

# 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 MASS SCHEDULE

St. John Paul II

907 S. 9th Ave., Kankakee

### 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), 5:00 pm

## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

7:30 am

Martes/Tuesday

6:00 pm (Español)

### SATURDAY

8:00 am

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday 3:30 pm or by appointment

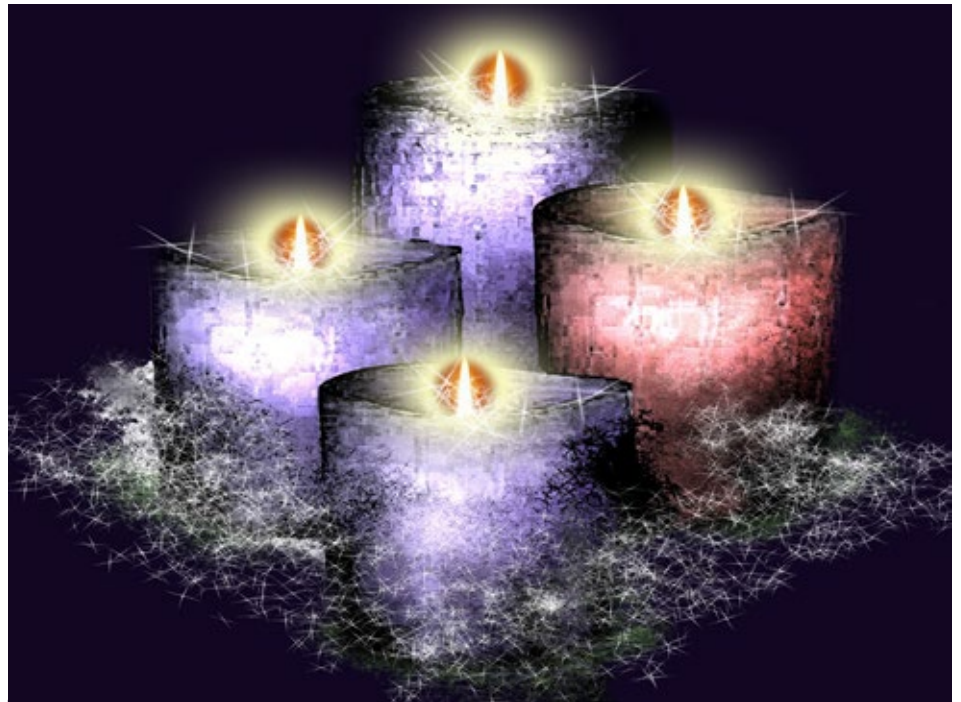
3:30 pm los sábados o por cita

First Friday of each month after mass

Primer Viernes de cada mes  
después de la misa

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 22, 2019



# LOVE AMOR

## CHRISTMAS EVE MASS SCHEDULE

3pm Children's Mass

6pm Spanish Mass

9pm English Mass

11pm Bilingual Mass

## CHRISTMAS DAY MASS SCHEDULE

10am English Mass

12pm Spanish Mass

"Bringing Jesus to Everyone and Everyone to Jesus!"

## THE CHRISTMAS MESSAGE: GOD'S LOVE FOR US ALL

We have arrived at the Fourth Sunday of Advent, and in a few days, we will celebrate the holy day of Christmas, and the season of divine love, expressed in the birth of the Son of God.



As we light the fourth candle of advent, the candle of love, I want to offer a reminder that love is a holy action, not just some feel-good feeling or ego massaging sentiment. Love is our commitment to do something good in the name of God whose very essence is Love Itself. All the advent observances that we do during this season have to be consecrated lovingly to the Lord, as an offering, for His love for us.

This festival of the birth of Jesus is arguably one of the greatest expressions of God's holy love. Because of the mystery of the Incarnation, every human being now bears within their humanity the image of the divine God, as He assumed for Himself the human form. This is when God took our humanity in order that we may share in His divinity. And from the mystery of the nativity, our language of God has changed forever. For indeed, from the God born in the manger, comes the God who grew up in Nazareth, the God who lived to be a carpenter's son, the God who went missing in Jerusalem and was found with the elders in the temple, the God who was baptized by John at the beginning of His public ministry, the God who was tempted by the devil, the God who called his friends to a mission of love, to the God who would die on the cross and would rise again from the death, we came to see the face of God. This solemn feast of the Incarnation was humanity's doorway to discovering even more profoundly who God really is in Jesus Christ. How powerful it is to be aware of the amazing love of God manifest in the story of Christmas!

