

St. Patrick, Kankakee ~ A Viatorian Parish

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 2026



Staying Faithful to the Way, the Truth, and the Life

We really would prefer it, Jesus,
if the big problems of our world
could be resolved quickly.
We don't mind the effort, the hard work,
or even the sustained hours
over a few weeks or even months.
It is the years of faithful commitment
that we struggle with.

But, from the perspective of eternity,
a lifetime of commitment to your reign
is really not that much to ask.

And so, we pray that you would help us to stay faithful
to love ones in our homes and families,
who need to know they can depend on us ...
to our brothers and sisters in faith,
who need us to strengthen and welcome them,
even as we need their companionship ...
to the people of our neighborhood and city,
who need us to be good citizens and conscientious justice seekers ...
to the people of our nation, who need our constant prayers
and our commitment to participate in political, economic, and social systems ...
to the people of the world, who need us to embrace them and care for them,
even though it may offer us no benefit, and have no real impact on our lives.

Teach us the *love* that stays faithful for the long haul, Jesus,
the *persistence* that will not give up,
and the *grace* to trust your faithfulness,
even when we cannot see results.

For you are our Way, our Truth, and our Life.

Amen.

John van de Laar

Jesus Is the Way - to God, to People, to Ourselves
 When Christians act Christ-like,
 they also reveal to others the face of the Father,
 such as the friend by our side in times of distress ...
 the person who stays by our bedside in times of illness ...
 and the one who forgives and does not condemn us
 when we make a grave mistake –
 they all reveal the loving, merciful face of the Father.

Liturgy Alive



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

Charlie Benoit	Dustin Foltz
Katie Benoit	Scott Riegel
Will Benoit	Daniel Ryan
Hannah Chaney	Erik Schultz
Sean Contreras	

**What Jesus wants is followers,
 not admirers.**

Soren Kierkegaard

Parish Festival
 Saturday, June 6, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Reflection

Adults: In a challenge you face right now, what will it mean to live the way of Jesus Christ?

Children: Name some ways you can be more like Jesus when you are playing with your friends or family.

Adultos: En un desafío que enfrentes ahora, ¿cómo sería vivir como Jesucristo?

Niños: Nombra algunas formas en las que puedes parecerte más a Jesús cuando juegas con tus amigos o familiares.

Stewardship – Sunday, April 26, 2026

Envelopes – 68	\$6,160.00
Loose cash and checks	\$1,163.50
Online Giving - 15 families	\$ 605.50
Total collections	\$7,929.00

*Amount needed each week
 to have a balanced budget: \$ 8,135.00*

Thank You

for your continued and generous support
 of our Parish and Parish Ministries!

Find Your Envelope Number and win a prize!

Carefully read the Bulletin each week.

If you find your number,
 call the Rectory Office at (815) 932-6716 –
 during regular Office hours
 (9 a.m. – 12:00 noon and 1 p.m. – 4p.m.).



A Special Message from Bishop Dennis E. Spies

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Happy Easter! As we continue celebrating the joy of the Resurrection, I have a special request for the people of our diocese on behalf of our brothers and sisters in Kankakee County. On March 10, severe storms and tornadoes caused widespread destruction in the area, damaging homes, vehicles, Bishop McNamara Catholic School, and affecting families throughout our diocese—including those of some of our priests. Many now face a long and challenging recovery. We continue to pray for all who were injured or suffered loss.

A Special Second Collection

To offer concrete support, I am asking every parish in the Diocese of Joliet to take up a special second collection the weekend of May 2–3 or May 9-10, 2026.

How the Funds Will Be Used

Every dollar collected will directly support two urgent needs:

- Families in Need - Catholic Charities of Joliet will administer a grant process to provide financial assistance to families who have suffered significant hardship.
- Bishop McNamara Catholic School - Assistance with repairs to buildings, buses, athletic fields, and other property not covered by insurance.

All funds will be distributed responsibly to those in need. Thank you for your prayers, generosity, and care for one another. May the hope of Easter strengthen us as one Body of Christ.

Sincerely in Christ,



Bishop Dennis E. Spies

Apostolic Administrator for the Diocese of Joliet

Mensaje Especial del Obispo Dennis E. Spies

Queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

¡Feliz Pascua! Mientras seguimos celebrando la alegría de la Resurrección, tengo una petición especial para la gente de nuestra diócesis en nombre de nuestros hermanos y hermanas del condado de Kankakee.

El 10 de marzo, fuertes tormentas y tornados causaron una destrucción generalizada en la zona, dañando hogares, vehículos, la escuela católica Bishop McNamara y afectando a familias en toda nuestra diócesis, incluidas las de algunos de nuestros sacerdotes. Muchos ahora se enfrentan a una recuperación larga y difícil. Seguimos orando por todos los que resultaron heridos o sufrieron pérdidas.

Una Seunda Colecta Especial

Para ofrecer un apoyo concreto, pido a cada parroquia de la Diócesis de Joliet que realice una segunda colecta especial el fin de semana del 2 al 3 o del 9 al 10 de mayo de 2026.

Cómo se utilizarán los fondos

Cada dólar recaudado cubrirá directamente dos necesidades urgentes:

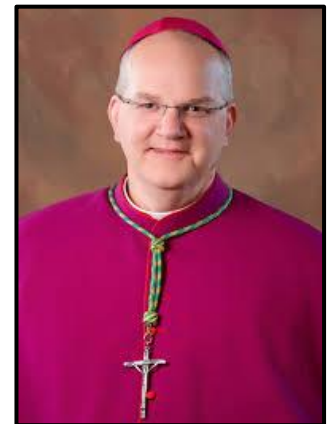
- Familias en Necesidad - Caridades Católicas de Joliet gestionará un proceso de subvención para proporcionar ayuda financiera a familias que hayan sufrido grandes dificultades.
- Escuela Católica Bishop McNamara - Asistencia con reparaciones en edificios, autobuses, campos deportivos y otras propiedades no cubiertas por el seguro.

