday, February 9**

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| 7:30 am  | † Wayne Dressler <i>(Joanne Riberdy)</i>       |
| 12:00 pm | † Harry Shekey <i>(Bob &amp; Zandra Cross)</i> |

**Saturday, February 10**

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| 8:00 am | For the Sick People of Our Parish  |
| 4:30 pm | For the Sick People of Our Parish  |
| 6:00 pm | † Maria Camargo Orozco & † Fidel López Calderón <i>(Fidel López Camargo)</i> |

**Sunday, February 11**

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| 8:00 am  | † Carol Schaffer<br><i>(Dorothy &amp; Myron Lemenager)</i> |
| 9:30 am  | † Kenny Shenk <i>(Janice Shenk)</i>                        |
| 11:30 am | † Jim Kresl <i>(Kathy Kresl &amp; Decker Family)</i>       |
| 1:00 pm  | † Luis Jimenez <i>(Deisy Hernandez)</i>                    |
| 3:00 pm  | For All the People of the Parish                           |
| 5:00 pm  | Gloria Mendez <i>(Her Friends)</i>                         |

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



**Roger J. Koerner Sr.**  
**Nichola Susan Frey**

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

**“Whatever you ask for in prayer  
with faith, you will receive.”**

# ST. JOHN PAUL II DIRECTORY



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**JPII MEDIA LINKS**

**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 815-93397683 + 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 Ext. 402  
[mpratscher@jp2kankakee.org](mailto:mpratscher@jp2kankakee.org)  
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**In Residence:** Rev. John Horan Ext. 412 [frhoran@jp2kankakee.org](mailto:frhoran@jp2kankakee.org)

**DEACONS:** David Marlowe, Greg Clodi & George Arocha

**Business Manager:** Kathy Griffiths Ext. 406 [kgriffiths@jp2kankakee.org](mailto:kgriffiths@jp2kankakee.org)  
**Parish Secretary:** Lisa Valadez Ext. 410 [lvaladez@jp2kankakee.org](mailto:lvaladez@jp2kankakee.org)  
**Bulletin Editor\*\*\*:** Silvia Esparza Ext. 409 [sesparza@jp2kankakee.org](mailto:sesparza@jp2kankakee.org)  
**Music Director:** Christopher Wilcox Ext. 408 [cwilcox@jp2kankakee.org](mailto:cwilcox@jp2kankakee.org)

**Formación Espiritual y Consejería Hispana:**  
Hna. Silvia Tejeda Ext. 404

**Buildings & Grounds:** David C. Panozzo 815-953-2104

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

**FFP Coordinator:** Sr. Maxencia Nyanzi 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 [occonnor.teri@gmail.com](mailto:occonnor.teri@gmail.com)  
**Azzarelli Clinic Main** Ext. 414  
**Azzarelli Outreach Clinic Alt.** Ext. 415 [azzarellclinic@yahoo.com](mailto: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 815-693-9152  
**Hearts of Hope Youth Group:** Michelle & Ken Barrie 815-382-8130

**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
- Cheryl Walsh - Secretary
- Alicia Saldivar
- Amy Anderson
- Mickey Kreissler
- Tom Martin
- Ryan Carter

## **OFFERING/OFRENDA**

**January 27 & 28, 2024**

**\$12,077.89**

- 163 Envelopes/28 - On Line Donors (\$928) -

(This information is being provided to keep you updated)

**Monthly School Subsidy to BMCS: \$6,279.00**

**Monthly Diocesan Assessment: \$3,451.00**

**Monthly Contribution Envelope Cost/Sobres: \$435**

**Our goal each week is/ Meta Semanal: \$10,962.00**

**THANK YOU GRACIAS**

## **WEEKLY SCHEDULE**

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Español - 1:00 pm / Latin - 3:00 pm

Sunday Vespers - 6:30 pm

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English - Monday-Friday at 7:30 am, Saturday 8:00 am

