

# 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.

Fifth Sunday of Lent - March 26, 2023



### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

St. John Paul II Church  
907 S. 9th Ave., Kankakee, IL 60901

#### SATURDAY/SABADO

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

Latin - Wednesday & Friday 12:00 pm  
First Saturday at 9:00 am

### CONFESIONS

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

**Palm Sunday / Domingo de Ramos - April 2 / 2 de Abril**

*Seven Last Words of Christ: Tuesday, April 4 - 7:00pm  
Las Últimas Siete Palabras de Cristo: Martes, 4 de Abril - 7:00pm*

**Tenebrae: Wednesday, April 5 - 7:00pm / Miércoles, 5 de Abril - 7:00pm**

**Holy Thursday / Jueves Santo: April 6**

*7:30am Morning Prayer  
6:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper / Misa de la Cena del Señor  
7:00pm - 12:00am Adoration in Settles Center / Adoración en Gimnasio*

**Good Friday / Viernes Santo: April 7**

*7:30am Morning Prayer / Oración de la Mañana  
12:00pm Stations of the Cross / Viacrucis  
3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion / Celebración de la Pasión del Señor  
5:00pm Viacrucis Viviente y luego la Celebración Litúrgica de la Pasión de Cristo con la Veneración de la Cruz*

**Holy Saturday, April 8 / Sábado de Gloria: April 8**

*8:00am Morning Prayer / Oración de la Mañana  
12:00pm Basket Blessing / Bendición de Canastas  
12:15pm Easter Egg Hunt / Busqueda de Huevos de Pascua  
7:30pm Mass of the Easter Vigil / Misa de la Vigilia Pascual*

**Easter Sunday / Domingo de Pascua - April 9/Abril 9**

*Latin Mass: 6:30am, English Masses: 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am  
Misa en Español a la 1:00pm*

## A LETTER FROM THE PASTOR

## UNA CARTA DEL PÁRROCO

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Sunday we begin Passiontide. There are only two more weeks until Easter. One of the aspects most noticeable about this time is the covering of the statues and crucifixes with purple veils. This recalls St. John's observation in the eighth chapter of the Gospel that Jesus Himself hid during the last couple of weeks before His betrayal and crucifixion. These two weeks, along with the devotions and liturgies that accompany them, help us to be more aware of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of our Lord and enter into it. Every Good Friday since I was a kid, I have tried to remain silent from noon to three, because that is when our Lord hung upon the cross. Setting that time aside on Good Friday in a quiet and simple manner helps me to experience the crucifixion of our Lord. During these next two weeks, I ask you to be intentional about praying, particularly with our Lord's final days before the Resurrection. The Stations of the Cross, the Gospel accounts of the Passion of Christ, reflections on the Seven Last Words of Christ, the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary, prayers before the crucifix, and the daily Mass readings are all helpful ways to reflect upon and meditate on our Lord's final days and enter into and experience the story. The story is full of drama, and the more we pray with it, the less we will see it simply as the Lord's story and more as our Lord entering into our story. He entered into the darkness and isolation of this world with us so that He would conquer it and give us hope. He also gave us someone to help us: the Blessed Mother. At the foot of the cross, the Beloved Disciple looked upon the cross, trying to make sense of the suffering and death of our Lord, and at that moment, our Lord gave Mary to the Beloved Disciple and to all disciples to be our mother. She shows us how to trust God and how to follow Him; she keeps us close to Jesus. If you haven't prayed the rosary in while, I encourage you to do so, particularly the Sorrowful mysteries. May our Blessed Mother keep you close to our Lord now and always.

Know of my daily prayers for you, and please continue to pray for me and one another.

