

# St. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC PARISH

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

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion, March 29, 2026  
Domingo de Ramos De la pasión del Señor, 29 de Marzo, 2026

## 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

Vespers

6:30 pm

## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

English

Monday - Friday at 7:30 am

Saturday 8:00 am

Español

Martes 6:00 pm

Primer Viernes 7:00 pm

Latin

Wednesday & Friday 12:00 pm

First Saturday at 9:00 am

## CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Tuesday & Thursday: 5:00 - 5:45 pm

Conference Room



"Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest."

"¡Hosanna! ¡Viva el Hijo de David! ¡Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor! ¡Hosanna en el cielo!"

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

On this day, the Sunday before our Lord's death and Resurrection, the disciples of Jesus praised Him as He entered Jerusalem, "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." However, the tone abruptly changed, and only a few days later, the palm and olive branches were replaced by the wood of the cross. On Palm Sunday, Christ was lifted up by shouts of praise. On Good Friday, Christ was lifted up on the cross to shouts of condemnation and then lowered into a tomb. On Easter Sunday, Christ was lifted up again in glory so that we may be lifted up by His mercy and grace into the eternal Kingdom of Heaven.

Hosanna is not only the song of the first disciples; it is our song. We acclaim it at every Mass as we give our offering to our Savior: "Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest." Holy Week is remembered and realized in every Mass, which is when Christ comes to us, receives our offering of praise, and unites it to His perfect and salvific offering on the cross, which He established on Holy Thursday as He entered into His Passion. The Eucharist is the perpetual memorial of the sacrifice of Christ, recalling the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus (see 1 Cor. 11:23-26). Every Mass reaches back to the sacrifice of Christ, and in His perfect and eternal love for us, He gives Himself to us, holding nothing back so that He might be our strength and our salvation.

My prayer is that as we walk with Jesus this Holy Week, remembering the most powerful, humble, and loving act that has changed the course of history, we may also become ever more aware of the timelessness of Jesus' loving act of redemption, memorialized in the very sacrament Jesus instituted as He began His work of salvation on Holy Thursday: the Holy Eucharist, the Mass. May this week be an opportunity to see, know, and love Christ as well as be a time for renewal: renewing our faith and our awareness of Christ's presence, mercy, and redemption. I encourage you to take part in the special liturgies and devotions this week. May each and every one of you have a blessed and fruitful Holy Week and a Happy Easter.

In Christ,

Fr. Matt



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

Ese día, el domingo antes de la muerte y la resurrección del Señor, los discípulos de Jesús lo alabaron al entrar en Jerusalén: "¡Hosanna! ¡Viva el Hijo de David! ¡Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor! ¡Hosanna en el cielo!" Sin embargo, el tono cambió y, unos días después, los ramos fueron reemplazadas por el madero de la cruz. El Domingo de Ramos, Cristo estuvo levantado por gritos de alabanza. El Viernes Santo estuvo levantado por la cruz con gritos de condenación y luego descendido a un sepulcro. El Domingo de Pascua, estuvo levantado en la gloria para nos levante por su gracia y misericordia al Reino eterno del cielo.

Hosanna no es solo el cántico de los primeros discípulos; es nuestro. Lo aclamamos en cada misa al ofrecer nuestra ofrenda a nuestro Salvador: "Santo, Santo, Santo es el Señor, Dios del universo. Llenos están el cielo y la tierra de tu gloria. Hosanna en el cielo. Bendito el que viene en nombre del Señor. Hosanna en el cielo." La Semana Santa se recuerda y se celebra en cada misa, cuando Cristo viene a nosotros, recibe nuestra ofrenda de alabanza y la une a su ofrenda perfecta y salvífica en la cruz, la cual instituyó el Jueves Santo al entrar en su Pasión. La Eucaristía es el memorial perpetuo del sacrificio de Cristo, que recuerda la pasión, muerte y resurrección de Jesús (cf. 1 Cor. 11:23-26). Cada misa se remonta al sacrificio de Cristo, y en su amor perfecto y eterno por nosotros, él se entrega a nosotros sin reservas para ser nuestra fuerza y nuestra salvación.

