

# St. JOHN PAUL II

## CATHOLIC PARISH

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WELCOME to the family ~ BIENVENIDO a la familia



### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

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

#### 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  
Primer Viernes 7:00 pm

Latin: Wednesday & Friday 12:00 pm  
First Saturday at 9:00 am

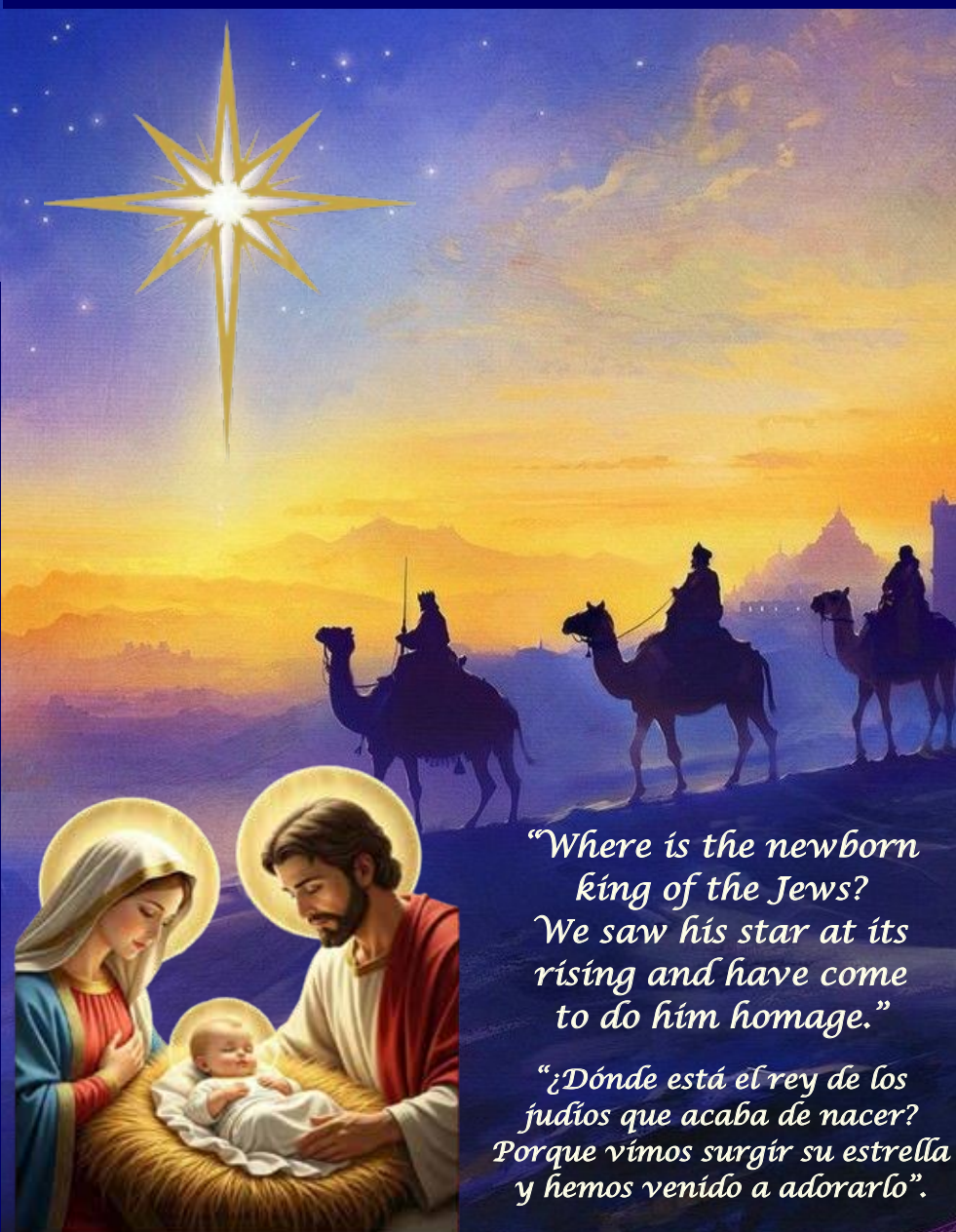
### CONFESSIONS

Conference Room

Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30 pm

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

The Epiphany of the Lord - January 4, 2026  
Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor - 4 de Enero, 2026



