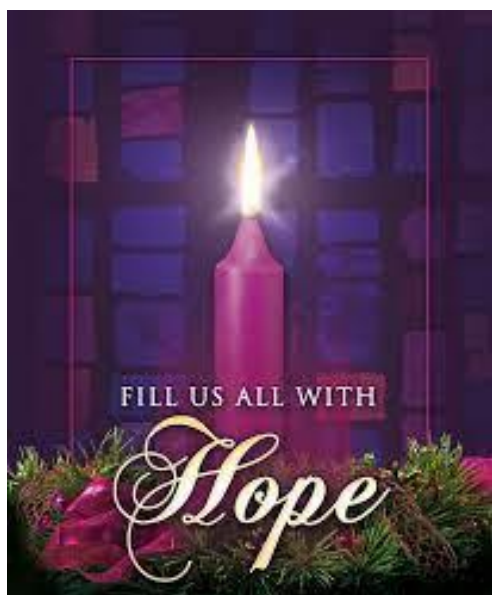


St. Patrick, Kankakee ~ A Viatorian Parish

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 30, 2025



For Hope-filled Hearts

The 1st Sunday of Advent
begins a new season of hope and preparation.
It calls us to stay awake and ready for Christ.

Advent is a time to watch, wait,
and live with purpose.
We are invited to put aside distractions
and open our hearts to God.

This season helps us remember that Christ is near
and we must prepare for his coming ...
with faith and hope.

Advent also calls us to live in the light.
We are urged to choose peace, kindness, and honesty instead of darkness.
It is a time to begin again in faith
and to seek God's peace in our lives and in the world.

This first week of Advent calls us to turn to God with open hearts.
We are invited to walk in His light and live with hope.
Each day is a chance to love God and others as we wait for His coming.

Advent is a gift to help us slow down, pray, and prepare for Jesus with joy.
This Sunday invites us to slow down, prepare, and walk with hope toward Christ.
And so, we pray ...

Loving God, help us to prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ.
Lead us to live in peace, kindness, and hope.
Let your light guide our path through this Advent season.
May we be ready to welcome Jesus into our lives with open and willing hearts.
Amen.

Young Catholics

Optimism and hope are radically different attitudes. Optimism is the expectation that things – the weather, human relationship, the economy, the political situation, and so on – will get better.

Hope is trust that God will fulfill God's promises to us in a way that leads us to true freedom.

The optimist speaks about concrete changes in the future.

The person of hope lives in the moment

with the knowledge and trust that all of life is in good hands.

Henri Nouwen



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Be with them, Lord, and keep them safe!*

Katie Benoit
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*Thank you for your generous donations ...
no matter how you get it here!*

When my children were young, they used to all reach at once to get the envelope from their Dad to put into the collection basket. Then, when payroll deduction became available, I switched to that. They asked why we quit giving money to the collection. Some explanation over lunch was required that day! Ushers have at times said that there are all those people who "never put anything in the basket!" It was explained to them that many people use online giving or automatic deduction or come by the Rectory Office to drop off their contributions. Some choose to give monthly ... some choose to give yearly (the reason this week's collection is so big). My point is, it does not matter HOW ... it matters that we do! The offertory collection is our opportunity to make sacrificial offerings to God and to give to the support of the Church.

Thank you for all you do!

MFM

Reflection REFLECTION

♦ What habits or attitudes do I need to **let go** to live more fully in the light? ♦ How can I **make time** and **renew** my faith this Advent season through small, daily practices? ♦ Can I (*will I*) be consistent? ♦ What hope do I hold for, and how can I **nurture** this Advent Season **hope**?

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Stewardship Report **Sunday, November 23, 2025**

Envelopes – 76	\$12,232.00
Loose cash and checks	\$ 814.00
Online Giving – 17 families	\$ 660.00
Total collection	\$13,706.00
Amount needed each week to have a balanced budget:	\$ 8,135.00

***Thank you for your
generous and consistent support.***

Vigilance during Advent is key because Jesus warns us that there is the danger of not realizing he is coming and being unprepared for his visit.

God is hidden in our life ...

concealed in the most common and most ordinary situations in our life.

Advent is the time we need to stop and ask ourselves how to prepare for Christmas ... what we should do for Jesus and others.