Mi oración es que, al caminar con Jesús esta Semana Santa, recordando el acto más poderoso, humilde y amoroso que ha cambiado el curso de la historia, estemos más conscientes de la intemporalidad de la acción de amor y redención de Jesús, conmemorada en el sacramento que Jesús instituyó cuando comenzó su obra de salvación el jueves santo: la Sagrada Eucaristía, la misa. Esta semana es una oportunidad de ver, conocer y amar a Cristo y renovar nuestra fe. Les animo a participar en las devociones y liturgias especiales de Semana Santa y el Domingo de la Pascua de la Resurrección.

Que todos y cada uno de ustedes tengan una Semana Santa bendecida y una Feliz Pascua.

En Cristo,

Padre Mateo

# ST. JOHN PAUL II DIRECTORY

815-933-7683

## 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.

## Parish Staff

### **Pastor/Párroco**

Rev. Matthew Pratscher Ext. 402 [frmatt@jp2kankakee.org](mailto:frmatt@jp2kankakee.org)

### **Parochial Vicar/Vicario**

Rev. Roy Jacob, CMI Ext. 403 [frroy@jp2kankakee.org](mailto:frroy@jp2kankakee.org)

### **Parochial Vicar/Vicario**

Rev. J. Rodolphe "Dof" Arty, CSC Ext. 412 [frdof@jp2kankakee.org](mailto:frdof@jp2kankakee.org)

**Deacons:** David Marlowe, Greg Clodi & George Arocha

**Business Manager:** Kathy Griffiths Ext. 406 [kgriffiths@jp2kankakee.org](mailto:kgriffiths@jp2kankakee.org)

**Parish Secretary:** Lisa Valadez Ext. 410 [lvaladez@jp2kankakee.org](mailto:lvaladez@jp2kankakee.org)

**Music Director:** Christopher Wilcox Ext. 408 [cwilcox@jp2kankakee.org](mailto:cwilcox@jp2kankakee.org)

### **Formación Espiritual y Consejería Hispana:**

Hna. Silvia Tejeda Ext. 404 [stejedacardenas@jp2kankakee.org](mailto:stejedacardenas@jp2kankakee.org)

**Superintendent:** David C. Panozzo 815-953-2104

## Faith Formation Office

**FFP Coordinator:** Sr. Maxencia Nyanzi Ext. 420 [srmax@jp2kankakee.org](mailto:srmax@jp2kankakee.org)

**FFP Desk:** Sandra Díaz Ext. 419

## Outreach Ministries

**Outreach Coordinator:** Teri O'Connor 815-693-9152 [oconnor.teri@gmail.com](mailto:oconnor.teri@gmail.com)

**Azzarelli Clinic Main** Ext. 414 [azzarellclinic@yahoo.com](mailto:azzarellclinic@yahoo.com)

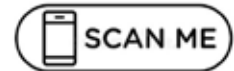
**Azzarelli Clinic Director:** Brooke Futterer Ext. 416

**Food Pantry:** Nancy Godin Ext. 417

**Lisieux Pastoral Center:** Kathy Wade Ext. 418 815-928-6093 & 815-939-2913

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

## JPII SOCIAL MEDIA LINKS



## PARISH COUNCIL

### MEMBERS

- Julie Busken - Chairperson
- Cathy Langlois - Co-Chair
- Deb Groth - Secretary
- Gabriel Mendez
- Bob Kerness
- Maria Pizano-Calderon
- Daniel Trivino
- Pedro Gonzalez
- Randy Howard

## FINANCE COUNCIL

### MEMBERS

- Mark O'Connor- President
- Annie Syrstad - Secretary
- Dave Denault
- Amy Anderson
- Mickey Kreissler
- Tom Martin
- Ryan Carter

## OFFERING/OFRENDA

**March 21 & March 22: \$14,242.96**

Envelopes: 168 | Online Donors: 32  
Envelopes & Online: 200

**BMCS Monthly School Subsidy: \$6,823.67**

**Monthly Diocesan Assessment: \$3,400.00**

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

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

THANK YOU • GRACIAS

# ONLINE giving



An easy way to support the work of  
your parish. Simply scan the QR  
Code to give online!