*"Where is the newborn  
king of the Jews?  
We saw his star at its  
rising and have come  
to do him homage."*

*"¿Dónde está el rey de los  
judíos que acaba de nacer?  
Porque vimos surgir su estrella  
y hemos venido a adorarlo".*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today, on the Feast of the Epiphany, we recall the Magi following the star to a house in Bethlehem where they found the child Jesus with the Blessed Mother. Like the Wise Men, we are on a journey, and our destination, the purpose of our lives, is found in the child who rested in the arms of His mother Mary: Jesus Christ, our Lord. Jesus is the one who brings true joy, peace, and salvation to our souls. In Bethlehem, the Magi found Him. They found the King of kings in a humble home. They found God who made His dwelling among us. God has entered our world and our history so that we may enter into an eternal friendship with Him. Upon finding the Messiah, the Magi offered gifts to the Christ Child and adored Him. May we be led throughout the year by the star of the Church to encounter Christ, adore Him, and please Him by our lives.

There is a tradition to announce on this feast day the moveable feasts throughout the year. The feast days of the year guide us in entering into the mystery of salvation and God's love and in following our Lord. I now share with you the Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts:

Know, dear brothers and sisters, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior. On the **18th day of February** will fall **Ash Wednesday**, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season. On the **5th day of April** you will celebrate with joy **Easter Day**, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ. On the **17th day of May** will be the **Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ**. On the **24th day of May**, the feast of **Pentecost**. On the **7th day of June**, the feast of the **Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ**. On the **29th day of November**, the **First Sunday of the Advent** of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

In Christ,  
Fr. Matt



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Hoy, en la fiesta de la Epifanía, recordamos a los Reyes Magos siguiendo la estrella hacia una casa en Belén, donde encontraron al niño Jesús con la Santísima Madre. Como los Reyes Magos, estamos en un viaje y nuestro destino, el propósito de nuestras vidas, se encuentra en el niño quien descansa en los brazos de Su madre, María: Jesucristo, nuestro Señor. Es Él quien trae verdadera alegría, paz y salvación a nuestras almas. Los magos lo encontraron en Belén. Encontraron al Rey de reyes en un hogar humilde. Encontraron a Dios, quién hizo su morada entre nosotros. Dios ha entrado a nuestro mundo y a nuestra historia para que así podamos entrar en una amistad eterna con Él. Al encontrar al Mesías, los Reyes Magos ofrecieron regalos al Niño Jesús y lo adoraron. Que la estrella de la Iglesia nos guíe durante todo el año para encontrarnos con Cristo, adorarlo y agradecerlo con nuestras vidas.

Existe una tradición de anunciar en este día festivo las fiestas movibles a través del año. Los días festivos del año nos guían para entrar en el misterio de la salvación y el amor de Dios y para seguir a nuestro Señor. Ahora comparto con ustedes el Anuncio de la Pascua y Fiestas Movibles:

Queridos hermanos: La gloria del Señor se ha manifestado y se continuará manifestando entre nosotros, hasta el día de su retorno glorioso. En la sucesión de las diversas fiestas y solemnidades del tiempo, recordamos y vivimos los misterios de la salvación. Centro de todo el año litúrgico es el Triduo Pascual del Señor crucificado, sepultado y resucitado, que este año culminará en la **Noche santa de Pascua** que, con gozo celebraremos el día **5 de abril**. Cada domingo, Pascua semanal, la santa Iglesia hará presente este mismo acontecimiento, en la cual Cristo ha vencido el pecado y la muerte. De la Pascua fluyen, como su manantial, todos los demás días santos: El **Miércoles de Ceniza** comienzo de la Cuaresma, que celebraremos el día **18 de febrero**. La **Ascensión del Señor**, que este año será celebrada el día **17 de mayo**. El domingo de **Pentecostés**, que este año celebraremos el **24 de mayo**. El primer domingo de **Adviento**, que celebraremos el día **29 de noviembre**. También en las fiestas de la santísima Virgen María, madre de Dios, de los apóstoles, de los santos y en la conmemoración de todos los fieles difuntos, la Iglesia, peregrina en la tierra, proclama la Pascua de su Señor. A Él, el Cristo glorioso, el que era, el que es y el que vendrá, al que es Señor del tiempo y de la historia, todo honor y toda gloria por los siglos de los siglos. Amén

