

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.

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

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

> SATURDAY 4:30 pm Vigil Mass 6:00 pm Misa de Vigilia en Español

SUNDAY 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 am 1:00 pm (Español) 3:00 pm (Latin) 5:00 pm Sunday Vespers 6:30 pm

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 7:30 am Martes/Tuesday 6:00 pm (Español) SATURDAY 8:00 am

Wednesday/Friday 12:00 PM Latin Mass

CONFESSIONS

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

Epiphany of the Lord January 8, 2023



And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was.

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother.

They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

"Bringing Jesus to Everyone and Everyone to Jesus"

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

UNA NOTA DEL PÁRROCO

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today, on the Feast of the Epiphany, we recall the Magi following the star to a house in Bethlehem where they found the child Jesus with the Blessed Mother. Like the Wise Men, we are on a journey, and our destination, the purpose of our lives, is found in the child who rested in the arms of His mother Mary: Jesus Christ, our Lord.



Jesus is the one who brings joy and peace to our souls. In Bethlehem, the Magi found Him. They found the King of kings in a humble home. They found God who made His dwelling among us. God has entered our world and our history so that we may enter into an eternal friendship with Him.

Led by the star of the Church, we find Christ in the Mass. The same Jesus who was in the manger in Bethlehem is placed upon the altar at Mass. In the flesh, Jesus lied in the manger so that one day He would offer Himself on the cross, for no greater love does one have than this but to lay down one's life for one's friends (see Jn 15:13). The wood of the manger led to the wood of the cross. He is the perfect offering, and He extends this perfect and loving offering of Himself to us in the sacrament of His body and blood in the Holy Eucharist, calling us constantly into friendship with Him. It is in our friendship with Christ where we find strength, hope, love, and joy.

Even though the Wise Men saw a baby, they were looking upon God. As we look upon bread and wine at Mass, we see Christ. Like the Wise Men who prostrated themselves before the baby Jesus and did Him homage, opening their treasures and giving Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, let us adore Christ in the Holy Eucharist and open the treasures of our hearts and our lives to the Lord. It is a temptation to treat the Eucharist as something ordinary. It is anything but ordinary. At every Mass, heaven pours out Love Himself upon the altar. May the words on our lips and in our hearts during Mass express our love for God and implore His mercy. May we spend time after receiving Jesus enjoying this most sacred gift. May we sit before the tabernacle or before the monstrance during adoration, spending time with our humble and loving Savior. The Wise Men show us that adoration is the response to the gift of God's presence. Let us recognize His presence among us, and let us adore Him!

In Christ, Fr. Matt Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Hoy es la fiesta de la Epifanía, cuando recordamos a los Reyes Magos que seguían la estrella hacia una casa en Belén, donde encontraron al niño Jesús con la Santísima Madre. Igual que los Reyes Magos, estamos de viaje y nuestro destino, el propósito de nuestras vidas, es encontrado en el niño a quien

encontraron los Reyes Magos: Jesucristo. Él es el que trae alegría y paz a nuestras almas. En Belén, los magos encontraron el Rey de los reyes en un hogar humilde, el Creador del universo cuidado por su madre. En Belén, encontraron a Dios que puso su morada entre nosotros. Dios ha entrado a nuestro mundo y nuestra historia para que podamos vivir en una amistad eterna con él.

Guiados por la estrella de la Iglesia, encontramos a Cristo en la misa. El mismo Jesús que estuvo en el pesebre de Belén está presente en la misa. En la carne, el niño Jesús descansó en el pesebre para que un día se ofreciera a sí mismo en la cruz, porque nadie tiene mayor amor que este, que uno de su vida por sus amigos (vea Jn 15, 13). La madera del pesebre conduce a la madera de la cruz. Él es la ofrenda perfecta y se entrega a nosotros en el sacramento de su cuerpo y sangre en la Sagrada Eucaristía, llamándonos constantemente a una amistad con él. Amistad con Cristo nos da fuerza, esperanza, amor y alegría.

