

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.

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

The Third Sunday of Advent December 11, 2022
Gaudete Sunday



JOY ALEGRÍA

**Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you;
he will prepare your way before you.**

“Bringing Jesus to Everyone and Everyone to Jesus”

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

This Sunday is different from the other Sundays of Advent. Today, the candle on the Advent wreath and the vestments of the priests and deacons take a break from purple, a color which symbolizes penitence and preparation, and are adorned in rose (or pink). None of the other Sundays in Advent have a name, but today is "Gaudete Sunday"—Gaudete is Latin for "Rejoice!" We take a break from the nighttime purple of Advent to rejoice with the color rose as the light of the Sun of God begins to dawn. The coming of Christ on Christmas is near, and the feast of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is the cause of our joy, is quickly approaching.

When Pope Benedict XVI led the Angelus on Gaudete Sunday of 2007, he reflected on joy and the meaning of the birth of Jesus, teaching us, "Christian joy thus springs from this certainty: God is close, he is with me, he is with us, in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, as a friend and faithful spouse. And this joy endures, even in trials, in suffering itself. It does not remain only on the surface; it dwells in the depths of the person who entrusts himself to God and trusts in him." We are inundated with many distractions and competing messages about joy and happiness. What truly makes us happy is the light that dispels the darkness: Jesus Christ. He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. His presence is not abstract or merely symbolic. Our savior and Lord is born, and today He is with us. While the world went about its course in an ordinary way, filled with movement, chaos, and conflicts, it received its Creator and Savior in the silence and stillness of that first Christmas night in the little town of Bethlehem. Let us continue to create a serene, quiet, and trusting place in our hearts and in our lives so that we may receive with great joy our Beloved Lord Jesus Christ, who was born in Bethlehem, is seated at the right hand of the Father in Heaven, and gives Himself to us through the holy sacraments. He has entered our world and is our light and our salvation, our rock, our refuge, and our hope: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near" (Phil. 4:4-5).

In Christ,
Fr. Matt



Queridos Hermanos y Hermanas en Cristo:

Este domingo es diferente a los otros domingos de Adviento. Hoy, la vela de la corona de adviento y las vestiduras de los sacerdotes y diáconos descansan del morado, color que simboliza la penitencia y la preparación, y se adornan en rosado (o rosa). ¡Ninguno de los otros domingos en Adviento tienen un nombre, pero hoy es el "Domingo *Gaudete*"—*Gaudete* significa "¡Alégrese!" en latín. Descansamos del púrpura nocturno del Adviento para regocijarnos con el color rosa como la luz del Sol de Dios al amanecer. La venida de Cristo en Navidad está cerca y la fiesta de la Natividad de nuestro Señor Jesucristo, que es la causa de nuestra alegría, se acerca rápidamente.

Cuando el Papa Benedicto XVI dirigió el *Ángelus* el Domingo *Gaudete* del 2007, reflexionó sobre la alegría y el significado del nacimiento de Jesús, enseñándonos: "La alegría cristiana brota, pues, de esta certeza: Dios está cerca, está conmigo, está con nosotros, en la alegría y en la pena, en la salud y en la enfermedad, como amigo y esposo fiel. Y esta alegría permanece incluso en las pruebas, en el sufrimiento. No es sólo superficial; habita en lo más profundo de la persona que se encomienda a Dios y confía en Él." Estamos inundados con muchas distracciones y mensajes competitivos sobre la alegría y la felicidad. Lo que verdaderamente nos hace felices es la luz que disipa las tinieblas: Jesucristo. Él es el Camino, la Verdad y la Vida. Su presencia no es abstracta ni meramente simbólica. Ha nacido nuestro Señor y Salvador, y hoy está con nosotros. Mientras el mundo sigue su curso de manera ordinaria, lleno de movimientos, caos y conflictos, recibió a su Creador y Salvador en el silencio y la quietud de aquella primera noche de Navidad en el pueblito de Belén. Sigamos creando un lugar sereno, tranquilo y de confianza en nuestros corazones y en nuestras vidas para que recibamos con gran alegría a nuestro Amado Señor Jesucristo, que nació en Belén, y está sentado a la diestra del Padre en el Cielo y se entrega a nosotros por medio de los santos sacramentos. Ha entrado en nuestro mundo y es nuestra luz y nuestra salvación, nuestra roca, nuestro refugio, y nuestra esperanza: "Alégrese siempre en el Señor; se los repito: ¡alégrese! El Señor está cerca" (Fil. 4: 4-5).