En Cristo,  
Padre Mateo



**The candle in the sanctuary  
is burning in memory of**

**RON BROSEAU**

**By: Teddy and Family**



The Family of St. John Paul II  
extends our  
Deepest Sympathy to the family of  
**Gloria Mendez**

May the souls of all the faithful departed,  
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

### **HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME PARISHIONERS**

**BICKFORD:** Barbara Ciacchio

**BOURBONNAIS GROVE:** Lavonne Linneman

**BUTTERFIELD COURT:** Pat Canfield

**HERITAGE WOODS, Kankakee:** Myrna Sandeno

**HERITAGE WOODS, Manteno:**

**HOMEBOUND:** Rose Kaminsky, Jean Rykiel

**LABELLA, Clifton:** Kathleen Hardwick

**LUTHER PLACE:** Leola Mulvihill

**PRESENCE HERITAGE LODGE:**

**RIVERSIDE SENIOR CARE:** David Africano

**THE ARC, Dwight:** Sylvia Lane

**WESTWOOD OAKS:** Eileen Dupuis, Desiree Grant

### **PRAYING WITH INTENTION FOR THE SICK**

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| ~ Jackie LaRoche            | ~ Kevin Schaumburg        |
| ~ Alice Ramien              | ~ Leticia Muñoz           |
| ~ Arturo Barajas            | ~ Lucy Canales            |
| ~ Betty Mulvihill           | ~ Magdalena Salazar       |
| ~ Bill Richley              | ~ Margaret Bialas         |
| ~ Bob Crane                 | ~ Manuel Silva            |
| ~ Craig Robinson            | ~ Maria de la Luz Patiño  |
| ~ Daniel Wulffe             | ~ Maria Nunez             |
| ~ Darby Thomas              | ~ Naomi                   |
| ~ Darlene Fortin            | ~ Nicolasa Jaimes Albiter |
| ~ Debbie Turner             | ~ Nicole & David          |
| ~ Desiree Grant             | ~ Pat Crane               |
| ~ Elia López                | ~ Paul Gerth              |
| ~ Eula Mae Goselin          | ~ Raquel Garcia           |
| ~ Gene Rademacher           | ~ Ramiro Castillo         |
| ~ Gloria Mendez             | ~ Ron Talamantes          |
| ~ Iliana Andrade            | ~ 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           |

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

**Week of January 3 - 11**

### **Saturday, January 3**

8:00 am Vocations to the Carmelite Community  
(*Mystical Star Carmelite Community*)  
9:00 am Zofia Bukowska-Jarzabek (*The Johnson Family*)  
4:30 pm † Robert F. Granger (*Marianne W. Heinzl*)  
6:00 pm POR TODA LA GENTE DE LA PARROQUIA

### **Sunday, January 4**

8:00 am † Patricia Marie Hansen  
(*Tyler & Hannah Loschen*)  
9:30 am † George Faber (*Rose, David & Julie*)  
† Stanley Paul Pop (*Valerie Pop-Brandt*)  
† Tom Grant (*Patty & Alan William*)  
Jack Klasey (*Mickey Kreissler*)  
11:30 am † Ron Brosseau (*Teddy & Family*)  
1:00 pm Eloísa Martínez (*Jeiel & Lisa Salazar*)  
† Elvira Piña & † Rodolfo Canales & † Pedro  
Canales Muñoz (*Lucy Canales*)  
3:00 pm Sam Rodriguez (*The Johnson Family*)  
5:00 pm † For the Departed Souls of the Wagner &  
Washabaugh Family (*Jean Lindsey*)

