

St. JOHN PAUL II

CATHOLIC PARISH

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WELCOME to the family ~ BIENVENIDO a la familia



POPE FRANCIS
1936-2025

O God, from whom the just receive
an unfailing reward, grant that your
servant Francis, our Pope, whom

You made vicar of Peter and
shepherd of Your Church, may
rejoice forever in the vision of your
glory, for he was a faithful steward
here on earth of the mysteries of
Your forgiveness and grace.

Through Christ our Lord.

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon
him. May he rest in peace.*

Amen.

PAPA FRANCISCO
1936-2025

Oh Dios, de quien los justos reciben
una recompensa indefectible, haz
que tu siervo Francisco, nuestro
Papa, a quien hiciste vicario de
Pedro y pastor de tu Iglesia, se
regocije para siempre en la visión de
tu gloria, pues fue fiel
administrador aquí en la tierra de
los misterios de tu perdón y de tu
gracia. Por Cristo nuestro Señor.

*Concédele, Señor, el descanso eterno
y haz que brille para él la luz
perpetua. Que descanse en paz.
Amén.*

Sunday of Divine Mercy - April 27, 2025
Domingo de la Divina Misericordia - 27 de Abril, 2025



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Jesus Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! On this octave day of Easter, we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, and we continue place our trust in our risen Lord as we pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis. Please remember to pray *an Our Father, Hail Mary, and Glory Be for the deceased Holy Father during these nine days of mourning.*

On that first Easter Sunday, two of our Lord's disciples were filled with doubt and confusion. They witnessed the Passion and death of Christ, and they heard about the Resurrection, but they did not understand. So they decided to walk to a nearby town called Emmaus. While on their way, as they conversed and debated, the Risen Lord, their teacher, joined them, but they did not recognize Him. As He spoke to them, their hearts were burning within them, and then they recognized Jesus in the Breaking of the Bread, the Eucharist (see Lk 24:13-35). That same day, that first Easter Sunday, Jesus also appeared to the Apostles who fearfully hid themselves in a locked room. Jesus breathed on them the Holy Spirit, telling them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained (Jn 20:22-23)". This is the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (confession).

Why are the sacraments of the Eucharist and Penance/ Reconciliation a part of that first Easter Sunday? Because our Lord is alive, and He reveals to us that He continues to give Himself to us in the Eucharist as well as forgive us through confession.

These are real experiences of the Risen Lord. The sacraments aren't our actions, but they are Christ's actions through the Church. Our Lord made us with bodies and souls, and love is not abstract—it is recognizable and experienced. In today's Gospel, on that first Sunday after Easter Sunday, St. Thomas experienced Christ's presence and witnessed the marks of God's love. His doubt was overcome with belief and he cried out "My Lord and my God!" Let us continue to be aware of Christ's presence and mercy given to us through the sacraments. With devotion and love, let us receive Jesus who brings us together to feed us, forgive us, and give us hope.

We celebrate this Sunday as Divine Mercy Sunday. I encourage you to attend the holy hour with Divine Mercy devotions this Sunday, April 7th, at 2pm in Spanish and at 6:30pm in English. Let us continue to stay close to our risen Lord and remember one another in prayer.

In Christ,
Fr. Matt



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

¡Jesucristo ha resucitado! ¡En verdad ha resucitado! ¡Aleluya! ¡Aleluya! En esta octava de Pascua, celebramos la resurrección de nuestro Señor, y seguimos poniendo nuestra confianza en Él mientras rezamos por el descanso del alma del Papa Francisco. Por favor, recuerden *rezar un Padrenuestro, Avemaría y Gloria por el Santo Padre fallecido durante estos nueve días de luto.*

Aquel primer domingo de Pascua, dos discípulos del Señor estaban llenos de dudas y confusión. Fueron testigos de la Pasión y muerte de Cristo, y oyeron hablar de la Resurrección, pero no la entendieron. Decidieron caminar al pueblo de Emaús. Cuando estaban en camino, mientras conversaban y discutían, el Señor Resucitado, su maestro, se les acercó, pero no lo reconocieron. Mientras Él hablaba, sus corazones ardían y reconocieron a Jesús al partir el pan, la Eucaristía (cf Lc 24:13-35). En el mismo día, el primer Domingo de Pascua, Jesús también se apareció a los Apóstoles que se ocultaron con miedo en la casa. Jesús sopló sobre ellos, diciéndoles: "Reciban al Espíritu Santo. A los que les perdonen los pecados, les quedarán perdonados; y a los que no se los perdonen, les quedarán sin perdonar" (Jn 20:22-23). Este es el sacramento de la Penitencia y la Reconciliación (Confesión).

