

# St. Patrick, Kankakee ~ A Viatorian Parish

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 1, 2026



The Scriptures for today explore the interconnectedness of our intimacy with God and our lives lived in justice and mercy.

We also begin a journey through the Sermon on the Mount. Without a lived expression of our intimacy with God, our faith is little more than platitudes and dreams.

But, in a challenging call this week, the Scriptures demonstrate how we find God in the poorest, the weakest, and the most vulnerable among us, and how, as we work for justice and mercy, we participate in God's reign and God's life.

There is no division between justice and worship,  
between ministry and liturgy, in the Gospel.

And so we are called to embrace a vibrant relationship with God that is manifest and experienced in a vibrant interaction with the world.

If the injustice and inequity in our world is to be addressed,  
we desperately need to revisit the Bible's teaching  
about what God requires and what Jesus actually taught.

And as we look again at the Gospel, we discover that God is found  
in working for justice, in caring for the least,  
and in opposing forces of violence, destruction, materialism, greed, and power.

Let us revisit the cross and bring justice and compassion  
wherever we may find the opportunity.  
And so we pray ...

We long to know your presence and your blessing God ...  
to know that we have found a place in your kingdom.

And so, we commit to being those who acknowledge our poverty of spirit,  
and who grieve rightly our brokenness and losses.

We dedicate ourselves to humility,  
and to a constant, never-ceasing hunger and thirst for justice.

We seek to always act with compassion and mercy.

We devote ourselves to working for peace, even in the face of hardship and struggle.

For this is how we open ourselves to blessing.

We offer ourselves to you again,  
in lives committed to the purposes and practices of your reign.  
For in this way, we know, we are blessed, and we are a blessing. Amen.

*John van de Laar*

To be poor and humble and gentle, merciful, weeping, and persecuted – as things that would make us happy sounds quite strange to us. Is it not rather to have things aplenty and power and a lot of fun?



To understand these statements, we must look at Jesus himself.

For example, he led the life of the poor but he was happy.

He suffered, but he made us happy and was at peace with God and himself.

Let us ask our Lord that we may understand his teaching better and become more like him.

*Liturgy Alive*

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

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## Reflection BEGECTION

♦ Deep in the heart of every human person there is a question that never goes away: *What will truly make me happy?* ♦ Spend some time this week reflecting on this statement ... and trying to answer the question.

**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 25, 2026***

Envelopes – 41	\$2,698.00
Loose cash and checks	\$ 613.00
Online Giving – 16 families	<u>\$ 590.00</u>
Total collection	\$3,901.00

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

“The word **blessed**. It is like a refrain reminding us of the Lord’s call to advance together with him on a road which, for all its many challenges, leads to true happiness.”  
(Pope Francis)

“Blessed are the poor in spirit” (Mt 5:3). The Beatitudes reveal an order of happiness and grace, of beauty and peace. Jesus celebrates the joy of the poor, to whom the Kingdom already belongs.”

(*Catechism of the Catholic Church, N° 2546*)



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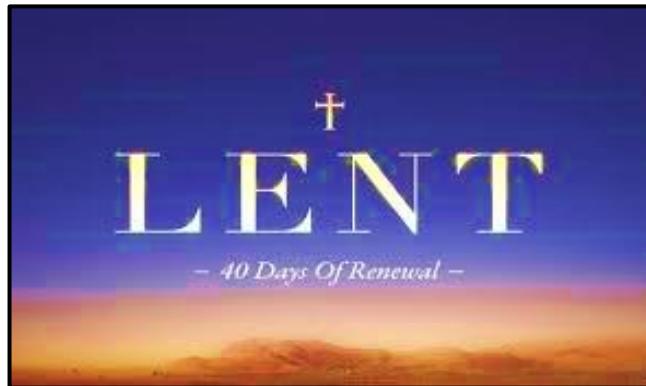


**This Week at St. Patrick Parish:**  
Our priests will be away for meetings Thursday and Friday.  
Therefore ... ***NO Adoration on Thursday***, February 5,  
and ***NO 7:15 a.m. Mass on Friday***, February 6!