Aunque los Reyes Magos miraron a un bebé, vieron a Dios. Cuando miramos el pan y el vino en la misa, reconocemos a Cristo. Como los Reves Magos que se postraron ante el niño Jesús y lo adoraron, abriendo sus cofres y ofrendándole regalos de oro, incienso y mirra, adoremos a Cristo en la Sagrada Eucaristía y abramos los cofres de nuestros corazones y nuestras vidas al Señor. Es una tentación a tratar la Eucaristía como algo ordinario. Pero no es. En cada misa, el cielo derrama Amor mismo sobre el altar. Que las palabras en nuestros labios y en nuestros corazones durante la misa expresen amor por Dios e imploren su misericordia. Pasemos un ratito después de recibir a Jesús disfrutando este regalo tan sagrado. Que nos sentemos ante el sagrario o la custodia, pasando tiempo con nuestro Salvador en adoración. Los Reyes Magos nos enseñan que la adoración es la respuesta al don de la presencia de Dios. ¡Reconozcamos su presencia entre nosotros y adorémoslo!

En Cristo, Padre Mateo



Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship as a way of life In gratitude of God's gifts of time and talent to us we gratefully acknowledge and salute

Art & Environment Group

Sunday Offering/Ofrenda del Domingo

January 1, 2023 \$13,384.00 209 envelopes (\$1,980 in Online Donations included in above)

In an effort to keep you more informed, this information is being provided to the parishioners.

Monthly School Subsidy to Bishop McNamara: \$6,066.67

Monthly Diocesan Assessment: \$3,011 Monthly Contribution Envelope Cost: \$435 Our goal each week to cover our expenses is: Nuestra Meta por Semana para cubrir los gastos es de: \$10.865.00

THANK YOU GRACIAS





PRAYING WITH INTENTION FOR THE SICK

Barrett, Rita; Beedle, Jim; Bergeron, Ted & Phyllis; Bialas, Margaret; Bierbaum, Pam; Brandon, Linda; Burson, Kelli; Call, Kathy; Crane, Pat; Dechenne, Kathy; Decker, Dave; Dominguez, Antonio; Garcia, Raquel; Goselin, EulaMae; Grant, Desiree; LaPierre, Jonette; LaRoche, Jackie; Lenzi, Robert and Kathy; Licon, Arthur; Martinez, Lizbeth; Martinez, Sylvia; Mendez, Gloria; Mulvihill, Betty, Norgaard, Ardelle; Pagono, Agnes; Paquette, Donna; Raut, Francis; Robinson, Craig; Saindon, Jim; Salazar, Magdalena; Schultz, Steve; Smith, Jackson; Thomas, Darby; Torres, Teresa; Turner, Debbie; Wulffe, Daniel; Vazquez, Josefina

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

THIS WEEK AT JP2

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Monday, Januar	y 9
12:00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
7:00pm	Charismatic Group
luesday, Januai	ry 10
10:00am	Fatima Rosary
11:00am	Living Word Bible Study
5:00pm	Confessions
6:00pm 7:00pm	FFP Classes Living Word Bible Study
7:30pm	RCIA (English)
Nednesday, Jar	
6:00pm	FFP Classes
Thursday, Janua	arv 12
5:00pm	Confessions
5:30pm	Spanish Children's Choir Practice
6:30pm	Choir Practice
6:30pm	GIFT-Growing in Faith Together
Friday, January	
9:00am	Food Pantry-East Campus
9:00am 10:00am	Clothing Closet @ Lisieux Weekly Homeschoolers Group
6:00pm	12 Step Program @ Lisieux
6:00pm	Words of Wisdom Book Club
Saturday, Janua	
12:00pm	Young on Fire Rosary
3:30pm	Confessions
Sunday, January	15
9:00am	Pescador de Hombres
9:00am	Blood Pressure Screening
9:30am	RCIA (Español)
11:30am	FFP Mass
FU	TURE EVENTS/DATES
lan. 16	Parish Office Closed-MLK Holiday
lan. 29-Feb. 3	CARGE STOLENES AND THE STOLENESS OF A DEPARTMENT
Feb. 2	Candelaria Mass-Feast of the Presentation
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Jan. 29-rep. 3	Califolic Schools week
Feb. 2	Candelaria Mass-Feast of the Presentation
Feb. 5	Blessing of Throats at all masses
Feb. 5	Blood Pressure Screening
Feb. 12	Blessing of Marriages at 9:30 & 1:00
Feb. 12	FFP Raffle Drawing
Feb. 12	CCW Bunco
Feb. 22	Ash Wednesday
TO COMPARE AND A CONTROL OF	STREET

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 RIVERSIDE SENIOR LIFE/MEMORY CARE: Miller Rehab. Center: Rita Morris Butterfield Court: Muffy Stamper, Colette Cheffer Senior Care: Ardel Norgaard, David Africano Westwood Oaks: Eileen Dupuis, Desiree Grant Heritage Woods, Manteno: Noralee Sirois

