

# St. JOHN PAUL II CATHOLIC PARISH

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WELCOME to the family ~ BIENVENIDO a la familia

**LENT**  
Pray + Fast + Give

## 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

Second Sunday of Lent - March 1, 2026  
II Domingo de Cuaresma - 1 de Marzo, 2026



*"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him."*

*"Éste es mi Hijo muy amado, en quien tengo puestas mis  
complacencias; escúchenlo"*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I hope that Lent is going well for you. There are three themes in today's Gospel account of the Transfiguration that give us insight into Lent: the mountain, the Exodus, and the dazzling white appearance of Jesus.

Jesus took Peter, James, and John with Him up the mountain to pray. The mountain is a symbol of union with God. It was on Mount Sinai where God revealed Himself by name to the Israelites and gave them the law. The mountain is a place where we are close to the heavens and gain perspective and wisdom. Lent can be compared to climbing the mountain, and our destination, the top, is union with God, which is made possible by the work of Christ on Mount Calvary, where He died for the world's salvation.

After ascending the mountain, the Gospel reminds us that "he (Jesus) was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him." This gave the apostles a glimpse of the glory of the Resurrection. Jesus was about to fulfill the covenant proclaimed by the prophets by "his exodus that he was going to accomplish." The exodus from Egypt was when the Israelites were set free from slavery to the pharaoh and journeyed to the Promised Land. The exodus Jesus accomplished is to set us free from slavery to sin and death so that we may journey to the Promised Land of Heaven.

Jesus, Moses, and Elijah became dazzling white. Through Christ, we have become dazzling white as well. We have been made as pure as snow and given a share in the glory of Christ by our baptism. When we were baptized, we wore a white garment to symbolize this. On Easter, we remember that we have been washed by the blood of the lamb, Jesus Christ, and so set free from sin, and made children of God and partakers of the glory of the Risen Lord. For this reason, every Easter, we renew our baptismal promises. Of course, Peter wanted to set up tents and remain at the top of the mountain, but we are meant to come down from the mountain and live out that life promised in baptism: one of prayer, peace, joy, and union in Christ.

Know of my prayers for you. Please continue to pray for one another during this Lent.

In Christ,

Fr. Matt



Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Espero que la Cuaresma les vaya bien. Hay tres temas en el Evangelio de hoy sobre la Transfiguración que nos dan una idea de la Cuaresma: la montaña, el Éxodo y la deslumbrante apariencia blanca de Jesús.

Jesús llevó a Pedro, a Santiago y a Juan con él a la montaña para orar. La montaña es un símbolo de unión con Dios. En el Monte Sinaí, Dios se reveló por su nombre a los israelitas y les dio los diez mandamientos. La montaña es un lugar donde estamos cerca de los cielos y ganamos perspectiva y sabiduría. La Cuaresma se puede comparar con escalar la montaña, y nuestro destino, la cima, es la unión con Dios, que es posible por la obra de Cristo en el Monte Calvario, donde murió por la salvación del mundo.

Después de ascender la montaña, el Evangelio nos cuenta, "Ahí se transfiguró en su presencia: su rostro se puso resplandeciente como el sol y sus vestiduras se volvieron blancas como la nieve. De pronto aparecieron ante ellos Moisés y Elías, conversando con Jesús." Dio a los apóstoles un vistazo de la gloria de la Resurrección. Jesús iba a cumplir las promesas proclamadas por los profetas por su éxodo que sea "la muerte que le esperaba en Jerusalén". El éxodo de Egipto fue cuando los israelitas fueron liberados de la esclavitud del faraón y viajaron a la Tierra Prometida. El éxodo que realizó Jesús es liberarnos de la esclavitud del pecado y de la muerte para que podamos viajar a la Tierra Prometida del Cielo.