In Christ,  
Fr. Matt



Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

Este domingo comenzamos Pasiontide (las últimas dos semanas de Cuaresma). Uno de los aspectos más notorios de esta época es la cobertura de las estatuas y crucifijos con velos morados. Esto recuerda la observación de San Juan en el octavo capítulo del

Evangelio que Jesús se ocultó durante las últimas semanas antes de su traición y crucifixión. Estas dos semanas con sus devociones y liturgias nos ayudan a estar más conscientes de la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de nuestro Señor y entrar en ellas. Todos los Viernes Santos desde que yo era niño, he tratado de estar en silencio desde el mediodía hasta las tres de la tarde porque es cuando nuestro Señor estuvo en la cruz. Dedicar ese tiempo los Viernes Santos de una manera tranquila y sencilla me ayuda a experimentar la acción de Cristo. Durante las próximas dos semanas, les pido que ustedes sean intencionales sobre la oración, particularmente con los últimos días de nuestro Señor antes de la Resurrección. Las Estaciones del Vía Crucis, las Lecturas de la Pasión de Cristo, las reflexiones sobre las Siete Últimas Palabras de Cristo, los Misterios Dolorosos del Rosario, las oraciones ante el crucifijo y las lecturas diarias de la misa son formas útiles de reflexionar y meditar sobre los últimos días de nuestro Señor, adentrándonos y experimentando la historia. La historia está llena de drama, y entre más oremos con ella, menos la veremos simplemente como la Pasión del Señor y más como el Señor entrando en nuestra historia. Él entró en la oscuridad y desolación de este mundo con nosotros para así conquistarlo y darnos esperanza. También nos dio a alguien para ayudarnos: la Santísima Madre. Al pie de la cruz, el discípulo amado miró hacia la cruz, tratando de entender el sufrimiento y la muerte de Cristo, y en ese momento, nuestro Señor le entregó a María al discípulo amado y a todos los discípulos para que sea nuestra madre. Ella nos enseña como confiar en Dios y seguirlo; ella nos mantiene cerca de Jesús. Si no han rezado el rosario desde hace mucho tiempo, les animo a que lo hagan, especialmente los misterios dolorosos. Que nuestra Santísima Madre nos mantenga cerca de nuestro Señor ahora y siempre. Rezo por ustedes y por favor sigan rezando por mí y por los demás.

En Cristo,  
Padre Mateo



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

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



**The candle in the sanctuary is burning  
in memory of  
DANIEL GRANT  
By  
His Family**

#### **HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME PARISHIONERS**

**HOMEBOUND:** Rose Kaminsky, Rosemary Dicarlo, Bob Granger

**ASBURY SUPPORTIVE LIVING:** Rosalyn Szymborski

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

**PRESENCE HERITAGE LODGE:** Dick Keethers, John Hagan

**BICKFORD:** Lavonne Linneman, Barbara Ciaccio

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**MILLER REHAB CENTER:** Rita Morris

**BUTTERFIELD COURT:** Muffy Stamper, Colette Cheffer, Pat Canfield

**SENIOR CARE:** David Africano

**WESTWOOD OAKS:** Eileen Dupuis, Desiree Grant

**HERITAGE WOODS, Manteno:** Noralee Sirois



#### **PRAYER LINE INFORMATION**

For your prayer requests, please

call **Ann Wheeler at 815-932-7938** or, email  
**Barb Jepson at wbjepson69@gmail.com**