St. John Paul II Directory Phone 815-933-7683 Fax 815-933-7692 **Parish Office Hours** Mon.–Thurs. 9 am-4 pm Fri. 9 am-1 pm Horario de la Oficina Hispana Martes a Jueves 9am-4pm Viernes 9 am-1 pm Pastor Very Rev. Matthew Pratscher ext. 402 frmatt@jp2kankakee.org **Parochial Vicar** Rev. Roy Jacob, CMI, ext. 403 frroy@jp2kankakee.org In Residence Rev. John Horan ext. 412 frhoran@jp2kankakee.org Deacons David Marlowe, Greg Clodi, Rocco Busato, & George Arocha In case of a death or a near death emergency and you need a priest, please call the parish office, 815-933-7683 and PRESS the # button Business Manager : kgriffiths@jp2kankakee.org Kathy Griffiths ext. 406 Pastoral Secretary/Bulletin Editor: Kathy Dummer ext. 408 kdummer@jp2kankakee.org Please email bulletin requests to the above address no later than the previous Friday before the weekend requested. Liturgy Associate : Lori Ciaccio ext. 405 Iciaccio@jp2kankakee.org **Receptionists:** Silvia Barajas ext. 410 sbarajas@jp2kankakee.org Silvia Esparza ext. 409 SEsparza@jp2kankakee.org Sacramental Recording Secretary Faith Formation Office: 815-932-7911 Sister Evangeline srevangeline@jp2kankakee.org Music Director : Christopher Wilcox cwilcox@jp2kankakee.org Coros Hispanos: Building & Grounds: ontop60@msn.com Rende Langlois 815-693-0253 Parish Media Links Website: Facebook jp2kankakee.org St John Paul II Kankakee 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 Pedro Gonzalez Uriel Garcia David Montague **Finance Council Members** Mark O'Connor- President Cheryl Walsh-Secretary Alicia Saldivar Amy Anderson Mickey Kreissler Tom Martin Ryan Carter



2022 CMAA Closing Report for St. John Paul II

2022 Goal: \$53,400 Projected Annual Paid: \$48,665 Projected % of Goal Paid: 91%

Thank you for being so generous with the gifts God has bestowed upon you and entrusting them to us. We, too, promise to be good stewards of these gifts.

Peace, Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks, Bishop of Joliet

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

Jan. 9 Seminarian Dcn. Jared Rutnicki

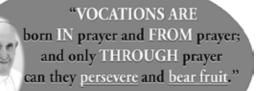
Jan. 10 Sr. Camino Fernandez, Sr. Mary Grace Kuppe, Sr. Carmen Miravalles, Sr. Mary Villar OSA

- Jan. 11 Fr. Vern Arseneau, Fr. Lee Bacchi
- Jan. 12 Fr. Daniel Bachner, Fr. Raed Bader

Jan. 13 Sr. Mary Bratrsovsky, Sr. Johanna Choi, Sr. JoAnne Form OSB

Jan. 14 Seminarian Andrew Bogusz

Jan. 15 Sr. Judith Ann Heble, Sr. Irene Jasien, Sr. Lois Jean Jensik OSB



~ Pope Francis

The Epiphany of the Lord January 8, 2023

Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12

Travelers

The Magi brought gifts with them. Although King Herod was greatly troubled, Jesus and his parents did not fear these travelers. God was with them all. And God is with us and everyone even to this day.

- Whom do I fear?
- How can I be like Jesus and his parents and the Magi to accept everyone?
- What will I do to assure pathways of peace for migrants, travelers, refugees and aliens?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. January 9 The Baptism of the Lord Acts 10:31-38 Matthew 3:13-17

Tues. January 10 Hebrews 1:1-6, 2:5-12 Mark 1:14-20, 1:21-28

Weds. January 11 Hebrews 2:14-18 Mark 1:29-39 **Thurs. January 12**

Hebrews 3:7-14 Mark 1:40-45



Fri. January 13 Hebrews 4:1-5.11 Mark 2:1-12

Sat. January 14 Hebrews 4:12-16 Mark 2:13-17

Sun. January 15 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Isaiah 49: 3, 5-6 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 John 1:29-34

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Call the parish office for Pre-Baptismal requirements and scheduling. Call 815-933-7683.

Weddings: Marriage Preparation begins at least 6 months in advance. Call the parish office for date confirmation before finalizing other wedding plans.