Jesús, Moisés y Elías parecieron esplendentes. A través de Cristo, también estamos de esplendor. Por medio de bautismo hemos sido hechos tan puros como la nieve y nuestro bautismo nos ha dado una participación en la gloria de Cristo, simbolizada por la vestidura blanca que llevamos al bautismo. En la Pascua, recordamos que hemos sido lavados por la sangre del cordero, Jesucristo, liberados del pecado, convertidos en hijos de Dios y hechos partícipes de la gloria del Señor resucitado. Por eso cada Pascua renovamos nuestras promesas bautismales. Por supuesto, Pedro quería hacer tres chozas y quedar en la cima de la montaña, pero estamos llamados a bajar de la montaña y vivir la vida prometida en el bautismo: una vida de oración, paz, gozo y unión en Cristo.

Recuerden mis oraciones por ustedes y por favor sigan orando los unos por los otros.

En Cristo,

Padre Mateo



## Time, Talent & Treasure

### Fostering Stewardship as a way of life

With gratitude for all she has done in the parish office, faith formation office, flower ministry, and Nocturnal Adoration, we acknowledge and offer our sincere thanks to:

**Silvia Esparza**

## Tiempo, Talento & Tesoro

### Fomentando la corresponsabilidad como estilo de vida

Con gran gratitud por todo lo que ha hecho en la oficina parroquial, la oficina de formación de fe, el ministerio de las flores y la Adoración Nocturna, reconocemos y ofrecemos nuestro sincero agradecimiento a:

**Silvia Esparza**



**¡Adoración Nocturna!**  
**Sábado, 7 de Marzo, 2026**  
**8:00 pm - 2:00 am (o más tarde)**

En la Iglesia y en el Salón de la Sagrada Familia (Sótano)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

#### Sunday, March 1

**R1** - Genesis 12:1-4a  
**R2** - 2 Timothy 1:8b-10  
**G** - Matthew 17:1-9

#### Monday, March 2

**R1** - Daniel 9:4b-10  
**G** - Luke 6:36-38

#### Tuesday, March 3

**R1** - Isaiah 1:10, 16-20  
**G** - Matthew 23:1-12

#### Wednesday, March 4

**R1** - Jeremiah 18:18-20  
**G** - Matthew 20:17-28

### Thursday, March 5

**R1** - Jeremiah 17:5-10  
**G** - Luke 16:19-31

### Friday, March 6

**R1** - Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17-28a  
**G** - Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46

### Saturday, March 7

**R1** - Micah 7:14-15, 18-20  
**G** - Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

### THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

#### Sunday, March 8

**R1** - Exodus 17:3-7  
**R2** - Romans 5:1-2, 5-8  
**G** - John 4:5-42

## THIS WEEK AT JPII

March 2-8

### Monday, March 2

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

### Tuesday, March 3

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  
 7:00 pm Practica del Viacrucis  
 7:30 pm OCIA - Office Conference Room

### Wednesday, March 4

6:00 pm Faith Formation Program / Doctrina

### Thursday, March 5

5:00 pm Confessions / Confesiones  
 6:30 pm Adult Choir Practice - Church  
 7:00 pm Encuentros Juveniles

### Friday, March 6

8am-6pm First Friday Adoration  
 9:00 am Food Pantry - East Campus  
 9:00 am Lisieux - Clothing Closet  
 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry  
 6:00 pm Stations of the Cross  
 7:00 pm Practica del Viacrucis  
 7:00 pm Misa y Viacrucis

### Saturday, March 7

8:00 am CCW Lenten Retreat  
 8:00 am Carmelite Lay Meeting  
 9:00 am First Saturday Latin Mass  
 12:00 pm Young on Fire - Livestream Rosary  
 3:30 pm Confessions/Confesiones  
 8:00 pm Nocturnal Adoration

### Sunday, March 8

9:00 am Estudio Bíblico (Hombres)  
 6:30 pm Vespers  
 6:36 pm Choir Practice for Chrism Mass