Dear parishioners, this is my ninth Christmas in Kankakee. Every Christmas that I have had with you has been very memorable, joyful and emotionally charged. This is for me one of the reasons why I know I have made a real home here in Kankakee over the years, that my Christmases with you have been beautifully blessed. I know that this year is not going to be different. Even now, I have already received plenty of gifts and greetings from our parishioners, and I want to take this time to say thank you to all of you. I have a few big boxes of greeting cards from over the past eight years of being in Kankakee, and I know someday, when I open these boxes again, some beautiful memories and sentiments will surface back in my soul. I am very grateful and I thank God for these beautiful moments of my priestly life. They will never be forgotten.

Allow me to take this opportunity to also remind all of us that the season of Christmas is just about to begin. Christmas does not end the day after Christmas day, but actually continues for a few weeks all the way to the feast of Epiphany, and even more extendable to the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Please make sure to teach the families around you to not put away your Christmas decorations just when the Christmas Season has finally arrived. Even more importantly, I invite to make sure to keep the Christmas spirit alive throughout the season. Be with friends and family, whisper a pray of gratitude by the manger scene. Sing your Christmas carols. And when you can, come to pray at Church during the entire octave of Christmas.

On behalf of our entire parish family, I greet you a Merry Christmas. May you always have the love of God in your hearts, and may you never fail to recognize that love displayed in many areas of your life. That you may grow in your gratitude and respond to His love with utter generosity of spirit and passion for your faith.

In the joy of the Lord,  
*Fr. Sunny Castillo*

## EL MENSAJE DE NAVIDAD: EL AMOR DE DIOS POR TODOS NOSOTROS

Hemos llegado al Cuarto Domingo de Adviento y en unos cuantos días, celebraremos el santo día de Navidad y la época del amor divino expresado en el nacimiento del Hijo de Dios.

Mientras encendemos la cuarta vela de adviento, la vela del amor, quiero ofrecer un recordatorio que el amor es una acción santa, no solo un sentimiento para sentirse bien o alimentar el sentimiento del ego. Amor es nuestro compromiso de hacer algo bueno en el nombre de Dios cuya esencia es el Amor mismo. Todas las observancias de adviento que hacemos durante esta temporada tienen que ser con amor consagrado al Señor, como ofrenda, por Su Amor hacia nosotros.

Este festival del nacimiento de Jesús es posiblemente una de las mayores expresiones del santo amor de Dios. Por el misterio de la Encarnación, cada ser humano lleva ahora dentro de su humanidad la imagen del Dios divino, así como asumió para sí mismo la forma humana. Esto es cuando Dios tomó nuestra humanidad para que podamos compartir su divinidad. Y formar el misterio de la natividad, nuestro lenguaje de Dios ha cambiado para siempre. En efecto del Dios nacido en el pesebre, viene el Dios que creció en Nazaret, el Dios que vivió para ser el hijo del carpintero, el Dios que se perdió en Jerusalén y fue encontrado con los ancianos en el templo, el Dios quien fue bautizado por Juan al principio de Su ministerio público, el Dios que fue tentado por el diablo, el Dios que llamo a sus amigos a una misión de amor, el Dios que moriría en la cruz y resucitaría nuevamente de la muerte, llegamos a ver la cara de Dios. Esta solemne fiesta de la Encarnación fue la puerta para la humanidad para descubrir aún más profundamente quien es verdaderamente Dios en Jesucristo. Que poderoso estar conscientes del asombroso amor de Dios manifestado en la historia de Navidad!

