

# 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

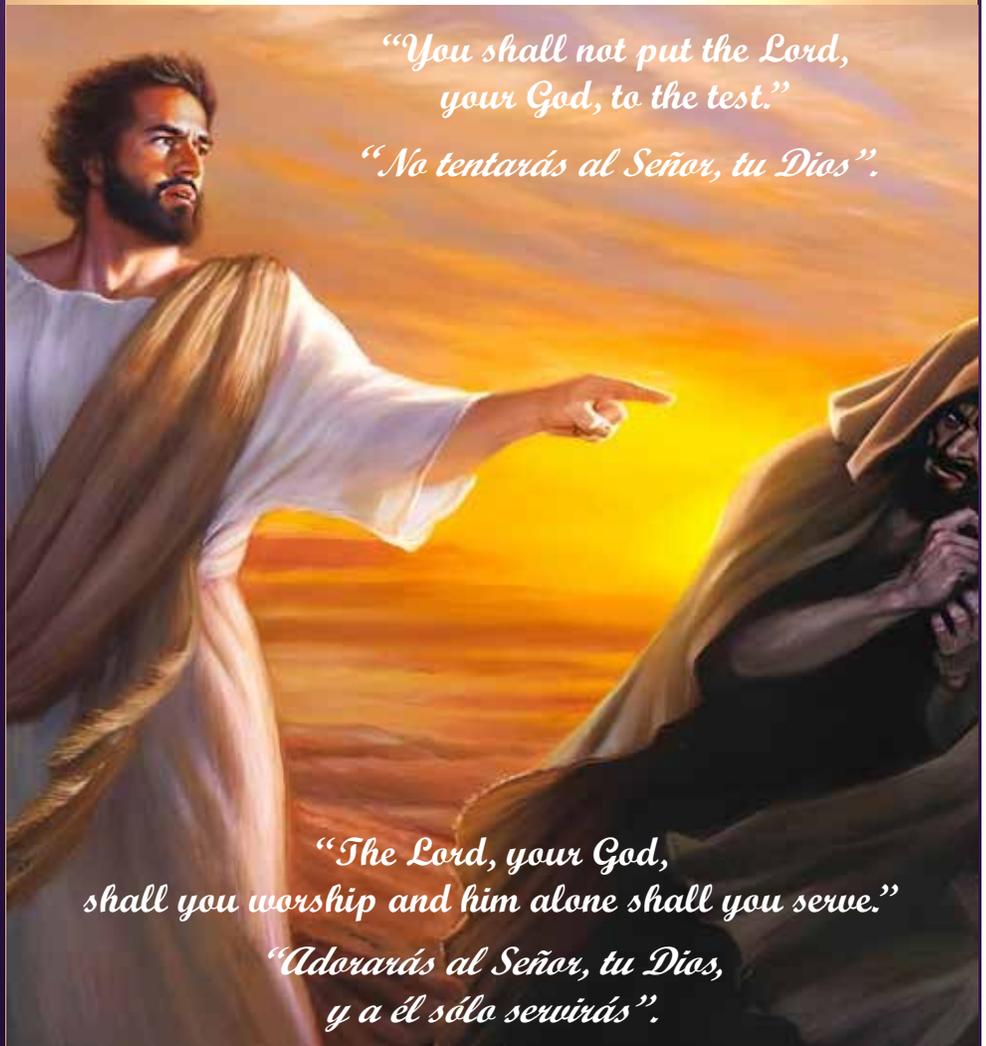
Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30 pm

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

First Sunday of Lent - February 22, 2026  
I Domingo de Cuaresma - 22 de Febrero, 2026

*"You shall not put the Lord,  
your God, to the test."*

*"No tentarás al Señor, tu Dios".*



*"The Lord, your God,  
shall you worship and him alone shall you serve."*

*"Adorarás al Señor, tu Dios,  
y a él sólo servirás".*

*"One does not live on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God."*

*"No sólo de pan vive el hombre,  
sino también de toda palabra que sale de la boca de Dios".*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we begin Lent, we remember that its purpose is to prepare us for Easter. On Easter, we celebrate the great Feast when Christ conquered sin and death by rising from the dead. United with Christ in our sufferings, life, and death, we will be united with Him in His Resurrection. This union, or friendship, with Christ began when you were baptized, when you received new life in Christ. St. Paul wrote that in baptism we die and rise with Christ. So on Easter we renew our baptismal promises so that we may live in union with him here on earth and forever in heaven.

