

St. Patrick, Kankakee ~ A Viatorian Parish

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 15, 2026



The Power of Ashes

This Wednesday, marked with ashes,
we will begin our forty days of Lent ...
forty days of preparation for Easter.

Why these forty days of penance?

To return to our roots ... to God ... to our better selves ...
and consequently, also to our neighbor.

In many ways, we have tried to be our own gods,
to decide for ourselves what is right or wrong,
and we have ended up making ourselves the center of the world
at the expense of ourselves, of God, and of neighbor.

Now is the right time to return to God and to turn to the people around us.
We express our brokenness and our readiness to change when we receive the ashes.
And so, we pray ...

Our merciful God, we are afraid of facing ourselves
and giving up our attachments to our selfish ways.
May the ashes we wear help us rise from the ashes of sin
and renew our fervor and love.

And then, may we better follow Jesus on the narrow road of life ... to you and to others.

May this Lent be a season of grace
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Liturgy Alive

The Law of Love

The focus of today's liturgy is "obedience to God's word."
We are challenged to "keep the commandments,
to walk in the law of the Lord."

We Christians believe that God's "command of perfect love"
obliges us to do what is just and right.

It is not good enough to just stay out of trouble ...
we must also work at setting things right in the world.

It is not good enough to just give food to the hungry ...

we must also work at making ours a society in which people do not go hungry.

Gerald Darring



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Katie Benoit Will Benoit
Hannah Chaney Sean Contreras
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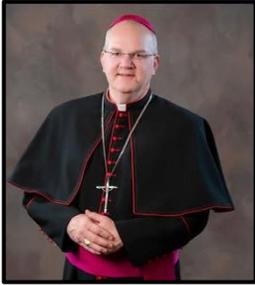
♦ How can I go beyond the rules and truly live my faith? ♦ How can I bring more love and justice into the world? ♦ What steps can I take to grow in love, wisdom, and truth?

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ...
for tax preparation purposes are available. Simply call the Rectory Office (815-932-6716) during regular business hours to request your copy. 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, February 8, 2026**

Envelopes – 73	\$5,562.00
Loose cash and checks	\$ 804.00
ACH – 9 families	\$ 810.00
Online Giving – 14 families	\$ 465.00
Total collection	\$7,641.00
Amount needed each week to have a balanced budget:	\$8,135.00

***Thank you for your
generous and consistent support
of your Parish!***



As **Bishop Hicks** begins his new role as **Archbishop of New York**, **Bishop Dennis Spies** has been appointed **Apostolic Administrator** for the Diocese of Joliet until the next Bishop is named.



O Lord our God,
 We ask your blessings on both Bishop Hicks and Bishop Spies.
 As they transition into these new roles, may they be blessed with wisdom, strength, and grace.
 May they foster unity and holiness as they strive to raise up missionary disciples.
 We ask this through Christ, our Lord.
 Amen.

Bishop Blanchette Scholarship Fund (BBSF) The Joliet Diocesan Council of Catholic Women established the BBSF in 1982 as a living memorial to honor our late Bishop Romeo Blanchette. Scholarships in his name are made available each year to students seeking assistance to attend Catholic high schools in the Joliet Diocese. Applications for the Bishop Blanchette Scholarship are now available to those students planning on attending **Bishop McNamara Catholic High School for the 2026-2027 school year**. To obtain an Application

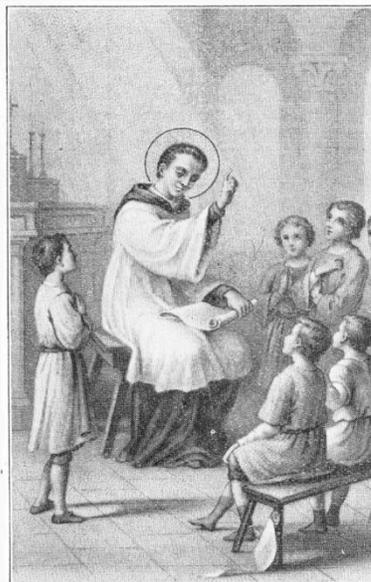


Packet, please come by the Rectory office during regular office hours. Deadline: Completed forms must be in by Tuesday, March 31, 2026.