#### **PRAYING WITH INTENTION FOR THE SICK**

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|---------------------|--------------------------|
| ~ Anabelle Beedle   | ~ Joe & Diane Petronio   |
| ~ Abigail Beedle    | ~ Jonette LaPierre       |
| ~ Agnes Pagono      | ~ Josefina Vazquez       |
| ~ Antonio Dominguez | ~ Kathy Call             |
| ~ Betty Mulvihill   | ~ Kathy Dechenne         |
| ~ Bob Sowell        | ~ Kathy Griffiths        |
| ~ Craig Robinson    | ~ Kelli Burson           |
| ~ Daniel Wulffe     | ~ Kevin Metschuleit      |
| ~ Darby Thomas      | ~ Linda Brandon          |
| ~ Dave Decker       | ~ Lizbeth Martinez       |
| ~ Deacon George A.  | ~ Magdalena Salazar      |
| ~ Deacon Rocco      | ~ Margaret Bialas        |
| ~ Debbie Turner     | ~ Pam Bierbaum           |
| ~ Desiree Grant     | ~ Pat Crane              |
| ~ Donna Paquette    | ~ Raquel Garcia          |
| ~ Doris Uribe       | ~ Rita Barrett           |
| ~ Eula Mae Goselin  | ~ Robert & Kathy Lenzi   |
| ~ Francis Raut      | ~ Sandy Cox              |
| ~ Gloria Mendez     | ~ Steve Schultz          |
| ~ Jackie LaRoche    | ~ Sylvia Martinez        |
| ~ Jackson Smith     | ~ Ted & Phyllis Bergeron |
| ~ Jim Beedle        | ~ Teresa Torres          |
| ~ Jim Saindon       | ~ Willis Buchholz        |

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Week of March 18-26, 2023**

##### **Saturday, March 26**

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| 8:00 am | † George Fiber ( <i>Sister Mary &amp; Brother Tom</i> )    |
| 4:30 pm | † Thomas 'Connor ( <i>Maureen &amp; Family</i> )           |
| 6:00 pm | † Alex Andrade<br>( <i>Marcela &amp; Vicente Andrade</i> ) |

##### **Sunday, March 26**

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| 8:00 am  | † Sarah Loiselle ( <i>Her Family</i> )   |
| 9:30 am  | † George Faber ( <i>Mike &amp; Dao Wallace</i> )                               |
|          | † Scott Seaton Sr. ( <i>Jeff &amp; Kathy Dummer</i> )                          |
|          | † Martha Sue Bydalek ( <i>Evelyn Provol</i> )                                  |
| 11:30 am | † Daniel Grant ( <i>His Family</i> )   |
| 1:00 pm  | † Alison Saldaña & Celestino Saldaña<br>( <i>José Luis &amp; María Muñoz</i> ) |
|          | † Fernando Villegas ( <i>Gabriel &amp; Lupita Méndez</i> )                     |
| 3:00 pm  | † Leonard Lambert ( <i>Alan &amp; Loretta Forlenza</i> )                       |
| 5:00 pm  | For All the People of St. John Paul II Parish                                  |

##### **Monday, March 27**

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| 7:30 am | Arnie Joubert ( <i>Marty &amp; Cheryl Bilderback</i> ) |
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##### **Tuesday, March 28**

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| 7:30 am | † Frank Eifeldt ( <i>Family</i> )    |
| 6:00 pm | Ema Elvir ( <i>Her JPII Family</i> ) |

##### **Wednesday, March 29**

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| 7:30 am  | † Bill Clocksin ( <i>Kathy Griffiths</i> ) |
| 12:00 pm | † Bill Campbell ( <i>Jackie Bradie</i> )   |

##### **Thursday, March 30**

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| 7:30 am | † Herman Falkenhan ( <i>The Family</i> ) |
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##### **Friday, March 31**

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| 7:30 am  | † Bill Rooney ( <i>Mary &amp; Catherine Rooney</i> ) |
| 12:00 pm | † Sarah Grant ( <i>Martha Aune</i> )                 |

##### **Saturday April 1**

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| 8:00 am | † Velma Allen ( <i>Cheryl Heldt</i> )  |
| 9:00 am | † Lena Dionne ( <i>Margaret Joubert</i> )  |
| 4:30 pm | † Vocations to the Carmelite Community<br>( <i>Mystical Star Carmelite Community</i> ) |
| 6:00 pm | Por las Benditas Animas del Purgatorio<br>( <i>María Toledo</i> )                      |

