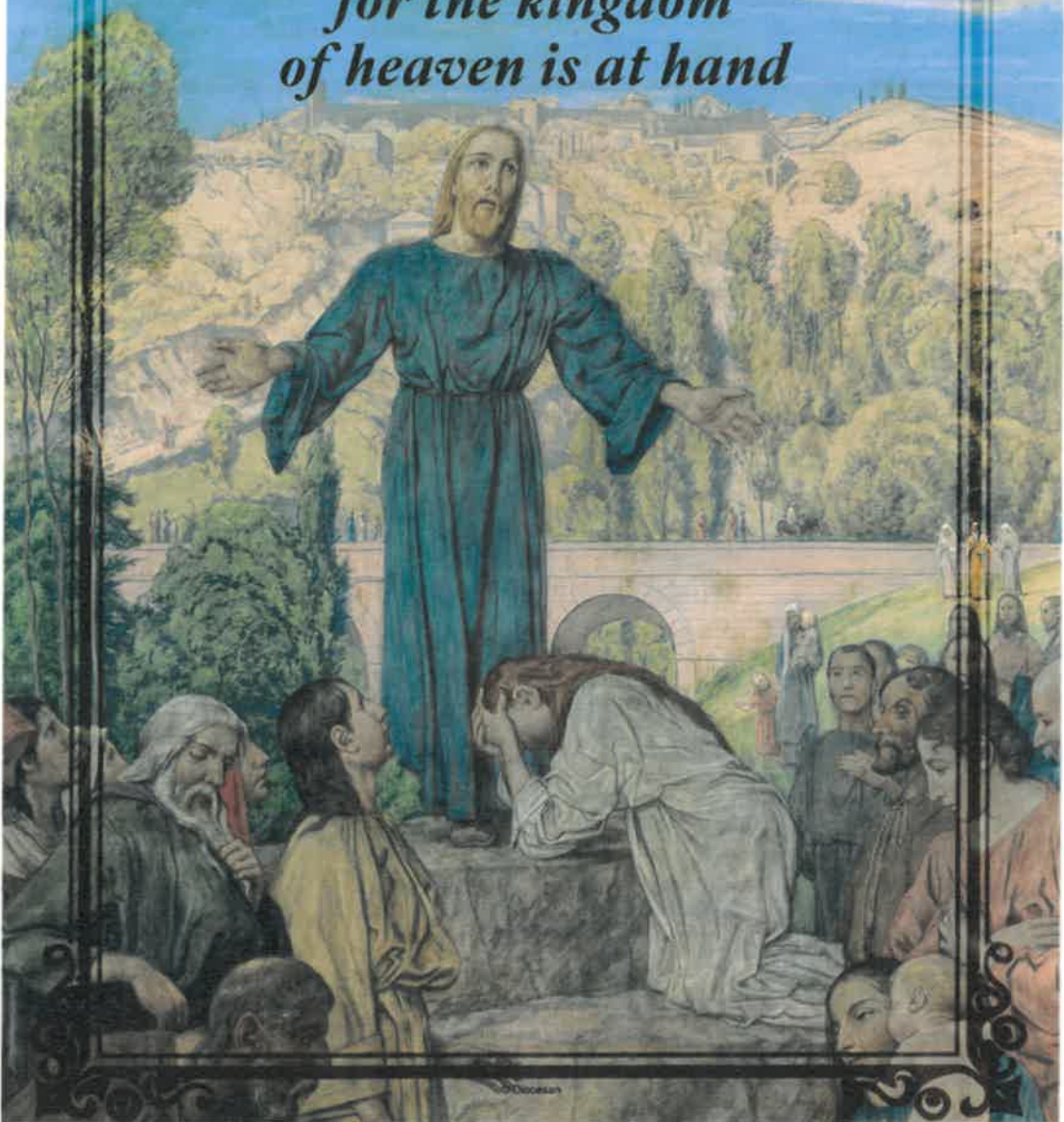


3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*Repent,
for the kingdom
of heaven is at hand*





ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH

14936 W. Wilmington - Peotone Rd.

Manhattan, Illinois 60442

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 25, 2026

Most Revered Bishop Dennis Spies
Administrator

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening only

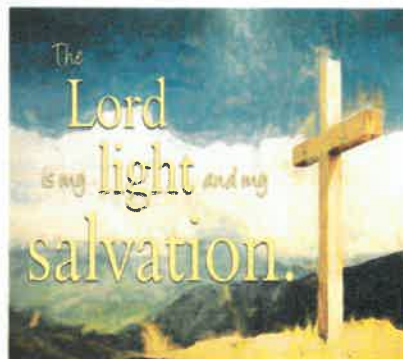
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| Jan. 24 | 5:45pm | Special Intention of Dan & Lynn Phelan +Gladys Meyer req. by The Family Parish Family of St. Patrick |
| Jan. 31 | 5:45pm | +Gladys Meyer req. by The Family Bill & Georgia Phelan 64th Wedding Anniversary req. by Ed & Judy Phelan Parish Family of St. Patrick |
| Feb. 7 | 5:45pm | +Gladys Meyer req. by The Family +Eleanor Price req. by Joyce Gregory Parish Family of St. Patrick |
| Feb. 14 | 5:45pm | +Gladys Meyer req. by The Family +Dick Smerz req. by Joyce Gregory Parish Family of St. Patrick |

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

| | <u>Lector</u> | <u>Minister</u> |
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| Jan. 24 - 5:45pm | Jerry Kinsella | C. Kinsella |
| Jan. 31 - 5:45pm | Sherrie Ashley | P. Engler |
| Feb. 7 - 5:45pm | Jerry Kinsella | C. Kinsella |
| Feb. 14 - 5:45pm | Jim Kreske | L. Cakora |

SERVERS & USHERS

Please volunteer at the Mass you are attending



**Scripture Readings
For the Week of January 25, 2026**

Sunday Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23—9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

Monday Memorial of Saints Timothy and Titus,

Bishops 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday Memorial of Saint Thomas Aquinas,

Priest and Doctor of the Church 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14; Mk 4:21-25

Friday 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday Memorial of Saint John Bosco, Priest

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Mk 4:35-41

Sunday Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Zep 2:3;

3:12-13; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a

**PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH
OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR
FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION
STATEMENT FOR 2025**

**WEEKLY OFFERING FOR
1/18/2026**

Sunday - \$1,195.00

Maintenance - \$200.00

Our weekly budget goal is \$1,211.54

THANK YOU For your faith - filled support

Please Remember our sick;

especially: Greg Harnois, Jim Kreske, Ann Marie & Tori Jasinski, Lisa Price, Barbara Schriver, Leslie Lund, Joe & Carol Price, Bernice & Dominick Marino, Tom Lane, Peggy Schiesow, Haley Donzella, Ken Smith, Laura 'Hanson, Steve Niemiec, Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernard. Joe Hanson

**PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE TO HAVE
A LOVED ONE ADDED TO THE PRAYER LIST.**



**During the Month of
Our Blessed Mother Candle
Is burning for
THE PARISH FAMILY
OF ST. PATRICK**

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Sea Region Prophet Land Arisen
Preach Repent Net Fishermen Boat

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The prayers surrounding baptism often speak of being “clothed in Christ,” and clothes are an important consideration. In ancient times, adults were probably baptized without any clothes at all, and old texts survive asking people to leave fancy garb and jewelry behind as they enter the font. Baptism was typically in a private place, the community waited elsewhere, and the casting off of clothing was hardly a public moment, nor was it embarrassing in ancient cultures where privacy was largely unknown.