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

**A Viatorian Prayer
 for Companions of Discerners**

Loving God,
 Thank you for the opportunity
 To walk with this person in my life.
 May our relationship
 Be a grace-filled source
 Of love, support, and clarity
 As they more fully and deeply
 Discern Your invitation for them.
 We know Your call usually comes
 Through individuals and communities.
 May you bless me to help
 This loved one discern Your invitation.
 Help me trust in Your Providence
 And strive to accompany well. Amen.
 Venerable Louis Querbes, inspire us!
 Saint Viator, pray for us!
 Adored and loved be Jesus!



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So, what are YOU planning for Lent?

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

Facilitated by Sr. Amy
on Saturdays at 7:45 a.m.,
Marilyn Mulcahy / Thursday afternoons
at 1:00 p.m., via Zoom,
and Bishop Chris / Thursday evenings
in Spanish (following Adoration).



◆ Join in at 1:00 p.m. on *Thursday afternoons* via ZOOM
(Feb. 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26).

For ZOOM link, email: marilynfmulcahy@gmail.com.

◆ Join in the **SPANISH SESSION** on *Thursdays*
after Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Feb. 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26).

◆ Join in at 7:45 a.m. on *Saturdays* in the Shamrock Room (Feb. 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28).

**English and Spanish copies of LENTEN ISSUE of
The Word Among Us will be available in the church.**

You could commit to participating in a 1 Day Retreat

set for February 21 from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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)

Watch for more dates and offerings, including:

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

◆ **Parish Retreat Hour** set for February 25 at 12:30 *or* 6:00 p.m. – **see box on next page!**

◆ **The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**

at every Mass on the weekend of **March 7 / 8** ... **Please note corrected date!**

◆ **A Reconciliation Service** on Tuesday of Holy Week ... and more!



Warmth and Wisdom!

You are invited to join in

a simple **SOUP LUNCH** beginning at 11:30 a.m.
just before the Wednesday, February 25 Retreat Hour.
Just bring yourself to the Shamrock Room and join in!

**2026 Lenten 1-Hour Retreat
Pondering the Heart
and Mind of Jesus**

PRESENTERS:
Susan Amann
Sr. Linda Hatton, sscm

WHEN:
Wednesday, February 25, 2026
12:30pm to 1:30pm
AND
6:00pm to 7:00pm

WHERE:
In the church
St. Patrick-Kankakee

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:
The Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

*We will also provide
information on area
opportunities, such as:*



◆ **Martin Scorsese Presents: The Saints**

Sr. Evelyn Varboncoeur and Sr. Kathleen Mulchay, facilitators; from 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. for 7 sessions starting February 4th at Nazareth Spirituality Center in Batavia and online via ZOOM. Join in as often as you are able.

◆ **Ongoing: Spirituality in Fiction Online Book Club**

Sr. Carol Karnitsky and Susan Amann, facilitators. 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., on the first Thursday of the month via ZOOM.

◆ **Sunday Gospel Faith Sharing Groups**

New groups will be forming the week of February 22, with meetings in person and online. Facilitators, days of the week and times

vary from group to group. *Call Susan Amann (708-790-8141) or email (samann@sscm-usa.org) her anytime with questions about any programs or if you would like to register over the phone.*

SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES ...

Friendly Visiting Program

Volunteers Needed: Catholic Charities is seeking volunteers to provide free friendly visits, virtual calls, and phone calls to older adults who are homebound or socially isolated, experiencing loneliness, and seeking companionship. As a volunteer you will • Build friendly and caring connections. • Make a positive impact on the lives of older adults. • Share common interests and have good conversations. • Be the reason someone smiles today! **Interested?** Call (815) 221-6020, or email FVP@cc-doj.org.



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Money Management Program



What is the Money Management Program?

This program serves low-income older adults age 60+ or eligible individuals who have disabilities and experience difficulty handling their household finances. The service is provided free through Illinois Department on Aging (IDOA) to eligible individuals.

What do the volunteers do?

- Assist clients with organizing, reviewing, and paying bills.
- Help prepare checks for signature and assist with balancing client's checkbook.
- Visit clients in their homes.

Interested?