##### **Sunday, April 2**

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| 8:00 am  | Respect for All Stages of Life<br>( <i>Pro-Life Committee</i> ) |
| 9:30 am  | † Kennet C. Embling ( <i>Mary Lou Murphy</i> )                  |
|          | † Dolores O'Connor ( <i>Ron &amp; Pat Dressler</i> )            |
|          | † Yuonne C. Marion ( <i>Steven P. Marcotte</i> )                |
| 11:30 am | † Pope Benedict ( <i>MSHF</i> )                                 |
| 1:00 pm  | † Luis Jimenez ( <i>Deisy Hernandez</i> )                       |
| 3:00 pm  | † Sarah Grant ( <i>Martha Aune</i> )                            |
| 5:00 pm  | † Leslie Morrical ( <i>Charles &amp; Mary Denault</i> )         |

\*\*\* The Intention of this list is to pray for the seriously ill. Please help us keep the list updated by calling us with any changes. Thank You!

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

# ST. JOHN PAUL II DIRECTORY



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## OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Thursday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Friday 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

## HORARIO DE OFICINA

Lunes—Jueves 9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
Viernes 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

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

Marque 815-93397683 + Extensión.  
Llame al número y presione la Tecla # en caso  
de una emergencia de muerte y necesite un  
sacerdote.

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**Lisieux Pastoral Center:** Kathy Wade

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

815-693-9152

**Hearts of Hope Youth Group:** Michelle & Ken Barrie

815-382-8130

## FINANCE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Mark O'Connor- President

Cheryl Walsh Secretary

Alicia Saldivar

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Mickey Kreissler

Tom Martin

Ryan Carter

# ONLINE giving

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it's easy and convenient:

Go to <https://jp2kankakee.weshareonline.org>

## OFFERING/OFRENDA

March 11 & 12, 2023

\$9,751.05

- 121 Envelopes/39- On Line (1,778.00) -

(This information is being provided to keep you updated)

**Monthly School Subsidy to BMCS: \$6,066.67**

**Monthly Diocesan Assessment: \$3,011.00**

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

**Our goal each week is/Meta Semanal:**

**\$10,865.00**

**THANK YOU GRACIAS**

## A Prayer for Lenten Grace

Loving God,

During the upcoming sacred season of Lent, bring me closer to you. Prepare a place in my home and heart for silence and solitude, so that I may re-discover the grace of a prayerful life.

Help me to fast from those things that threaten the wellbeing of body and soul and remind me of the grace of simplicity.

Enlarge my heart so that I give to those in need and, in so doing, re-discover the grace of gratitude and generosity.

May this season be a grace filled time to rekindle my love and faith in you. Amen.



## Una Oración por la gracia en la Cuaresma

Dios amorooso,

Durante el próximo tiempo sagrado de Cuaresma, acércame más a ti. Prepara un lugar en mi casa y en mi corazón para el silencio y la soledad, para que pueda redescubrir la gracia de una vida de oración.

Ayúdame a ayunar de las cosas que amenazan el bienestar del cuerpo y del alma, y recuérdame la gracia de la sencillez.

Ensancha mi corazón para que pueda dar a los necesitados y, al hacerlo, redescubrir la gracia de la gratitud y la generosidad.

Que esta estación sea un tiempo lleno de gracia para reavivar mi amor y mi fe en ti. Amén.

# Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship as a way of life  
In gratitude for hosting the CCW Baby Shower we  
gratefully acknowledge and salute

**Frances Powers, Dianne Devine  
& All the Volunteers**

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Mon. March 20**  
**Solemnity of St. Joseph**

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16  
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22

**Tues. March 21**

Ez 47:1-9, 12  
Jn 5:1-16

**Wed. March 22**

Is 49:8-15  
Jn 5:17-30

**Thurs. March 23**

Ex 32:7-14  
Jn 5:31-47



**Fri. March 24**

Wis 2:1a, 12-22  
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Sat. March 25**

**Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord**

Is 7:10-14; 8:10  
Lk 1:26-38

**Sun. March 26**  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Ez 37:12-14  
Rom 8:8-11  
Jn 11:1-45

## SACRAMENTS

### Baptism

- Classes are the 3rd Wednesday of the month in the church, please call to register.  
- Baptisms are on the 3rd Saturday of the month or after Mass.