Queridos feligreses, esta es mi novena Navidad en Kankakee. Cada Navidad que he tenido con ustedes ha sido muy memorable, alegre y cargada de emociones. Esta es una de las razones por las cuales sé que he hecho un verdadero hogar aquí en Kankakee a lo largo de los años, que mis Navidades con ustedes han sido hermosamente bendecidas. Sé que este año no va a ser diferente. Incluso ahora, ya he recibido muchos regalos y saludos de nuestros feligreses, y quiero tomar este tiempo para decirles gracias a todos ustedes. Tengo una caja grande de tarjetas de los ocho años en Kankakee y sé que algún día cuando abra esta caja nuevamente, bellos recuerdos y sentimientos volverán a surgir en mi alma. Estoy muy agradecido y le doy gracias a Dios por estos bellos momentos de mi vida sacerdotal. Nunca serán olvidados.

Permítanme tomar esta oportunidad para recordarnos a todos que la temporada de Navidad esta apenas por comenzar. Navidad no termina un día después, en realidad continua por algunas semanas hasta la fiesta de la Epifanía (Tres Reyes) y se extiende más aún hasta el bautismo del Señor. Por favor asegúrense de enseñarle a las familias a su alrededor de no guardar sus decoraciones Navideñas cuando apenas ha llegado la época. Aún más importante, los invito a mantener vivo el espíritu Navideño a través de la temporada. Convivan con amigos y familiares, digan en voz baja una oración de agradecimiento junto al pesebre. Canten sus villancicos Navideños. Y cuando puedan vengán a la Iglesia durante los ocho días de Navidad.

En nombre de toda nuestra familia parroquial, les deseo una Alegre y Feliz Navidad. Que siempre tengan el amor de Dios en sus corazones, y que nunca fallen en reconocer ese amor mostrado en muchas áreas de su vida. Que crezcan en gratitud y respondan a Su amor con absoluta generosidad de espíritu y pasión por su fe.

En la alegría del Señor  
*Fr. Sunny Castillo*

<b>Liturgical Schedule</b>	<b>Saturday</b> December 28 4:30 pm	<b>Saturday/Sábado</b> December 28 6:00 pm	<b>Sunday</b> December 29 8:00 am	<b>Sunday</b> December 29 9:30 am	<b>Sunday</b> December 29 11:30 am
<b>Altar Servers/ Monaguillos</b>	Jerry Holohan	Justin Prado Sabrina Prado	Richard Hemza Ben Bilderback	Colin Furrow Katelyn Furrow	Sara Gonzales Joseph Osborn David Osborn
<b>Lectors/ Lectores</b>	Cindy McBarnes <b>Both Readings</b>	Rosario Lira Norma Sanchez Elizabeth Suarez	1) Desiree Grant 2) Cheryl Heldt	1) Jessica Clodi 2) Edison Barber	1) Steve Kelley 2) <b>Need Volunteer</b>
<b>Communion Ministers/ Ministros de la Comunión</b>	*Tracy Douglas Arlene Bialas Chet Brandon Diane Devine	David Jimenez Jose Ayala Eloisa Ayala	*Cathi Willi Linda Kerness Julie Yarno Bev Kohan	*Jan Anesi *Judy Smead *Char Nolte Amy Anderson Teri O'Connor Sheryl Scanlon	*Rosario Lira Pedro Gonzales Rosa Gonzales Oriana Gonzales
<b>Ushers Ujieres</b>	*Rich McBarnes Dave Savoie Jeanne James Minta Crump	Susana Perez Alejandra Perez Maria Medina Antonio Serna	*Kathy Bessette John Guimond	*Gary Shaw Mark O'Connor Charlene Russell Mike Scanlon	*Silvia Barajas Arturo Barajas Juana Osborn David Osborn
<b>Welcoming/ Bienvenida</b>	Julie Johnson Irene Granger	Luci Canales Jose Toledo	Cheryl Bilderback Bonnie Bilderback	Barb Staniszeski Phil Staniszeski Betty Clodi	Isidoro Fernandez Family

**Weekday Ministers:**

December 22-28 Daily Mass: Desiree Grant Comm. Ministers: Fran Powers/Sister Krystyna Altar Server: Ken Klipp  
 Dec. 29-Jan. 4: Daily Mass: Lector: Bob Pfeiffer Comm. Ministers: Desiree Grant/Sister Teresa Altar Server: Wendy Langlois  
 No 7:30 am Morning Mass on Dec. 24/25 and on Jan.1  
 Linens: December 22/29: Marilyn McDermott