¿Por qué los sacramentos de la Eucaristía y Confesión forman parte de ese primer Domingo de Pascua? Porque nuestro Señor está vivo, y nos revela que sigue entregándose a nosotros en la Eucaristía, así como perdonándonos a través de la confesión.

Estos sacramentos son experiencias auténticas del Señor resucitado. Los sacramentos no son nuestras acciones; son las acciones de Cristo por medio de su Iglesia. Nuestro Señor nos creó con cuerpos y almas, y el amor no es abstracto: es reconocible y experimentado. En el Evangelio de hoy, en el domingo después del Domingo de Pascua, Santo Tomás experimentó la presencia de Cristo y fue testigo de las marcas del amor de Dios. Su duda fue superada con creencia y clamó "¡Señor mío y Dios mío!". Sigamos siendo conscientes de la presencia y la misericordia de Cristo que se nos da a través de los sacramentos. Con devoción y amor, recibamos a Jesús que nos reúne para alimentarnos, perdonarnos y darnos esperanza.

Celebramos este domingo como el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia. Les animo a asistir a la hora santa con devociones de la Divina Misericordia este domingo, 7 de abril, a las 2pm en español y a las 6:30pm en inglés. Continuemos estando cerca de nuestro Señor resucitado y recordándonos unos a otros en la oración.

En Cristo,
Padre Mateo



**The candle in the sanctuary
is burning in memory of
DUFF & VERONICA CARLSON
By: Troy & Kathy Duchenne**

The Family of St. John Paul II extends our
Deepest Sympathy to the family of
Mary Wendling
Allen Matthew Kohl
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME PARISHIONERS

ASBURY SUPPORTIVE LIVING:

BICKFORD: Barbara Ciacchio, Kathleen Hardwick

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John & Charlene Russell

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PRESENCE HERITAGE LODGE: Dick Keethers

RIVERSIDE SENIOR LIFE/MEMORY CARE:

SENIOR CARE: David Africano

VETERANS HOME: Adrien Raymond

WESTWOOD OAKS: Eileen Dupuis, Desiree Grant

PRAYING WITH INTENTION FOR THE SICK

~ Adrien Raymond	~ Kathy Call
~ Alan & Jackie LaRoche	~ Kathy Dechenne
~ Alice Ramien	~ Kelli Burson
~ Arturo Barajas	~ Leticia Muñoz
~ Baby Wyatt & Parents	~ Magdalena Salazar
~ Betty Mulvihill	~ Margaret Bialas
~ Birdie Blanchette	~ Manuel Silva
~ Bob Crane	~ Maria de la Luz Patiño
~ Carol Gean Veranda	~ Naomi
~ Carol Loiselle	~ Nicolasa Jaimes Albiter
~ Charlene Russell	~ Nicole & David
~ Craig Robinson	~ Pat Crane
~ Daniel Wulffe	~ Paul Gerth
~ Darby Thomas	~ Raquel Garcia
~ Debbie Turner	~ Ron Talamantes
~ Desiree Grant	~ Sharon Burton
~ Elia López	~ Sylvia Lane
~ Eula Mae Goselin	~ Ted & Phyllis Bergeron
~ Frances Powers	~ Tom Sauch
~ Gloria Mendez	~ Vito Scafiezzo
~ José Luis Delgadillo	~ Willis Buchholz
~ Jose de Jesus Isaac Solis	~ Yael Martínez
~ Julia Moreno	

MASS INTENTIONS

Week of April 26 - May 4

Saturday, April 26

8:00 am Tom Lahners (*Ken & Charlene Klipp*)
4:30 pm Deceased Members of JP II CCW (*JP II CCW*)
6:00 pm Por las Benditas Animas del Purgatorio & Isaías Lira (*Emy Lira*)