## 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  
**Donna Grant**  
Requested by Her Family

**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 Latin  
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



**HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME PARISHIONERS**

**Bickford House:** Barbara Ciaccio  
**Bourbonnais Grove:** Lavonne Linneman  
**Butterfield Court:** Pat Canfield  
**Heritage Woods, Kankakee:** Myrna Sandeno  
**HOMEBOUND:** Rose Kaminsky, Jean Rykiel  
**LABELLA, 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**

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Week of February 28 - March 8**

**Saturday, February 28**

8:00 am † Adrien Raymond (*Marge Hildebrand*)  
4:30 pm † Jack Klasey (*Judy Mulholland*)  
6:00 pm Martha Rojas (*Irma Tinajero*)

**Sunday, March 1**

8:00 am † Adrien Raymond (*Rebecca Donnelly*)  
9:30 am † Cheryl Hiles (*Fredrick Hiles*)  
† Carey Ortman (*Dr. Keller*)  
† Marie Marsalli (*Carol M. Hatley*)  
† Alice Faber (*The Faber Family*)  
† Jim & Joanne Scanlon (*Marcia Scanlon*)  
11:30 am For the People of the Parish  
1:00 pm † Gloria Mendez (*Tom & Alyssa Clocksin*)  
† Rosa Varela (*Daniel Varela*)  
† Daniel Varela (*Daniel Varela*)  
3:00 pm † Richard Bajt (*Pat Wagner*)  
5:00 pm † Jack Klasey (*Judy Mulholland*)

**Monday, March 2**

7:30 am Lisa Valadez (*JP2*)

**Tuesday, March 3**

7:30 am † Adrien Raymond (*Marge Hildebrand*)  
6:00 pm Kathy Griffiths (*JP2*)

**Wednesday, March 4**

7:30 am † Mary Clocksin (*Kathy Griffiths*)  
12:00 pm For Conversions (*Bob & Barb Boudreau*)

**Thursday, March 5**

7:30 am † Don Jackson (*Family*)

**Friday, March 6**

7:30 am † Carey Ortman (*Ortman Family*)  
12:00 pm Thanksgiving for Answered Prayers  
(*Bob & Barb Boudreau*)  
7:00 pm Por las Animas Benditas de Purgatorio y  
Agonizantes (*Maria Toledo*)

**Saturday, March 7**

8:00 am Vocations to the Carmelite Mystical Star  
Community (*Carmelite Community*)  
9:00 am Archbishop Ronald Hicks (*Marth Aune*)  
4:30 pm † Harry Carpenter (*Pamela Carpenter*)  
6:00 pm Para la Gente de la Parroquia

**Sunday, March 8**

8:00 am † Adrien Raymond (*Marge Hildebrand*)  
9:30 am † George Faber (*Rose, David & Julie*)  
† Robert Pfeiffer (*The Pfeiffer Family*)  
† Cecilia Birr (*Nancy Birr*)  
11:30 am † George Kreutzer (*Family*)  
1:00 pm † Tomas Castillo (*Silvia Esparza*)  
† Socorro Quinones (*Lilia Villanueva*)  
3:00 pm For the Sick of the Parish  
5:00 pm † Marie Marsalli (*Carol Hatley*)

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

*Por favor, llame a la oficina al 815-933-7683 si usted o un familiar necesita recibir la Comunión o Unción de los Enfermos.*