### Weddings

- Marriage Preparation begins at least 6 months in advance.  
- Please schedule a meeting with Fr. Matt for details (before finalizing other wedding plans).

## SACRAMENTOS

### Bautismo

- Llame a la oficina parroquial y regístrate 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).

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

#### Retreat & First Reconciliation

Saturday, April 22 ~ 9:00am - 12:30pm  
Parents please come with your child.

#### Rehearsal

Friday, May 5 ~ 6:00pm  
Parents please come with your child.

#### First Holy Communion - Holy Mass

Saturday, May 6 ~ 10:00am

### CALENDARIO DE PRIMERA COMUNIÓN

#### Retiro & Confesión

Sábado, 22 de abril ~ 9:00am - 12:30pm  
Padres, por favor, vengan con su niño(a).

#### Ensayo

Viernes, 5 de mayo ~ 6:00pm  
Padres, por favor, vengan con su niño(a)

#### Primera Comunión - Santa Misa

Sábado, 6 de mayo ~ 10:00am

## THIS WEEK AT JPII

**Monday, March 27**

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| 12:00 pm | Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament |
| 5:30 pm  | Rosary Making Group                     |
| 6:00 pm  | Finance Council Meeting                 |
| 7:00 pm  | Grupo Carismático                       |

**Tuesday, March 28**

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| 9:00 am   | Clothing Closet — Lisieux Center  |
| 10:00 am  | Fatima Rosary Group               |
| 11:00 am  | Living Word Bible Study           |
| 5:00 pm   | Confessions                       |
| 6-7:30 pm | Faith Formation Program — Classes |
| 7:00 pm   | Practica del Vía Crucis           |
| 7:00 pm   | Living Word Bible Study           |
| 7:30 pm   | RCIA                              |

**Wednesday, March 29**

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|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| 6-7:30 pm | Faith Formation Program — Classes |
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**Thursday, March 30**

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| 12:15 pm | Lord Teach Me to Pray                |
| 5:00 pm  | Confessions                          |
| 5:30 pm  | Coro de Niños                        |
| 6:30 pm  | GIFT - Growing in Faith Together     |
| 6:30 pm  | Choir Practice                       |
| 7:00 pm  | Encuentros Juveniles - Perseverancia |

**Friday, March 31**

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| 9:00 am  | Food Pantry — East Campus                  |
| 9:00 am  | Clothing Closet - Lisieux Center           |
| 10:00 am | Prayer Shawl Ministry / Manto de Oración   |
| 10:00 am | Homeschoolers Gathering                    |
| 4:00 pm  | Arts & Environment - Veiling of the Church |
| 6:00 pm  | Stations of the Cross                      |
| 7:00 pm  | Practica del Vía Crucis                    |

**Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

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| 8:30 am  | Rosary Making Group                |
| 9:00 am  | Carmelite Lay Meeting              |
| 12:00 pm | Young on Fire Rosary - Live Stream |
| 3:30 pm  | Confessions                        |
| 8:00 pm  | Adoración Nocturna                 |

**Sunday, March 26**

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| 9:00 am | Estudio Bíblico - Hombres          |
| 6:00 pm | Arts & Environment - Palms Removal |
| 6:30 pm | Vespers                            |

**FUTURE EVENTS / DATES**

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|--------------|-----------------------|
| April 2-8    | HOLY WEEK             |
| April 7 & 10 | Office will be Closed |

### CONFIRMATION SCHEDULE

#### Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, May 13 ~ 11:45am - 5pm