Nonetheless, what was left behind on one side of the font was replaced on the other as a white robe was wrapped around the newly baptized. It was a robe of honor, a dazzling sign of a new beginning for a society that valued clothing as a sign of personal identity. For the newly baptized, a whole week in white garments was the rule, through the second Sunday of Easter, called “*Sunday in Albis*,” because of all the folks wearing their baptismal robes. — Rev. James Field



The Coldest Night of the Year is a winterrific family-friendly walk to support local charities serving people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness. Join us on February 28, 2026 at 5:00PM in downtown Joliet as we raise funds for Catholic Charities’ Daybreak Center.

The Daybreak Center provides programs and services to individuals experiencing poverty. The facility offers an emergency homeless shelter, a daily soup kitchen, and various supportive services to assist individuals and families in their pursuit of self-sufficiency.

To learn more, visit: <https://cnoy.com/location/joliet> or call 815-724-1140. It’s FREE to participate, so team up, fundraise, walk, and take a moment to look closer... because it’s cold out there.



**MEN OF
CHRIST**
LIVE YOUR FAITH BOLDLY

JOLIET

BUILDING MEN OF VIRTUE

SATURDAY 14 MARCH 2026

A POWERFUL CONFERENCE FOR ALL MEN

Ages 14 & Over

A DAY ROOTED IN CHRIST

Begin the day with
friendship. End with
spiritual renewal.

FATHERS & SONS

Come together.
Share a powerful
Father/Son blessing.

COURAGEOUS PRIESTS

Our spiritual leaders will hear many confessions
and heal countless souls.



JUSTIN FATICA

Speaker, author, and
producer; founder
of You're Amazing,
dedicated to
encouraging youth.



JOHNNY VRBA

On a mission to spark
a Catholic renaissance
through storytelling
and impactful
multimedia art.



BISHOP SPIES

Appointed auxiliary
bishop of Joliet
in 2024, focused
on catechesis,
evangelization,
and living the faith.



JIM WAHLBERG

Filmmaker, author, and
speaker inspiring faith
through stories of
redemption and
service to youth and
recovery communities.

ST. MARY IMMACULATE PARISH

15629 Illinois Rte 59
Plainfield, Illinois

Young men ages 14-17 are welcome
to attend when accompanied by
a father or adult guardian.



REGISTER @
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“Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at Hand”

In Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus’ first public words are, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” These were likewise the words of St. John the Baptist (Matt. 3:2), and now that John has been arrested for speaking inconvenient and uncomfortable truths to the powers-that-be, Jesus takes up the same message with a new authority and urgency.

While we often think of the word “repent” as a Lenten message – a sorrowful self-condemnation for our sins – the Greek word “*metanoieite*” refers to a deep interior conversion, a reorientation, a change in heart and mind and direction. If we are turning away from something, we must be turning *toward* something else. Yes, repenting means to turn away from sin, but more importantly, a turning *toward* God. The Catechism tells us that it is “a radical reorientation of our whole life, a return, a conversion to God with all our heart.” (CCC 1431)

In order to turn fully toward God, we must turn away from all that keeps us from seeing Him clearly and drawing near to Him as our loving Father. So while part of repentance is looking at our sin, confessing to a priest, and intending not to sin again, the better part is looking at the Lord, seeing His Truth and Beauty and Goodness, and opening ourselves to love Him more than ourselves, our sin, and our comfort.

Why? Because the Kingdom of Heaven is near; the King has arrived and the reign of God begins now. This Kingdom is not a political or earthly administration of borders and laws, but the reign of the King of Love, present to us in our hearts, in the Word, and in the Sacraments. St. Augustine teaches that the Church is the seed and beginning of this Kingdom on earth; we are made citizens of this Kingdom and true members of the family of the King through Baptism, and we grow to maturity through the Sacraments and prayer and service. John prepared the way but Jesus *is* the way, which He will later make clear. This call to “repent” is a call to hope: hope in the loving Heart of the Savior who came to bring reconciliation and peace, hope in the call and value of each and every life, hope in the truth that no one can out-sin God’s mercy and love, hope in the certain victory of the Kingdom of Love.

By Kathryn Mulderink