### **Monday, January 5**

7:30 am † Raymond Mulholland (*John & Glory Klasey*)

### **Tuesday, January 6**

7:30 am † Adrien Raymond (*Arnold Guimond*)  
6:00 pm Kelly Akey (*Johnson Family*)

### **Wednesday, January 7**

7:30 am † Lola Gierke (*Marie Marsalli*)  
12:00 pm FOR ALL THE SICK PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH

### **Thursday, January 8**

7:30 am † Ray Mulholland (*His Wife*)

### **Friday, January 9**

7:30 am † Oleene Bieber (*Christopher Wilcox*)  
12:00 pm Samantha Cieczczak (*Johnson Family*)

### **Saturday, January 10**

8:00 am † Lola Gierke (*Joseph & Theresa Giacchino*)  
4:30 pm † Carey Ortman (*Vallego Family*)  
6:00 pm † Maria Gloria Rosales-Garcia (Her Friends)

### **Sunday, January 11**

8:00 am † Adrien Raymond (*Arnold Guimond*)  
9:30 am † Georgette Regnier (*Family*)  
† Oleene Bieber (*Christopher Wilcox*)  
† Baby Owen Burkhardt (*Ron & Pat Dressler*)  
11:30 am † Bruce Grant (*Desiree Grant*)  
1:00 pm † Nicolás Pérez (*María Pérez*)  
Josué Guadalupe Canales & Edgar Canales  
(*Lucy Canales*)  
3:00 pm FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH  
5:00 pm † Lola Gierke (*Americo Vespucci Lodge #1722*)

**Please call the office at 815-933-7683  
if you or a family member needs to receive  
Communion or Anointing of the Sick.**

**PRAYER LINE INFORMATION:** For your prayer requests,  
please call **Rita Kanosky at 815-932-4974** or, email **Barb  
Jepson at [wbjepson69@gmail.com](mailto:wbjepson69@gmail.com)**

## ST. JOHN PAUL II DIRECTORY

### 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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FFP Desk: Silvia Esparza & Sandra Díaz Ext. 419

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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

Hearts of Hope Youth Group: Michelle & Ken Barrie 815-382-8130



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### **PARISH COUNCIL**

#### **MEMBERS**

- Julie Busken - Chairperson
- Cathy Langlois - Co-Chair
- Deb Groth - Secretary
- Gabriel Mendez
- Bob Kerness
- Maria Pizano-Calderon
- Uriel Garcia
- 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/OFRENDAS**

**December 27 & 28: \$9,178.35**

Envelopes/On-Line: 164

- 136 Envelopes/28 -On Line Donors (\$1,703) -  
(This information is being provided to keep you updated)

Monthly School Subsidy to BMCS: \$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**

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

## Time, Talent & Treasure

### Fostering Stewardship as a way of life

With gratitude for all their prayers, for the time and effort they devote each day to the parishioners of St. John Paul II Parish, we recognize and gratefully acknowledge:

**Fr. Matt, Fr. Roy and Fr. Dof**

## Tiempo, Talento & Tesoro

Fomentando la corresponsabilidad como estilo de vida  
Con agradecimiento por todas sus oraciones, por el tiempo y el esfuerzo que dedican cada día a los feligreses de la parroquia San Juan Pablo II, reconocemos y agradecemos a:

**P. Matt, P. Roy P. Dof**

### FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH PRIMER VIERNES DEL MES

7:30 am – Mass / Misa

8:00 am – Confessions / Confesiones

8:00 – 11:45 am – Adoration / Adoración

12:00 – 12:45 pm – Latin Mass / Misa en Latín

12:45 – 6:00 pm – Adoration / Adoración

6:00 pm – Benediction / Reserva

7:00 pm – Misa en Español con Oraciones al Sagrado Corazón de Jesús y Bendición con el Santísimo Sacramento