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE / CALENDARIO LITÚRGICO

	Saturday, March 7 Sábado, 7 de Marzo		Sunday, March 8 Domingo, 8 de Marzo				
	4:30 pm	6:00 pm Español	8:00 am	9:30 am	11:30	1:00 pm Español	5:00 pm
<b>LECTOR</b>	Sheryl Janik	Aidy Rogelio Benitez	Richard Hemza	Virginia Marsick	Laura Shellie	Sanjuana Valadez Moises James	Julie Koerner
<b>USHER</b>	Annie Syrstad Ronald Dressler	José Contreras Adriana Chaca Virginia Ayala Verónica Carmona María Guerrero	Bob Trasher Cathy Langlois Brend Lystila Dave Lystila	Bob Trasher Sharon Jackson Mickey Kreissler Steve Kelley	Rob Thrasher Rick Ramirez Elida Ramirez Jeiel Salazar	Marina Reza Eulalio Valadez Sanjuana Valadez	Bob Trasher
<b>SACRISTAN</b>	Annie Syrstad	Luis Enrique Ayala Juana Maria Lugo	Ken Klipp	Deb Groth	Elida Ramirez	Fidel Villagran	
<b>COMMUNION MINISTER</b>			Daniel Trivino <i>Julie Yarno</i>	Irma Tinajero <i>Joyce Raspolich</i>		Silvia Esparza Guadalupe Mendez <i>Gabriel Mendez</i>	
<b>GREETER</b>				Cindy Martin			
<b>ALTAR SERVER</b>		Angel Franquiz Dionisio Franquiz Natalia Franquiz		Eliot Powers Pedro Vazquez Julian Cortez	Isabelle Ramirez Damian Ramirez Aaron Ramirez	Aileen Diaz Aaron Ferreira Isaac Medina	Jayden Grabow

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

WEEKDAY MINISTER • MINISTROS DE LA SEMANA		
DATES	LECTOR	SACRISTAN
March 2-7	Teresa Mahoney	Ken Klipp
Martes 3	Victor Bolivar	Flor Rojas
Linens/Lienzos: Week of March 1 & 8: Rosario Lira Week of March 15 & 22: Karen Bajt		

### A LENTEN TRADITION

## ST. Viateur's Council #745 FISH FRY

<b>MENU</b> <b>DINE IN BUFFET</b> .....\$17 Unlimited fried cod and baked cod plus endless salad bar, baked potato, french fries, green beans, macaroni and cheese. <b>DINE IN SHRIMP</b> .....\$22 Includes fried shrimp and dine in buffet. <b>FISH OR SHRIMP TO-GO</b> .....\$17/22 Purchasing a dinner TO-GO allows you to fill your own container to take your meal home. Sides: baked potato, french fries, green beans, macaroni & cheese.	<b>KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS</b> 187 S Indiana Ave, Kankakee <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> <span style="font-size: 1.2em; color: red;">FEB 18</span> & <b>EVERY FRIDAY</b> DURING LENT FEBRUARY 20, 27 MAR 6, 13, 20, 27 — APRIL 3 — <span style="background-color: red; color: white; padding: 2px;">4:30-7:00PM</span>
Questions? Want to know more? Find us on Facebook @KofC745 or call (815) 932-2031	

### IRISH ALUMNI ASSOCIATION BOARD PRESENTS

# HOOPS & SHAMROCKS

SATURDAY MUST BE 21+ TO ATTEND

**MARCH 14 2026**

**KANKAKEE COUNTRY CLUB**  
4:00PM TO 11:00PM

**IRISH SHENANIGANS**  
4:00PM-11:00PM  
\$75 per person

- Dinner buffet w/dessert served 5:00PM-8:00PM
- Green Beer
- NCAA Championship Games
- Music by Valius (7pm-11pm)
- Late-night eat!

**LATE NIGHT LEPRECHAUNS**  
8:00PM-11:00PM  
\$30 per person

- Late-night eat!
- Green Beer
- NCAA Championship Games
- Music by Valius

Dress code for Kankakee Country Club:  
Colored shirts for men; dress jeans may be worn (must not have torn holes).

NCAA Championship Games  
Playing on the Big Screen TV

Raffles All Evening!

Music by Valius  
7:00PM - 11:00PM

Complimentary Green Beer

RSVP BY MARCH 6

Scan the QR code to reply and purchase tickets.

ST. PATRICK HIGH SCHOOL  
ST. PATRICK CENTRAL  
BISHOP WILKINSON

If you need a copy of your tax statement, please call the office before March 10th, or after March 23rd.  
 Si necesita una copia de su declaración de impuestos, llame a la oficina antes del 10 de marzo o después del 23 de marzo.