The three disciplines of Lent are prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. I encourage you to do one of each during Lent. Fasting, when we give up some sort of food, reminds us that we are never completely satisfied by everything that we want. Sometimes, we create a lot of unnecessary noise in our lives that distract us from paying attention to God and those around us. Giving something up breaks the routine and reminds us to love God and neighbor. Don't forget that Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of abstinence from meat for anyone who is 14 years old and older. Good Friday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstaining from meat for people between the ages of 18 and 60. Fasting allows for one modest meal with two smaller meals that, if combined, would not equal the moderate meal. Exceptions can be made for health. Friday is of particular importance since every Friday reminds us of Good Friday, when Jesus suffered and died on the cross for us. Prayer turns our attention to love and be loved by God, and it also helps us to grow in love of others when we pray for them. Almsgiving refers to works of charity. When we love others, we love Christ.

May this Lent be a blessed time to grow in love of God and neighbor as we prepare to celebrate the most loving act in the history of the world: the sacrifice of God on behalf of us for the world's salvation. Let us continue to pray for one another during this sacred season.

In Christ,  
Fr. Matt



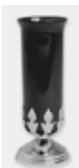
Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo:

Al comenzar la Cuaresma, recordamos que su propósito es prepararnos para la Pascua. En la Pascua, celebraremos la gran fiesta cuando Cristo venció el pecado y la muerte al resucitar de entre los muertos. Unidos a Cristo en nuestros sufrimientos, vida y muerte, estaremos unidos a Él en su resurrección. Esta unión, o amistad, con Cristo comenzó al ser bautizado, cuando recibiste una nueva vida en Cristo. San Pablo escribió que en el bautismo morimos y resucitamos con Cristo. Por eso, en Pascua renovamos nuestras promesas bautismales para poder vivir en unión con Él aquí en la tierra y para siempre en el cielo.

Las tres disciplinas de la Cuaresma son la oración, el ayuno y la limosna. Los animo a que hagan cada uno durante la Cuaresma. El ayuno, cuando renunciamos a algún alimento, nos recuerda que nunca estamos completamente satisfechos con todo lo que deseamos. A veces, creamos mucho ruido innecesario en nuestras vidas que nos distrae de prestar atención a Dios y a los que nos rodean. Renunciar a algo rompe la rutina y nos recuerda amar a Dios y al prójimo. Recuerden que los viernes de Cuaresma son días obligatorios de abstinencia de comer carne para personas que tengan 14 años o más. El Viernes Santo es día obligatorio de ayuno y abstenerse de comer carne para personas entre las edades de 18 a 60 años. El ayuno permite una comida modesta con dos comidas más pequeñas que, si se combinan, no serían iguales a la comida modesta. Se pueden hacer excepciones por la salud. El viernes es de particular importancia ya que nos recuerda el Viernes Santo, cuando Jesús sufrió y murió en la cruz por nosotros. La oración dirige nuestra atención hacia amar y ser amados por Dios, y también nos ayuda a crecer en el amor hacia los demás cuando rezamos por ellos. La limosna se refiere a las obras de caridad y misericordia. Cuando amamos a los demás, amamos a Cristo.

Que esta Cuaresma sea un tiempo bendito para crecer en el amor a Dios y al prójimo mientras nos preparamos para celebrar el acto más amoroso en la historia del mundo: el sacrificio de Dios por nosotros para la salvación del mundo. Sigamos rezando unos por otros durante este tiempo sagrado.

