

St. Patrick, Kankakee ~ A Viatorian Parish

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 25, 2026



Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

Catholic Schools Week 2026

Since 1974, National Catholic Schools Week is the annual celebration of Catholic education in the United States. It starts the last Sunday in January and runs all week, which in 2026 is January 25 – January 31. The theme for National Catholic Schools Week 2026 is

***Catholic Schools:
United in Faith and Community.***

Bishop McNamara Catholic School, along with schools throughout the country, observes the annual celebration week with activities and an all-school Mass. Through these events, schools focus on the value that Catholic education provides to young people and its contributions to our church, our communities, and our nation.

Desde 1974, la Semana Nacional de las Escuelas Católicas es la celebración anual de la educación católica en los Estados Unidos. Comienza el último domingo de enero y se extiende durante toda la semana, que en 2026 será del 25 al 31 de enero. El lema de la Semana Nacional de las Escuelas Católicas 2026 es

***Escuelas Católicas:
Unidas en la Fe y la Comunidad.***

La Escuela Católica Bishop McNamara, junto con otras escuelas de todo el país, celebra esta semana con diversas actividades y una misa para toda la comunidad escolar. A través de estos eventos, las escuelas destacan el valor que la educación católica brinda a los jóvenes y sus contribuciones a nuestra Iglesia, nuestras comunidades y nuestra nación.

**For more information about Bishop McNamara School, please contact:
Para obtener más información sobre la Escuela Bishop McNamara, comuníquese con:**

**Kaelynn Bess, Principal at
550 W. Brookmont Blvd., Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-7413**

Almighty God and Father,
We honor Jesus, your Son in our midst, with wonderful names:
Jesus our Lord, Lamb of God, servant of God and people.

Let these names not merely be empty titles of honor
but words full of meaning that commit us to become like him.
And to be his presence in today's world.

Help us to live for one another and to bear each other's burdens,
that we may be servants with him
who is our Lord forever and ever. Amen.

Liturgy Alive



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Be with them, Lord, and keep them safe!

Katie Benoit	Will Benoit
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	Erik Schultz

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Reflection BEGLEITUNG

- ♦ How am I growing in my knowledge and love of Christ and allowing that knowledge to shape my actions, thoughts, decisions, and relationships?♦ What is one step I can take to grow closer to Jesus this week?

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ... for tax preparation purposes will be available beginning Monday, February 2. Simply call the Rectory Office (815-932-6716) during regular business hours – beginning that day – to request your copy. Simply let us know when you call if you want to pick up your statement, have it mailed, or have it e-mailed to you.

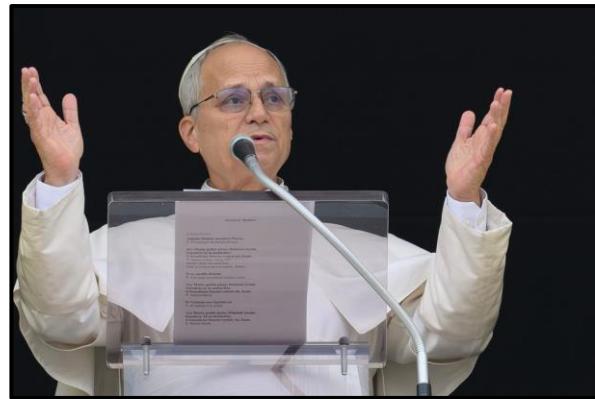
Stewardship Report Sunday, January 18, 2026

Envelopes – 69	\$3,917.00
Loose cash and checks	\$ 672.00
ACH – 11 families	\$1,010.00
Online Giving – 17 families	<u>\$ 560.50</u>
Total collection	\$6,159.50
Amount needed each week to have a balanced budget:	\$8,135.00

*Thank you for your
generous and consistent support.*

Dear friends,
let us not allow ourselves to be distracted
from the Lord's presence in our midst.
Let us not waste our time and energies
chasing after appearances.

Rather, let us learn from John the Baptist
to remain vigilant, to love simplicity,
to be sincere in our words, to live soberly,
and to cultivate a depth of mind and heart.