Sunday, April 27

8:00 am † Evie Lystila (*Dave & Brenda Lystila*)
9:30 am † Duff & † Veronica Carlson
(*Troy & Kathy Dechene*)
Johnathan Reyes (*Irma Tinajero*)
11:30 am FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 pm † Pedro Eliecer Pico (*Blanca M. Pico*)
† Salvador Pérez González
(*Familia Pérez González*)
Rigoberto Villagomez Jr. (*Lucy Canales*)
3:00 pm † Special Intention (*Azzarelli Family*)
5:00 pm † Diane Sheehan (*Betty Azzarelli*)

Monday, April 28

7:30 am FOR THE SICK PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

Tuesday, April 29

7:30 am FOR THE SICK PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
6:00 pm POR LAS PERSONAS ENFERMAS DE LA
PARROQUIA

Wednesday, April 30

7:30 am FOR THE SICK PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
12:00 pm Forgotten Souls in Purgatory (*Martha Aune*)

Thursday, May 1

7:30 am FOR THE SICK PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

Friday, May 2

7:30 am FOR THE SICK PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
12:00 pm † Deceased of the Hernández-Luna Family
(*Martha Aune*)
7:00 pm Por las Benditas Animas del Purgatorio
(*Maria Toledo*)

Saturday, May 3

8:00 am Vocations to the Carmelite Community
(*Mystical Star Carmelite Community*)
4:30 pm † Jenora Demers (*Don Demers*)
6:00 pm POR TODAS LAS PERSONAS DE LA
PARROQUIA

Sunday, May 4

8:00 am † Debi Linder (*Dave & Brenda Lystila*)
9:30 am FOR THE SICK PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
11:30 am † Betty Grant & Dana Grant (*Grant Family*)
1:00 pm Cruz Pedro Canales & José Javier Canales
(*Lucy Canales*)
3:00 pm † Special Intention (*Azzarelli Family*)
5:00 pm FOR THE SICK PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

***** The Intention of this list is to pray for the seriously ill. Please
help us 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.*

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 815-933-7683 + Extensión.
Llame al número y presione la Tecla #
en caso de una emergencia de muerte y
necesita un sacerdote.*

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Our Shepherd's Clothing Closet*: Teri O'Connor
Hearts of Hope Youth Group: Michelle & Ken Barrie 815-382-8130

OFFERING/OFRENDA

Easter Collection: \$8,349.02

April 19 & 20: \$10,480.00

- 119 Envelopes/32 - On Line Donors (\$1,840) -
(This information is being provided to keep you updated)

Monthly School Subsidy to BMCS: \$6,592.92

Monthly Diocesan Assessment: \$3,211.00

Monthly Contribution Envelope Cost/Sobres: \$435

Our goal each week is/Meta Semanal: \$11,058.00

THANK YOU GRACIAS

WEEKLY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY/SÁBADO

English - 4:30 pm Vigil Mass / Español - 6:00 pm Misa de Vigilia

SUNDAY/DOMINGO

English - 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:30 am & 5:00 pm

Español - 1:00 pm / Latin - 3:00 pm

Sunday Vespers - 6:30 pm

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

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

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

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

CONFESSIONS (Conference Room)

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

Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship as a way of life

In gratitude for the tireless hours devoted to the celebration of Holy Week, we recognize and gratefully acknowledge:

**Fr. Matt, Fr. Roy, Fr. John,
Dea. David, Dea. George & Dea. Greg**

Tiempo, Talento & Tesoro

Fomentando la corresponsabilidad como estilo de vida

En agradecimiento por las incansables horas dedicadas a la celebración de la Semana Santa, reconocemos y agradecemos a:

**P. Matt, P. Roy, P. John
Y Diáconos. David, George & Greg**



*The family of St. John Paul II
Welcomes you!*

*Keyanna D. Nunez
Jasmine L. Connors*

Baptized on April 19, 2025

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Sunday, April 27

R1 - Acts 5:12-16

R2 - Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13,
17-19

G - John 20:19-31

Monday, April 28

R1 - Acts 4:23-31

G - John 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 29

**Memorial of Saint
Catherine of Siena,
Virgin and Doctor of
the Church**

R1 - Acts 4:32-37

G - John 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 30

R1 - Acts 5:17-26

G - John 3:16-21

Thursday, May 1

R1 - Acts 5:27-33

G - John 3:31-36

Friday, May 2

**Memorial of Saint
Athanasius, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church**

R1 - Acts 5:34-42

G - John 6:1-15

Saturday, May 3

**Feast of Saints Philip and
James, Apostles**

R1 - 1 Corinthians 15:1-8

G - John 14:6-14

Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday, May 4

R1 - Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41

R2 - Revelation 5:11-14

G - John 21:1-19



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).

THIS WEEK AT JP II

April 28 - May 4

Monday, April 28

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

5:30 pm CCW Deanery Meeting

7:00 pm Reunión del Grupo Carismático - Iglesia

Tuesday, April 29

9:00 am Lisieux-Clothing Closet

10:00 am **Fatima Rosary Group**

11:00 am Bible Study

5:00 pm Confessions/Confesiones

6:00 pm FFP - Class

7:00 pm Bible Study - Conference Room

7:30 pm OCIA

Wednesday, April 30

6:00 pm FFP - Class

Thursday, May 1

5:00 pm Confessions/Confesiones

6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice

7:00 pm Perseverancia - Encuentros Juveniles

Friday, May 2

8:00 am First Friday Adoration

9:00 am Food Pantry - East Campus

9:00 am Clothing Closet - Lisieux Center

9:30 am Homeschoolers Gathering

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

12:00 pm First Friday Latin Mass

6:00 pm Missionary Lay Group

7:00 pm Misa del Primer Viernes

Saturday, May 3

9:00 am Carmelite Lay Meeting

9:30 am First Communion Mass

11:30 am First Communion Mass

12:00 pm Young on Fire - Livestream Rosary

3:30 pm Confessions/Confesiones

8:00 pm Adoración Nocturna

Sunday, May 4

10:00 am Preparación del Día del Niño

10:30 am Blood Pressure Screening

11:00 am CCW Set Up

2:00 pm Mother/Daughter Brunch

2:00 pm Celebración del Día del Niño

6:30 pm Vespers

FUTURE EVENTS - DATES

May 5 Rosary Making

SACRAMENTOS

Bautismo: Llame a la oficina parroquial y regístrese para las pláticas Pre-Bautismales; los bautismos son el 4o sábado del mes, después de misa o en otra fecha disponible.

Bodas: La preparación comienza por lo menos 6 meses antes; Programe una cita con el Padre Matt para más detalles (antes de finalizar otros planes de su boda).

HOLY WEEK 2025



PRO LIFE

Sign up as an Auxiliary Member of the
JP2 Pro-Life Committee on
Saturday May 3rd and Sunday May 4th
Or sign up electronically on our JP2 Pro Life Group
Facebook Page.

Advocate for the protection of all life that is vulnerable,
especially for the unborn, by committing to daily or
weekly prayers, rosaries, or adoration.

Members will be notified of any prayer requests by email.

Please consider becoming a member!

Inscribirse como Miembro Auxiliar del
Comité Pro-Vida de JP2 el
sábado, 3 o Domingo, 4 de mayo

O inscribase en nuestra página de Facebook JP2 Pro Life Group
Abogue por la protección de toda vida vulnerable,
especialmente por los no nacidos, comprometiéndose a
oraciones diarias o semanales, rosarios o adoración.
Los miembros serán notificados de cualquier petición de
oración del grupo por email.

¡Por favor considere hacerse miembro!

An Afternoon Tea with Mother and Me

Presented by St. John Paul II CCW

All women and daughters are cordially invited to the
Mother-Daughter Tea.
(If you are not a mother, you are still a daughter-- All are invited!)

WHEN: Sunday, May 4, 2025

TIME: 2:30 pm

WHERE: JP2 Settles Center (gym)

COST: \$5.00 per person (3 and under are free)

Tickets will be sold after mass beginning April 13/14, April 26/27 and in the Parish Office.

Tickets must be purchased by Monday, April 28, 2025.