*Please email bulletin requests to Christopher at  
the above e-mail at least one week before the  
weekend requested.*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Palm Sunday

**Sunday, March 29**

**G1** - Matthew 21:1-11  
**R1** - Isaiah 50:4-7  
**R2** - Philippians 2:6-11  
**G2** - Matthew 26:14-27:66

### **Monday, March 30**

**R1** - Isaiah 42:1-7  
**G** - John 12:1-11

### **Tuesday, March 31**

**R1** - Isaiah 19:1-6  
**G** - John 13:21-33, 36-38

### **Wednesday, April 1**

**R1** - Isaiah 50:4-9a  
**G** - Matthew 26:14-25

### **Holy Thursday, April 2**

**R1** - Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14  
**R2** - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
**G** - John 13:1-15

### **Good Friday, April 3**

**R1** - Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
**R2** - Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9  
**G** - John 18:1-19:42

### Easter Vigil

**Saturday, April 4**

**R1** - Genesis 1:1-2:2  
**R2** - Genesis 22:1-18  
**R3** - Exodus 14:15-15:1  
**R4** - Isaiah 54:5-14  
**R5** - Isaiah 55:1-11  
**R6** - Baruch 3:9-15, 32-4:4  
**R7** - Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28  
**Epistle** - Romans 6:3-11  
**G** - Matthew 28:1-10

### Easter Sunday

**Sunday, April 5**

**R1** - Acts 10:34a, 37-43  
**R2** - Colossians 3:1-4  
**G2** - John 20:1-9

## THIS WEEK AT JPPII

### Monday, March 30

12:00-5:00 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
 5:30 pm CCW Deanery Meeting  
 6:00 pm Encuentros  
 7:00 pm Reunión del Grupo Carismático

### Tuesday, March 31

9:00 am Clothing Closet - Lisieux  
 10:00 am Fatima Rosary Group  
 11:00 am Bible Study  
 5:00 pm Confessions/Confesiones  
 7:00 pm Bible Study - Conference Room  
 7:00 pm Practica del Viacrucis  
 7:00 pm Seven Last Words - Church

### Wednesday, April 1

4:30 pm Altar of Repose & Tenebrae Set Up  
 7:00 pm Tenebrae Service - Church

### Thursday, April 2

7:30 am Morning Prayer - Church  
 6:00 pm Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper - Bilingual  
 7:00 pm - Adoration - Settles Center

### Friday, April 3

7:30 am Morning Prayer - Church  
 9:00 am Food Pantry - East Campus  
 9:00 am Clothing Closet - Lisieux  
 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry  
 12:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
 3:00 pm The Lord's Passion & Veneration of the Cross  
 5:00 pm Viacrucis Viviente con Celebración de la Pasión y Veneración de la Cruz

### Saturday, April 4

8:00 am Morning Prayer - Church  
 8:30 am Art & Environment - Decorate for Easter  
 9:00 am Carmelite Lay Meeting  
 9:30 am Rosary Making Group  
 12:00 pm Blessing of the Easter Baskets & Easter Egg Hunt  
 7:45 pm Easter Vigil Mass - Bilingual

Due to Good Friday Falling on the First Friday, there will be **NO** adoration on Friday, April 3rd. Please consider spending time with our Lord on Thursday, from 7pm to Midnight in the Settles Center.