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

**Sunday, January 4**

**R1** - Isaiah 60:1-6

**R2** - Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6

**G** - Matthew 2:1-12

**Monday, January 5**

**Memorial of St. John Neumann, Bishop**

**R1** - 1 John 3:22-4:6

**G** - Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday, January 6**

**Tuesday after Epiphany**

**R1** - 1 John 4:7-10

**G** - Mark 6:34-44

**Wednesday, January 7**

**Wednesday after Epiphany**

**R1** - 1 John 4:11-18

**G** - Mark 6:45-52

**Thursday, January 8**

**Thursday after Epiphany**

**R1** - 1 John 4:19-5:4

**G** - Luke 4:14-22

**Friday, January 9**

**Friday after Epiphany**

**R1** - 1 John 5:5-13

**G** - Luke 5:12-16

**Saturday, January 10**

**Saturday after Epiphany**

**R1** - 1 John 5:14-21

**G** - John 3:22-30

**The Baptism of the Lord**

**Sunday, January 11**

**R1** - Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

**R2** - Acts 10:34-38

**G** - Matthew 3:13-17



## THIS WEEK AT JP II

January 5 - 11

### Monday, January 5

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

2:00 pm Lord Teach Me to Pray - Angel Room

7:00 pm Reunión del Grupo Carismático

### Tuesday, January 6

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 Faith Formation Program / Doctrina

7:00 pm Bible Study - Conference Room

7:30 pm OCIA - Office & Conference Room

### Wednesday, January 7

6:00 pm Faith Formation Program / Doctrina

### Thursday, January 8

5:00 pm Confessions / Confesiones

6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice

7:00 pm Encuentros Juveniles

### Friday, January 9

9:00 am Food Pantry - East Campus

9:00 am Lisieux - Clothing Closet

10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry

6:00 pm Words of Wisdom - Holy Family Hall

### Saturday, January 10

12:00 pm Young on Fire - Livestream Rosary

3:30 pm Confessions/Confesiones

4:00 pm Clases Pre-bautismales (Si se necesitan)

**7:00 pm Hora Santa de la Divina Misericordia**

### Sunday, January 11

9:00 am Estudio Bíblico (Hombres)

1:00 pm Clases Pre-bautismales (Si se necesitan)

6:30 pm The Blue Knights - Holy Family Hall

6:30 pm Vespers

### FUTURE EVENTS

Jan. 12 Lord Teach Me to Pray

Pro-Life Meeting

Rosary Making Group

Charismatic Prayer Group

Jan. 13 Lisieux Clothing Closet

Fatima Rosary Group

Bible Study

Jan. 17 Men of St. Joseph

Encuentros Juveniles

## 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).



Archbishop-designate Hicks will celebrate a farewell Mass of thanksgiving with the clergy, religious, and lay faithful of the Diocese of Joliet at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet on Sunday, January 11, 2026, at 2:00 pm, followed by a warm reception in the Cathedral Commons. All are invited to join our bishop in prayer as he prepares to become the archbishop of New York on February 6, 2026.

*El Arzobispo-designado Hicks celebrará una misa de despedida y de acción de gracias con el clero, religiosos y fieles laicos de la Diócesis de Joliet en la Catedral de San Ramón en Joliet el domingo 11 de enero, 2026 a las 2:00 p.m., seguida de un convivio en los Comunes de la Catedral. Todos están invitados a unirse a nuestro obispo en oración mientras se prepara para convertirse en arzobispo de Nueva York el 6 de febrero, 2026.*



## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE / CALENDARIO LITÚRGICO

| MINISTRY               | Saturday, January 10<br>Sábado, 10 de Enero |                                                          | Sunday, January 11<br>Domingo, 11 de Enero                                       |                                                                       |                                                                    |                                                               |                           |
|------------------------|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                        | 4:30 pm                                     | 6:00 pm<br>Español                                       | 8:00 am                                                                          | 9:30 am                                                               | 11:30                                                              | 1:00 pm<br>Español                                            | 5:00 pm                   |
| LECTORS                | Rose Bailey                                 | Rogelio Benítez<br>Melany García                         | Linda Kerness                                                                    | Virginia Marsick                                                      | Laura Shellie                                                      | Moisés Jaimes<br>Sanjuana Valadez                             | Jean<br>Lindsey           |
| USHERS                 | Mary Causer<br>Ronald Dressler              | Oralia Candelario<br>Fabian Rubio<br>María Saldivar      | Robert Kerness<br>Catherine Langlois<br>Robert Thrasher<br><i>Need Volunteer</i> | Sharon Jackson<br>Steve Kelley<br>Mickey Kreissler<br>Robert Thrasher | Pedro Gonzalez<br>Rick Ramirez<br>Robert Thrasher<br>Irma Tinajero | Marina Reza<br>Sanjuana Valadez<br>Eulalio Valadez            | Robert<br>Thrasher        |
| SACRISTAN              | Karen Miller                                | Reyes Cintora                                            | Kenneth Klipp                                                                    | Deb Groth                                                             | Rosa Gonzalez                                                      | Fidel Villagrán                                               |                           |
| COMMUNION<br>MINISTERS |                                             |                                                          | David Lystila<br><i>Brenda Lystila</i>                                           | Sandy Girard<br><i>Judith Smead</i>                                   |                                                                    | Gabriel Méndez<br>Celene Valtierra<br><i>Guadalupe Méndez</i> |                           |
| GREETER                |                                             |                                                          |                                                                                  | Mary Talamantes                                                       |                                                                    |                                                               |                           |
| ALTAR<br>SERVERS       | <i>Need Volunteers</i>                      | Axel Rubio<br>Fabian Rubio<br><i>Necesita Voluntario</i> | <i>Need<br/>Volunteers</i>                                                       | Jayden Grabow<br>Elliot Power<br><i>Need Volunteer</i>                | Elizabeth Garcia<br><i>Need Volunteers</i>                         | Litzy Campos Ávila<br>Alexa Campos Ávila<br>Shahid Suarez     | <i>Need<br/>Volunteer</i> |

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

### WEEKDAY MINISTERS /MINISTROS DE LA SEMANA

| DATES       | LECTOR         | SACRISTAN           |
|-------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Jan. 5 - 10 | Teresa Mahoney | Linda Libby         |
| Martes 6    | Víctor Bolívar | José & Julisa Rubio |

**Linens/Lienzos:** Weeks of Jan. 4 & 11: Diane Devine

Happy & Blessed New Year!   
¡Feliz y Bendecido Año Nuevo!

## YOUNG ON FIRE

### ANNUAL HOLIDAY SERVICE PROJECT



Please Donate

Hats, Mittens, Gloves & Scarves

Please donate items  
January 3rd - 18th.

YOF will wrap and distribute them at  
Our Shepherd's Clothing Closet on January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Collection containers baskets will be located at the entrance of  
church, on the hall counter and in our parish office.

### PROYECTO ANUAL DE SERVICIO

Gorras, Guantes, Bufandas & Calcetines

Done los artículos del 3 - 18 de enero

YOF los envolverá y distribuiremos  
en Our Shepherd's Clothing Closet el 23 de enero.

Las cestas para la colecta estarán situadas en la entrada de la  
iglesia, en el mostrador del vestíbulo y en la oficina parroquial.



Thank you so  
much!

¡Muchas  
gracias!

## IT'S STILL CHRISTMAS

A GUIDE TO THE LITURGICAL CHRISTMAS SEASON



Dec. 24-  
Jan. 10

The Christmas season officially begins on Christmas Eve. It lasts until the Baptism of the Lord, which is usually the second Sunday in January.



Dec. 25-  
Jan. 1

From Christmas Day until Jan 1st, the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, is the Octave of Christmas.