# DONUT Sunday

March 8 after the 9:30am Mass  
in Holy Family Hall



**Bishop Blanchette Scholarship**  
For High School Students at BMCS



St. JP2 Council of Catholic Women is accepting applications for the Bishop Blanchette Scholarship.

1. You must be a student at Bishop McNamara High School for the 2026-27 school year, grade 9, 10, 11 or 12.
2. You must be an active member of St. John Paul II Parish.
3. Scholarship is based primarily on need.

Please call Sharon Jackson at 815-937-1556 or Beth Arocha at 815-922-5463 to apply. Applications must be received by Sharon and Beth by March 8. Our CCW can nominate only one student.

*El Consejo de Mujeres Católicas de San Juan Pablo II está aceptando solicitudes para la Beca Obispo Blanchette.*

1. Debes ser estudiante de la Escuela Secundaria Obispo McNamara para el año escolar 2026-27, en los grados 9, 10, 11 o 12.
2. Debes ser miembro activo de la Parroquia San Juan Pablo II.
3. La beca se otorga principalmente en función de la necesidad.

Para solicitarla, llame a Sharon Jackson al 815-937-1556 o a Beth Arocha al 815-922-5463. Las solicitudes deben ser recibidas por Sharon y Beth antes del 8 de marzo. Nuestra CCW solo puede nominar a un estudiante.

**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.**



Our Easter Egg Hunt will be held  
**Saturday, April 4, 2026.**

Immediately after the Blessing of the baskets at 12:00 pm.

Outside of the Settles Center.

We are in need of the following donations: **plastic fillable Easter eggs, candy to fill the eggs, small stuffed animals and toys** for the Easter baskets that we give out.

Please, turn in your donations by Sunday, March 15.

*CCW Lenten Retreat*

Women of the parish  
Come join us!

Friday, March 6th at 6:00 pm  
St. John Paul II Parish  
Mary's Way of the Cross  
led by CCW

Saturday, March 7th  
8:00 am Mass  
8:45 am Breakfast downstairs in the Holy Family Hall

9:15-11:00 am  
A Morning with Spiritual Director  
Deacon George Arocha



**Our Words of Wisdom Book Club just finished the book, Offer it Up. They will dive into their next book, The Last Four Things: Death, Judgement, Hell, Heaven by Father Martin Bon Cochim, O.S.F.C.**

The book club will meet on Friday, March 13th at 6pm in the conference room.

For more information contact  
**Laurie Mau at 815-933-8859**

# 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 [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



Bishop McNamara  
Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus  
Assembly 202



### Annual Dinner Auction for Vocations

Saturday March 14, 2026  
Knights of Columbus Hall,  
187 S. Indiana Ave,  
Kankakee, Illinois 60901

Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvre's 6:00 PM  
Dinner 7:00 PM

- Silent Auction
- Live Auction
- Chance to win cash!

For more information, make a reservation,  
or to donate an item to the auction,  
contact Deacon Pat Skelly at 815-922-4228,  
or email at [Singerskelly@msn.com](mailto:Singerskelly@msn.com)

Reservations are due by March 6th, 2026  
\$25.00 a person

All proceeds will be used to help seminarians  
and religious that are presently in  
formation to serve the Diocese of Joliet.

## Bodas comunitarias

*Esta es una oportunidad para quienes desean  
entrar en el sacramento de matrimonio.*



Las parejas que desean casarse están  
invitadas a la reunión informativa  
el viernes, **27 de marzo**,  
a las **7:30 p.m.** en el Salón de  
Conferencias.