En Cristo,  
Padre Mateo



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

**DONNA GRANT**

**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 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



**HOMEBOUND & NURSING HOME PARISHIONERS**

**BICKFORD:** Barbara Ciaccio  
**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
~ Iliana Andrade	~ Ron Talamantes
~ Irma Castillo	~ 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 February 21 - March 1**

**Saturday, February 21**

8:00 am † Marie Marsalli (*Les & Patsy Hayden*)  
4:30 pm † Jack Klasey (*Judy Mulholland*)  
6:00 pm Padre Rodolfo Arty (*Familia Rubio Martínez*)

**Sunday, February 22**

8:00 am † Juanita Reichert-Merrill (*Cheryl & Fred Hiles*)  
9:30 am † Carey Ortman (*Ortman Family*)  
† Noralee Sirois (*Sharon Jackson*)  
† Kenny Shenk (*Family*)  
11:30 am † Donna Grant (*Her Family*)  
1:00 pm † Roberto Esparza (*Ricardo Esparza*)  
† Alfonso Contreras Abetea (*Lilia Villanueva*)  
† Luis Francisco Llanos (*Alicia Gomez*)  
3:00 pm † Terry McCullough  
(*Bob & Marybeth McGrath & Family*)  
5:00 pm FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**Monday, February 23**

7:30 am † Barbara Dolores Pop (*Valeri Pop-Bandt*)

**Tuesday, February 24**

7:30 am FOR ALL THE SICK PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
6:00 pm † Gloria Méndez (*Tom & Alyssa Clocksin*)

**Wednesday, February 25**

7:30 am † Arnie Joubert (*Margaret Joubert*)  
12:00 pm Briana Lamb & Baby (*Jackie Brady*)

**Thursday, February 26**

7:30 am † Marie Marsalli (*Les & Patsy Hayden*)

**Friday, February 27**

7:30 am † Carey Ortman (*Ortman Family*)  
12:00 pm FOR ALL THE SICK PEOPLE OF THE PARISH

**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. Hartley*)  
† Alice Faber (*Faber Family*)  
11:30 am FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE PARISH  
1:00 pm † Gloria Méndez (*Tom & Alyssa Clocksin*)  
3:00 pm † Richard Bajt (*Pat Wagner*)  
5:00 pm † Jack Klasey (*Judy Mulholland*)

**\*\*\* 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!*

**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.*

## 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.*

**Phone: 815-933-7683 Fax: 815-933-7692**

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[stejedacardenas@jp2kankakee.org](mailto:stejedacardenas@jp2kankakee.org)

Superintendent: David C. Panozzo 815-953-2104

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Facebook page: Faith Formation Program

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FFP Desk: Sandra Díaz Ext. 419

### OUTREACH

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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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### JPII MEDIA LINKS

Website:

[jp2kankakee.org](http://jp2kankakee.org)



Facebook & YouTube:

**St. John Paul II  
Kankakee**

### 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/OFRENDA

**February 14 & 15: \$11,670.14**

Envelopes/On-Line: 193

- 162 Envelopes/31 -On Line Donors (\$1,858) -  
(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**

# ONLINE giving

Please consider signing up for Online Giving...  
it's easy and convenient:

Go to <https://jp2kankakee.weshareonline.org>

**\*\*\*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 her hard work, for always going above and beyond in everything she does, and for putting her utmost effort into managing everyone's contributions, we recognize and gratefully acknowledge:

**Kathy Griffiths**

## Tiempo, Talento & Tesoro

Fomentando la corresponsabilidad como estilo de vida  
Con agradecimiento por su arduo trabajo, por ir siempre más allá en todo lo que hace y por esforzarse al máximo en la gestión de las aportaciones de todos, reconocemos y agradecemos a:

**Kathy Griffiths**

## THIS WEEK AT JP II

February 23 - March 1

### Monday, February 23

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, February 24

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 Lenten Confessions / Confesiones
7:00 pm	Bible Study - Conference Room
7:00 pm	Practica del Viacrucis
7:30 pm	OCIA

### Wednesday, February 25

6:00 pm	Faith Formation Program / Doctrina Lenten Confessions / Confesiones
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### Thursday, February 26

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

### Friday, February 27

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	Viacrucis

### Saturday, February 28

6:30 am	Men of St. Joseph - Study Group - CR
8:00 am	Leadership Workshop
8:30 am	Little Flower Girls Club - CR
11:00 am	Bautismos - Español (Si se necesitan)
12:00 pm	Young on Fire - Livestream Rosary
3:30 pm	Confessions/Confesiones