Todos los fondos se distribuirán de forma responsable a quienes lo necesiten. Gracias por sus oraciones, su generosidad y cuidado mutuo. Que la esperanza de la Pascua nos fortalezca como un solo Cuerpo de Cristo.

Atentamente en Cristo,

Obispo Dennis E. Spies

Administrador Apostólico para la Diócesis de Joliet



St. Patrick Parish Festival

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,

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!



**BE SURE TO MAKE NOTE AND MARK YOUR CALENDAR
FOR THESE UPCOMING EVENTS
LISTED IN TODAY'S BULLETIN!**

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! Envelope No. 990. 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.



Creative and radiant God,
your strong and sure light is never overcome by darkness.
May it be so in these troubled times.

Jesus Christ, the Light of the World,
in your mercy you said to us, "I am the light of the world."
May it be so in these troubled times.

Spirit of light and love,
kindle in us fresh urgency to love and serve the human family,
to be amazed by creation and to care for it well,
to pursue justice and offer mercy,
to rejoice in receiving and sharing grace.

With confidence and with hope, we pray. Amen.

This beautiful photo was taken from the choir loft last Thursday during choir practice. Our stained glass rose window and the setting sun beautifully combined for this lovely sight.

Last Sunday, at 10 a.m. Mass,
long-time parishioners,

Bill and Maryann Anderson

received a special blessing from Father John Peeters, CSV,
as they celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

May God continue to bless them
with good health and great happiness.

And may they always be surrounded
by the loving support of their family and friends!



Delani Nephew received her First Communion
on Sunday, April 19, at the 10 a.m. Mass.
She is pictured here with Bishop Chris Glancy, CSV.
May God continue to bless her on her journey of faith!

**Visit our Facebook page
to see more photos
from events around the Parish.**



ROSARIO PARA NUESTRA SEÑORA DE FATIMA

Los miembros de nuestra comunidad hispana quieren celebrar la Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Fátima el 13 de mayo con un rosario y meditaciones. El rosario comenzará a las 17:00 y continuará hasta alrededor de las 19:00 en nuestra iglesia con la Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento y cerrando con la bendición. Las oraciones y la reflexión serán en español. Bienvenidos a todos.

Members of our Hispanic Community want to celebrate the Feast of our Lady of Fatima on May 13th with a rosary with meditations. The rosary will begin at 5 p.m. and continue until around 7 p.m. in our church with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and closing with Benediction. The prayers and reflection will be in Spanish. All are welcome.



SPRING INTO GOOD HEALTH SENIOR FAIR

May is Older Americans Awareness Month!
Join us for this day dedicated to promoting health and wellness among our aging community!

Presentations and Demonstrations

- Mayor Chris Curtis, City of Kankakee
- Elaine Kvederas, Health Promotion Specialist, Age Guide, Northeastern Illinois
- Attorney Deanna Carlson: wills & trusts
- Dr. Sara Riegel-Kesner, Serenity Health & Body: Indiba therapy for neuropathy and wellness for seniors
- Anna Zarate, Peoples Bank: banking safety for seniors
- Catholic Charities' Aging and Disability Services: health screenings, nutrition advice, and support services.
- More Vendors: Aetna, RMC Outpatient Therapy, Prime Health Care-St. Mary's and Jewel Osco Pharmacy
- PLUS raffles, health screening, movement activities, & lunch!

THURSDAY
MAY 7
2026

11:00am - 1:00pm
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Registration is required in order to receive a lunch.

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

May 9 / 10	4:00 P.M.	7:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	4:00 P.M. (Spanish)
CANTORS	M. Finks		J. Veers / Choir	Coro
SERVERS	Karl J. / Camila Z. Alexandra A.		Levi F. / Yenny C. Owen M.	Natalia F. / Dionicia F. / Angel F./ Angel M. / Itzayana Z.
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WEEKDAY LECTOR		L. Born		
SACRISTANS		M. Jones	P. Johnson	

*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, May 4

7:15 Rich Schultz (*Kevin and Maura Culver*)

Tuesday, May 5

7:15 Samuel Hodak as he celebrates
his birthday (*Marge Hodak*)

Wednesday, May 6

7:15 Elaine Ziemer (Birth. Ann.)
(*Ziemer Family*)

Thursday, May 7

7:15 Joe and Kay Serafini (Wed. Ann.)
(*Serafini Family*)

Friday, May 8

7:15 Sandi Draude (*Sharon Draude*)

Saturday, May 9

4:00 Irene Jensen (*Ron and Cindy Gagnon*) /
Irene Chaney (*Chaney Family*) /
Eleanor O'Connor (*Geralyn O'Connor*) /
Charles Durkin (*Geralyn O'Connor*)

Sunday, May 10 ***St. Damian of Moloka'i***

Sunday, May 11 ***Mothers' Day***

6th Sunday of Easter

7:00 Vivian Danca (*Danca Family*)

10:00 Barbara May (Birth. Ann.) (*May Family*)
Phil Hodak (*Therese Schultz*) /
Iven "Pete" Johnson
(*Chuck and Lluvia Gricius*) /
Ronald Wischnowski
(*Wischnowski Family*)

4:00 (Sp.) Parishioners and Benefactors



MEMORIAL CANDLES

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).

The way to Jesus involves humility,
forgiveness, repentance and love,
according to how Jesus defines these things,
not based on how we define them.

Jesus has credibility
precisely because he lays down his life
with humility and love
and even finds the capacity
to forgive his murderers.

Jesus points out to us that this is
the WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE.

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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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