Español - Martes 6:00 pm, 1er Viernes del Mes 7:00 pm

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

**CONFESSIONS** (Conference Room)

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

## Time, Talent & Treasure

*Fostering Stewardship as a way of life*

In gratitude for all the time she dedicates to the Hispanic community of our parish, we recognize and gratefully acknowledge:

**Sanjuana Valadez**

*Tiempo, Talento & Tesoro*

*Fomentando la Corresponsabilidad  
como un estilo de vida*

*En agradecimiento por todo el tiempo que ella dedica a la comunidad hispana de nuestra parroquia, agradecemos y saludamos a:*

**Sanjuana Valadez**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon. February 5**

**Memorial of Saint Agatha,  
Virgin and Martyr**

**RI** - 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13  
**G** - Mk 6:53-56

**Tues. February 6**

**Memorial of Saint Paul Miki  
and Companions, Martyrs**

**RI** - 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30  
**G** - Mk 7:1-13

**Weds. February 7**

**RI** - 1 Kgs 10:1-10  
**G** - Mk 7:14-23

**Thurs. February 8**

**RI** - 1 Kgs 11:4-13  
**G** - Mk 7:24-30

**Friday, February 9**

**RI** - 1 kgs 11:29-32; 12:19  
**G** - Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday, February 10**

**Memorial of Saint  
Scholastica, Virgin**

**RI** - 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34  
**G** - Mk 8:1-10

**Sunday, February 11**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**RI** - Lv 13:1-2, 44-46  
**R2** - 1 Cor 10:31—11:1  
**G** - Mk 1:40-45



## 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 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).

## THIS WEEK AT JPII

February 5- 11

### Monday, February 5

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

6:00 pm Práctica del Coro de Niños

7:00 pm Reunión del Grupo Carismático

### Tuesday, February 6

9:00 am Lisieux-Clothing Closet

10:00 am **Fatima Rosary Group**

11:00 am Living Word Bible Study

5:00 pm Confessions

6:00 - 7:30 pm Faith Formation Program

7:00 pm Living Word Bible Study

7:30 pm Class - Sacraments of Initiation - Adults

### Wednesday, February 7

5:00 pm Clergy Meeting

6:00 - 7:30 pm Faith Formation Program

### Thursday, February 8

5:00 pm Confessions

6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice

6:30 am Growing in Faith Together GIFT

7:00 pm Encuentros Juveniles

### Friday, February 9

9:00 am Food Pantry - East Campus

9:00 am Clothing Closet - Lisieux Center

9:30 am Home School Gathering

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

6:00 pm Words of Wisdom Book Club

### Saturday, February 10

12:00 pm Young on Fire Rosary – Live Stream

3:30 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Clases Pre-Bautismales

7:00 pm Hora Santa de la Divina Misericordia

### Sunday, February 11

9:00 am Estudio Bíblico - Hombres

1:00 pm Clases Pre-Bautismales

6:30 pm Vespers

### FUTURE EVENTS - DATES

Feb 14 Ash Wednesday

Feb 17 Rosary Making Group

Feb 17-21 Eucharistic Miracles

Feb 18 FFP Mass - Mentors

Feb 19 Parish Council Meeting

Feb 21 Baptism Class - English

Feb 22 Priests' Deanery Meeting

Feb 24 FFP Family Annual Retreat

Feb 26 CCW Deanery Meeting

Finance Council Meeting

*Lord Give me strength in my weakness.  
Give me faith in my fear.  
Give me power in my powerlessness.  
I'm Trusting You. AMEN*



**Sunday,  
February 4  
2:00 pm  
(Settles Center)**

Bring a friend and have a great afternoon of friendship and fun!!

Bring some of your favorite snack food to share (optional).



**Bishop  
Blanchette  
Scholarship**

For High School Students at BMCS



St. JP2 Council of Catholic Women is accepting applications for the Bishop Blanchette Scholarship.