PROCEDIMIENTO PARA SACRAMENTOS

Bautismo Llame a la oficina parroquial por lo menos dos meses antes, para tomar el curso pre-bautismal y requisitos. Lame 815-933-7683.

Bodas: La preparación comienza seis meses antes. Llame a la oficina parroquial para confirmar la fecha antes de finalizar otros planes de su boda.

The candle in the sanctuary is burning in memory of Juan Barajas Rangel By Arturo Barajas & Family



Prayer Line Information

For your prayer requests, please call or email the number/address below. Thank You

Ann Wheeler 815-932-7938 Barb Jepson wbjepson69@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

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Saturday	Janaury 7, 2023					
8:00 a.m.	† Dave Martin (The Jepson Family)					
9:00 a.m.	Sr. Perpetua OCD (Martha Aune)					
4:30 p.m.	† Richard "Dick" Brill (St. Pats Class of 55)					
6:00 p.m.	Por las Benditas almas del Purgatorio (Maria Toledo)					
Sunday	January 8, 2023					
8:00 a.m.	For All The People of St. John Paul II					
9:30 a.m.	† Kenneth Emling (Grace Minor)					
11:30 p.m.	† Ron Brosseau (Teddy Brosseau)					
1:00 p.m.	† Belly Aguilar (Esposo & Hijos)					
	† Elvira Piña & Rodolfo Canales (Lucy Canales)					
3:00 p.m.	† Jan Snyder (Johnson Family)					
5:00 p.m.	† Deceased Members of JP2 CCW (JP2CCW)					
Monday	January 9, 2023					
7:30 a.m.	† Sr. Teresa Luksza (MSF)					
Tuesday	January 10, 2023					
7:30 a.m.	† Sr. Teresa Luksza (MSF)					
6:00 p.m.	† Benjamin Negrete Tobar (Armando Avila)					
Wednesday	Janaury 11, 2023					
7:30 a.m.	† Deceased Family Members & Friends of					
	Sr. Evangeline (MSF)					
12:00 p.m.	† Richard Haberkorn (Pam Hanson)					
Thursday	January 12, 2023					
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FIESTA DE LA EPIFANÍA EL DÍA LOS REYES MAGOS

Una Visita de los Tres Reyes Magos con Regalos para Todos los Niños Rosca de Reyes

El Domingo, 8 de Enero de 2023 Después de Misa de 1:00 pm

En el Gimnasio (Settles Center) La Parroquia de San Juan Pablo II

ST. JOHN PAUL II OUTREACH MINISTRIES want to thank the many in our community who continue to support our efforts to provide so much to those in need. KANKAKEE CATHOLIC FOOD PANTRY-AZZARELLI OUTREACH MEDICAL CLINIC-OUR SHEPHERDS CLOSET



Liturgical Schedule	Saturday Jan. 14 4:30 pm	Saturday Jan. 14 6:00 pm Español	Sunday Jan. 15 8:00 am	Sunday Jan. 15 9:30 am	Sunday Jan. 15 11:30 am	Sunday Jan. 15 1:00 pm Español	Sunday Jan. 15 5:00 pm
Lector	Rose Bailey	Israel Lira Rosario Lira	Ann Wheeler	Char Nolte	Steve Kelley	Miriam Gaytan Ricardo Valtierra	Julie Koerner
Ushers Ujieres	David Montague Bob Thrasher S/U Mary Causer	Juana Lugo Luis Ayala Marcela Andrade Vicente Andrade	Bob Thrasher Jon Guimond W-Julie Azzarelli	Janice Shenk Bob Thrasher Annie Syrstad W-Mickey Kreissler	Silvia Barajas Beth Arocha	Lucy Canales Ricardo Esparza Maria de Jesus Garcia Octavio Garcia	Bob Thrasher
Altar Servers	Need Volunteers	Need Volunteers	Dylan Klonowski	Need Volunteers	Rebecca Pardy Ben Bilderback	Litzy Campos Mariana Cabrales	Need Volunteers

Weekday Ministers and Linen Cleaning Schedule Ministros de la Semana y Lavado de Lienzos Jan. 9-14: Lector: Tom Lamie Sacristan: Linda Libby Jan. 16-21: Lector: Marianna Fernandez Sacristan: Mickey Kreissler

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Misa de Martes en Espanol:

Jan. 10 : Lectores: Serafin Lopez Sacristan: Ema Elvir Jan.17: Lectores: Marcela Andrade Sacristan: Antonio & Angelica Serna

Linens/Linenzos: Jan. 8: Mickey Kreissler Jan. 15/22: Sharon Jackson



Statement of Bishop Ronald A. Hicks of the Diocese of Joliet on the death of Pope Benedict XVI

I pray for the soul of Pope Benedict XVI, who today joined our Lord in eternal life.

