

St. Patrick, Kankakee ~ A Viatorian Parish

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 28, 2024



Catholic Schools United in Faith and Community

Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community
is a theme on which to build a spirit of the Gospel to benefit the human family.

Catholic schools have an irreplaceable role in the Church's mission of evangelization.

Building on the central goal of Catholic schools to form saints, they also teach and embrace the whole person ... body, mind, and spirit.

The fact that all members of a Catholic school community share the Christian vision of faith that Christ is the foundation of Catholic education is exactly what unites the school as a faith-filled community.

While faith is the binding element in Catholic schools, the Church reiterates that parents are the first teachers of their children. Catholic school communities expand beyond the walls of school buildings to envelop the family as an integral part of the school community.

Together, teachers, administrators, staff, students, and parents fuel the light of faith by integrating culture with faith and faith with living.

This year's Catholic Schools Week logo symbolizes the united community of Catholic schools: not a building or an institution, but people of faith serving God and others.

No Catholic school can fulfill its educational role alone. As a community, Catholic schools are nourished and stimulated by the Word of Christ expressed through knowledge, service, Scripture, and sacramental tradition.

National Catholic Education Association

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2024
JANUARY 28 - FEBRUARY 3, 2024

The Healing Words and Hands of Jesus ...

Sick people feel very much how handicapped they are by their illness. There are things they want to do but cannot. It is as if they are not fully human.



Today we see Jesus at work with his healing power. Not that he heals everyone who is sick, but he shows that God wants people to be whole and wholesome – that is what “healing” means.

He wants us to become like him, that is, completely human, good and whole persons, not only physically but in every way. For it is then that we can fully honor God as made in his image and likeness.

Liturgy Alive

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right here in our community,
continue to be hungry.
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the **FOOD PANTRY!**



***Please pray for our Military Personnel.
Be with them, Lord, and keep them safe!***



Will Benoit
Sean Contreras
Matthew Lanasa
Scott Riegel
Andrew Ryan
Daniel Ryan
Erik Schultz

For Reflection ...

♦ Reflect on a time when you struggled with a teaching of the Church. **How did you resolve that struggle, or how are you currently addressing it?** ♦ Consider why societal influences like friends or media may sometimes seem more authoritative than the Church. **What factors contribute to this perception, and how can we discern true authority?** ♦ Discuss practical steps you can take to strengthen your understanding and acceptance of the Church’s teachings. **How can this lead to a deeper relationship with Christ?**

Stewardship Report

Sunday, January 21, 2024

Envelopes – 66	\$4,406.00
Loose cash and checks	\$ 507.00
ACH – 13 families	\$1,248.00
Online Giving – 16 families	\$ 611.00
Total collection	\$6,772.00

*Amount needed each week
to have a balanced budget:* \$7,270.00

***May God continue to bless you
and your generous spirits!***

Please pray daily for
Vocations
to the Priesthood
and to Religious Life.

“What does love look like? It has the hands to help others. It has the feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has the eyes to see misery and want. It has the ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others. That is what love looks like.”

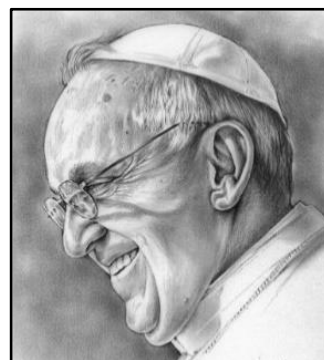
St. Augustine

In today's Gospel, Jesus preaches – with authority – and he heals.

The second aspect, the healing, shows us that Christ's preaching is intended to defeat the evil present in humankind and the world.

His word is pointedly directed against the kingdom of Satan, putting him in crisis, making him recoil, and obliging him to leave the world.

Touched by the Lord's command, the possessed, maniacal man is freed and transformed into a new person.



Pope Francis

**Pray
in community.
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a Viatorian.**

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Most of you know that **Father Don** has been recuperating from hip surgery at Heritage House here in Kankakee. This past week, he moved up to the Viatorian Province Center in Arlington Heights. He will remain there until he gets strong enough to return here to St. Patrick's Rectory.

Please keep Fr. Don in your prayers. This is his address in case you would like to keep in touch by sending him a card or a letter:

**Father Donald Wehnert, CSV
1212 East Euclid Avenue
Arlington Heights, Illinois 60004**





Leap Into 2024 with Faith and Preparation

As we embrace the Leap Year of 2024, we are gifted with an extra day – a perfect opportunity to reflect on our faith journey and to plan for what lies ahead. The Diocese of Joliet has partnered with *FreeWill* to offer a simple and free way for you to create your estate plan. This Leap Year, take the opportunity to ensure that your values and faith will carry your legacy through *decisions that will shape the future*.

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Job Search for Coordinator of Youth Ministry Maternity BVM, Bourbonnais

Looking to hire a Coordinator for a Comprehensive Catholic Youth Ministry Program with a focus on Junior High and High School (grades 6-12).

To view a complete job description, visit: [The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois](#). To apply, please send a cover letter and resume via attachment to Rev. Jason Nesbit, C.S.V., at jnesbit@mbvm.org.



Spiritual Ministry Programming of the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary for January and February 2024:

Scripture and Faith Sharing:

At One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center, Kankakee, and online via ZOOM
Thursday, February 8, 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

At Nazareth Spirituality Center, Batavia, and online via ZOOM
Wednesday, February 21, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Reviving Our Love of the Eucharist: 4-Part Series – online via ZOOM
Wednesdays, January 31 and February 14 and 28, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Please visit www.sscm-usa.org/Workshops-Retreats.html
to view information regarding upcoming **Spiritual Ministry Programs**
or you may contact samann@sscm-usa.org.