<b>Liturgical Schedule</b>	<b>Sunday/Domingo</b> December 29 1:00 pm
<b>Altar Servers/ Monaguillos</b>	Cynthia Canchola Marely Serna Yael Calderon
<b>Lectors/ Lectores</b>	Sanjuana Valadez Miriam Gaytan Rogelio Canchola
<b>Communion Ministers/ Ministros de la Comunión</b>	Angelica Maria Dolores Pizano Blanca Martinez David Jimenez Silvia Esparza Rosa Chavez Antonio Serna
<b>Ushers Ujieres</b>	Eva Mora Maricela Lozano Israel Lozano Ruth Montoya
<b>Welcoming/ Bienvenida</b>	Marichuy Calderon Blanca Ortega

<b>Liturgical Schedule</b>	<b>Sunday</b> December 29 5:00 pm
<b>Altar Servers/ Monaguillos</b>	Paula Muhlstadt
<b>Lectors/ Lectores</b>	Janet Hanson
<b>Communion Ministers/ Ministros de la Comunión</b>	Juana Ayala (S)
<b>Ushers Ujieres</b>	Penny Trout Luis Ayala
<b>Welcoming/ Bienvenida</b>	Ushers Welcome



**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31**

7:30am Regular Morning mass  
6:00pm Vigil Mass Bilingual

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1**  
**SOLEMNITY OF THE**  
**BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,**  
**MOTHER OF GOD**

6:00pm Bilingual Mass

*Holy Day of Obligation*

## 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

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### Deacons

David Marlowe, Greg Clodi, & Rocco Busato

**In case of a death or a near death emergency  
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815-933-7683 and PRESS the # button**

### Pastoral Associate:

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Rende Langlois 815-693-0253

### Parish Media Links

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#### Facebook

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### Parish Council Members

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Deb Groth Marc Nichols Ramon Lopez

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Julie Busken Kris Smith Bob Kerness

### Finance Council Members

Mark O'Connor-President Cheryl Walsh-Secretary

Sonda Clocksin Amy Anderson

Gene Marcotte Claudia Noe

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday

### December 21, 2019

8:00 a.m.

† Mark Ryan (*JP2 Family*)

† Elnora Chandler (*Deacon David Marlowe*)

4:30 p.m.

† Joyce Mayo (*Cheryl Walsh*)

6:00 p.m.

† Animas del Purgatorio (*Maria Toledo*)

† Carmen Silva Sotelo (*Maria Mendez*)

† Rafaela Santoyo Gomez (*Alma Vazquez*)

### Sunday

### December 22, 2019 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m.

For All the People of St. John Paul II

9:30 a.m.

† Don Glenzinski (*McGrath Family*)

† Elnora Chandler (*Deacon David Marlowe*)

11:30 a.m.

† Richard Ortman (*Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Hortzman*)

† Joseph & Patricia Ryan (*JP2 Family*)

1:00 p.m.

† Isabel Carmona (*Dolores Pizano*)

5:00 p.m.

† LaVern Morrill (*Les & Donna Morrill*)

Tom Bogdan (*Birdie Blanchette*)

### Monday

### December 23, 2019

7:30 a.m.

† Fr. Dennis Settles (*The Clodi Family*)

† John Azzarelli (*Betty Azzarelli*)

### Tuesday

### December 24, 2019 Christmas Eve

3:00 p.m.

† Deceased Members of Grant Family (*Grant Family*)

6:00 p.m.

Humberto Lopez (*Lopez Family*)

9:00 p.m.

† Elnora Chandler (*Deacon David Marlowe*)

11:00 p.m.

† Fr. Dennis Settles (*Family*)

### Wednesday

### December 25, 2019 Christmas Day

10:00 a.m.

† Elnora Chandler (*Deacon David Marlowe*)

Walter Dinsick (*Birdie Blanchette*)

12:00 a.m.

Alvarado Family (*JP2 Family*)

### Thursday

### December 26, 2019

7:30 a.m.

† Elnora Chandler (*Deacon David Marlowe*)

Gerard Hilinski (*Bernice Bukosky*)

### Friday

### December 27, 2019

7:30 a.m.