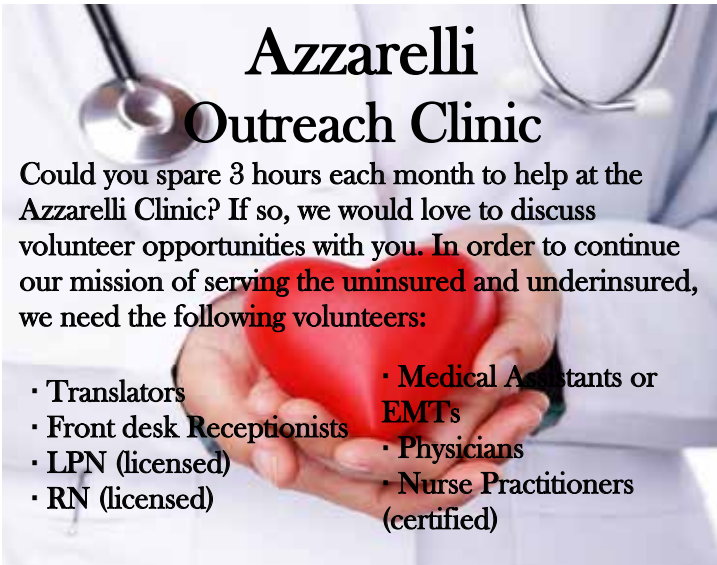
1. You must be a student at Bishop McNamara High School for the 2024-25 school year, grade 9, 10, 11 or 12.
2. You must be an active member of St. John Paul II Parish.
3. Scholarship is based primarily on need.

Please call Sharon Jackson at 815-937-1556 before February 19 if you wish to apply.  
Our CCW can nominate only one student.

*El Consejo de Mujeres Católicas San JP2 está aceptando solicitudes para la Beca Obispo Blanchette.*

1. Debes ser estudiante de Bishop McNamara High School para el año escolar 2024-25, 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 19 de febrero si desea aplicar.  
Nuestro CCW puede nominar solamente a un estudiante.



## Azzarelli Outreach Clinic

Could you spare 3 hours each month to help at the Azzarelli Clinic? If so, we would love to discuss volunteer opportunities with you. In order to continue our mission of serving the uninsured and underinsured, we need the following volunteers:

- Translators
- Front desk Receptionists
- LPN (licensed)
- RN (licensed)
- Medical Assistants or EMTs
- Physicians
- Nurse Practitioners (certified)




## CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

### GRANT APPLICATION OPEN

The 2024 Catholic Campaign for Human Development Grant through the Diocese of Joliet is now open for 2024 applications. Applicants must reside within the boundaries of the Diocese of Joliet and complete the CCHD application available on the DOJ website (*see left*), including all supporting documents requested. Only completed applications will be considered. CCHD is looking for organizations that seek to engage in one of the Works of Mercy: Feed the Hungry, Clothe the Poor, Visit the Imprisoned, Visit the Sick, Shelter the Homeless, Bury the Dead, and Give Drink to the Thirsty.

**QUESTIONS?** Please contact Tanya Singh at [cchd@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:cchd@dioceseofjoliet.org). Applications will be accepted from January 15 through March 1, 2024. *Thank you!*

For more info and to apply, visit [catechesis.diojoliet.org/cchd](http://catechesis.diojoliet.org/cchd)



