

St. Patrick, Kankakee ~ A Viatorian Parish

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 26, 2026



The Good Shepherd

Lord, teach us to follow you ...
to care for all that are close to us ... to protect those who are threatened ...
to welcome those who are rejected ... to forgive those who are burdened by guilt ...
to heal those who are broken and sick ... to share with those who have little or nothing,
to take the time to really know one another ...
and to love as you have loved us.

Good Shepherd, teach us to follow you ...
to spread compassion to those who are far away ...
to speak for those who are voiceless ...
to defend those who are oppressed and abused ...
to work for justice for those who are exploited ...
to make peace for those who suffer violence ...
to take the time to recognize our connectedness ...
and to love as you have loved us.

Good Shepherd, teach us to follow you
and to be faithful to calling you gave each one of us –
to be shepherds in your name. Amen.

John van de Laar

Lord our God, almighty and loving Father,
 in your Son, and our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ.
 you have given us a reliable and caring guide
 to lead us to you and to one another.

Stir our hearts with the words of the Gospel
 as the message of Good News for us today.
 Help us to hear God’s voice also
 in the silence of our faith,
 in the groaning of our miseries,
 and in the words of encouragement
 of the shepherds of your Church
 and of everyone who has a good word for us.
 For there too speaks and calls our Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ. Amen.



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

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Reflection REFLECTION

Adults: How are you a shepherd
 to those in your care?

Children: What will you do this week
 to show you love those around you?

Adultos: ¿Cómo eres un pastor
 para aquellos a tu cargo?

Niños: ¿Qué harás esta semana para demostrar
 que quieres a los que están a tu alrededor?

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 port of our Parish and Parish Ministries!

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 regular Office hours (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon and
 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.) – and win a prize.

Dear brothers and sisters, there are certainly binding responsibilities that fall to the leaders of nations. To them we cry out: ***Stop! It is time for peace!*** Sit at the table of dialogue and mediation, not at the table where rearmament is planned and deadly actions are decided! Yet there is a no less significant responsibility that falls to all of us – men and women from all over the world.

We are an immense multitude that rejects war not only in word, but also in deed. Prayer calls us to leave behind whatever violence remains in our hearts and minds. Let us turn to a Kingdom of peace that is built up day by day – in our homes, schools, neighborhoods, and civil and religious communities. A Kingdom that counters polemics and resignation through friendship and a culture of encounter.



Let us believe once again in love, moderation and good politics. We must form ourselves and get personally involved, each following our own calling. Everyone has a place in the mosaic of peace!

From Pope Leo XIV's homily during a prayer vigil for peace on April 11.

Queridos hermanos y hermanas: ciertamente existen responsabilidades vinculantes que recaen sobre los líderes de las naciones. A ellos les clamamos: ***¡Deténganse! ¡Es tiempo de paz!*** ¡Siéntense a la mesa del diálogo y la mediación, no a la mesa donde se planifica el rearme y se deciden acciones letales! Sin embargo, existe una responsabilidad no menos significativa que recae sobre todos nosotros: hombres y mujeres de todo el mundo.

Somos una inmensa multitud que rechaza la guerra, no solo de palabra, sino también de obra. La oración nos llama a dejar atrás cualquier vestigio de violencia que permanezca en nuestros corazones y mentes. Volvamos nuestra mirada hacia un Reino de paz que se construye día a día: en nuestros hogares, escuelas, barrios y comunidades civiles y religiosas. Un Reino que contrasta las polémicas y la resignación mediante la amistad y una cultura del encuentro.

Creámos una vez más en el amor, la moderación y la buena política. Debemos formarnos e involucrarnos personalmente, siguiendo cada uno su propia vocación. ¡Todos tienen un lugar en el mosaico de la paz!

De la homilía del Papa León XIV durante una vigilia de oración por la paz, el 11 de abril.

A surrendered heart is constantly looking for opportunities
to serve in big ways and in small ways.
Ask God each morning,
“Whom can I serve today?”
How can I bring your love and light into the world today?”



Vic Clesceri in *The Way of Surrender*

A note from our Pastor

Dear friends in Christ,

Thank you to the many folks who helped with the Spring-cleaning last Saturday, April 18. The crew did a great job of collecting the sticks, pods, and other refuse in the yard around the church and rectory, along the parking lot fence, in the playground, the Memory Garden and the lot across Indiana Avenue from the church. Thanks to Mike Spilsbury for organizing this event.

We have a Garden Club here at St. Patrick, who help to take care of the flowers and landscaping around our grounds. I spoke with some of the members of this club and asked if we could expand the club and invite families to take responsibility for areas around our campus. We have pots in front of the church, as well as pots in front of the St. Patrick statue, and on the rectory porch. We have flower boxes in the school windows, and the Memory Garden. If a family – or a group of friends – would be willing to take one or two of those pots or flower boxes and be responsible for planting and watering, that would be a wonderful way to beautify our church campus. We will have an organizational meeting on May 5th at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory.