Gerald Hilinski (*LaVonne Linneman*)

Mark & Diane McCartney (*Family*)

† Elnora Chandler (*Deacon David Marlowe*)

### Saturday

### December 28, 2019

8:00 a.m.

† Mary Lerner (*Dudley Straubel*)

Julia Renee Cwiakala (*Janice Ramos*)

4:30 p.m.

† Patrick Ryan (*JP2 Family*)

† Elnora Chandler (*Deacon David Marlowe*)

† Rafaela Santoyo Gomez (*Alma Vazquez*)

6:00 p.m.

† Miguel Mendez (*Martha Mendez*)

† Animas Del Purgatorio (*Maria Toledo*)

### Sunday

### December 29, 2019

8:00 a.m.

† Kevin Sprimont (*Betty Azzarelli*)

† Tony Jannik (*Family*)

9:30 a.m.

For All the People of St. John Paul II

11:30 a.m.

† George Faber (*Sandy Bowsher*)

† Elnora Chandler (*Deacon David Marlowe*)

† Ellen E. Galeaz (*Michael C. Fitch*)

1:00 p.m.

† Silvina Contreras (*JP2 Family*)

† Roerto Esparza (*Ricardo Esparza & Family*)

5:00 p.m.

† Dick Fitch (*Verna Tompkin*)

# SACRAMENTS

## Baptism:

Call the parish office for Pre-Baptismal requirements and scheduling. Call 815-933-7683 and talk to Donna Worth

## 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 curso pre-bautismal y requisitos. Llame 815-933-7683 Maria Flores

### Bodas:

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

## DAILY MASS READINGS

### Monday, December 23

Malachi 3:1-4, 23-24

Luke 1:57-66

### Tuesday, December 24 (The Nativity of the Lord Vigil)

Isaiah 62:1-5

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25

Matthew 1:1-25

### Wednesday, December 25 (The Nativity of the Lord)

Isaiah 52:7-10

Hebrews 1:1-6

John 1:1-18

### Thursday, December 26 (St. Stephen)

Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59

Matthew 10:17-22

### Friday, December 27 (St. John)

1 John 1:1-4

John 20:1a, 2-8

### Saturday, December 28 (Feast of The Innocents)

1 John 1:5-2:2

Matthew 2:13-18

### Sunday, December 29 (Feast of The Holy Family)

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

Colossians 3:12-21

Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

## PRAYING WITH INTENTION FOR THE SICK OF OUR PARISH



Azzarelli, Barb  
Borem, Yvonne  
Butler, Mike  
Clocksin, Mary  
Delaney, Ethel  
Emling, Kenneth  
LaPierre, Jonette  
Kreitzer, Gabriel  
Mendez, Gloria  
Murphy, Mary Lou  
Ramirez, Jose  
Saindon, Jim  
Vaughn, Norma

Beedle, Jim  
Boswell, Cheryl  
Call, Kathy  
Crane, Pat  
Diaz, Ruby  
Goselin, Eula Mae  
Lenzi, Kathy  
Martinez, Sylvia  
Mosby, Yair Nunez  
Pagono, Agnes  
Raut, Francis  
Smith, Jackson  
Wulffe, Daniel

Burnett, Mack  
Dechenne, Kathy  
Dubuque, Maureen  
Licon, Arthur  
Marsick, Virginia  
Papineau, Bruno  
Robinson, Craig  
Sprimont, Carol  
Wulffe, Matthew

\*\*\*\* 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:** Bert White II, Bernadette Denault, Barbara Ciaccio, Rose Kaminsky, Therese Gleeson, Florian & Thrasilla Janczak, Rosemary Dicarolo, John Surprenant

**ASBURY SUPPORTIVE LIVING:** Rosalyn Szymborski

**CITADEL CARE CENTER:** Rose Mary Ciaccio

**LUTHER PLACE:** Leola Mulvihill

**OUR LADY OF ANGELS:**

**OUR LADY OF VICTORY:** Frank Hart

**PRESENCE HERITAGE Lodge:** Dick Keethers, Theresa Fisher, John Hagan, Therese Falkenhan

**Village:** Virginia Gaines

**RIVER NORTH:** Ted Wheeler

**BICKFORD:** Bruno Papineau, Carol Sprimont

**RIVERSIDE SENIOR LIFE/MEMORY CARE:**

**Miller:**

**Butterfield Court:** Dorothy Kanosky, Rita Morris, Muffy Stamper, Colette Cheffer

**Senior Care:** Ardel Norgaard

**Westwood Oaks:** Eileen Dupuis




## Prayer Line Information

You may call any of these numbers with your prayer requests.