Ministries of Mercy | Department of Catechesis and Evangelization

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE / CALENDARIO LITÚRGICO

MINISTRY	Saturday, February 10 Sábado, 10 de Febrero		Sunday, February 11 Domingo, 11 de Febrero				
	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	Israel Lira José López	Linda Kerness	Kathryn Dummer	Rick Ramirez	Silvia Esparza Rogelio Canchola	Danute Sheehan
USHERS JUICERS	Laura Carter Karen Miller	Verónica Calvillo Teresa López Serafin López José Ayala José & Adriana Chaca	Robert Kerness Robert Thrasher	Deb Growth Sandy Kuntz David Montague Mary Westover	Beth Arocha Robert Thrasher	Marina Reza Sanjuana Valadez Eulalio Valadez	Robert Thrasher
COMMUNION MINISTERS			Teri O'Connor <i>Julie Yarno</i>	Sheryl Scanlon <i>Sandy Girard</i>		Celene Valtierra Fidel Villagrán <i>Ema Elvir</i>	
GREETER				Kathryn Griffiths			
SACRISTAN	Karen Miller	Flor Rojas	Kenneth Klipp	Deb Groth	Flor Rojas	Rogelio Canchola	Need Volunteers
ALTAR SERVERS	Need Volunteers	Abilene, Natalia & Dionisio Franquiz	Need Volunteers	Sofia & Mia Moreno-Rosas Bretton Quick	Damian & Aaron Ramirez Need Volunteer	Alexander Gaytán Cassandra Valtierra Marie Zavala	Need Volunteer

### WEEKDAY MINISTERS / MINISTROS DE LA SEMANA

DATES	LECTOR	SACRISTAN
Feb. 5 – 10	Mariana Fernández	Flor Rojas
Martes 6	Elia López	Flor Rojas

Linens/Lienzos: Week of February 4: Sanjuana Valadez;  
weeks of February 11 & 18: Marilyn McDermott



The burning of Palms will take place on Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. There is a basket in the back of church for old palms to be placed.

*La quema de palmas tendrá lugar el domingo 11 de febrero a las 6:30 pm. Hay una cesta en la parte trasera de la iglesia para depositar las palmas viejas.*

Anyone needing 2023 tax statements, please contact the office at 815-933-7683.



Please request them before January 31 or after February 15.



February 14, 2024

MASS  
SCHEDULE

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

*Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return.*

*Recuerda que eres polvo y en polvo te convertirás.*

### "Lord Teach Me to Pray"

An Ignatian prayer series, will begin again on

**Monday, February 5**  
**at 2pm**  
and will meet weekly through April 22.

Become personally present through the imagination to events in the life of Jesus Christ as you come to know Him and love Him on this transforming spiritual journey of Ignatian prayer.

Call or text Mary at 815-922-0228 with any questions or to sign up.



# Escuela PARA padres

**Hermana Silvia Tejeda -**  
**cada Martes de 6:00 a 7:30 pm**  
(Durante las Clases de Catecismo)

**Se les invita a todos los padres a que asistan para que adquieran conocimientos prácticos sobre su paternidad.**

# 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 sábado: Adoración Nocturna a las 8:00 pm
- 1er sábado: Rosario después de misa de 6:00 pm
- 2do sábado del mes: Hora Santa de La Divina Misericordia después de misa de 6:00 pm
- Devociones al Sagrado Corazón: Después de misa del primer viernes del mes de 7:00 pm.

## THE LIVING WORD BIBLE STUDY

LIVESTREAM: Gospel of Matthew  
Monday - Friday 10:00 am & Saturday 9:00 am  
Facebook: St. John Paul II  
- The Living Word Bible Study Kankakee  
YouTube: The Living Word Bible Study Kankakee  
IN PERSON: Tuesday 11:00 am - 12:00 pm (1st Letter of John)  
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm (The Book SIRACH)

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## Growing in Faith Together - GIFT -



Thursday, February 15  
6:30 pm

In the Holy Family Center

No Greater Love

Questions: Call Laurie  
Mau 815-933-8859

Session I  
"The Prayer of the Agony"



Rosary Making  
Fabricación de Rosarios  
Future dates/Fechas Futuras:

Saturday, February 3

Sábado, 3 de Febrero

8:30 - 10:00 am

JPII Conference Room

Monday, February 12

For Questions Call:

Lunes, 12 de Febrero

Deb Groth at 815-263-1675

5:30 - 7:00 pm

## Words of Wisdom Book Club

Friday, February 9 at 6:00 pm  
(In the Holy Family Hall)

February's Book Selection -  
No Turning Back

By: Fr. Donald H. Calloway, MIC

Questions: Call Laurie Mau 815-933-8859

## Prayer Shawl

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### The 2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun!