Let us be content with what is essential and make time each day, when possible,
for a special moment to pause in silence to pray, reflect and listen – in other words,
“to withdraw into the desert,” in order to meet the Lord and remain with him. *Pope Leo XIV*

**Please pray daily for VOCATIONS
to the priesthood and to vowed religious life!**



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This Week at St. Patrick Parish:

Monday, January 26 – ***Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting*** at 6 p.m.

Thursday, January 29 – ***Parish Council Meeting*** at 6 p.m.

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The Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary Invite You to ...

Please take another look at what we have planned for February and Lent.

❖ Ongoing: Spirituality in Fiction Online Book Club

Sr. Carol Karnitsky and Susan Amann, facilitators.

6:30 – 8:00 p.m., on the first Thursday evening of the month via ZOOM.

❖ FEBRUARY:

Martin Scorsese Presents: The Saints

Sr. Evelyn Varboncoeur and Sr. Kathleen Mulchay, facilitators.

9-10:30 a.m., for 7 sessions starting February 4, online via ZOOM.

Sunday Gospel Faith Sharing Groups

New groups will be forming beginning the week of February 22,

with meetings in person and online.

Facilitators, days of the week and times vary from group to group.

❖ LENT:

Pondering the Heart and Mind of Jesus, in-person Lent retreat, has 3 presentations:

A weekend retreat at Nazareth Spirituality Center in Batavia

A 1-day retreat at One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center in Kankakee, IL

A 1-day retreat at St. Patrick's Church in Urbana, IL

Our Lent Busy Person's Retreat

can be done at home accompanied by the Spiritual Director of your choice.

Lent Gospel Film Series meets via ZOOM in the afternoons of the 5 Sundays of Lent.

Please feel free to call with questions or to register for events and programs over the phone. Contact Susan Amann at (708) 790-8141, or email her at (samann@sscm-usa.org). Or, for a listing of offerings, please visit www.sscm-usa.org/Workshops-Retreats.html

The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal theme is ***Beyond all Expectations: Faith that Elevates!*** The Diocese is mailing information to registered parishioners this month. Please take a moment to read about the impact the CMAA has on our parish and community and prayerfully consider your pledge to the CMAA. Thank you!

The Gospel does not just contain ideas worth remembering.
It is a message responding to our individual human condition.

The Church is not an institution forcing us to follow its rules.
It is a community of people inviting us to still our hunger and thirst at its tables.

Doctrines are not alien formulations which we must adhere to
but the documentation of the most profound human experiences
which, transcending time and place,
are handed over from generation to generation as a light in our darkness.

Henri Nouwen

 **Bishop McNamara**
Fourth Degree Knights of Columbus
Assembly 202 

Valentine's Trivia Night

Get a team together
and come out for a night of fun!
*teams limited to 8 persons

Saturday February 14, 2026
St. Joseph Parish Center
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Cash prize of \$400.00 and trophy to winning team

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 - Split the pot
 - Minute to win it games

Doors 6:00 PM
Trivia 7:00 PM

\$20.00 a person - Tables of eight - \$160.00

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Lord God, we ask You to strengthen us as we
follow the vocation to which You have called us.
We pray for the vocations of married life, single
life, consecrated life, religious life and priesthood.
We pray particularly for those called to serve as
priests, brothers, sisters and deacons: those
whom You have called; those You are calling now;
those You will call in the future.

Amen.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Homebound Ministers: By bringing holy Communion to the sick and homebound, the Homebound Minister represents faith and charity on behalf of the entire parish community toward those who cannot be present at Mass. This ministry signifies the support and concern shown by the entire parish community for its members. Homebound Ministry is a vital link between our parish community and its members who are sick or homebound. So ... If you are interested in serving as a Homebound Minister, please contact the Parish Office at (815) 932-6716, during regular hours, or ... if you or someone you care about would like to have a Homebound Minister bring Communion, please call the Rectory Office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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St. Patrick Parish Religious Education Program will have an ***REP Family Mass*** every month beginning on **Sunday, February 1, at the 4 p.m. Bilingual Mass**, with Bishop Glancy presiding.