Una Tarde de Té con mi Madre y Yo

Presentado por San Juan Pablo II CCW

Todas las madres e hija están invitadas para un té
(Si no eres madre, sigues siendo una hija-Todas esán invitadas)

CUÁNDO: Domingo 4 de Mayo de 2025

HORA: 2:30 pm

DÓNDE: JP2 Settles Center (gimnasio)

COSTO: \$5.00 por persona (3 años o menos gratis)

Los boletos se venderán después de la misa a partir
del 13 y 14 de abril, el 26 y 27 de abril y en la Oficina Parroquial.

Las entradas deben comprarse antes del lunes 28 de abril de 2025.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE / CALENDARIO LITÚRGICO

MINISTRY	Saturday, May 3 Sábado, 3 de Mayo		Sunday, May 4 Domingo, 4 de Mayo				
	4:30 pm	6:00 pm Español	8:00 am	9:30 am	11:30 am	1:00 pm Español	5:00 pm
LECTORS	Cynthia McBarnes	Elia López Federico Ramírez	Linda Kerness	Stephen Kelley	Cynthia Somerville	Jorge Flores Trinidad García	Julie Koerner
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SACRISTAN	Annie Syrstad	Antonio & Angelica Serna	Kenneth Klipp	Deb Groth	<i>Need Volunteer</i>	Ema Elvir	
COMMUNION MINISTERS			Teri O'Connor Brenda Lystila	Sandy Girard Charlotte Nolte		Kimberly Candelario Rogelio Canchola Silvia Esparza	
GREETER				Joyce Raspolich			
ALTAR SERVERS	<i>Need Volunteers</i>	Abilene Franquiz Miguel Sánchez Michelle Tetlalmatzi	<i>Need Volunteers</i>	Sofia & Mia Moreno-Rosas Bretton Quick	Benjamin Bilderback Athziri Pina	Mariana Cabrales Yael Calderón Yazeni Calderon	Alexander Tapp

This Ministry Schedule is subject to change. Please consult MSP for the most accurate schedule.

WEEKDAY MINISTERS /MINISTROS DE LA SEMANA

DATES	LECTOR	SACRISTAN
Apr. 28 - May 3	Sharon Jackson	Flor Rojas
Martes 29	Elia López	Daniel Varela
Linens/Lienzos: April 27 & May 4: Sandy Girard		



The Kankakee Deanery Council of Catholic Women Spring Institute

will be held at **Maternity BVM**
on **Wednesday, June 4, 2025.**

Registration will begin at **5:00 pm** followed by mass
and dinner.

For more information or to sign up for this event, please
contact your CCW President.



**On May 3rd & 4th
Little Bethlehem
will be selling
handcrafted olive
wood religious
figurines and articles
from Jerusalem and
Bethlehem.**

**EL 3 Y 4 de mayo
representantes de
Little Betlehem estará
vendiendo artículos y
figuras religiosas de
madera de Jerusalén y
Belén.**

Blessed Carlo Acutis is about to be the first millennial to be canonized (declared) a saint and is considered the patron saint of the internet. He loved computers and used it to learn about and promote the faith. His pursuit of what is true, holy, and eternal gave him a strong hunger for the eucharist, and so he frequently and devoutly attended Mass, which was his highway to the living reality of God's love.

This film, "Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality," is playing here in Kankakee on Monday, April 27, and Tuesday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m. at Classic Cinemas Meadowview XQ, located at 55 Meadowview Center, Kankakee, IL 60901.

El Beato Carlo Acutis está a punto de ser el primer milenario canonizado (declarado) santo y es considerado el patrono del Internet. Amaba las computadoras y las utilizaba para aprender y promover la fe. Su búsqueda de lo que es verdadero, santo y eterno le hizo sentir un gran apetito por la eucaristía, por lo que asistía con frecuencia y devoción a misa, que era su autopista hacia la realidad viva del amor de Dios.

Esta película, "Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality", se proyectará aquí en Kankakee el lunes 27 y el martes 28 de abril, a las 7:00 pm, en el Classic Cinemas de Meadowview XQ, situado en 55 Meadowview Center, Kankakee, IL 60901.



OUTREACH MINISTRIES

KANKAKEE CATHOLIC FOOD PANTRY

FRIDAYS 9:00-11:00am

OUR FOOD PANTRY NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!!