#### Rehearsal

Friday, May 26 ~ 6:00pm

Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors

#### Confirmation Rite - Holy Mass

Saturday, May 27 ~ 11:00am

### CALENDARIO DE CONFIRMACIÓN

#### Retiro de Confirmación

Sábado, 13 de mayo ~ 11:45am - 5pm

#### Ensayo

Viernes, 26 de mayo ~ 6:00pm

Candidatos de Confirmación y Padrinos

#### Rito de Confirmación - Santa Misa

Sábado, 27 de mayo ~ 11:00am

**RETIRO DE CUARESMA 2023**



## Fit 'N' Healthy

April 18 – June 15, 2023

Join us for the Fit 'N' Healthy Challenge! Enjoy this FREE exercise program. If you are serious about making a commitment to your health, the Fit 'N' Healthy Challenge is for you! Tuesdays & Thursdays 5:30pm-6:30pm exercise classes 4/18-6/15 will take place at Lisieux Pastoral Center-371 N St. Joseph Ave., Kankakee, IL 60901.

- Exercise Classes begin, April 20<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm-6:30pm
- Arrive ready to work out and bring a water bottle to each class
- Pre-registration required, appointment time for weigh in will be scheduled at that time.

Pre-registration is required. Please go to <https://bit.ly/fitnhealthy18> (all lower case) or scan the QR code below to sign up for this complimentary program.



- Fit N Healthy 10 week Challenge!
- Weight in April 18<sup>th</sup>
- Exercise Classes 4/20 – 6/13
- Weight Out June 15<sup>th</sup>



# Easter Egg Hunt

BÚSQUEDA DE HUEVOS DE PASCUA  
Saturday, April 8, 2023 (Holy Saturday)  
12:15pm (following the 12pm Easter Basket Blessing)  
St. John Paul II Catholic Parish Settles Center  
(956 S. 10th Ave, Kankakee)

## LENT/CUARESMA

- Stations of the Cross: *Friday at 6:00 pm*
- Viacrucis (español): *Viernes - 7:00 pm*
- Lenten Reflections with Vespers and Benediction Led by Fr. Matt and Fr. Roy—6:30 pm
- Sunday, March 26: St. Ignatius' Rules of Discernment;*
- Sunday, April 2: The Bread of Life*

## Living Last Supper

Returns on Palm Sunday  
April 2, 2023 at 7:00 pm

Join us in Maternity BVM Catholic Church  
This is a free event, no reservations required  
All are welcome!

Begin your Holy Week experiences by attending a live presentation of the Last Supper. Listen as the twelve apostles react to the news that Jesus has announced, "One of you will betray me." The apostles speak their minds and ask the question, "Is it I?" The Living dramatization will be presented at Maternity BVM Parish in Bourbonnais. This is a Lenten experience unlike any other in your life.

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."

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Deadline: April 25, 2023

Ministry Team:

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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE/CALENDARIO LITURGICO

MINISTRY MINISTERIO	Saturday, April 1 Sábado, 1 de Abril		Sunday, April 2 Domingo, 2 de Abril				
	4:30 pm	6:00 pm Español	8:00 am	9:30 am	11:30 am	1:00 pm Español	5:00 pm
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## HOLY WEEK/SEMANA SANTA

WEEKDAY MINISTERS MINISTROS DE LA SEMANA		
DATES	LECTOR	SACRISTAN
March 27 – April 1	Jacob Levy	Sharon Jackson
Martes 28	Teresa López	Daniel Varela
Linens/Lienzos: Weeks of March 26 & April 2: Marcia Klasey		

MINISTRY MINISTERIO	HOLY THURSDAY JUEVES SANTO	GOOD FRIDAY VIERNES SANTO,	HOLY SATURDAY SÁBADO DE GLORIA
	6:00 pm	7:00 pm	7:30 PM
LECTOR	Miriam Gaytán	Ricardo Valtierra, Silvia Esparza	Elia López II - José López IV Jorge Flores VI - Rogelio Benítez (Epístola)
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Jueves 13 de Abril a las 4:00 pm En la Iglesia "San Alexis"  
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**Misa de Clausura y testimonios:**  
Domingo 16 de Abril a las 4:00 pm En la Iglesia "San Alexis"  
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Lugar del Encuentro: Menno Haven Camp & Retreat Center, 3001 1375 E St, Tinley Park, IL 60484  
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**YOUNG ON FIRE MINISTRY**

Please support our "Healthy Breakfast Lenten Project" donating breakfast items, we'll give them to our community members who visit the Food Pantry on Good Friday. We will be collecting these items between now and April 2nd. Please put them in the back of the church or in the parish office.