Advent is a good time to pray more intensely, fill voids we see and be more attentive to the needs of others, working to open paths of hope in the hearts of people. *Pope Francis*



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A priest will be available for the *Sacrament of Reconciliation* from 4 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. Adoration will end with benediction just before 6 p.m. This Thursday our youth group will lead the community in vespers, that is evening prayer at 5:30pm. As Bishop Hicks wrote in his pastoral letter, *"Therefore, together, let us open our hearts and our lives: To make time for prayer... To make Jesus and the Eucharist the center of our spiritual lives."*

La Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento Un sacerdote estará disponible para el *Sacramento de la Reconciliación* de 4 p.m. a 5:30 p.m. La adoración terminará con la bendición justo antes de las 6 p.m. Este jueves nuestro grupo de jóvenes dirigirá a la comunidad en vísperas, es decir, la oración de la tarde a las 5:30 p.m. Como escribió el obispo Hicks en su carta pastoral: *"Por lo tanto, juntos, abramos nuestros corazones y nuestras vidas: para hacer tiempo para la oración... Hacer de Jesús y la Eucaristía el centro de nuestra vida espiritual"*.

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
St. Patrick Parish ~ Kankakee

NOVENA
3RD - 11TH OF DECEMBER
AT 7:00 PM

MAÑANITAS
with Mariachi Music
12TH OF DECEMBER
AT 5:00 AM

MASSES
12TH OF DECEMBER
Spanish
AT 6:00 AM
Bilingual
AT 6:00 PM



La Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe
Iglesia San Patricio ~ Kankakee

NOVENA
DEL 3 AL 11 DE DICIEMBRE
A LAS 7:00 PM

MAÑANITAS
con Mariachi
EL 12 DE DICIEMBRE
A LAS 5:00 AM

MISAS
EL 12 DE DICIEMBRE
Español
A LAS 6:00 AM
Bilingüe
A LAS 6:00 PM



Experience some old (or new) customs!
Come pray together!

Did you know?

At the time of the apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the 16th century, the Protestant Reformation was resulting in millions of people in Europe leaving the Church. During this massive departure from the Old World, the image and story of Our Lady of Guadalupe helped to convert millions in the New World. To this day, Our Lady of Guadalupe is incredibly significant to the Mexican people. She is the patron of Mexico and is truly interwoven into Mexican culture.

In 1531, the Blessed Mother appeared four times to St. Juan Diego asking for a church to be built in her honor. The last time she appeared to him, on December 12, 1531, she arranged

roses in his tilma, which he then took to the bishop. When he opened his cloak, the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe was miraculously present on the tilma.

*Come
celebrate
with us*

We celebrate the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas, on December 12. It is preceded on December 9 by the Feast of St. Juan Diego, who was canonized in 2002 by Pope St. John Paul II.

4 INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



- 1 Pope St. John Paul II proclaimed her "Patron of the Americas"
- 2 In some parts of Mexico, she is known as the Virgin of TONANTZIN-GUADALUPE. This is a reminder of the indigenous culture into which she appeared.
- 3 It is estimated that 7 million people visit her basilica every year on her feast day.
- 4 The tilma of San Juan Diego with the image is now about 500 years old.

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JOY IN JANUARY 2026

Saturday, January 3
at the Kankakee Country Club
Tickets are \$38.00 / Person
11 a.m. Registration
12 Noon Luncheon

Paid Pre-registration
is due in the Rectory Office
by Friday, December 10!
Checks should be made payable to
St. Patrick C.C.W.



Holy Night

All those junior high and older are invited to join one of our Christmas Eve Choirs for the 3:00pm English Mass or the 5:00pm Bilingual Mass. Come share your voice as we prepare joyful music for this special celebration!

There are three Thursday evening rehearsals:
December 4, 11, & 18 in the Shamrock Room.

5:00pm Bilingual Mass Choir: rehearses 6:00–7:15pm
3:00pm English Mass Choir: rehearses 6:30–7:45pm



**Please call the
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to reserve your spot.
815-932-6716**



Speaking of the Choir, a little bird told us that longtime choir member and funeral choir member, **Shirley Purcell** was celebrating her 90th Birthday! Shirley has been involved in many areas of school and parish ministry throughout her life. We are so thankful for Shirley and for the gifts she has shared for decades with the people of St. Patrick!

Find Your Envelope Number!

Read the Bulletin each week. If you find your number, call the Rectory Office at (815) 932-6716 – during regular Office hours (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.) – and win a prize.



¡Y es **GRATIS** para ti! No te pierdas las oportunidades que te ofrece FORMED.

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SIGN UP HERE:

Find ADVENT offerings here!