Debido a que el Viernes Santo cae en el primer viernes del mes, **NO** habrá adoración el viernes 3 de abril.

Los invitamos a pasar tiempo con nuestro Señor el jueves, de siete de la tarde a medianoche, en el Settles Center.

The Church requires all Catholics from ages 14-59 to fast on Good Friday. As long as you are in good health, this means that you should only eat one full meal, plus two smaller meals that do not equal a full meal.

La Iglesia exige ayuno el Viernes Santo a todos los católicos de entre 14 y 59 años. Siempre que su salud se lo permita, esto significa que solo podrán tomar una comida completa y dos más pequeñas que no equivalgan a una comida completa.

## SACRAMENTS

**Baptism:** Classes are the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month in the church, please call to register; Baptisms are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month or after Mass.

**Weddings:** Marriage Preparation begins at least 6 months in advance; please schedule a meeting with Fr. Matt for details (before finalizing other wedding plans).

## SACRAMENTOS

**Bautismo:** Llame a la oficina parroquial y 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).



The sanctuary lamp  
is burning in memory of  
**Bill Clocksin**  
Requested by Kathy Griffiths

### HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME PARISHIONERS

**Bickford House:** Barbara Ciaccio  
**Bourbonnais Grove:** Lavonne Linneman  
**Butterfield Court:** Pat Canfield  
**Heritage Lodge:** Dick Keethers  
**Heritage Woods, Kankakee:** Myrna Sandeno  
**Homebound:** Rose Kaminsky, Jean Rykiel  
**LaBella of Clifton:** Kathleen Hardwick  
**Luther Place:** Leola Mulvihill  
**Riverside Senior Care:** David Africano  
**The ARC, Dwight:** Sylvia Lane  
**Westwood Oaks:** Eileen Dupuis, Desiree Grant

### PRAYING FOR THE SICK ORANDO POR LOS ENFERMOS

~ Alice Ramien	~ Kevin Schaumburg
~ Arturo Barajas	~ Leticia Muñoz
~ Betty Mulvihill	~ Lucy Canales
~ Bill Richley	~ Magdalena Salazar
~ Bob Crane	~ Margaret Bialas
~ Cheryl Heldt	~ Manuel Silva
~ Cindy Frey	~ Maria de la Luz Patiño
~ Craig Robinson	~ Maria Nunez
~ Daniel Wulffe	~ Naomi
~ Darby Thomas	~ Nicolasa Jaimes Albiter
~ Darlene Fortin	~ Nicole & David
~ Debbie Turner	~ Pat Crane
~ Desiree Grant	~ Paul Gerth
~ Elia López	~ Raquel Garcia
~ Eula Mae Goselin	~ Ramiro Castillo
~ Iliana Andrade	~ Richard Frey
~ Irma Castillo	~ Ron Talamantes
~ Jackie LaRoche	~ Sharon Burton
~ Jerome Holohan	~ Sylvia Lane
~ José Luis Delgadillo	~ Ted & Phyllis Bergeron
~ Jose de Jesus Isaac Solis	~ Tom Sauch
~ Judith Lozano	~ Tony Rosas
~ Julia Moreno	~ Virginia Estrada
~ Kathy Call	~ Virginia Pronger
~ Kathy Dechenne	~ Willis Buchholz
~ Kelli Burson	~ Yael Martínez

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. ¡Gracias!

