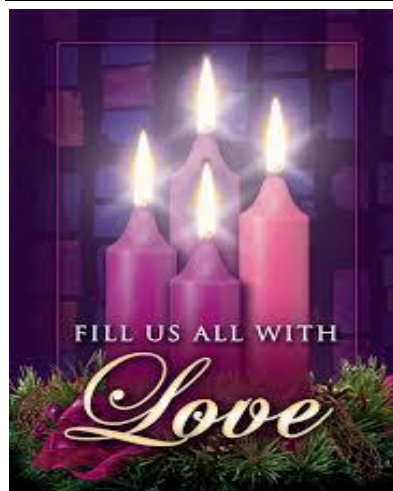




St. Patrick, Kankakee ~ A Viatorian Parish

ADVENT / CHRISTMAS / HOLY FAMILY

DECEMBER, 2025



For Love-filled Hearts

In a few days there will be the light of Christmas trees and stars
and the giving of gifts to friends and relatives ...
all to show them how much we love them.

Let these actions and feelings get their meaning
in the love and in the light shown in God's greatest gift to us:
his own Son Jesus Christ as our God with us, our Emmanuel!

In his great goodness, may God bless us all:
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Liturgy Alive

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Be with them, Lord, and keep them safe!

Katie Benoit	Will Benoit
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Reflection

♦ What do you admire about Joseph? ♦ Could you have done what Joseph did? ♦ Has your trust in God ever compelled you to act in a way that startled or even disturbed other people? ♦ What fears prevent you from fully living your faith?

Stewardship Report Sunday, December 14, 2025

Envelopes – 63	\$5,133.00
Loose cash and checks	\$ 521.00
Online Giving – 14 families	<u>\$ 465.00</u>
Total collection	\$6,119.00

Amount needed each week to have a balanced budget:	\$ 8,135.00
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*Thank you for your
generous and consistent support.*





Bring Baby Jesus to Mass!

At the Christmas Masses,
we will continue our tradition
of inviting the children to come forward
for a **SPECIAL BLESSING OF THE BABY JESUS**
from their home manger scenes!

**Servers, Ushers, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers
are asked to please check the signup sheets in the sacristy
for Christmas and New Year's Masses!**

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Envelope Number 391.

Find some wonderful CHRISTMAS offerings here!

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

On the Cover: *Adoration of the Shepherds* (1615) by Italian artist Bernardo Strozzi (1584 - 1644)

Strozzi highlights the emotional reverence of each figure, with their expressions reflecting a mix of wonder and gratitude. He uses warm tones and a dramatic interplay of light and shadow, drawing attention to the infant Jesus as the source of divine illumination. This richly colored, Baroque-style painting, where shepherds and angels gather to adore the Christ Child, evokes a sense of intimate reverence and emotional depth. The scene is centered around the infant Jesus, with Mary, Joseph, and the shepherds arranged in a circle of devotion and awe.

The Giving Tree

Thank you for your generous support
for our Annual Giving Tree.

You made this Christmas Season
so much better for many people!

And thank you to ***Judy Conway*** and ***Karleen Yohnka***
for once again coordinating this Parish Project!



***The Rectory Office will be closed
from December 25 through January 4.
As always, emergency calls will be taken.***

Dear Friends in Christ,

We have come once again to Christmas, the day and the season when we celebrate the birth of Jesus the Christ. We celebrate the mystery of the Incarnation, God with us, Emmanuel. It happened two thousand years ago in Bethlehem, when Mary gave birth to Jesus while Joseph kept watch and saw to their needs. Jesus was born amongst the poor working families of his time, and he lived his life with simple folks. He lived the joys and simple pleasures, the hardships and sufferings of the people. With his life and his ministry and ultimately his death he proclaimed Emmanuel, God is with us in all of life.