Our parish is in dialogue with the Diocese of Joliet insurance to replace the roof on our church after the recent hailstorm. We are working with that office and a roofing firm to sign a contract to put a new slate roof on our church. Since the roof is more than 10 years old, the insurance will cover half of the cost. The parish will use some of its savings to cover the rest of the bill. Again, thanks to Mike Spilsbury for all of his work on this project.

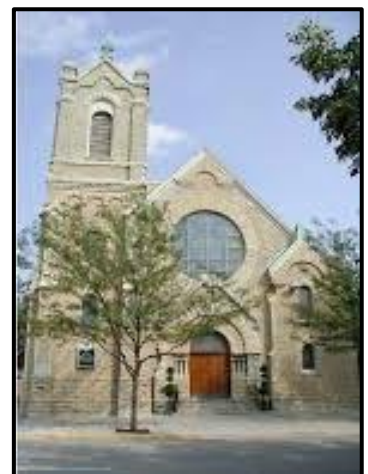
Our building and grounds committee is also looking at the parish facilities and what would be the best way to move forward with renewal. The failure of the main boiler in the school building forced us to winterize the building and suspend its use since October. A group from the building and grounds committee did an inspection of the school building and found the structure to be solid and many of the asbestos issues to have already been addressed. Initial conversations with the Parish Council agreed that exploring the renovation of this building is a good option. More work needs to be done on pricing for heating and air conditioning systems, and designs to make the building useful for religious education, parish meetings, and larger parish gatherings. The exploration of these possibilities has been put on hold, while we deal with the church roof.

I am presenting all this to you because I know that we will need to ask the support of the parish to fund these renovations. Thank you for your continued support for the ministry of St. Patrick Parish. Blessings to you and your family this Easter Season.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Christopher J. Glancy, C.S.V.

We are the Stewards
of St. Patrick Parish.



Una nota del pastor

Queridos amigos en Cristo:

Gracias a las muchas personas que colaboraron con la limpieza de primavera el pasado sábado 18 de abril. El equipo realizó un excelente trabajo recolectando ramas, vainas de semillas y otros desechos en el jardín que rodea la iglesia y la casa parroquial, a lo largo de la cerca del estacionamiento, en el área de juegos, en el Jardín de la Memoria y en el terreno situado al otro lado de Indiana Avenue, frente a la iglesia. Gracias a Mike Spilsbury por organizar este evento.

Aquí en St. Patrick contamos con un Club de Jardinería, cuyos miembros ayudan a cuidar las flores y el paisajismo de nuestros terrenos. Conversé con algunos de los miembros de este club y les pregunté si podríamos ampliarlo e invitar a las familias a hacerse cargo de algunas áreas de nuestro recinto. Tenemos macetas frente a la iglesia, así como frente a la estatua de San Patricio y en el pórtico de la casa parroquial. También contamos con jardineras en las ventanas de la escuela y con el Jardín de la Memoria. Si alguna familia – o un grupo de amigos – estuviera dispuesta a hacerse cargo de una o dos de esas macetas o jardineras, asumiendo la responsabilidad de la siembra y el riego, sería una manera maravillosa de embellecer el recinto de nuestra iglesia. Celebraremos una reunión organizativa el 5 de mayo a las 6:00 p. m. en la casa parroquial.

Nuestra parroquia se encuentra en conversaciones con la compañía de seguros de la Diócesis de Joliet para reemplazar el techo de nuestra iglesia tras la reciente tormenta de granizo. Estamos trabajando conjuntamente con dicha oficina y con una empresa de techado para firmar un contrato e instalar un nuevo techo de pizarra en nuestra iglesia. Dado que el techo tiene más de 10 años de antigüedad, el seguro cubrirá la mitad del costo. La parroquia utilizará parte de sus ahorros para cubrir el resto de la factura. Una vez más, gracias a Mike Spilsbury por todo su trabajo en este proyecto.

Nuestro comité de edificios y terrenos también está evaluando las instalaciones parroquiales para determinar cuál sería la mejor manera de avanzar en su renovación. La avería de la caldera principal del edificio escolar nos obligó a preparar el edificio para el invierno y a suspender su uso desde el mes de octubre. Un grupo del comité de edificios y terrenos realizó una inspección del edificio escolar y determinó que la estructura es sólida y que ya se han resuelto muchos de los problemas relacionados con el asbesto. En las conversaciones iniciales con el Consejo Parroquial, se acordó que explorar la renovación de este edificio constituye una buena opción. Es necesario seguir trabajando en la fijación de precios para los sistemas de calefacción y aire acondicionado, así como en los diseños para hacer que el edificio resulte funcional para la educación religiosa, las reuniones parroquiales y las asambleas parroquiales de mayor envergadura. La exploración de estas posibilidades ha quedado en suspenso mientras nos ocupamos del techo de la iglesia.