En Cristo,
Padre Mateo

A Prayer for the Third Sunday of ADVENT

Jesus, you will come among us once again to give us your very life. May your life's gift inspire us to make our lives a gift to you, over and over again. Amen.

Watch
Rejoice
Behold
Prepare



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

Kankakee Catholic Food Pantry Volunteers

Sunday Offering/Ofrenda del Domingo

December 3/4, 2022

\$14,188.00

216 envelopes

(\$ 1,573 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

THIS WEEK AT JP2

Monday, December 12

5:00am Las Mañanitas y Misa (Marian songs/Mass)
12:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
6:00pm Misa de Rosas
7:00pm Guadalupe Play, Traditional Dances, Social

Tuesday, December 13

10:00am Fatima Rosary
11:00am Living Word Bible Study
5:00pm Confessions
6:00pm FFP/Advent Reconciliation
7:00pm Living Word Bible Study
7:30pm RCIA (English)

Wednesday, December 14

6:00pm FFP/Advent Reconciliation

Thursday, December 15

5:00pm Confessions
6:30pm **NO GIFT**-Growing in Faith Together

Friday, December 16

9:00am Food Pantry-East Campus
9:00am Clothing Closet @ Lisieux
10:00am Weekly Homeschoolers Group
6:00pm 12 Step Program @ Lisieux
7:00pm Posada

Saturday, December 17

8:30am Advent Confessions
11:00am Art & Environment
3:30pm Confessions
7:00pm Posada

Sunday, December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:00am Pescadores de Hombres
9:00am Blood Pressure Screening
10:30am RCIA (Espanol)
6:30pm Advent Antiphons & Vespers w/social after
7:00pm Posada

FUTURE EVENTS/DATES

Dec. 20/21 **NO** Faith Formation Classes
Dec. 23-Jan. 2 Parish Office closed
Dec. 27 Blessing of the Wine after masses
Dec. 27/28 **NO** Faith Formation Classes
Jan. 7 Kankakee CCW Deanery Joy in January
Jan. 8 FFP Raffle Drawing
Jan. 12 FFP Vocation Night
Feb. 12 CCW Bunco

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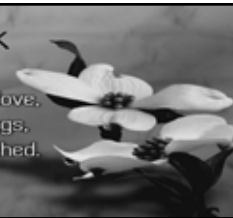
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Shop!



prayer for the sick

May you be wrapped up in God's love,
Found deep in His everlasting wings,
Carried and kept, safe and cherished.
May the healing power of Christ
Breathe across your being now.



PRAYING WITH INTENTION FOR THE SICK

Barrett, Rita; Beedle, Jim; Bergeron, Ted & Phyllis;
Bialas, Margaret; Bierbaum, Pam; Boswell, Cheryl; Brandon, Linda;
Burson, Kelli; Call, Kathy; Crane, Pat; Dechenne, Kathy; Decker,
Dave; Dominguez, Antonio; Garcia, Raquel; Goselin, EulaMae;
Grant, Desiree, Griffiths, Kathy; 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; Wulffe, Mat-
thew; 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!

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**

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requested.

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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

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jp2kankakee.org



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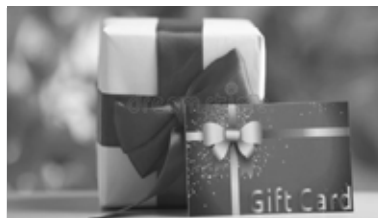
YouTube: St. John Paul

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



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someone? A gift card purchased
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support our parish!