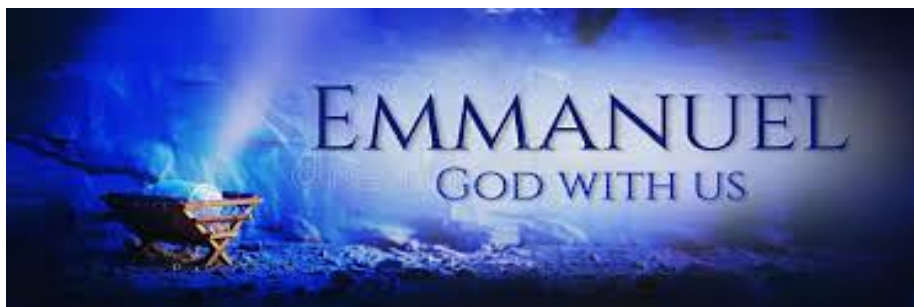
This year at St. Patrick Parish we began a mass in Spanish on Pentecost Sunday. During the first month of masses, a significant number of our English-speaking community attended that 4 p.m. Sunday mass to welcome the Latin American community. We have had several bilingual masses, including my installation mass, and these have given us a chance to pray together. I know that the Spanish-speaking faithful feel very welcomed here at St. Patrick. Thank you to everyone who has expressed that warm welcome.

Our new parishioners have brought some gifts to share with our parish as well. Several of the women have shared their gift of arranging flowers to grace our sanctuary. For Christmas, one family that works at a local nursery donated several poinsettias. Members of the Spanish-speaking community are also collaborating with decorating the church for Christmas this year. Others helped paint an office, while others are collaborating with the garden club to clean and trim plants around the parish grounds. Thank you to the many folks who have shared their gifts.

St. Patrick Parish is a wonderful community of generous people. Thank you to everyone here who participates in the ministry of our Church: Parish Council Members, Finance Committee, Liturgy Committee, Comision Latina, Steak Fry Committee, Buildings and Grounds Committee, Parish Festival Committee, the choir and cantors, lectors and eucharistic ministers, Youth Ministry, Religious Education Program, altar servers, the garden club, Council of Catholic Women, the Knights of Columbus, sacristans, parish employees, the Viatorian Community and all of our parishioners who share their gifts in so many wonderful ways. Our gift giving is in imitation of our generous God who gifted us with the greatest gift of all time when he sent his Son Jesus to be the Emmanuel, God with us. Continue to inspire us, O God, to share generously the gifts that you have given to us.

I pray that you have a blessed Christmas Season,

Bishop Christopher Glancy, C.S.V.



Queridos amigos en Cristo,

Hemos llegado una vez más a la Navidad, el día y la temporada en que celebramos el nacimiento de Jesucristo. Celebramos el misterio de la encarnación, Dios con nosotros, Emmanuel. Ocurrió hace dos mil años en Belén, cuando María dio a luz a Jesús mientras José vigilaba y atendía sus necesidades. Jesús nació entre las familias trabajadoras pobres de su época y vivió con gente sencilla. Vivió las alegrías y placeres sencillos, las penurias y sufrimientos del pueblo. Con su vida, su ministerio y, finalmente, con su muerte, proclamó a Emanuel, Dios está con nosotros en toda la vida.



Este año, en la parroquia de San Patricio, comenzamos una misa en español el domingo de Pentecostés. Durante el primer mes de misas, un número significativo de nuestra comunidad anglófona asistió a esa misa dominical a las 4 PM para dar la bienvenida a la comunidad latina. Hemos tenido varias misas bilingües, incluida la misa de instalación, y estas nos han dado la oportunidad de rezar juntos. Sé que los fieles hispanohablantes se sienten muy bienvenidos aquí en San Patricio. Gracias a todos los que han expresado esa cálida bienvenida.

Nuestros nuevos feligreses también han traído algunos regalos para compartir con nuestra parroquia. Varias de las mujeres han compartido su don de arreglar flores para que adornen nuestro santuario. Para Navidad, una familia que trabaja en una guardería local donó varias flores de pascua. Miembros de la comunidad hispanohablante también colaboran en la decoración de la iglesia para Navidad este año. Otros ayudaron a pintar una oficina, mientras que otros colaboran con el club de jardinería para limpiar y podar plantas alrededor de los terrenos parroquiales. Gracias a las muchas personas que han compartido sus dones.

La parroquia de San Patricio es una comunidad maravillosa de personas generosas. Gracias a todos los que participan en el ministerio de nuestra Iglesia: miembros del Consejo Parroquial, Comité de Finanzas, Comité de Liturgia, Comisión Latina, Comité del Asado, Comité de Edificios y Terrenos, Comité de Festival Parroquial, el coro y cantores, lectores y ministros eucarísticos, Pastoral Juvenil, Programa de Educación Religiosa, monaguillos, el club de jardinería, Consejo de Mujeres Católicas, los Caballeros de Colón, sacristanes, empleados parroquiales, la Comunidad Viatoriana y todos nuestros feligreses que comparten sus dones de tantas maneras maravillosas. Nuestra entrega de regalos es en imitación de nuestro generoso Dios, que nos regaló el mayor don de todos los tiempos cuando envió a su Hijo Jesús para ser el Emmanuel, Dios con nosotros. Sigue inspirándonos, oh Dios, a compartir generosamente los dones que nos has dado.