### PRAYER LINE INFORMATION

For prayer requests, please call Rita Kanosky at 815-932-4974 or,  
email Barb Jepson at [bjepson69@gmail.com](mailto:bjepson69@gmail.com)

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, March 28

4:30 pm † Joseph & Lavaun Demers (*Don Demers*)  
6:00 pm † Luis Francisco Llanos (*Alicia Gomez*)

### Sunday, March 29

8:00 am † Cheryl Hiles (*Frederick Hiles*)  
9:30 am † Bill Clocksin (*Kathy Griffiths*)  
† Jack Klasey (*Joanne Riberdy*)  
† Virginia Nanos (*Faber Family*)  
† Joseph Offenbecher (*Kathy Dechenne*)  
† Audrey Donath (*Fran Powers*)  
† Kristen Lee Martin (*Betty Azzarelli*)  
11:30 am † Daniel Grant (*His Family*)  
1:00 pm † Carolina Pizano (*Dolores Pizano*)  
† Josefina Villafuerte (*Dolores Pizano*)  
3:00 pm For the People of the Parish  
5:00 pm Carmen Ayuso (*Irma Tinajero*)

### Monday, March 30

7:30 am † Carey Ortman (*Ortman Family*)

### Tuesday, March 31

7:30 am † Adrien Raymond (*John Riberdy*)  
6:00 pm Para todo las Personas de la Parroquia

### Wednesday, April 1

7:30 am † Adrian Raymond (*John Riberdy*)  
12:00 pm Victor West (*Azzarelli Family*)

### Thursday, April 2

7:30 am Morning Prayer  
6:00 pm † Marie Marsalli (*Sharon Baren*)

### Friday, April 3

7:30 am Morning Prayer

### Saturday, April 4

8:00 am Morning Prayer  
7:45 pm For the People of the Parish

### Sunday, April 5

6:30 am † Deceased Members of the Grant Family (*Grant Family*)  
8:00 am † Patricia Marie Hansen (*Tyler & Sarah Loschen*)  
9:30 am † George & Gabriele Kreutzer (*Anita Kreutzer*)  
† Carey Ortman (*Ortman Family*)  
† Brunette Thompson (*Nancy Birr*)  
† Dr. Balys & Nijole Poskus (*Teresa Poskus*)  
† Ethel Lamie (*Tom & Donna Lamie*)  
† Myron Lemenager (*Joanne Riberdy*)  
† Jeffrey Meredith (*Mary Ann Lambert*)  
11:30 am † Ron Brosseau (*Teddy & Family*)  
1:00 pm † Elvira Pina (*Lucy Canales*)  
† Rodolfo Canales (*Lucy Canales*)  
Gabriel y Lupita Mendez (*Gabriel y Lupita Mendez*)

**“Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive.”  
“Lo que pidas en oración con fe, lo recibirás”.**

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE / CALENDARIO LITÚRGICO

Easter Sunday / Domingo de Pascua: April 5, 2026				
	8:00 am	9:30 am	11:30	1:00 pm Español
Lector	Jose Nambo	Elizabeth Williams	Laura Shellie	Jeremy Hernandez Ricardo Valtiera
Usher	Brenda Lystila David Lystila Robert Thrasher <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Kathryn Griffiths Janice Shenk Robert Thrasher Mary Westover	Elida Ramirez Rick Ramirez Jeiel Salazar Robert Thrasher	María Calderón Verónica Calvillo Jesús Candelario Kimberly V.
Sacristan	Kathy Bessette	Sharon Jackson	Elida Ramirez	Patricia Martinez
Communion Minister	Teri O'Connor Julie Yarno	Thomas Martin Sandy Girard		Rogelio Canchola Kimberly Candelario Irma Tinajero
Altar Server		Elijah Wales Isaiah Wales Jeremiah Wales	Isabelle Ramirez Aaron Ramirez Damian Ramirez	Cynthia Canchola Isaac Medina Shahid Suarez
Greeter		Joyce Raspolich		