**The weekends of Dec. 10-11 & Dec. 17-18
Scrip will be sold after the 4:30, 8, 9:30, & 11:30 masses**

Also,

**Scrip will be sold in the Parish Office Tuesday,
Thursday, and Friday this coming week,
December 13, 15, & 16.**

**Reminder: The last day to place a special order
to arrive by Christmas is December 18.**

Questions: Call Deb Groth at 815-263-1675

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VOCATION PRAYER CALENDAR

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

Dec. 12 Fr. Zygmunt Ostrowski S. Ch.

Dec. 13 Fr. Thomas Sielicki S. Ch.

Dec. 14 Fr. Miroslaw Stepien S. Ch.

Dec. 15 Sr. Patricia Skowronski OSF, Sr. Rose Marie Surwilo OSF,
Sr. Faith Szambelanczyk OSF

Dec. 16 Fr. Thomas Logue

Dec. 17 Pope Francis

Dec. 18 Dcns. Joseph Urso, Glenn Vanek, Joseph Verdico,
Herbert Waldron, Robert Wallace

Third Sunday of Advent December 11, 2022

Isaiah 35:1-6a James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11

Who is the Messiah?

When even the land sings God's praise, how can we not do the same? When God comes for the blind, deaf, lame, and mute, how can we not care for the same? When we know Christ has both come and is coming yet again, how can we complain about anyone?

- How will the words I speak be filled with what God is up to in this world?
- How will deeds I do attend to mercy work for blind, deaf, lame, and mute children of God?
- I will stop complaining this week about _____?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon. December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe

Zechariah 2:14-17

Luke 1:26-38

Tues. December 13 St. Lucy

Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13

Matthew 21:28-32

Weds. December 14 St. John of the Cross

Isaiah 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25

Luke 7:18b-23

Thurs. December 15

Isaiah 54:1-10

Luke 7:24-30

Fri. December 16

Isaiah 56:1-3a, 6-8

John 5:33-36

Sat. December 17

Genesis 49:2, 8-10

Matthew 1:1-17

Sun. December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 7:10-14

Romans 1:1-7

Matthew 1:18-24



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. Llame 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

Leslie Morrical

By

Charles & Mary Ann Vows



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

Saturday

6:15 a.m.

8:00 a.m.

4:30 p.m.

6:00 p.m.

Sunday

8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

1:00 p.m.

3:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

Monday

5:30 a.m.

7:30 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

Tuesday

7:30 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

7:30 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

Thursday

7:30 a.m.

Friday

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Saturday

8:00 a.m.

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Sunday

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5:00 p.m.

December 10, 2022

† Arnie Joubert (Michael & Sheri Benoit)

† Betty M. Gerard (Maureen O'Connor)

† George Faber (Janice Daniels)

† Animas Del Purgatorio (Maria Toldeo)

December 11, 2022

For All The People of St. John Paul II

† Mary Clocksin (Annie Syrtad)

† John & Mary Lawicka and All deceased family members of Sr. Teresa (MSF)

† George Faber (Nanos Family)

† Kenneth Emling (Shirley Ferris)

† Dominga Puebla Montero (Maria Esther Medina)

† Arnie Joubert (John & Charlene Russell)

† Leslie Morrical (Pommier & Mosier Families)

December 12, 2022

For All the People of St. John Paul II

† Leroy Dandurand (Cheryl Heldt)

† Belly Aguilar (Husband & Children)

December 13, 2022

† Betty Grant (Family)

Magda Salazar (JP2 Family)

December 14, 2022

† Sr. Teresa Luksza (MSF)

† Byron Heldt (Cheryl Heldt)

December 15, 2022

† Joseph Dressler (Ron & Pat Dressler)

December 16, 2022

Virlet LaMontagne (Betty Azzarelli)

Sr. Perpetua OCD (Martha Aune)

December 17, 2022

† Bill Powers (Fran Powers)

For All The People of St. John Paul II

† Animas Del Purgatorio (Cindy Perez & Family)