Pope Francis
announced the start of a
Year of Prayer
in his Angelus address
from the window of the Vatican
on January 21, 2024.

This Year of Prayer
is to prepare for the 2025 Jubilee.

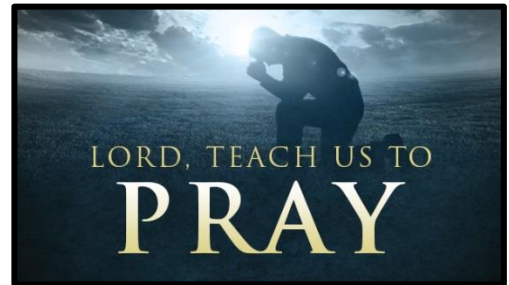
The Pope said that this *Year of Prayer* (which started on January 21) will be “a year dedicated to rediscovering the great value and absolute need for prayer in one’s personal life, in the life of the Church, and in the world.” This is all in preparation for the *2025 Jubilee Year of Hope* – the first ordinary jubilee since the Great Jubilee of 2000.

A jubilee is a special holy year of grace and pilgrimage in the Catholic Church. It typically takes place once every 25 years, though the Pope can call for extraordinary jubilee years more often, such as in the case of the 2013 *Year of Faith* or the 2016 *Year of Mercy*.

The *2025 Jubilee Year of Hope* will begin on December 24, 2024 (Christmas Eve), and conclude on January 6, 2026. Let us begin to pray!

Pray the Lord’s Prayer

**Attempt to imitate the practice of the early Church:
pray the Lord’s Prayer three times a day –
in the morning, at noon, and in the evening.
Try to do this every day.**



Stewardship

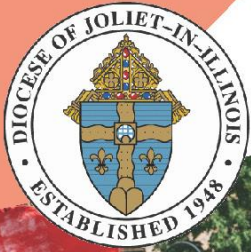


Almighty God, whose Holy Spirit equips the Church with a rich variety of gifts, grant that we may use your gifts to bear witness to Christ by lives built on faith and on love. Make us ready to live his Gospel and eager to do his will, that we may share with all your Church in the joys of eternal life. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Tax Statement Request: To request a printout of your **2023 Donations** to St. Patrick Church, please phone in your request during regular office hours (Monday – Thursday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. – 12 noon). Or you may email your request to stpatkan@ameritech.net. Envelope Number 213. Please include the following information with your request: name, address, phone number.



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CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

GRANT APPLICATION OPEN

The 2024 Catholic Campaign for Human Development Grant through the Diocese of Joliet is now open for 2024 applications. Applicants must reside within the boundaries of the Diocese of Joliet and complete the CCHD application available on the DOJ website (*see left*), including all supporting documents requested. Only completed applications will be considered. CCHD is looking for organizations that seek to engage in one of the Works of Mercy: Feed the Hungry, Clothe the Poor, Visit the Imprisoned, Visit the Sick, Shelter the Homeless, Bury the Dead, and Give Drink to the Thirsty.

QUESTIONS? Please contact Tanya Singh at cchd@dioceseofjoliet.org. Applications will be accepted from January 15 through March 1, 2024. *Thank you!*



For more info and to apply, visit
catechesis.diojoliet.org/cchd

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The Diocese has planned a **14-part series of podcasts** that will educate and engage listeners **on the first Monday each month, from November 2023 to December 2024.**

The inaugural episode featured Bishop Ronald Hicks and Fr. Tom Paul, the chairman of the 75th Anniversary Committee, who discuss the rich history of the diocese and their multifaceted approach to the events and activities planned, with a broad view of the anniversary celebration. New episodes drop the first Monday of each month! Find them anywhere you get your podcasts (YouTube) and be sure to hit follow or subscribe so that you never miss an episode!

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

FEBRUARY 3 / 4	4:00 P.M.	7:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.
CANTORS	J. Veers / Choir		D. Worth
LECTORS	E. Capriotti	D. Berg	J. Todnem
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	L. Berns J. Menard	C. Olofsson	R. Bond M. O'Brien
WEEKDAY LECTOR	L. Born		
SACRISTANS for February 2	C. Walker	P. Walker	

*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 ... call (815) 932-9423.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, January 29

7:15 Bob Ostrowski (by Marla Ostrowski)

Tuesday, January 30

7:15 Joanne Dressler (by Janice Stump)

Wednesday, January 31 *St. John Bosco*

7:15 Parishioners and Benefactors

Thursday, February 1

7:15 Ashur Toma (by Toma Family)

Friday, February 2 *Presentation of the Lord*

7:15 Elaine Ziemer (by Ziemer Family)

Saturday, February 3 *St. Blase*

4:00 Barbara May (by May Family) /
George and Betty Rodeghero
(by Rodeghero Family)

Sunday, Feb. 4 ***5th Sunday in Ordinary Time***

7:00 Katie Chinski Schingel
(by Carol Ader)

10:00 Wayne Dressler (by Shirley Purcell) /
Marjorie and Ernest Vollmer
(by Vollmer Family) /
Helen Marczak (by Elizabeth Raiche)

Congratulations and Welcome to Evelyn Irene Kesner, daughter of James and Sara (Riegel) Kesner, baptized here at St. Patrick Church on Saturday, January 20, 2024.

May God continue to bless Evelyn, her parents, grandparents, and godparents as they guide her growth in faith and in love.



MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Blessed Sacrament Candle
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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.

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