Pido a Dios para que tengan una bendita Navidad,

Obispo Christopher Glancy, C.S.V.

ST. PATRICK CHURCH, 428 SOUTH INDIANA AVENUE, KANKAKEE, IL. (815) 932-6716.

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

DEC. 27 / 28	4:00 P.M.	7:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	4:00 P.M. (Spanish)
CANTORS	M. Finks		J. Veers / Choi	Coro
SERVERS	K. Johnson A. Arrocha B. Bean		Z. Niba B. Zumwalt A. Zumwalt	
LECTOR	T. Schultz	J. Boyd	T. Worth	R. Lira I. Lira
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	J. Menard M. Spilsbury A. Arrocha	C. Olofsson B. Grasser	R. Bond D. Vaubel J. Yohnka	E. Lopez
WEEKDAY LECTOR		J. Boyd		
SACRISTANS		K. Kingsnorth	A. Palma	M. Lorenzo

*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 22

7:15 Michael Hodak as he celebrates
his birthday (*Marge Hodak*)

Tuesday, December 23 ***St. John of Kanty***

7:15 Special Intentions of
Christine and Terry Graveson
(*Maureen Carlson*)

***All Christmas Masses will be offered
for all Living and Deceased
Parishioners and Benefactors***



Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve Mass at 3 p.m. (English)

Christmas Eve Mass at 5 p.m. (Bilingual)

Christmas Day Mass at 10 a.m. (English)

Friday, December 26

St. Stephen

7:15 Ray Mulholland (Wed. Ann.)
(*Mulholland Family*)

Saturday, December 27 ***St. John the Apostle***

4:00 Special Intentions of
Pete and Denise Schiel (*A Friend*) /
Ardis Dupuis (*Judy Weoloski*) /
Garry Lambert (*Nola Lambert*) /
Rich Schultz (*Steve and Joan Hermes*)

Sunday, December 28

Feast of the Holy Family

7:00 Vivian Danca (*Danca Family*)

10:00 Marilyn Worth (Birth Ann.)

(*Worth Family*)

Anthony Nicolais

(*Peter and Linda Nicolais*)

John DesMarteau

(*DesMarteau Children*)

Dorothy Vollmer (Ann.)

(*Vollmer and Barrie Families*)

4:00 (Sp.) Ashur Toma (*Toma Family*)



MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Blessed Sacrament Candle
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CANTORS	D. Worth		A. Schneider / Choir	Coro
SERVERS	B. Zumwalt A. Zumwalt		L. Flageole B. Bean	
LECTOR	J. Arrington	L. Born	M. O'Brien	
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	K. Arrington J. Menard S. Flageole	M. Pena J. Boyd	J. Todnem K. Yohnka C. Antognoli	
WEEKDAY LECTOR		L. Born		
SACRISTANS		M. Jones	T. Schultz	

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 29 *St. Thomas Becket*

7:15 George and Betty Rodeghero
(Rodeghero Family)

Tuesday, December 30

7:15 Kay Serafini (Serafini Family)

Wednesday, December 31

7:15 John Saffer (Ann.)
(John and Judy Surprenant)

4:00 New Year's Eve Mass (Bilingual)

*New Year's Masses offered for all
Living and Deceased
Parishioners and Benefactors*

Thursday, January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

10 a.m. New Year's Day Mass (English)

Friday, January 2

St. Basil the Great, St. Gregory Nazianzen

7:15 Sandra Hebert (Birth Ann.)
(Mark Hebert)



Saturday, January 3

4:00 Art Yonke Family
(Bruce and Paula Hodak) /
Rich Schultz
(John and Kathy Arrington)

Sunday, January 4

The Epiphany of the Lord

7:00 Vivian Danca (Danca Family)
10:00 Jerome Klonowski (Klonowski Family)
4:00 (Sp.) Ashur Toma (Toma Family)



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Lord, you make all things new. Thank you for this new year and its potential. Kindle a flame in us so we may see your wonders. Guide us to live with faith, gratitude, and purpose in the name of Jesus. Amen.



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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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