**Recibirán información sobre los detalles de la  
Boda Comunitaria.**

**Favor de contactarse a la oficina parroquial**

# FAITH FORMATION

**Sunday Vespers & Benediction - Every Sunday - 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm:** Vespers, consisting of praying with psalms and scripture. It ends 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**  
**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

**OLD TESTAMENT:**  
Fr. Roy Jacob CMI

**NEW TESTAMENT:**  
Deacon George Arocha

**IN PERSON:** Tuesdays from  
 11:00 am - 12:00 pm & 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm  
 In the Conference Room

St. JOHN PAUL II  
 CATHOLIC PARISH

## Rosary Group

**TUESDAYS**  
 at 10:00 a.m. in Church



**CATHOLIC  
 PRO-LIFE  
 community**

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Please contact Cathy Langlois with any question at  
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## Words of Wisdom Book Club 2025-2026

**Season 9 - Session #7**

**Friday, March 13**

**at 6:00 pm**

**Conference Room**

**Book selection:**

*The Last Four Things*

By Fr. Martin VonCochen OSFC

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

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**Spring 2026**

**Thursday, March 12**

**6:30 pm (Conference Room)**

**The Chosen - Season 5**

Come watch and discuss from a  
 Catholic Perspective

**Episode 1: "Entry"**



**JP2 Conference Room**

For Questions Call:

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## Rosary Making

Fabricación de Rosarios

Future dates/Fechas Futuras:

**Monday, March 9**

Lunes, 9 de marzo

**5:30 - 7:00 pm**

**Saturday, March 14**

Sábado, 14 de marzo

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Facilitators:

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WHEN: Weekly, starting February 22, 2026  
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WHEN: Wed., March 4, 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church (Fireplace Room)  
306 W. Fourth Street, Hinsdale

HOW: Enter glass doors next to main church entrance.  
Limited space. Register by March 1 here:  
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PRESENTED BY: Deacon Tony Clissem, Ed.D. Catechetical Lead, Diocese of Joliet  
WITH: Spiritual direction panel.

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**What:** Join us for a conversation with  
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Ron Hicks of New York, the event will focus  
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**Where:** St. John Paul II Parish,  
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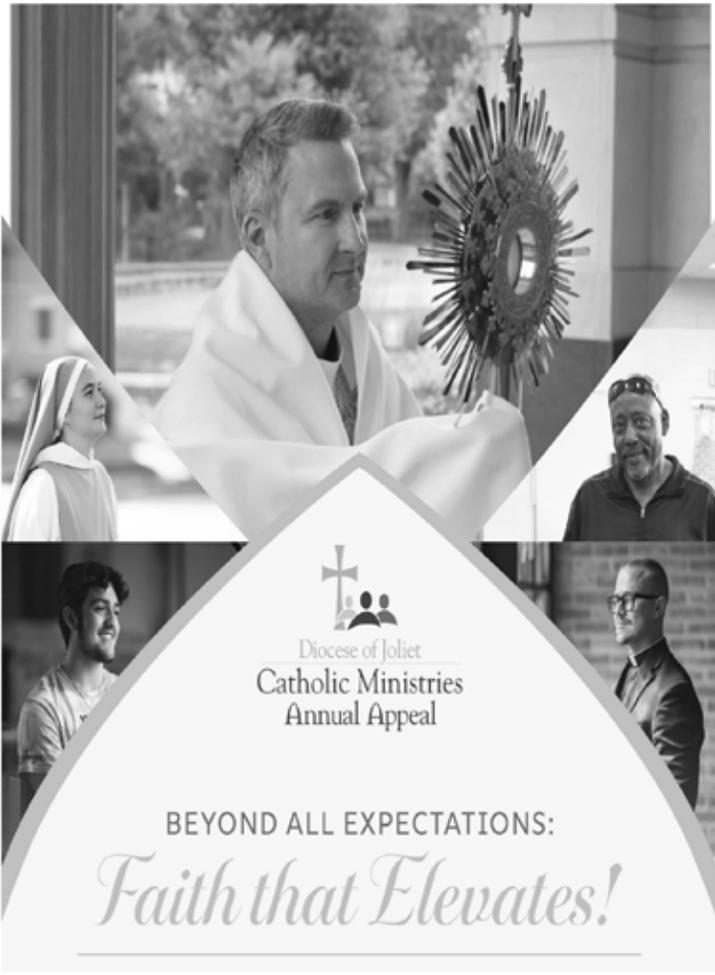
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