All REP families will sit and pray together at these Masses.

The students will participate in various liturgical ministries
(greeters, ushers, readers of prayers of the faithful).

REP Family Masses are also set for Sunday, February 22 at the 10 a.m. Mass, Saturday March 24 at the 4 p.m. Mass, and Sunday, April 26 at the 4 p.m. Mass.

*Please feel free to participate in these liturgies
and offer your support and prayers for these children as they grow in faith!*



**In less than one month from today,
we begin the sacred season of Lent ...**
**Lent 2026 begins on
Ash Wednesday, February 18,
and lasts for 40 days.**

This season is a time to repent, to fast, to pray, and to return our hearts to God. Lent prepares us for Easter. During Lent, the Church encourages practices such as prayer, fasting, and almsgiving to help individuals reflect on their lives and deepen their faith.

The Parish will be hosting Lenten opportunities, including:
Morning and evenings of reflection ... sessions using *The Word Among Us* ...
Adoration of the Blessed Sacraments ... Vespers ...
Reconciliation Service ... Mass with the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick ...
Service Opportunities ... Adult Enrichment Opportunities ... and more!

We will also provide information on area opportunities –
such as the listing from One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center in today's Bulletin.

Watch the Bulletin for more details!



Our Youth Group will lead

VESPERS

on Thursday, January 29,
at 5:30 p.m. in our church.
Please come and pray with them!

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Liturgical Ministers Schedule. Please arrange for a substitute if needed.

JAN. 31 / FEB. 1	4:00 P.M.	7:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	4:00 P.M. (Spanish)
CANTORS	A. Schneider / Choir		J. Veers	Coro
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	A. Zumwalt		O. Mayer	
LECTORS	J. Arrington	D. Berg	M. O'Brien	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	A. Arrocha M. Spilsbury C. Arrington	J. Boyd B. Grasser	M. Pena J. Todnem D. Vaubel	
WEEKDAY LECTOR		L. Born		
SACRISTANS		J. Conway	A. Steinke	

*Please pray for the sick and the dying, and for all those who mourn the loss of a loved one.
Also, let us remember in prayer the homebound, those in nursing homes or hospitals,
and those who have asked for our prayers!*

Prayer Line ... please call (815) 932-9423.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 26

St. Timothy, St. Titus

7:15 Vivian Danca (Ann.) (*Danca Family*)

Tuesday, January 27 **St. Angela Merici**

7:15 Mulholland Family (*Mulholland Family*)

Wednesday, January 28

St. Thomas Aquinas

7:15 Special Intentions of Eleanor Small as she celebrates her birthday (*Marge Hodak*)

Thursday, January 29

7:15 Rich Schultz (*Tina Ronnenberg*)

Friday, January 30

7:15 Elaine Zeimer (*Ziemer Family*)

Saturday, January 31

St. John Bosco

4:00 Irene Jensen (*Jensen Family*) /

Arvelла Waugh

(*Jerry and Marcia Whitehead*) /

Anita Drassler

(Charles and Mary Denault)

Sunday, February 1

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Raymond Mulholland (*Boyd Family*)

10:00 John DesMarteau (Ann.)

(*DesMarteau Children*) /

Bob Ostrowski (Death Ann.)

(*Marla Ostrowski*) /

Michael Harman, Jr. (*Harman Family*)

4:00 (Sp.) Parishioners and Benefactors



MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Blessed Sacrament Candle

burns in thanksgiving for Bishop Ronald Hicks
(by St. Patrick Parish).

The Holy Family Candle

burns in memory of Len Mulcahy
(by Marilyn Mulcahy).



*Every time our conscience nudges us
to refrain from sharing or tolerating
that little bit of gossip ...*

*every time we feel a tug in our hearts
to say a prayer or give a little more effort ...*

*every time we detect an opportunity
to do a hidden act of kindness*

*for someone in need,
we are faced with an opportunity
to please the Lord*

by putting our faith in his will.

Fr. John Bartunek



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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily 7:15 a.m.
Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Spanish Mass Sunday 4:00 p.m.
Reconciliation Saturday 3:00-3:30 p.m. and by appt.

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