† Alfonso Perez (Cindy Perez & Family)

December 18, 2022

† Dr. Balys & Nijole Poskus (Teresa Poskus)

† Earle Uribe (Desire & Doris)

† Bill Clocksin (Friends)

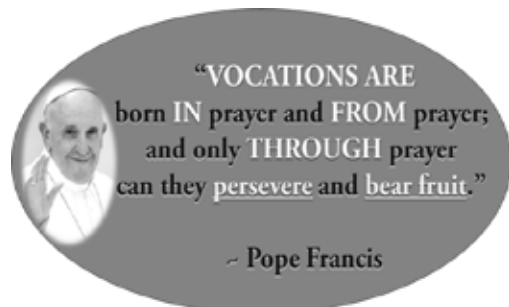
† George Faber (Dennis & Joella Schriefer)

† Jaime Lopez (Jose & Graciela Lopez)

† Belly Aguilar (Husband & Children)

Elena M. Boudreau (Robert & Barbara Boudreau)

† George & Gabriele Kreutzer (Family)



*La Fiesta de la
Bienaventurada
Virgen María de
Guadalupe
12 de Diciembre*



**11 de Diciembre
(Domingo)**

7pm Rosario, Procesi3n
Guadalupana con
velas y Bendici3n con
el Sant3simo

12 de Diciembre (Lunes)

5 am Mañanitas y Misa

6 pm Misa de Rosas

7 pm Obra, Bailes y
Convivencia

O COME, O COME,
Emmanuel
ADVENT ANTIPHONS AND VESPERS
Sunday, December 18
6:30 pm in the church
Cookies and Cocoa afterwards in the
Conference Room

Christmas
MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve
4:00 pm-English Mass
6:00 pm-Spanish Mass
8:00 pm-English Mass
Christmas Day
12:00 am (Midnight)-English Mass
(Christmas Carols starting at 11:30 pm 12/24)
8:00 am-Latin Mass
10:00 am-English Mass
12:00 noon-Spanish Mass



**Our Lady of Guadalupe
Feast commemorates the
apparitions of the Blessed
Virgin Mary in 1531 at
Guadalupe, near Mexico
City.**

**Mary appeared four times to
Juan Diego. She left her
image on a cloak that is
preserved in the Basilica of
Our Lady of Guadalupe.
May we share in Mary's
concern and care for the
poor and powerless.**

**Please join in any of the Our Lady of Guadalupe masses or
celebrations. Our parish is blessed to have an opportunity to be
part of this special day!**

Monday, December 12

5:00 am- Mañanitas: Songs to the Blessed Virgin Mary
followed by Mass

6:00 pm- Mass of Roses (You may bring roses to present to Mary)

7:00 pm- Play telling the story of the apparitions, traditional
Mexican dances, and social gathering with refreshments
in Settles Center.

Liturgical Schedule	Saturday Dec. 17 4:30 pm	Saturday Dec. 17 6:00 pm Español	Sunday Dec. 18 8:00 am	Sunday Dec. 18 9:30 am	Sunday Dec. 18 11:30 am	Sunday Dec. 18 1:00 pm Español	Sunday Dec. 18 5:00 pm
Second Sunday of Advent							
Lector	Karina Ayala	Karina Toledo Norma Sanchez	Ann Wheeler	Paul Gerth	Laura Shellie	Elizabeth Suarez Federico Ramirez	Virginia Marsick
Ushers Ujieres	David Montague Bob Thrasher S/U Karen Miller	Veronica Calvillo Teresa Lopez Jose Lopez Serafin Lopez	Bob Kerness Bob Thrasher	Gary Shaw Bob Crane Bob Thrasher W-Joyce Raspolich	Beth Arocha Silvia Barajas	Jose Hernandez Rosalina Tonacatl Israel Lorenzo Maricela Lorenzo	Bob Thrasher
Altar Servers	Magdalena Ayala	Need Volunteers	Dylan Klonowski	Need Volunteers	Aaron Ramirez Damian Ramirez	Mariana Cabrales Cassandra Valtierra	Need Volunteers