### ¡La Campaña Anual para los Ministerios Católicos 2024 ya está en marcha!

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are humbly asking all parishioners to pledge their support for this important effort, as together we can make a profound difference.

This year's CMAA theme is For the Glory of God. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church are available to everyone. Together, we can help provide safe shelter for the homeless, feed the physical and social needs of those who are hungry, inspire those discerning a life of vocation, and aid in the education of our next generation of Catholics. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own, but together through the appeal we can do so much more.

Our parish's goal for the 2024 CMAA is \$GOAL, and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us and used fruitfully within our own parish. Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office. Thank you!

A medida que la Diócesis de Joliet

lanza la Campaña Anual para los Ministerios Católicos 2024 (CAMC), estamos pidiendo humildemente a todos los feligreses que se comprometan a apoyar este importante esfuerzo, ya que juntos podemos hacer una diferencia profunda.

El tema de la CAMC de este año es Gloria de Dios. A través de nuestro apoyo, nos aseguramos de que la misión y los ministerios de la Iglesia de Cristo estén disponibles para todos. Juntos, podemos ayudar a proporcionar hospedada segura para los que no tienen hogar, alimentar las necesidades físicas y sociales de los que tienen hambre, inspirar los que están discerniendo una vida de vocación, y ayudar en la educación de nuestra próxima generación de católicos. Nuestra parroquia no podría lograr todo esto sola, pero juntos a través de la campaña podemos hacer mucho mas.

La meta de nuestra parroquia para la CAMC 2024 es \$META, y se nos regresará el 70 por ciento de cualquier cantidad que recaudemos y será usada fructíferamente entre nuestra parroquia. Por favor revise los materiales que recibió por correo de la Diócesis de Joliet este mes y reflexione en oración sobre su donación a la Campaña Anual de este año.

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### **Shared Administrative Assistant** **Diocese of Joliet, Crest Hill, IL**

The Diocese of Joliet is seeking to hire a Shared Administrative Assistant. The Shared Administrative Assistant assists the Chief Financial Officer in planning and preparing for Diocesan Finance Council meetings, assists in planning and preparing for Business Managers meetings, participates in special projects to meet the needs of the Chief Financial Officer effectively and efficiently, and plans, schedules and coordinates meetings and appointments on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer. Additionally, this position assists in functions of the Office of Child and Youth Protection (OCYP), including assisting diocesan local administrators and VIRTUS users with managing the VIRTUS system and safe environment compliance. This position is an extension of the bishop's Ministry. The incumbent must have a willingness and ability to support the Mission of the Universal and Local Roman Catholic Church. This position is a full-time, non-exempt, benefited position. Normal work schedule is Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., and Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. To view a full job description, visit: The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois. If interested in this amazing opportunity, please send a cover letter, and resume to the [Human Resources Department at humanresources@diocesefofjoliet.org](mailto:humanresources@diocesefofjoliet.org)

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Parochial Vicar, Visitation Parish, Elmhurst, IL

**Evening Program**

- 6:00 pm - Rosary
- 6:20 pm - Mass - Celebrant Fr. Greg Alberts
- 7:00 pm - Fellowship in the Social Hall
- 7:20 pm - Dinner and Welcome
- 7:30 pm - Start of both in person & Zoom Meeting
- 8:00 pm - Guest speaker

**DII VER MEETING DETAILS**

Monday, February 12, 2024  
St. James the Apostle Catholic Church  
480 S Park Blvd, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

## VOCATION PRAYER

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that You inspire young people whom You call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

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