### Sunday, March 1

9:00 am	Estudio Bíblico (Hombres)
6:30 pm	Vespers

### FUTURE EVENTS

March 6	First Friday Adoration Missionary Lay Group
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*The family of St. John Paul II  
Welcomes you!*

*Damian J. Guastalli*

*Baptized on January 17, 2026*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**Sunday, February 22**

**RI** - Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

**R2** - Romans 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19

**G** - Matthew 4:1-11

**Monday, February 23**

**RI** - Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18

**G** - Matthew 25:31-46

**Tuesday, February 24**

**RI** - Isaiah 55:10-11

**G** - Matthew 6:7-15

**Wednesday, February 25**

**RI** - Jonah 3:1-10

**G** - Luke 11:29-32

**Thursday, February 26**

**RI** - Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25

**G** - Matthew 7:7-12

**Friday, February 27**

**RI** - Ezekiel 18:21-28

**G** - Matthew 5:20-26

**Saturday, February 28**

**RI** - Deuteronomy 26:16-19

**G** - Matthew 5:43-48

**Second Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday, March 1**

**RI** - Genesis 12:1-4a

**R2** - 2 Timothy 1:8b-10

**G** - Matthew 17:1-9



## 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).

## Burning of Palms on Sunday, February 15, 2026



### Our Shepherd's Clothing Closet of JP2

Bags are to fill out with personal care items for the needy. If you didn't receive a bag, and would like to help, feel free to bring the items in a plastic bag to the back of church or to Lisieux Outreach Center on Tuesday from 9 to 11am.

Items needed: *Shampoo, Toothpaste, Toothbrush, Kleenex, Soap, Nail file, Brush/comb, Face wipes, Hand sanitize...*

**Please, return to back of church by February 28.**



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.



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



**CCW**  
Council of Catholic Women



**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.

**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**

**Lunes, 2 de Febrero – Lunes 1º de Junio**  
**Aplica 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.**

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE / CALENDARIO LITÚRGICO

MINISTRY	Saturday, February 28 Sábado, 28 de Febrero		Sunday, March 1 Domingo, 1 de Marzo				
	4:30 pm	6:00 pm Español	8:00 am	9:30 am	11:30	1:00 pm Español	5:00 pm
LECTORS	Cynthia McBarnes	Karina Toledo Luis E. Ayala	Thomas Lamie	Thomas Martin	Rick Ramirez	Trinidad García Ricardo Valtierra	Victor Rosales
USHERS	Richard McBarnes Chris Stueck	Juana M. Lugo Luis E. Ayala Marcela Andrade Vicente Andrade	John Lilienthal Kerri Lilienthal Brenda Lystila David Lystila	Kathryn Griffiths Sandy Kuntz Charlotte Nolte Janice Shenk	Pedro Gonzalez Rosa Gonzalez Diana Sanchez Gabriela Sanchez	María Calderón Verónica Calvillo Jesús Candelario Kimberly Valtierra	Sharon Jackson
SACRISTAN	Karen Miller	Antonio & Angelica Serna	Kenneth Klipp	Deb Groth	Rosa Gonzalez	Patricia Martínez	
COMMUNION MINISTERS			Julie Yarno <i>Daniel Trivino</i>	Sheryl Scanlon <i>Fran Powers</i>		Rogelio Canchola Fidel Villagrán <i>Celene Valtierra</i>	
GREETER				Mary Talamantes			
ALTAR SERVERS	<i>Need Volunteers</i>	Miguel Sánchez Michelle Tetlalmatzi <i>Necesita Voluntario</i>	<i>Need Volunteers</i>	Sofia Moreno Olivia Moreno Mia Moreno	Benjamin Bilderback Athziri Pina Xavy Reyes	Emily Canchola Cynthia Canchola Fernanda Medina	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
Feb. 23-28	Rose Bailey	Flor Rojas
Martes 24	Víctor Bolívar	Camila Roblero & Flor Rojas

Linens/Lienzos: Week of February 22: Sharon Jackson; weeks of March 1 & 8: Rosario Lira

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.