He served God as a priest, archbishop, cardinal and pope, and enlightened Catholics worldwide with his thoughtful theological writings.

May he rest in peace.

4/16/27-12/31/22

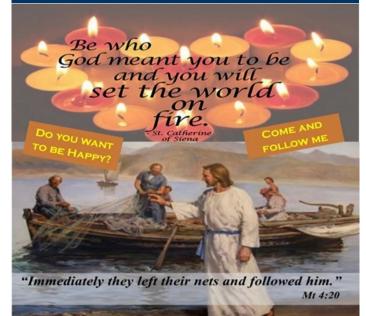
Rosary Making future dates...

Mondays from 5:30-7:00 pm January 16 & 30

Saturdays from 8:30-10 am January 7 (Lolek Rm), & 21 JP2 Conference Room or Lolek Room

Questions: Call Deb Groth 815-263-1675

VOCATION NIGHT



Adults, Children & Teens Vocation Night Thursday January 12th 6pm - 7:30pm

@ ST. JOHN PAUL II PARISH KANKAKEE

Meet in: Group 1: Grade 1: Room 14 Group 2: Grades 2 & 3: Room 13 Group 3: Grades 4, 5 & 6: Family Center Group 4: Grades 7 -12: Church Group 5: Adults/Parents/Parishioners: Settles Center / Gym

> Presenters Fr. Matthew Pratscher Fr. John Horan Br. John Eustice Sr. Anne Elise Sr. Immaculee Nyirasuku

FAUNTOFORMATION



Advent Antiphons & Vespers Sunday, January 8 6:30 pm to 6:50 pm

Vespers (Evening Prayer) consisting of praying with psalms and scripture. It ends with Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament.



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Every Monday/Cada Lunes 12-5pm First Friday of the month/ Primer viernes del mes 8:00 am-6:00 pm Primer Sábado del mes / First Saturday of the month Adoración Nocturna/Nocturnal Adoration 8:00 pm-5:00 am







Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) January 12, 2023 6:30 Family Center

Topic: The Discipline of Worship

Words of Wisdom Book Club Friday, January 13 6:00 pm

Book for January: Searching and Maintaining Peace by Fr. Jacques Philippe

Questions: Call Laurie Mau 815-933-8859

February Book: Feb. 10 At Home in Midford by Jan Karon



9 Days For Life Novena

Join thousands of Catholics nationwide praying the annual 9 Days for Life novena, January 19 - 27th. Get daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Sign up today at <u>9daysforlife.com</u>!



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¿Está interesado en unirse a nuestro Comité de Elaboración de Rosarios? Iunes, 16 y 30 de enero sabado, 7 y 21 de enero 6:00 pm Salon de conferencias JP2 ¿Preguntas? Llame a Deb Groth: 815-263-1675

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Azzarelli Outreach Medical Clinic Week of January 9-13

PLEASE LISTEN TO THE ENTIRE MESSAGE FOR INFORMATION! Call 928-6093 For the days that the clinic is open.

Hours are also posted on the front window of the clinic.

OUR SHEPHERD'S CLOSET

Located at Lisieux Outreach Center 371 N. St. Joseph Ave., Kankakee



Open Fridays to choose clothing 9-11 am

UPDATE:

We have been blessed with so many clothing donations that we need time to catch up. So, at this time we are not taking any more clothing donations.

Thank you for your support!



St. John Paul II Parish Azzarelli Outreach Clinic: Director

The Azzarelli Outreach Clinic is a free medical clinic of St. John Paul II Parish in Kankakee that serves those who are medically uninsured. It is a member of the Illinois Association of Free and Charitable Medical Clinics and is in search of a part-time director of the clinic who will

coordinate and oversee the volunteers and operations of the clinic. The position is part-time, salaried, and unbenefited. The hours are flexible and it requires excellent communication with the parish staff, the Board of Directors of the Azzarelli Outreach Clinic, the parish and local community, and healthcare facilities and charitable organizations that can collaborate with or contribute to the clinic. The position also requires experience in working in healthcare, organizational skills, and a respect and knowledge of the Catholic faith. Applications and resumes may be sent to Kathy Griffiths, the business manager of St. John Paul II Parish, at kgriffiths@jp2kankakee.org.