Contact
815-523-9921
or
sfunk@cc-doj.org

A Money Management volunteer...

- is knowledgeable about budgeting
- is able to assist client with paying bills
- is a great communicator
- enjoys working with older adults
- attends quarterly training
- must pass a background check
- is available to volunteer a minimum of 8 hours per month





We are a faith-based organization providing service to people in need and calling others of good will to do the same.



This Week at St. Patrick Parish

- February 16:** Rectory Closed for Presidents Day
- February 18:** Ash Wednesday
Masses at 7:15 a.m. (English)
and 6:00 p.m. (Bilingual)
- February 19** Parish Festival Meeting at 6:00 p.m.
- February 22** Father John Peeters' 85th Birthday

ANOTHER SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!

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.

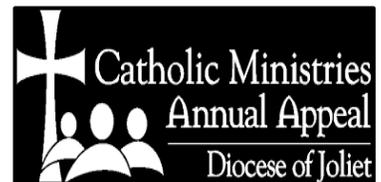
So ... If you are interested in serving as a Homebound Minister, please contact the Parish Office at (815) 932-6716, during regular hours.

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!***

Your gift to CMAA makes an impact!

Please, prayerfully consider your gift. Thank you!



Read up on the Spiritual and the Corporal Works of Mercy!

***Pope Leo's Worldwide Prayer Network Intention for February:
For children with incurable diseases, let us pray to the Lord!***

SAVE THESE DATES ... JUNE 6 and AUGUST 22.

Don't miss out on these special Parish events!

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

FEBRUARY 21 / 22	4:00 P.M.	7:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	4:00 P.M. (Spanish)
CANTORS	D. Worth / Choir		M. Finks	Coro
SERVERS	K. Johnson A. Arrocha		B. Bean Z. Niba	
LECTORS	M. Spilsbury	D. Berg	T. Worth	E. Mora / O. Mora
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	J. Wesoloski S. Flageole J. Menard	B. Grasser J. Boyd	A. Purcell M. Purcell J. Purcell	R. Vasquez E. Dominguez E. Lopez
WEEKDAY LECTOR		J. Boyd	Envelope No. 404	
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, February 16

7:15 Leon Sparks (*Alice Sparks*)

Tuesday, February 17

7:15 George and Betty Rodeghero
(*Rodeghero Family*)

Ash Wednesday, February 18

7:15 Raymond Mulholland
(*Mike and Linda O'Connor*)

6:00 Parishioners and Benefactors

Thursday, February 19

7:15 Kay Serafini (*Serafini Family*)

Friday, February 20

St. Francisco and St. Jacinta Marto

7:15 Special Intentions of Eleanor Small

Saturday, February 21 ***St. Peter Damian***

4:00 George Somers (Birth Ann.)
(*David Kelly Family*) /
Rich Schultz (Birth Ann.)
(*John and Kathy Arrington*) /
Myrna Burkhalter (*Andrea Steinke*)

Sunday, February 22

The First Sunday of Lent

7:00 Vivian Danca (*Danca Family*)

10:00 Rita DesMarteau (Birth. Ann.)
(*DesMarteau Children*) /
William Conway (*Sandy Knight*) /
Jack Purcell (Shirley Purcell)

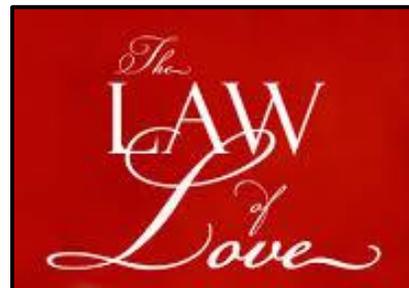
4:00 (Sp.) Antonio Dominguez
(*Enedina Dominguez*)



MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Blessed Sacrament Candle
burns for the Special Intentions
of the Mulcahy Family
(by Marilyn Mulcahy).

The Holy Family Candle
burns for in memory
of Jack Purcell
(by Shirley Purcell).



Let us ask the Lord, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin, to give us a pure heart, free from all hypocrisy. Thus, we will be able to live according to the spirit of the law and accomplish its aim, which is love. *Pope Francis*

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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
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 Baptism..... Parent Session required
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