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

### Triduum Schedule | Horario del Triduo

	Holy Thursday Jueves Santo April 2 6:00 pm	Good Friday April 3 3:00pm	Viacrucis Viviente y luego la Celebración Litúrgica de la Pasión con la Veneración de la Cruz 5:00pm	Mass of the Easter Vigil / Misa de la Vigilia Pascual 7:45 pm
Lector	Judith Smead Trinidad Garcia	Jose Nambo	<b>Se necesita voluntario</b> <b>Se necesita voluntario</b>	1. Cynthia McBarnes 2. Federico Ramirez 3. <b>NOT FILLED</b> 4. Elizabeth Suarez 5. <b>NOT FILLED</b> 6. Rogelio Canchola 7. <b>NOT FILLED</b> 8. Miriam Gaytan
Usher	Mickey Kreissler Catherine Langlois Virginia Ayala Juana Moreno	Deb Groth Annie Syrstad	<b>Se necesita voluntario</b> <b>Se necesita voluntario</b> <b>Se necesita voluntario</b> <b>Se necesita voluntario</b>	Deb Groth Richard McBarnes Fabian Rubio Patricia Martinez
Sacristan	<b>NOT FILLED</b>			Deb Groth
Altar Server	Mia Moreno-Rosas Sofia Moreno-Rosas <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Dionisio Franquiz Natalia Franquiz Yazeni Calderon	Julian Cortez Mia Moreno-Rosas Sofia Moreno-Rosas Pedro Vazquez <b>NOT FILLED</b>

#### WEEKDAY MINISTER • MINISTROS DE LA SEMANA

DATE	LECTOR	SACRISTAN
March 30-April 3	Teresa Mahoney	Sharon Jackson
Martes 7	Victor Bolivar	Flor Rojas

#### Linens • Lienzos

Week of March 29 & April 5: Mickey Kreissler  
Week of April 12 & 19: Marcia Klasey

If you need a copy of your tax statement, please call the office.

Si necesita una copia de su declaración de impuestos, por favor llame a la oficina.



# HOLY WEEK AND TRIDUUM SEMANA SANTA Y EL TRIDUO



## Masses on Palm Sunday / Domingo de Ramos:

March 29, 2026

Saturday, March 28: 4:30pm; 6:00pm en español

Sunday, March 29: 8:00am; 9:30am; 11:30am;

1:00pm en español; 3:00pm Latin; 5:00pm

Seven Last Words of Christ: Tuesday, March 31, at 7:00pm | Tenebrae: Wednesday, April 1, at 7:00pm

## Holy Thursday / Jueves Santo:

April 2

7:30am Morning Prayer

6:00pm Mass of the Lord's  
Supper / Misa de la Cena del  
Señor (Bilingual)

7:00pm – 12:00am Adoration in  
Settles Center (Adoración en  
el Centro Settles, el  
gimnasio)

## Good Friday / Viernes Santo:

April 3

7:30am Morning Prayer

12:00pm Stations of the Cross

3:00pm Celebration of the  
Lord's Passion

5:00pm Viacrucis Viviente y  
luego la Celebración  
Litúrgica de la Pasión con  
la Veneración de la Cruz

## Holy Saturday / Sábado de

Gloria: April 4

8:00am Morning Prayer

12:00pm Basket Blessing of Food  
for the Easter Meal

12:15pm Easter Egg Hunt

Mass of the Easter Vigil / Misa de  
la Vigilia Pascual (Bilingual)

Saturday, April 4, at 7:45pm

## Easter Sunday / Domingo de Pascua: April 5, 2026

Latin Mass at 6:30am; English Masses at 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:30am; Misa en español a la 1:00pm

## CORNELIA BENSON EDUCATIONAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP

Apply between

Monday, February 2nd – Monday, June 1st  
for the 2026-2027 School Year

Applications for the Cornelia Benson Scholarship (formerly known as St. Teresa Scholarship) are now available at Bishop McNamara Catholic Schools, and in the parish office for the 2026-2027 school year. St. John Paul II parents with students in kindergarten through 12th grade may apply.