**In less than 3 weeks from today,  
we begin the sacred season of Lent ...**

**Lent 2026 begins on  
Ash Wednesday, February 18,  
and lasts for 40 days.**

***So, what are YOU  
doing for Lent?***



**You could commit to signing up for  
Faith Sharing Sessions using *The Word Among Us*.**

**Facilitated by Bishop Chris / Sunday in Spanish,  
Sr. Amy / Saturday, and Marilyn Mulcahy /Thursday via Zoom.**

Join in at 1:00 p.m. on Thursdays via ZOOM (Feb. 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26) ...  
for ZOOM link, email: [marilynfmulcahy@gmail.com](mailto:marilynfmulcahy@gmail.com).

Join in at 7:45 a.m. on Saturdays in the Shamrock Room (Feb. 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28) ...  
or join in on Sundays in Spanish (March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29).

Copies of *The Word Among Us* will be available in the church.

**You could commit to participating in a Retreat Day**

set for February 21 at the One Heart, One Soul Retreat house on Rt. 113.

To register, contact Susan Amann at (708) 790-8141, or email her at ([samann@sscm-usa.org](mailto:samann@sscm-usa.org))

Watch for more dates and offerings, including:

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday ...**

**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 listings from  
*One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center*  
in today's Bulletin.

***Watch the Bulletin for more details!***

**Our Teens have been busy even during these cold winter days!** They come together for Mass, Adoration, prayer, works of service, and social activities. Some of them are pictured here purchasing, making, and serving dinner for Fortitude clients on Thursday, January 22.

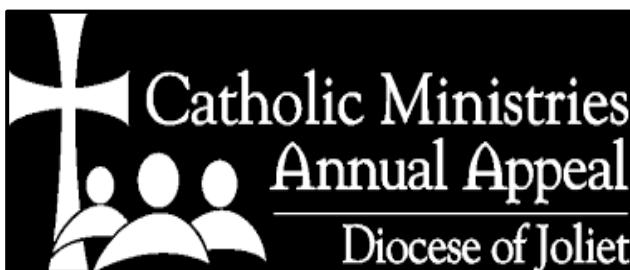


## MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

**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.**



### *The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun!*

The Diocese of Joliet invites all parishioners to support the 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Together, we can make a profound difference.

This year's theme is ***Beyond all Expectations: Faith that Elevates!*** Through the CMAA, we ensure Christ's mission and ministries reach everyone. We provide shelter for the homeless, feed the hungry, support vocations, and educate the next generation of Catholics. Our parish cannot accomplish this alone. As a diocese, we can do so much more. Please review your mailing from the Diocese of Joliet and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's appeal. *If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office. Thank you!*

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**Read up on the Works of Mercy!**

**Pope Leo's Worldwide Prayer Network Intention for February**

**For children with incurable diseases:**

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

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

**❖ 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](http://www.sscm-usa.org/Workshops-Retreats.html)



***Please remember in prayer all the children and young adults preparing  
to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist, and Confirmation.  
May God continue to bless them, their families, their priests, and their catechists.***

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

FEB. 7 / 8	4:00 P.M.	7:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	4:00 P.M. (Spanish)
CANTORS	D. Worth		J. Veers/ Choir	Coro
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SACRISTANS		Kathy Kingsnorth / Aydee Palma / Maricela 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, February 2

#### *Presentation of the Lord*

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

Tuesday, February 3

#### *St. Blase*

7:15 Parishioners and Benefactors

Wednesday, February 4

#### *St. Ansgar*

7:15 Rich Schultz (*Tina Ronnenberg*)

Thursday, February 5

#### *St. Agatha*

7:15 Kay Serafini (*Serafini Family*)

Friday, February 6

#### **NO 7:15 a.m. MASS**

Saturday, February 7

4:00 Jerome Klonowski (Wed. Ann.)

*(Klonowski Family) /*

Art Yonke Family

*(Bruce and Paula Hodak) /*

Anna Schiel (Birth. Ann.)

*(Schiel Family)*

Sunday, February 8

#### *The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:00 Vivian Danca (Ann.) (*Danca Family*)

10:00 John Finks (Birth. Ann.)

*(Mary Finks)*

4:00 (Sp.) Parishioners and Benefactors



### MEMORIAL CANDLES

*The Blessed Sacrament Candle*  
burns in memory of Bill Drennan  
(by St. Patrick Parish).

*The Holy Family Candle*  
burns for the Special Intentions of  
the Kregor and Drennan Families  
(by St. Patrick Parish).



Lord, make me an instrument of Your peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where  
there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt,  
faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is  
darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much  
seek to be consoled as to console; to be under-  
stood as to understand; to be loved as to love; For  
it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning  
that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are  
born again to eternal life. 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.  
  
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