Weekday Ministers and Linen Cleaning Schedule
Ministros de la Semana y Lavado de Lienzos
 Dec. 12-17: Lector: Ann Wheeler Sacristan: Ema Elvir
 Dec. 19-24: Lector: Sharon Jackson Sacristan: Flor Rojas
Misa de Martes en Espanol:
 Dec. 13: Lectores: Serafin Lopez Sacristan: Ema Elvir
 Dec. 20: Lectores: Marcela Andrade Sacristan: Antonio & Angelica Serna
 Linens/Lienzos: Dec. 11: Rosario Lira Dec. 18/25: Dolores Pizano



ALTAR SERVERS ARE STILL NEEDED FOR ALL MASSES

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOUR CHILD IS INTERESTED IN BECOMING PART OF THIS MINISTRY.

Kankakee Deanery Council of Catholic Women

Cordially Invites you to Joy in January

Saturday, January 7, 2023
 \$35 per person

Registration at 11:00 am
 Luncheon at 12:00 pm
 Kankakee Country Club
 2011 Cobb Blvd., Kankakee

This weekend, Dec. 10/11, is the last opportunity to sign up. Checks should be made out to JP2 CCW.

Questions? Please call Annie Syrstad: 815-954-1142

THE FAMILY OF ST. JOHN PAUL II WELCOMES YOU!

NEW CHILDREN OF GOD BAPTIZED ON 11-26-22
 LONZELL D. THOMAS JR.
 JOSE R. DIAZ
 Sons of Jonathan Lopez & Rosalinda Diaz

BAPTIZED ON 11-27-22
 ADDISON CURREN
 Daughter of Michael Curren & Kimberly Steele

Happy Birthday Pope Francis
 Let us pray for the Pope on his 86th Birthday
 Viva Il Papa!

December 17

Lord,
 Cover with your protection, Our Holy Father, Pope Francis.
 Be his Light, His Strength, His Fortitude.
 Amen



FAITH FORMATION



Sunday Vespers & Benediction
Sunday, December 4
6:30pm – 6:50pm

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



“OUR RESTLESS JOURNEY”
Advent Area Wide Mission

Sunday, Dec. 11 thru
Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2022

7:00 pm
St. Joseph Parish Bradley

Presenter: Fr. Thomas McCarthy OSA



Growing in Faith Together (GIFT)

No Gift Dec. 15, 22 & 29

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas and a Peaceful New Year

Meet Father Tom McCarthy

As an experienced teacher, administrator, retreat director and parish mission preacher, Fr. Tom shares God's love with everyone he meets.

Mark your calendars for our Parish Mission this Advent when Fr. Tom will arrive to help us with the "The Restless Journey" on December 11 (Program & Fellowship), December 12 (Program, Reconciliation & Fellowship) and December 13 (Mass & Fellowship). Each at 7:00pm.

"As Catholics, Jesus is the center of our lives, especially through the Eucharist and the Sacraments," says Fr. Tom. "My goal is to preach the love and mercy of Jesus and to let people know how much they are loved."

Before the Parish Mission, please feel free to get to know Fr. Tom by checking out his website, www.frtoommccarthy.com. It has blogs, videos of preaching and much more about his life and ministry.



Fellowship to follow nightly in the Parish Hall

All are welcome
 Mark your calendars now to join us!

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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

Rosary Making future dates...

Mondays from 5:30-7:00 pm
December 19

January 1, 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



MINISTERIO HISPANO

OCIA: Orden de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos: Ema & Antonio Elvir 815-304-9158

Azzarelli Outreach Clinic
Clinica Medica
La Semana del 12-16 diciembre
Vean los anuncios afuera de la clínica para detalles actualizados o llame a la clínica al 815-928-6093.



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
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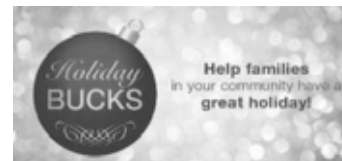


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