<https://stpatrickkankakee.formed.org>



The Giving Tree

will be in place in the church *next weekend*
and, as in past years, you are asked to:

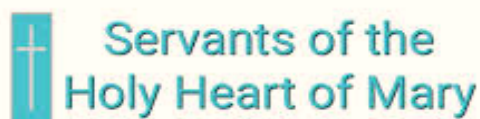
PLEASE TAKE A TAG – OR TWO.

PLEASE PURCHASE THE GIFT CARD.

RETURN THE GIFT CARD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!

Gift Cards will be available for purchase
after Masses on December 6, 7, 13, and 14.

Watch for more information!



Advent Programs and Retreats

There is still time to sign up!

♦ ***Busy Person's Retreat*** – scheduled individually with the Spiritual Director of your choice.

♦ ***Advent Gospel Film Series*** – with Sr. Myra Lambert and Kathy Brady-Murfin.
Sundays: Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, and 21, from 3:00 p.m. – 6:00 pm. online via Zoom.

♦ ***Advent 1-Day Retreat – Awake, O Sleeper*** – Saturday, December 13.
One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center, Kankakee.

Sponsored by: Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary.

Location: One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center, 2041 W. State Route 113, Kankakee.

For more information and to register,

please contact Susan Amann: samann@sscm-usa.org • (708) 790-8141 or (815) 937-2380.

Please visit: <https://www.sscm-usa.org/Workshops-Retreats.html>

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

God of all creation, through Baptism, you gift us with new life.

You call each of us to live that life in a unique way.

Bless all those you call - all single and married people,
all priests and deacons, all sisters and brothers.

May we all become builders of your Kingdom and sacraments of your love
as we live out the mission of Jesus Christ through living our vocational call.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

DEC. 6 / 7	4:00 P.M.	7:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	4:00 P.M. (Spanish)
CANTORS	A. Schneider / Choir		J. Veers	Coro
SERVERS	K. Johnson O. Mayer B. Bean		L. Flageole B. Zumwalt A. A. Zumwalt	
LECTOR	S. Pommier	J. Boyd	M. O'Brien	M. Chavez E. / O. Mora
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	K. Arrington J. Menard S. Flageole	C. Olofsson B. Grasser	D. Vaubel K. Yohnka C. Antognoli	E. Dominguez V. Carmona M. Carmen Rico
WEEKDAY LECTOR		L. Born	Envelope Number 602	
SACRISTANS ~ DECEMBER 5		M. Jones	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, December 1

7:15 Kay Serafini *(by Serafini Family)*

Tuesday, December 2 **St. Francis Xavier**

7:15 Vivian Danca *(by Danca Family)*

Wednesday, December 3

7:15 Christine Graveson (Death Ann.)
(by Maureen Carlson)

Thursday, December 4 **St. John Damascene**

7:15 Ashur Toma *(by Toma Family)*

Friday, December 5

7:15 Elaine Ziemer *(by Ziemer Family)*

Saturday, December 6

St. Nicholas

4:00 F. Peter Gooding (Birth. Ann.)

(by Gooding Family) /

Gary Lambert *(by Nola Lambert) /*

Rich Schultz

(by John and Kathy Arrington)

Sunday, December 7 **St. Ambrose**

Second Sunday of Advent

7:00 Bob Boyd, Sr. *(by Mike and Linda Born)*

10:00 Jerome Klonowski *(by Klonowski Family)*

Ray Mulholland *(Sandy Smith)*

Jack Purcell *(by Shirley Purcell)*

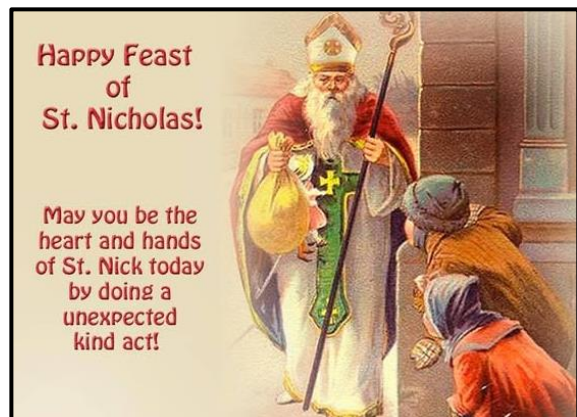
4:00 (Sp.) Parishioners and Benefactors



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The Blessed Sacrament Candle
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(by Shirley Purcell).

The Holy Family Candle
burns in memory of Matthew David Kelly
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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.

Appointments..... Please call to schedule appointments
Reconciliation Please call for an appointment
Baptism..... Parent Session required
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