

St. Patrick, Kankakee ~ A Viatorian Parish

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 8, 2026



The Power of Salt and Light

O Lord our God,
you have given us the salt and light of your Word and your Bread of Life.
May our love be like salt that makes life tasty and worthwhile.

May we be made into a city of light on a hill-top
a light to those who live in darkness.
bearing witness to your integrity, love, and justice in this world.

May all our Christian communities be cities of light
to be seen from afar as signs that God lives and works in his people.

Accept our humble thanks for calling us to praise your name
and sustain us by the power of him
who is the Light of the World,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Liturgy Alive



Thank you, St. Patrick Parish ...
 for your gifts at Christmas and throughout the year
 as you support the help we give
 to our neighbors through ACOM!

We served over 2,100 families last year, all of whom are living in poverty, many without homes, all struggling to keep their families sheltered, fed, and clothed. For sharing your Christmas gift cards, we select those families who have had very serious challenges during the past year such as house fires, serious illnesses, family deaths, need to take in grandchildren, loss of jobs, or loss of homes. Your gifts made it possible for these families to have gifts for the children, food, and gasoline. We are grateful for those who give the cards and for those of you who coordinate this outreach ministry from St. Patrick Parish. *Debbie Dodt, ACOM*

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 BULLETIN SPONSOR.**

See their add on the back page.

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Be with them, Lord, and keep them safe!

Katie Benoit Will Benoit
 Hannah Chaney Sean Contreras
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**Reflection
 REFLECTION**

♦How can you bring light to someone who is struggling? ♦ What does it mean to be *salt of the earth* in your daily life? ♦ How do your actions reflect your faith? ♦ How do you stay focused on Jesus when you see so much darkness in the world?

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 1, 2026	
Envelopes – 90	\$8,300.00
Loose cash and checks	\$ 700.00
Online Giving – 18 families	\$ 911.00
Total collection	\$9,911.00
Amount needed each week to have a balanced budget:	\$8,135.00

*Thank you for your
 generous and consistent support*



This photo was taken during *Catholic Schools Week* to celebrate the **10th Anniversary of Bishop McNamara Catholic School.**

Children from all three sites gathered to celebrate.

Do you see anybody you know?

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!**

ANOTHER SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!

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.*** Envelope Number 241.



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



This Week at St. Patrick Parish:

**Retreat for 8th Grade Confirmation candidates:
February 14, 10:30 a.m. and ending with the 4 p.m. Mass.**

In less than 2 weeks
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 Sr. Amy / **Saturday mornings** 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 **Retreat Day**

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 February 28 / March 1...
 - ◆ **A Reconciliation Service** on Tuesday of Holy Week ...
- ◆ **Service Opportunities ...** ◆ **Adult Enrichment Opportunities ...** and more!



**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 beginning the week of February 22nd 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 programs or if you would like to register over the phone.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!

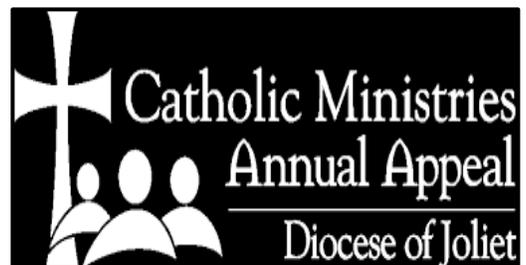
Homebound Ministers: By bringing holy Communion to the sick and homebound, the Homebound Minister represents faith and charity on behalf of the entire parish community toward those who cannot be present at Mass. This ministry signifies the support and concern shown by the entire parish community for 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! The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) Opening Report is in today's bulletin. As Christians, we are called to elevate our faith beyond all expectations in service to our brothers and sisters in need. Through the CMAA, we serve the most vulnerable in our community, and our parish benefits from many CMAA-supported ministries including Catholic education, and faith formation. Please review your mailing from the Diocese of Joliet and 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.

Seriously, you will not want to miss out on these Parish events!

If you are a Parishioner who has a business or service, you are asked to consider placing your ad or your business card in our Bulletin! Bulletin Sponsors provide a great service to the Parish by helping to cover the cost of our weekly publication.

**For more information on sponsoring our Bulletin,
please contact ADCRAFT PRINTERS, INC. at (815) 932-6432.**



*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.*



Did You Know?



... that members of our Teen Group, under the direction of our Youth Ministers, Ken and Michelle Barrie, spend time in **PRAYER ... in SERVICE ... and in SOCIALIZATION?** They are certainly learning how to be salt and light for the world. And, they are setting a wonderful example for others through their service to those at the margins of society. Pictured here, two of their members lead us in prayer at Vespers. We are blest indeed!

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

FEBRUARY 14 / 15	4:00 P.M.	7:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	4:00 P.M. (Spanish)
CANTORS	A. Schneider		A. Schneider / Choir	Coro
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WEEKDAY LECTOR	M. Suprenant			
SACRISTANS	M. Jones		T. Schultz	

*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 9

7:15 Art Yonke (Birth. Ann.) (*Sue Hodak*)

Tuesday, February 10 **St. Scholastica**

7:15 Fr. Victor Feser, OSB
(Sr. Carol Karnitsky)

Wednesday, February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes

7:15 Boris and Born Families (*Born Family*)

Thursday, February 12

St. Benedict of Aniane

7:15 Mallory Mitchiner (*Judy Murphy*)

Friday, February 13

St. Catherine dei Ricci

7:15 Parishioners and Benefactors

Saturday, February 14 **St. Valentine**

St. Cyril, St. Methodius

4:00 Susan Collins (*Richard Collins*) /
Ray Mulholland (*Mulholland Families*)

Sunday, February 15

The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Bob Boris (*Tom and Donna Lamie*)

10:00 Mose Arseneau (*Dolores Arseneau*) /
Todd Sobol
(*John and Ruthann Chinski*) /
Special Intentions of
John and Ruthann Chinski
as they celebrate their
60th Wedding Anniversary

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

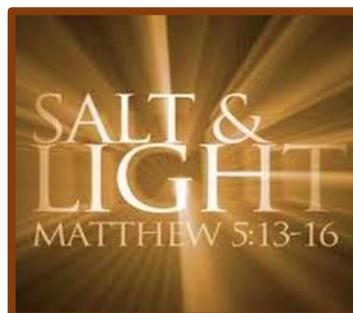


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The Blessed Sacrament Candle
burns in memory of Bill Drennan
(by St. Patrick Parish).

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

The call to be salt and light
is not just about personal righteousness.
It is about impacting the world around us.
We are called to influence the culture,
not be influenced by it.



When we shine
for Christ,
others are
drawn
to the light
of the Gospel.

Robert Griffith

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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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 Marriage Appointment should be made at least six months prior to desired date of wedding

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