**Por favor apoye nuestro "Proyecto de Cuaresma Desayunos Saludables" donando alimentos de desayuno, se los daremos a los miembros de nuestra comunidad que visiten la Despensa de Alimentos el Viernes Santo. Estaremos recolectando estos artículos desde ahora hasta el 2 de abril. Por favor, depositelos en la parte de atrás de la iglesia o en la oficina parroquial.**



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**40 DAYS FOR LIFE**  
**THE BEGINNING TO THE END OF ABORTION**

The SJPII Pro Life Committee will be participating in the 40 Days for Life Campaign on **Wednesday, March 29th in Flossmoor, IL**.

The purpose of the campaign is to **hold vigil and pray outside of the Planned Parenthood Clinic**.

It has been documented that when vigils are conducted outside clinics, the number of abortions decrease by up to 75%!!!

The committee will gather at the **7:30 am daily Mass**, before leaving at **8:00 am**. Anyone interested in going with the group can meet at church or in the Settles Center parking lot at 8AM.

## FAITH FORMATION



Every Monday/ *Cada Lunes*  
12:00 - 5:00 pm

First Friday of the month  
*Primer viernes del mes*  
8:00 am- 6:00 pm

Nocturnal Adoration/ *Adoración Nocturna*  
First Saturday of the month/ *Primer Sábado del mes*  
8:00 pm-5:00 am



Growing in Faith Together  
- GIFT -  
March 30, 2023  
6:30  
Family Center

Series name:  
*"The Catholic Faith: The Fullness of Christian Life"*  
Second session:  
*What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith*

**Words of Wisdom Book Club**  
**Friday, March 10 6:00 pm**

*Book for March:*  
He Leadeth Me;  
Walter C. Ciszek, SJ & Daniel L. Flaherty, SJ

*Book for April 14*  
O Pioneers!  
By Willa Cather

For Questions Call  
Laurie Mau at 815-933-8859

## THE LIVING WORD BIBLE STUDY

LIVESTREAM: 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 (John)  
7:00 pm—8:00 pm (Hebrews)  
PLACE: Conference Room

## Devociones Mensuales en Español

- 1er sábado: Adoración Nocturna a las 8:00pm
- 1er sábado: Rosario después de misa de 6:00pm
- 2do sábado del mes: Hora Santa de La Divina Misericordia después de misa de 6pm.

## 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 Sacrament.

## Seeking a Deeper Spiritual Life?



Carmelites

Prayerfully consider attending a Lay Carmelite Community meeting.

Join us any first Saturday of the month.  
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Saturday, April 1, 2023 at 9:00 am  
JP2 Conference Room  
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More Info? Call/Text 815-592-1181 Theresa Doebring

## Rosary Making

Fabricación de Rosarios

Future dates/Fechas Futuras:

Mondays, March 27

Lunes, 27 de marzo

5:30-7:00 pm

Saturday, April 1

Sábado, abril 1

8:30-10 am



JPII Conference Room

For Questions Call:

Deb Groth at 815-263-1675

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10:00am  
Settles Center Coat Room  
En el salón del gimnasio



# IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD

## THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD, SOLEMNITY

Saturday, March 25, 2023

Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:1. Psalm 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11.  
Hebrews 10:4-10. Luke 1:26-38

**Still Paying Attention.** Unlike Joseph, Mary engages in conversation with the angel. She ends up saying Yes, I will do what is asked. God is surely asking each of us to do some holy action, too .