Les presento todo esto porque sé que necesitaremos solicitar el apoyo de la parroquia para financiar estas renovaciones. Gracias por su continuo apoyo al ministerio de la Parroquia de San Patricio. Bendiciones para ustedes y sus familias en esta temporada de Pascua.

Suyo en Cristo,
Obispo Christopher J. Glancy, C.S.V.

St. Patrick Parish Festival will be held
 Saturday, June 6, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 Family fun – on the Parish grounds – for all ages!
 Music provided by KEDABRA and Joan Carrera Rosas,
 along with bingo, bounce houses,
 kid’s games, and a cake walk.

Tacos, hot dogs, and hamburgers will be available for purchase.
 Volunteers will be needed. Signups will begin in May.



El Festival Parroquial de San Patricio se llevará a cabo el 6 de junio, de 11:00 a. m. a 7:00 p. m., en el estacionamiento de la iglesia. ¡Diversión familiar para todas las edades! Durante el evento, la música estará a cargo de KEDABRA y Joan Carrera Rosas, junto con bingo, castillos inflables, juegos infantiles y una rifa de pasteles. Habrá tacos, hot dogs y hamburguesas disponibles para la venta. Se necesitarán voluntarios. Las inscripciones comenzarán en mayo.

***An Invitation from the Kankakee Deanery
 Council of Catholic Women ...***

You are cordially invited to our annual **SPRING INSTITUTE**, set for Wednesday, June 3. Registration begins at 5:00 p.m., followed by Mass and Dinner at St. John Paul II, 907 South Ninth Avenue, Kankakee. The cost is \$22 per person. Checks should be made payable to St. Patrick CCW. Please RSVP by May 8. Sign up now!



THIS WEEK AT ST. PATRICK PARISH:
 Wednesday, April 29, at 1:30 p.m. *Finance Committee Meeting*
 Thursday, April 30, at 6:00 p.m. *Parish Festival Meeting*

On Sunday, May 3, three of our little children will be making their *First Communion* at the 10 a.m. Mass,

Glazin’ the Trail to Support Catholic Charities in Kankakee County: Support Catholic Charities and enjoy a morning of fun, nature, and *donuts* at the **4th annual Glazin’ the Trail 5K/2K!** **Saturday, May 30, 9:00 a.m. start at Kankakee Community College, 100 College Drive, Kankakee.**

This family-friendly event is open to all ages and fitness levels! Walk or run with friends, family, and even your dog! This event is all about fun and supporting Catholic Charities' vital programs and services in Kankakee County.



Come out, eat donuts, and make a difference!

To register, visit <https://raceroster.com/events/2026/118051/glazin-the-trail>
 Want to learn more? Call 815-724-1160 or email dschultz@cc-doj.org.

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

May 2 / 3	4:00 P.M.	7:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	4:00 P.M. (Spanish)
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*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, April 27

7:15 Vivian Danca (*Danca Family*)

Tuesday, April 28 **St. Louis de Montfort**

7:15 Timothy Rodeghero (*Rodeghero Family*)

Wednesday, April 29 **St. Catherine of Siena**

7:15 Rich Schultz (*Sharon Jackson*)

Thursday, April 30 **Pope St. Pius V**

7:15 Special Intentions of

James and Henry Long

(*Sr. Theresa Galvan, CND*)

Friday, May 1 **St. Joseph the Worker**

7:15 Holland Rietveld as she celebrates
her birthday (*Marge Hodak*)

Saturday, May 2 **St. Athanasius**

4:00 John Finks (Ann.) (*Mary Finks*) /

Phil Hodak (Ann.) (*Andrea Steinke*) /

Joyce Quigley (*John and Debi Schultz*) /

Don Buck (Ann.) (*Judy Buck*)

Sunday, May 3

St. Philip and St. James, Apostles

5th Sunday of Easter

7:00 Bob Boris (*Walker Family*)

Sunday, May 3

10:00 Special Intentions of Dolores Arseneau
as she celebrates her 90th Birthday

Phil Hodak (Ann.) (*Sue Hodak*) /

Iven "Pete" Johnson (*Sharon Draude*) /

Patrick O'Brien (Birth. Ann.)

4:00 (Sp.) Parishioners and Benefactors



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The Blessed Sacrament Candle
burns for our children receiving their
First Communion this year.
(by the Parish Family).

The Holy Family Candle burns for
Bill and Mary Ann Anderson as they celebrate
their 60th Wedding Anniversary
(by the Anderson Family).



God knew you before you were born. He has given you certain gifts and talents to develop as you grow in His grace. Feed His lambs with words of wisdom. Light the path for others and God will delight in you. Heavenly Father, help me to fulfill my potential. Give me the grace to overcome my selfishness. *Father John Catoir*



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For those who are fighting: peace

For those whose hearts are breaking: comfort

For those who see no future: hope

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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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