"Every week we are feeding between 150-180 families." We are looking for both monetary and non-perishable food donations such as peanut butter, jelly, cereal, boxed stuffing, jell-o, pudding, pasta, granola bars, and pancake mix.

DONATIONS CAN BE DROPPED OFF ON SITE

OR AT ST. JOHN PAUL II PARISH

For Monetary Donations go to ip2kankakee.org or, by mail to: Kankakee Catholic Food Pantry
956 S. 10th Ave., Kankakee, IL 60901

Azzarelli Outreach Medical Clinic

341 N. St. Joseph Ave. Kankakee, IL 60901



Week of April 28 – May 2

For details please call **815-928-6093** and listen to the entire message!

Hours are posted on the front door.

*Para detalles llame al 815-928-6093
y escuche todo el mensaje.*

Los horarios están en la Puerta.

OUR SHEPHERD'S CLOTHING CLOSET

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

Open Fridays
to choose clothing
9:00 – 11:00 am



Volunteers Needed



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Money Management Program

What is the Money Management Program?

This program serves low-income older adults age 60+ or eligible individuals who have disabilities and experience difficulty handling their household finances. The service is provided free through Illinois Department on Aging (IDOA) to eligible individuals.

What do the volunteers do?

- Assist clients with organizing, reviewing, and paying bills.
- Help prepare checks for signature and assist with balancing client's checkbook.
- Visit clients in their homes.



Interested?

To learn more,
contact
Sherri Funk
815-523-9921
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A Money Management volunteer...

- is knowledgeable about budgeting
- is able to assist client with paying bills
- is a great communicator
- enjoys working with older adults
- attends quarterly training
- must pass a background check
- is available to volunteer a minimum of 8 hours per month



We are a faith-based organization providing service to people in need and calling others of good will to do the same.



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*An angel stands
by to double
your impact.*

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First Saturday / Primer Sábado
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- † 1er Viernes: Devociones al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, después de misa de 7:00 pm
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More Info? Call/Text 815-592-1181 Theresa Doebling

Words of Wisdom Book Club

Friday, May 2
At 6:30 pm
(Holy Family Hall)

May's Book Selection -
"MERE CHRISTIANITY"
By: C.S. Lewis

Questions: Call Laurie Mau 815-933-8859



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Thank you to
all who
joined us for
our Spring
sessions.

*May your journey of Lenten
preparation continue as we
look ahead to the joy of
Easter.*



JPII Conference Room

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Rosary Making

Fabricación de Rosarios
Future dates/Fechas Futuras:

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Call Bry Williams at 815-933-7791 ext. 9928 or mail americorpsseniors@cc-doj.org in Kankakee and Iroquois Counties. For more information about Catholic Charities' programs and services, visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

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For questions contact Venessa Lopatka at 630-336-5414 or at
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Presenter:

Susan Amann, MA

Director of Spiritual Ministry,
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Thursday, May 8, 2025 at
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&

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at
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Questions? Contact Susan Amann:
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FROM OUR DIOCESE



JUBILEE YEAR 2025 APRIL CELEBRATIONS

On April 25-27, our Holy Father will be remembering in prayer and celebrating with teens. Every parish has teenage parishioners, and we recognize them for their importance to the life of the parish community. We give thanks, along with the Holy Father for our parish teens and their families during their gathering in Rome.

On April 28-30, our Holy Father will be remembering in prayer and celebrating persons with disabilities. We focus on those in our parish communities whose lives are a witness of the great gift of life that is given to each of us by our God. Celebrate their presence among your parish community with generous hospitality and friendship. Invite them and encourage them to participate in the special Diocesan Jubilee Year Mass for persons with disabilities at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet on Sunday, June 1 at 12:30 pm.

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Personas con
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1 de junio de 2025
12:30 p.m.

Catedral de San Raimundo
604 N. Raynor Ave.
Joliet, Illinois

*La misa será celebrada por el obispo Ronald Hicks;
refrescos y camaradería a seguir. Aquellos con
disCAPACIDADES, y sus cuidadores, recibirán una
bendición especial.*

Questions? / Preguntas?

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