- ◆ What action, what mercy work will I do to give God glory ?

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 26, 2023

Ezekiel 37:12-14. Psalm 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8.

Romans 8:8-11. John 11:1-45

**Dying with Christ; Dying to Self.** Even when his friends are disappointed with him and his disciples misunderstand him, Jesus is clear and resolute. No one's death is everlasting. We believe that just as Baptism graces us with new life in Christ, physical death transmits us to newer life with God for ever.

- ◆ What "death" is sucking the life out of me? What will I do about it?
- ◆ What will I do, as one loved by Christ beyond all measure, for those in need of mercy works ?
- ◆ How will I be a sign of Christ-filled life for the elect preparing for Easter Baptism ?

## VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR

For an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life especially in the Diocese of Joliet.

**Mar. 27** Dcns. Robert Fitt, Richard Ford, Patrick Forsythe

**Mar. 28** Fr. Hugh Fullmer, Fr. Martin Gabel

**Mar. 29** Sr. Paulina Hernandez, Sr. Catalina Perez, Sr. Monica Rocha MSCGpe

**Mar. 30** Dcns. Dino Franch, John Freund

**Mar 31** Fr. John Ronaldo Abulag

**April 1** Sr. Mary Joanna Brigan, Sr. Joan Marie Curtin, Sr. Rose Cecile Espinos, SSND

**April 2** Seminarian Christian Sinclair

## 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  
Prayer for Vocations by Pope Francis For an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life, especially in the Diocese of Joliet, we pray to the Lord. Lord, hear our prayer.

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



## FAITH BUDDIES

Prayer and Religious Education for students with special needs, including but not limited to Social/emotional (including Autism)

- ◆ Physical
- ◆ Intellectual
- ◆ All other disability categories, such as ADHD or TBI

Want more information?

Want to help?

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Location: St. Joseph Church – Basement Hall  
208 W Main St., Manteno, IL 60950

## UPCOMING DATES

March 18, April 22 & May 20

Typically the THIRD Saturday of the month

9:30-11:00 am



# OUTREACH MINISTRIES

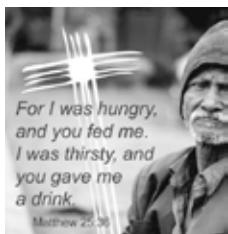


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#### Sessions:

- Tuesday, March 28, 2023 / 6-7 pm**
- Tuesday, April 25, 2023 / 6-7 pm**
- Tuesday, May 23, 2023 / 6-7 pm**

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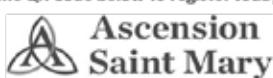
## Colon Health & Screening Open House

March is Colon Cancer Awareness month. Join us for a complimentary open house all about Colon Health and Colon Cancer Awareness. Colorectal Testing Kits will be available at no cost or insurance information needed. Participants will receive information on screenings to keep your colon healthy, signs and symptoms of colon cancer and risks associated with this disease. Ascension Saint Mary registered dietitians will be on-site to answer any questions you may have about your colorectal testing kit (FIT). Complimentary screening test kit (FIT) will be distributed to all participants interested. Individuals 45-75 years of age are welcome to participate. You owe it to yourself to keep healthy and Ascension Saint Mary Kankakee applauds your effort.

**Thursday, March 30, 2023**  
**12:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

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 Saturday, April 15, 2023, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
 Saturday, April 22, 2023, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  
 Saturday, April 29, 2023, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

\* Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary  
 Attn: Susan Amann  
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on our ZOOM online platform

This workshop will invite you to read, write, and reflect on the topics of mindfulness, brokenness, miracles and joy. Together we will read poems from the book Poetry of Presence to remind us to notice God at work in our busy lives, and journal and share about those moments in session. There is no homework, only invitations to experience presence. You can pay the \$45 fee for this spiritual ministry program by sending a check (made out to: Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary) \*



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