**Pre-School students are not eligible.**

## BECA DEL FONDO EDUCATIVO CORNELIA BENSON

Aplica entre el

Lunes, 2 de Febrero – Lunes 1º de Junio  
para el Año Escolar 2026-2027

Ya están disponibles las solicitudes para la Beca Cornelia Benson (anteriormente conocida como Beca Santa Teresa) para el año escolar 2026-2027 en las escuelas católicas Bishop McNamara y en la oficina parroquial. Los padres de San Juan Pablo II con estudiantes en Kindergarten – 12º grado pueden aplicar. **Los estudiantes de Pre-Escolar no son elegibles.**

YOUNG ON FIRE MINISTRY

## HEALTHY BREAKFAST LENTEN PROJECT



Our annual food collection is here! Young on Fire kids will be assembling HEALTHY BREAKFAST EASTER BASKETS to be given out to our community members who visit the Food Pantry on Good Friday.

Please, bring your donations and help us spread kindness!



### Most Needed Items:

- Breakfast bars
- Canned fruits
- Cereal
- Granola
- Jam/Jelly
- Oatmeal
- Peanut Butter

# OUTREACH

## 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 [jp2kankakee.org](http://jp2kankakee.org),  
by mail: Kankakee Catholic Food Pantry  
956 S. 10th Ave., Kankakee, IL 60901

## Azzarelli Outreach Medical Clinic

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



**- Please call for an appointment -**

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

*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**



## Spiritual Adoption Program

March 25th to December 25th

The St. John Paul II Pro Life Committee is starting the Spiritual Adoption Program to run from The Feast of the Annunciation to The Feast of the Nativity (3/25-12/25)!

Those who participate commit to praying the Bishop Fulton Sheen prayer everyday for nine months for the protection of an unborn baby who is in danger of abortion. Families are encouraged to name their spiritually adopted babies too! Over the upcoming nine months, there will be information in the bulletin about the baby's fetal development as well as other upcoming events.

Visit the display board in the back of church starting the weekend of March 21st and 22nd for instructions on how to sign up, and to pick up your copy of the Bishop Fulton Sheen prayer.

## Programa de Adopción Espiritual

El Comité Pro Vida San Juan Pablo II está iniciando el Programa de Adopción Espiritual, que se extenderá desde la Fiesta de la Anunciación hasta la Fiesta de la Natividad (25/3-25/12).

Quienes participen se comprometen a rezar la oración del obispo Fulton Sheen todos los días durante nueve meses para proteger a un bebé no nacido que está en peligro de ser abortado. Animamos a las familias a que también pongan nombre a sus bebés adoptados espiritualmente. Durante los próximos nueve meses, se publicará información en el boletín sobre el desarrollo fetal del bebé, así como sobre otros eventos próximos.

Visite el tablón de anuncios que hay en la entrada de la iglesia a partir del fin de semana del 21 y 22 de marzo para obtener instrucciones sobre cómo inscribirse y recoger su copia de la oración del obispo Fulton Sheen.



## You Are Invited - Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026 at 7pm

Maternity BVM Parish will be presenting the Living Last Supper. Come and join us for this free event held inside our historic church depicting the Last Supper from each of the disciples' points of view as they wonder, "Is it I?"

# FAITH FORMATION

Sunday Vespers & Benediction - Sunday - 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Vespers, consisting of praying with psalms and scripture. Ending with Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament.



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

First Friday / Primer Viernes  
8:00 am- 6:00 pm

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First Saturday / Primer Sábado  
8:00 pm-2:00 am

## Devociones Mensuales en Español

- † 1er Viernes: Devociones al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús, después de misa de 7:00 pm
- † 1er Sábado: Rosario, después de misa de 6:00 pm
- † 2do Sábado: Hora Santa de La Divina Misericordia, después de misa de 6:00 pm.

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Book selection:  
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Thursday, April 9  
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The Chosen - Season 5  
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Episode 4: "The Same Coin"

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**Rosary Making**  
Fabricación de Rosarios  
Future dates/Fechas Futuras:

Monday, March 23  
Lunes, 23 de marzo  
5:30 - 7:00 pm

Saturday, March 28  
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