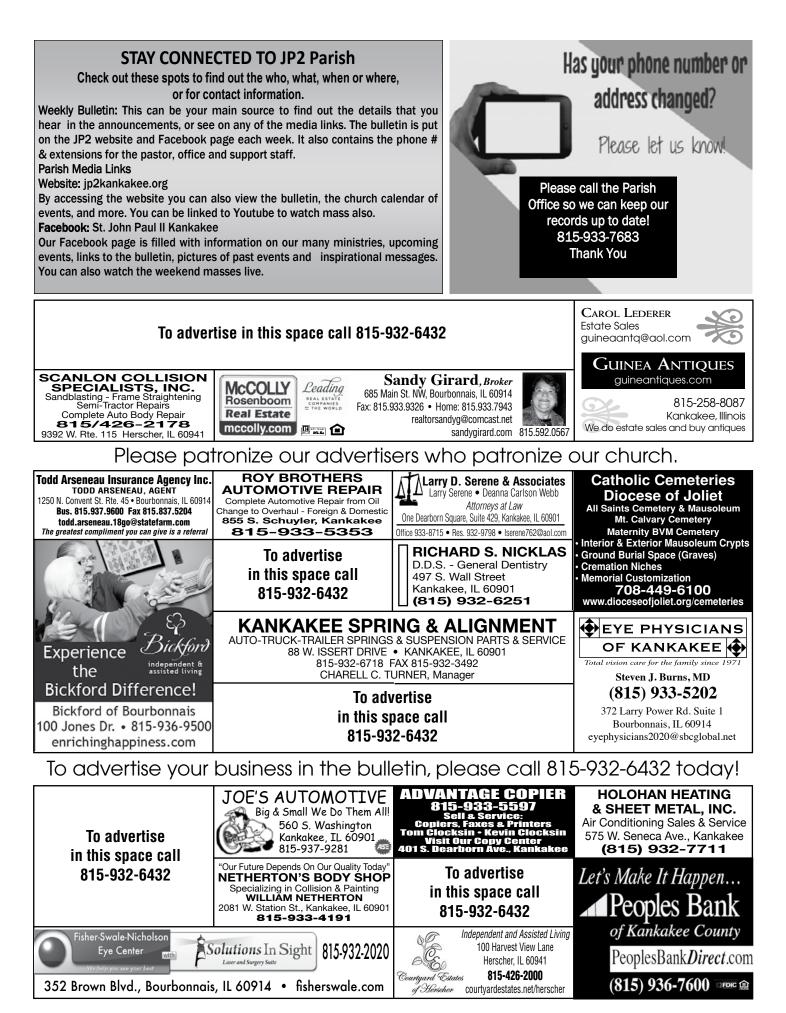
Each week we feed anywhere from 100 to 150 families at the Kankakee Catholic Food Pantry of St John Paul II Parish. The cost of food has been growing on everyday staples that we give to our families. It costs us approximately \$1,000 a week

to feed our community needing help. We are looking for donations of things like peanut butter, jelly, cereal, boxed stuffing, jell-o, pudding, pasta, granola bars, and pancake mix.

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT ST. JOHN PAUL II PARISH CHURCH or for Monetary donations, use our online giving on our website, http://jp2kankakee.org

OR mail a check to Kankakee Catholic Food Pantry

Thank you to BBCHS Choir Students who collected coats for us this winter. Applause to our youth in this community for all their great work.





Join the diocesan mission trip to the Navajo Nation in June

The Diocese of Joliet is pleased to announce its U.S. mission program in June with a two-week trip to the Navajo Nation located near Chinle, Arizona.

The June 3-16 trip will focus on construction projects for residents of the reservation, with volunteers helping with such jobs as framing a house, tearing down dilapidated buildings, repairing fencing, etc.

"It's not just going to work for the people, but to be with them and experience their life and culture," said diocesan missions coordinator Bruce Carlson. The diocese has organized mission trips to the reservation since 2002, but paused the annual expeditions during 2020 and 2021 because of the

coronavirus pandemic. The trip resumed this past summer.

Interested individuals are invited to attend an informational meeting at 7 p.m. on Jan. 10 or Jan.18 at the Blanchette Catholic Center, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, Illinois. For more information, email missions@dioceseofjoliet.org or call 815-221-6256.

