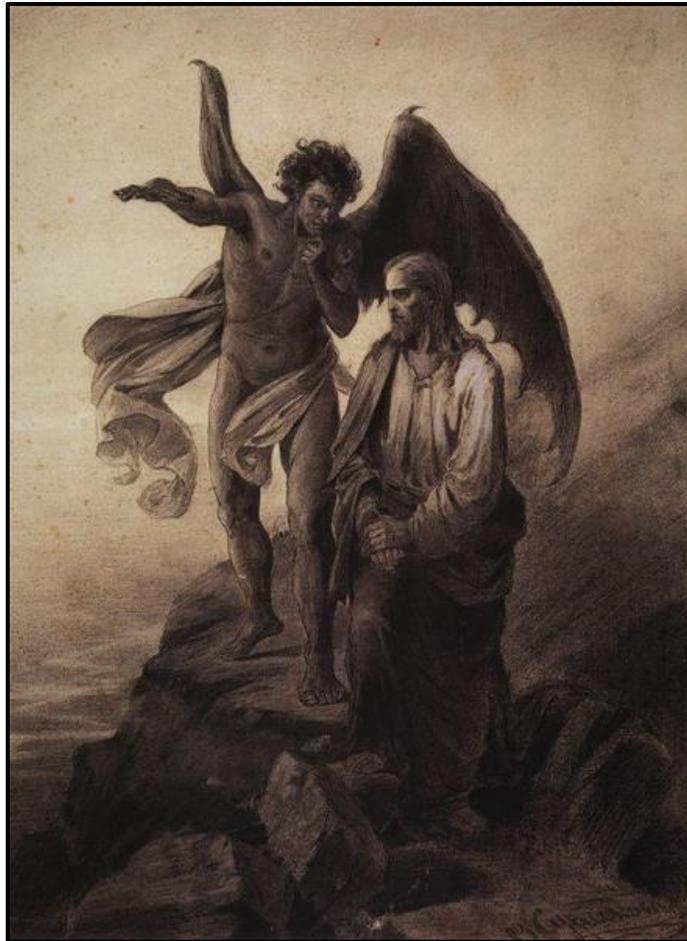


St. Patrick, Kankakee ~ A Viatorian Parish

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 22, 2026



What Holds Us Back?

When we take a serious look at ourselves, we realize that there are things / temptations that keep us from being the people and the Christians we wish we were.

We feel that we are not free to be our true selves.

At the beginning of his mission, Jesus looked at himself and saw the temptations that would keep him from fulfilling it.

Lent is for us the time to look into ourselves and to see what keeps us from being free to serve and love God and people the way we should.

Let us go with Jesus into the desert ... *look into the depths of ourselves* ... and with Jesus reject what imprisons us, what keeps us lukewarm and indifferent, so that like him ... and with him ... we can serve.

Liturgy Alive

Demons ...

Jesus went into the wilderness and struggled with the demons. Such is the metaphor of spiritual life presented to us in today’s Gospel. During our lives, we are all “led into the desert by the Spirit,” and we must struggle with the demons.

We struggle with the demon of self-sufficiency. Ignoring our interdependence, we imagine that we can “go it alone,” and end up dividing ourselves into isolated units of races, classes, and genders, living as though we do not need the other. We may even reach the point of living as though we do not need the Other.

We struggle with the demon of power. We begin by setting ourselves above others, and often end with oppressing them, using our power in a cruel or unjust manner to keep others down.

We struggle with the demon of pride, imagining ourselves to be better than others.

Lent is a time to struggle with the demons, “to rid ourselves of the hidden corruption of evil.”
“Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.”

Gerald Darring



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**Reflection
REFLECTION**

- ♦ *Adults:* What helpful advice could you offer someone faced with a temptation?
- ♦ *Children:* What helps you do the right thing when you want to do something wrong?
- ♦ *Adultos:* ¿Qué consejo útil podrías ofrecerle a alguien que se enfrente a una tentación?
- ♦ *Niños:* ¿Qué te ayuda a hacer lo que es bueno cuando piensas en hacer algo que no es bueno?

<i>Stewardship Report</i>	
Sunday, February 15, 2026	
Envelopes – 70	\$5,527.00
Loose cash and checks	\$ 702.00
ACH – 11 families	\$ 840.00
Online Giving – 16 families	\$ 560.50
Total collection	\$7,629.50
Amount needed each week to have a balanced budget:	\$8,135.00
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The desert is the place of the essential.
Let us look at our lives:
how many useless things surround us!
We chase after thousands of things
that seem necessary and that in reality are not.
How good it would be for us to free ourselves
from many superfluous realities,
to rediscover what matters.

Pope Francis



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A photograph of four men sitting in a room, each reading a book. They are seated in wooden chairs around a low table with a lit candle. The room has a wooden door and two framed pictures on the wall. One man is wearing a white hoodie with 'PLAYOFFS' and another is wearing a white hoodie with 'SAINT VIATOR'.

**Please pray daily for VOCATIONS
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So, here we are – LENT!



You can still commit to signing up for
Faith Sharing Sessions
using *The Word Among Us* choosing one of the following days and times:

- ◆ Join in a **SESSION via ZOOM** with Marilyn Mulcahy,
at 1:00 p.m. on *Thursday afternoons* (Feb. 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26).
For ZOOM link, email: marilynfmulcahy@gmail.com.
- ◆ Join in the **SPANISH SESSION** on *Thursdays* with Bishop Chris,
after Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (Feb. 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26).
- ◆ Join in an **ENGLISH SESSION** at 7:45 a.m. on *Saturdays* with Sister Amy
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.**

Watch for more dates and offerings, including:

- ◆ **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** every Thursday ...
- ◆ **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 **THIS** Wednesday's,
February 25 Retreat Hour.
Just bring yourself to the Shamrock Room and join in!
Invite a friend to come with you.