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Rita Kanosky

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The candle in the sanctuary is burning for  
**Rev. Dennis Settles**  
Requested by The Clodi Family

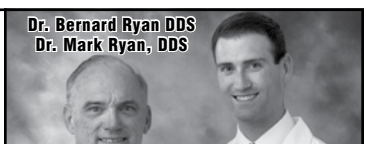


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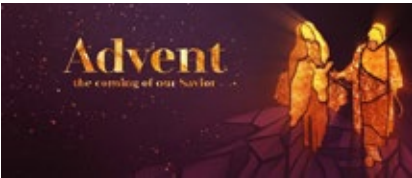
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**HOPE PEACE  
JOY LOVE**



**To Dream and to Act**

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 the deeds I do attend to mercy work for blind, deaf, lame, and mute children of God?
- I will stop complaining this week about \_\_\_\_\_?

**CHRISTMAS  
DECORATING**

**Monday, December 23  
1:00 pm**  
All are welcome to come and help. Meet in the church.

**Decoración navideña  
Lunes 23 de diciembre  
1:00 pm**  
Todos bienvenidos a venir y ayudar. Reunirse en la iglesia.



**This beautiful portrayal of the Nativity, is not like one we usually see. Before the shepherds come rushing in jabbering about an angel choir, before ANYONE shows up with gifts, there's just Mary, exhausted from child birth, and Joseph, overwhelmed by the task in front of him, and the baby; the baby that changes everything. The quiet beauty of THIS moment stirs the heart. The pomp and fanfare of Christmas, are wonderful, but I cherish the quiet moments to stop and gaze at the baby. We may be exhausted and overwhelmed, but He still changes everything.** (Submitted by a parishioner)



Have a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!  
The parish offices will be closed from Dec. 24-Jan. 1.

Que tengas una Bendita Navidad y Feliz Año Nuevo!  
Las oficinas parroquiales estarán cerradas del 24 de diciembre al 1 enero.



**THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

**COMING TOGETHER.** All manner of gatherings occur at Christmas: Of families, of friends, of associates—some invited, some not. Filled with joy because of a new child or spouse added to the family. Touched with grief because of the death of one we love.

Tinged with tension because of some wrong—perceived or real—yet unresolved. Christmas speaks to all of this and more. The birth of God in Jesus assures us that all life is good and holy. The assigned Bible readings speak of vindication, being God's delight, abundant joy, great rejoicing, peace for ever, justice filled, not forsaken, comforted. This day speaks to every emotion, everything, everyone.

- How will I show God's love to everyone with whom I gather?
- How will I let go of some hurt to be at peace?
- How will I be holy—and help those with whom I gather to be holy?



**PAPAL CRUCIFIXES  
FOR MINISTRY  
ROOMS**

It is our desire to have one of these in each of the rooms that are used by all ministries of the parish.

**We are seeking donations to purchase 9 of these. The cost is \$55 each. (Total \$495)**

If you would like to donate to help buy these, money can be dropped off at the Parish Office, FFP Office, or put in the collection basket marked

"Ministry Room Crucifix". No amount is too small!!

The Papal Crucifix is based on the design of the Papal "Pastoral" staff that Pope John Paul II made so recognizable during his time as our shepherd in Rome.

The Papal Crucifix is a sign of service in the footsteps of Jesus - the savior who guides and leads, who serves, and gives his life as a ransom for many.