# BE FORMED

**SEASON 12: THE CREED (PART 2) - THE SON**

FEBRUARY 13 - MAY 13, 2026

Learn more about the Creed and the identity of Jesus Christ through this 90-Day Discipleship Ministry!  
For more information, visit our website at [beformed.net](http://beformed.net).

**REGISTRATION OPENS JANUARY 5, 2026**



## St. John Paul II

### CCW Women's Retreat

Saturday, March 7 at 8:00 am

"Seeing with Mary's Eyes"

Presented by Deacon George Arocha



8:00 am – Mass

8:45 am – Light breakfast in the Holy Family Hall

9:15 am - Presentation

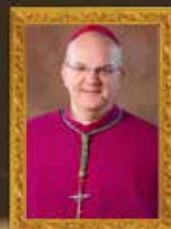
10:30 am – Closing remarks

**ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED**  
SIGN UP SHEETS ARE IN THE BACK OF THE CHURCH



SUNDAY  
MARCH 1, 2026

DISABILITIES Mass



*Most Reverend  
Dennis E. Spies*

OUR LADY OF  
MERCY CHURCH  
701 S. FOLA RD.  
AURORA, IL

Reception to Follow



Scan to  
Register!

# 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](http://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 February 23 - 27

- 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.*

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**What:** Join us for a conversation with Auxiliary Bishop Dennis Spies on how to make disciples for Jesus in the Diocese of Joliet. Continuing the legacy of Archbishop Ron Hicks of New York, the event will focus on common questions about putting our faith into action and making disciples in our parish communities.

**Where:** St. Mary Immaculate Parish, 15629 Illinois Route 59, Plainfield, IL

**When:** Thurs., March 5, 6:30-8 pm



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## SPIRITUAL DIRECTION



Deacon Tony Clisem, Ed.D.

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How do I find a spiritual director?  
Do I hear a call to be a trained spiritual director?*

## COME AND SEE

WHO: Persons of Faith Interested in . . .

- Learning about spiritual direction
- Finding a spiritual director.
- Becoming a spiritual director.

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:

[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/R/9UNQ3AF3W](https://forms.office.com/R/9UNQ3AF3W)



PRESENTED BY: Deacon Tony Clisem, Ed.D. Catechetical Lead, Diocese of Joliet  
WITH: Spiritual direction panel.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CALL 815-221-6142 OR EMAIL  
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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.

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PLACE: Conference Room

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Saturday, March 7, 2026 at 9:00 am  
JP2 Conference Room

All are Welcome!!

More Info? Call/Text 815-592-1181 Theresa Doehring

## Words of Wisdom Book Club 2025-2026

Season 9 - Session #7

Friday, March 13

at 6:00 pm

Conference Room

February's Book selection:

*The Last Four Things*

By Fr. Martin VonCochen OSFC

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

## - GIFT -

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:

Deb Groth at 815-263-1675

## Rosary Making

Fabricación de Rosarios

Future dates/Fechas Futuras:

Monday, February 23

Lunes, 23 de febrero

5:30 - 7:00 pm

Saturday, February 28

Sábado, 28 de febrero

8:30 - 10:00 am

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Facilitators:

**Sr. Kathleen Mulchay &  
 Sr. Evelyn Varboncoeur**

**Wednesdays: February 4 & 18, 2026  
 March 4 & 18, 2026  
 April 1 & 15, 2026  
 & May 6, 2026  
 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.**

[Click here](#) for episode information for each session.

**WHERE:**

**Nazareth Spirituality Center  
 717 N. Batavia Ave  
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**&**

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**Reservations are due by March 6th, 2026**  
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 and religious that are presently in  
 formation to serve the Diocese of Joliet.

## Sunday Gospel Faith Sharing Groups

Facilitators:

**See registration form for facilitator  
 information per session.**

**WHEN: Weekly, starting February 22, 2026**

**Sundays, 8 - 9 p.m. via ZOOM  
 Mondays, 9 - 10 p.m. via ZOOM  
 Tuesdays, 9 - 10:15 a.m. at OHOS\*  
 Wednesdays, 7 - 8 p.m. via ZOOM  
 Fridays, 12 - 1 p.m. via ZOOM**

**\*One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center  
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