◆ **Parish Retreat Hour**

In partnership with the Sisters of the Holy Heart of Mary.
THIS WEDNESDAY, February 25,
at 12:30 or 6:00 p.m. – in the church.

~ Pondering the Heart and Mind of Jesus ~

With Susan Amman and Sr. Linda Hatton, sscm.



This Week at St. Patrick Parish

Wednesday, Feb. 25: 11:30 a.m. ~ Lenten SOUP LUNCH
12:30 p.m. ~ Retreat Hour
6:00 p.m. ~ Retreat Hour will be repeated.

Saturday, Mar. 7: *Anointing of the Sick* at 4 p.m. Mass.

Sunday, Mar. 8: *Anointing of the Sick* at 7 a.m. and 10 a.m. Masses.

The Anointing of the Sick is a Catholic Sacrament for healing, comfort, and strength, offered by a priest to those facing serious illness, surgery, chronic illnesses, or the frailty of old age. It involves prayers and anointing with blessed oil, aimed at providing spiritual peace, courage, forgiveness of sins, and sometimes physical recovery.



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES ...

Parish Homebound Minister... If you are interested in serving as a Homebound Minister, please contact the Parish Office at (815) 932-6716, during regular hours. Also, if you or someone you care about would like to have a Minister bring Communion, please call the Rectory Office.

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.! **Interested? Please call (815) 221-6020, or email FVP@cc-doj.org.**

Catholic Charities Money Management Program Volunteers Needed: To learn more about Catholic Charities and its programs, please visit: <https://catholiccharitiesjoliet.org/>

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ... for tax 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.

Bishop Blanchette Scholarship Fund (BBSF) 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**. Envelope Number 153. 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.

**Read up on the Spiritual and the Corporal Works of Mercy!
Now, Go ahead ... pick one.**

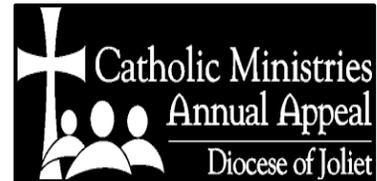


RETREAT DAY 2026

During their February 14 event, our Confirmation candidates

- ♦ participated in several warm-up and team-building events. (*Ask the girls about the nail challenge!*)
- ♦ They were addressed by members of the *Hearts of Hope Teen Group* who have been confirmed within the last two years and one teen who is presently preparing through the OCIA.
- ♦ Pastor James Smith and folks from the *Gift of God* homeless shelter in Kankakee, spoke with the retreatants about the plight of homelessness and how hard this winter has been.
- ♦ As a service project, the students put together bags that included a toothbrush, toothpaste, hats, socks, gloves, bottled water, cereal bars, and Chapstick.
- ♦ Their day concluded with the 4 p.m. Mass and served in some of the liturgical ministry roles.

The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun!
Your gift to CMAA makes an impact!
 Please, prayerfully consider your gift. Thank you!



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

PSSST ... JUNE 6 and AUGUST 22.

When you suffer, you are being conformed to the image of Jesus.
When you pray, you are being made holy in the image of Jesus.
When you quietly serve a person in need, you are being shaped into the image of Jesus.
When you generously give, your heart is being remade into the image of Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

Allen Hunt



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

FEB. 28 / MAR. 8	4:00 P.M.	7:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	4:00 P.M. (Spanish)
CANTORS	M. Finks		D. Worth / Choir	Coro
SERVERS	B. Zumwalt A. Zumwalt		L. Flageole O. Mayer	
LECTORS	J. Arrington	J. Boyd	M. O'Brien	I. Lira / R. Lira
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	A. Arrocha M. Spilsbury M. Finks	B. Grasser C. Olofsson	D. Vaubel C. Antognoli R. Bond	T. Serna Ma Del Carmen Rico I. Bolivar
WEEKDAY LECTOR	L. Born			
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!*

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 23 *St. Polycarp*

7:15 Timothy Rodeghero
(*Rodeghero Family*)

Tuesday, February 24

7:15 John Finks (*Mary Finks*)

Wednesday, February 25

7:15 Joe Serafini (*Serafini Family*)

Friday, February 26

St. Gregory of Narek

7:15 Elaine Ziemer (*Ziemer Family*)

Thursday, February 27

7:15 Bob Boris (*Pete and Denise Schiel*)

Saturday, February 28

4:00 Rich Schultz (Birth Ann.)

(*John and Kathy Arrington*) /

Gloria Grant

(*Gary and Sharon Pommier*) /

Anita Drassler (*Betty Azzarelli*)

Sunday, March 1

The Second Sunday of Lent

7:00 Raymond Mulholland (*Boyd Family*)

10:00 Patrick O'Brien (Birth. Ann.)

(*O'Brien Family*) /

Marjorie and Ernest Vollmer

(*Vollmer Family*) /

Alice Perez (*Linda and Peter Nicolais*) /

Art Yonke Family

(*Bruce and Paula Hodak*)

4:00 (Sp.) Parishioners and Benefactors



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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).

Lent is like a long 'retreat' during which we can turn back into ourselves and listen to the voice of God, to defeat the temptations of the Evil One.

It is a period of spiritual 'combat' which we must experience alongside Jesus, not with pride and presumption, but using the arms of faith: *prayer, listening to the word of God, and penance.* In this way we will be able to celebrate Easter in truth, ready to renew the promises of our Baptism.

Pope Benedict XVI



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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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