<b>Liturgical Schedule Christmas</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> December 24 3:00 pm	<b>Tuesday/Martes</b> December 24 6:00 pm Español	<b>Tuesday</b> December 24 9:00 pm	<b>Tuesday/Martes</b> December 24 11:00 pm Bilingual	<b>Wednesday</b> December 25 10:00 am	<b>Wednesday/Miércoles</b> December 25 12:00 pm Español
<b>Altar Servers/ Monaguillos</b>	Colin Furrow Katelyn Furrow	Kathia Tetlalmatzi Melany Perez Edwin Perez Guadalupe Valadez	Erin Ramirez Richard Hemza	Bob Thrasher <b>Need Volunteer</b> <b>Need Volunteer</b>	Bob Thrasher Paula Muhlstadt	Yael Calderon Itzel Jaimes Marely Serna
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 RICA: Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos: Ema & Antonio Elvir 815-304-9158

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**Adult Faith Formation**  
Week of December 23-27

**Monday, December 23** Conference Rm. 6:30 to 8:00 pm  
Men's Faith Sharing - Open to all Adult men

**Tuesday, December 24** Church NO ROSARY  
NO Fatima Rosary

**Tuesday, December 24** Conf. Rm. NO BIBLE STUDY  
NO Living Word Bible Study


**Wednesday, December 25** Conference Rm. NO GIFT  
GIFT: Sessions will resume on January 8

For Bible Study Info call: Jacob Levy: 815-474-2312  
For GIFT & Words of Wisdom Info call: Laurie Mau: 815-933-8859

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

**St. John Paul II West**  
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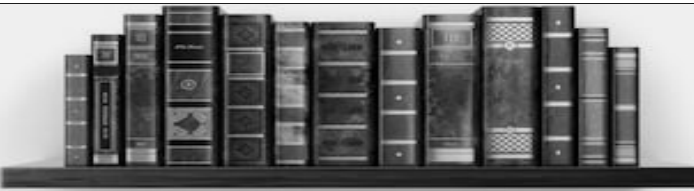
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# OUTREACH MINISTRIES

Outreach Commission Coordinator:	Teri O'Connor	815-693-9152	oconnor.teri@gmail.com
Azzarelli Outreach Clinic:	DeLynn Geistwhite	815-928-6093	azzarellclinic@yahoo.com
Kankakee Catholic Food Pantry:	Nancy Godin	815-933-7683 Ext. 417	
Lisieux Pastoral Center Director:	Kathy Wade	815-939-2913	
Lisieux Learning Link:	Bonnie Householter	815-325-8528	
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**Azzarelli Outreach Medical Clinic**  
 Week of December 23-27  
**THE CLINIC WILL BE CLOSED THIS WEEK**

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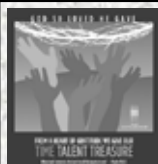
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**THIS WEEK AT JP2**

**Monday, December 23**

- 12:00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
- 1:00pm Christmas Decorating
- 6:30pm Fishers of Men- Mens Prayer Group
- 7:00pm Charismatic Prayer Group en Espanol

**Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve Masses Only**

- Parish Office and West Campus Closed for ministries
- 10:00am **NO** Fatima Rosary
- 11:00am **NO** Living Word Bible Study
- 6:15pm **NO** FFP
- 7:00pm **NO** Living Word Bible Study

**Wednesday, December 25 Christmas Day Masses Only**

- Parish Office and West Campus Closed for ministries
- 10:00 am **NO** Lord Teach Me To Pray
- 6:15pm **NO** FFP
- 6:30pm **NO GIFT**-Growing in Faith Together

**Thursday, December 26**

Parish Office and West Campus Closed except Morning Mass

**Friday, December 27**

- Parish Office and West Campus Closed except Morning Mass
- 9:00am Food Pantry-East Campus
- 9:30am Prayer Partners @ Lisieux
- 9:30am Clothing Closet @ Lisieux
- 6:00pm 12 Step Program @ Lisieux

**Saturday, December 28**

Parish Office and West Campus Closed except Morning Mass

**Sunday, December 29**

- 9:00am Pescador de Hombres Bible Study (Men)
- 10:30am **NO RCIA**
- 11:00am **NO RICA** (En Español)

**Please Note: Times/Events subject to change as needed.**

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- Dec. 31 7:30am Regular Morning Mass
- 6:00pm Vigil Mass Bilingual Mass
- Jan. 1 6:00pm Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Bilingual Mass
- Jan. 2 Parish Office re-opens
- Jan. 4 CCW Joy In January
- Jan. 5 12:30pm Pro-Life Meeting

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