Jan. 1

January 1st is the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, where we honor her role as mother of Christ and His Church.



Jan. 6

There are many feast days this season (Holy Family 12/30, Holy Innocents 12/28, etc.) The Epiphany, commemorating the visit of the Magi, always falls on Jan 6.

## ¡Hagamos discípulos para Jesús!

Descargue y lea la nueva carta pastoral del Obispo Hicks, MAKE, para descubrir cómo usted y sus seres queridos pueden vivir como discípulos y ayudar a hacer otros discípulos en su comunidad.



MAKE.diojoli.org



# MAKE

A Pastoral Letter for the People  
of the Diocese of Joliet

## Let's **MAKE** Disciples for Jesus!

Download and read Bishop Hicks' new pastoral letter, MAKE, to discover how you and your loved ones can live as disciples and help make other disciples in your community.



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## OUTREACH MINISTRIES

### KANKAKEE CATHOLIC FOOD PANTRY

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Every Monday/Cada Lunes  
12:00 - 5:00 pm  
First Friday / Primer Viernes  
8:00 am- 6:00 pm  
Nocturnal Adoration/Adoración Nocturna  
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.

## UNVEILING THE TRUTH BIBLE STUDY

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Season 9 - Session #5

Friday, January 9

at 6:00 pm

Conference Room

January's Book selection:

*Tobit's Dog*

By Michael Nicholas Richard



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\*Please call for directions: Laurie Mau 815-933-8859



## Rosary Making

Fabricación de Rosarios

Future dates/Fechas Futuras:

Monday, January 12

Lunes, 12 de enero

5:30 - 7:00 pm

Saturday, January 3

Sábado, 3 de enero

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**Presenter:**

**Sr. Linda Hatton, sscm**  
 Resource and Spiritual Direction

**WHEN:** Tuesday, January 6, 2026  
 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**WHERE:**

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## Poetry Workshop Series

**Facilitator:**

**Susan Amann, MA**  
 Director of Spiritual Ministry,  
 Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

**WHEN:** Thursday, January 22, 2026  
 Thursday, January 29, 2026  
 Thursday, February 12, 2026  
 Thursday, February 19, 2026  
 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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## FROM OUR DIOCESE

Dear Friends,  
Peace be with you.

Today, December 18, 2025, it was officially announced that I will be installed as the 11th Archbishop of the Archdiocese of New York on Friday, February 6, 2026.

I want to begin by expressing my heartfelt gratitude to Pope Leo XIV for this appointment. Growing up in the south suburbs of Chicago, just a stone's throw from where he grew up, and having spent part of my priesthood in missionary work in Latin America, I feel a deep connection to him. His leadership is a guiding light for me, and I accept this new role with humility and an open heart.

I am also grateful to Cardinal Christophe Pierre, our apostolic nuncio, for his trust. When he called to share this news, I told him I simply wish to do God's will. Receiving his phone call on the feast of Saint Juan Diego is a reminder that sometimes God calls us to things that feel beyond us, but with grace and faith, we can answer yes.

I also want to offer a heartfelt thank you to Cardinal Timothy Dolan for his more than 17 years of leadership in New York. I have been touched by his gracious support and encouragement.

These past five years in Joliet have been a true blessing for me. I have felt grateful, happy, and deeply blessed to serve as your bishop. Together we have catechized, evangelized, and put our faith into action. The relationships we have built, the faith we have shared, and the journey we have walked together are treasures I will carry with me to New York.

As you continue to read, share, and embrace my pastoral letter, "MAKE," I ask you to let it keep guiding you. Please do not let it sit on a shelf, gathering dust. Instead, continue to implement it as a living, breathing call to be disciples who MAKE disciples.

I have much to learn in New York, and I will serve there as I have served here, with all my heart. I trust in God's will and count on your prayers. Know that as you pray for me, I am praying for you, with immense gratitude and love.

With good wishes, may God bless you this Advent season as we prepare for the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

As I remain --

Sincerely Yours in Christ,  
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