

St. Patrick, Kankakee ~ A Viatorian Parish

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 20, 2025



Listening

If there is anything we need to learn, it is to listen, O God.
In the midst of so many voices telling us who “we” are
and who “they” are, and what “the real problem” is,
directing and misdirecting us, recruiting us,
and selling all manner of things to us,
we can start to believe that you have gone silent.

But, if we can still the noise around us and within us,
and if we take the time to sit at your feet
and embrace the humility required to hear,
then we will discover that you whisper still,
within us and through our neighbors,
in cries of need, and in the silence of grief.
and then, once we have heard your Word,
we will know how to live the truth you have so gently spoken.

Amen.

John van de Laar

In regards to our relationship with Jesus,
there is a time to be active on his behalf,
and a time to be quiet and listen to his Word.

Both are important.

We need to be attentive to both the *Word* of the Lord
and the *Work* of the Lord!



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*Please pray for our Military Personnel.
Be with them, Lord, and keep them safe!*



Katie Benoit
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When you pray, you only have to ask for
two things: you should ask for the light
to *see* the will of God, and you have to ask for
the courage to be able to *do* the will of God.

Venerable Msgr. Aloysius Schwartz

ST. ANNE'S DAY is *THIS Saturday!*

Mass (English) at 10 a.m.

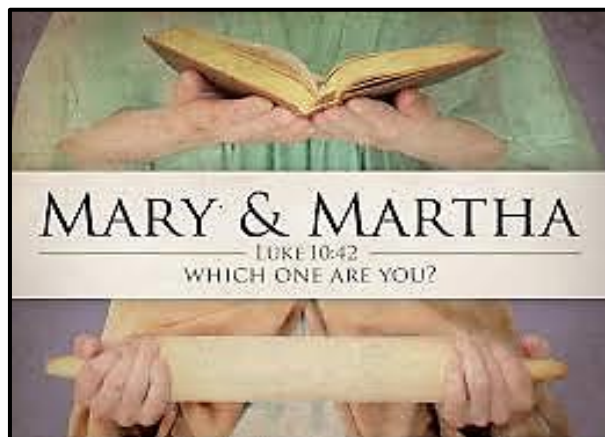
Mass (Latin) at 12 noon.

Procession with the Relic at 2 p.m.

**Religious goods shop, candles, food ...
join us for a lovely day in the country!**

Reflection Reflection

♦ How do you handle frustrations when things do not go as you planned? ♦ Are you more like Martha or Mary? ♦ Are you a little of each? ♦ Is it possible to be contemplative *and* active in ministry at the same time? ♦ Envelope no. 271? ♦ What are some ways you can balance service and prayer?



Stewardship Report **Sunday, July 13, 2025**

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*The elderly are signs of hope
and witnesses of blessedness.*

Blessed are those who have not lost hope:

Pope Leo XIV's Message for the Fifth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, will be celebrated next Sunday, July 27.

The theme of the Pope's message is ***"Blessed are those who have not lost hope (Sir 14:2)"*** and this fits into the context of the Jubilee of Hope 2025.

In the message, the Holy Father invites us to recognize the elderly not only as recipients of pastoral care, but as witnesses of hope who are active protagonists in the life of the Church. Old age can be a time of blessedness in which hope, tested in the fire of a long life, becomes a source of joy and renewed trust in the Lord. God "teaches us that, in his eyes, old age is a time of blessing and grace", and that the elderly are, for him, the first witnesses of hope.

Pope Leo XIV



PLEASE NOTE: We are telling you about this special day a week early so that you might have time to write a letter or a card or put in a call to your grandparents or to an elderly person who has made a difference in your life!

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the Word
of God
more deeply.**

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Bishop Hicks' Column July 2025 A Revival on the Road



"Please don't let this be a one and done!" That was the heartfelt plea voiced by many who attended the [National Eucharistic Congress](#) in Indianapolis last summer. For five days, more than 60,000 Catholics from across the country gathered to adore Jesus in the Eucharist, to receive His Word, to be nourished by His grace, and to be sent out on mission. It was not simply a conference; it was a mountaintop moment—a deeply spiritual encounter that ignited hearts with a renewed love for Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Since that unforgettable gathering, we have already begun to see fruits. Across the nation, more people are returning to the sacraments, seeking reconciliation, and encountering the Lord in new ways. Here in the Diocese of Joliet, we saw the number of individuals preparing to enter the Church more than double at this year's Rite of Election, and I believe it is a direct fruit of this [National Eucharistic Revival](#).

To ensure the momentum continues, the organizers of the Congress initiated a profound follow-up, including a Eucharistic pilgrimage across the country. Our diocese had the great honor of being the first to welcome the procession on its [journey from Indianapolis toward Los Angeles](#).

I had the privilege of receiving the Eucharistic Lord in the monstrance, along with many faithful of all ages, at [St. Mary Parish in Paxton](#), Illinois. After a beautiful Holy Hour, I accompanied the Blessed Sacrament to [Immaculate Conception](#) in Gilman, where more faithful were waiting in adoration. From there, the journey continued to [St. John Paul II Parish](#) in Kankakee for overnight adoration.

The next day, [Bishop McNamara High School](#), with [Bishop Spies](#), hosted a devout celebration with students, teachers, and community members gathered for Eucharistic adoration and praise. Bishop Spies then accompanied the Lord from Kankakee to [Immaculate Conception](#) in Morris, Illinois, where we processed and concluded with a beautiful Holy Hour.

I was so proud of our people—not only for organizing these processions and liturgies, but also for the outpouring of thousands of participants of every age and language.

One of the most touching moments for me was driving in the van that carried the Eucharistic Lord and 12 young adult pilgrims from Indianapolis to Los Angeles. As we traveled from Morris to Seneca, the pilgrims prayed a "Eucharistic Rosary of Gratitude." On each of the 50 beads, they took turns expressing a unique prayer of

thanksgiving to God for the gifts and blessings they experienced while in the Diocese of Joliet. Among their heartfelt prayers, one of them expressed gratitude for the simple joy of a delicious homemade breakfast burrito received earlier in Kankakee. That small moment was a powerful reminder: the Eucharist draws us into deep reverence while also opening our eyes to the sacred in the ordinary. Gratitude, born from the Eucharist, transforms how we see the world.

As we made our way west, I handed the monstrance to [Bishop Lou Tylka](#) in Seneca, Illinois, and the pilgrimage continued its sacred path across the country. Eventually, the procession reached [Los Angeles on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi](#). This massive, coast-to-coast movement is more than a symbolic gesture; it is a literal and spiritual journey of our Lord passing through cities, towns, farmland, and neighborhoods, blessing the land and sanctifying His people.

And the journey isn't over. Indeed, the [National Eucharistic Revival](#) is blossoming into a long-term spiritual renewal. In addition to the pilgrimages, organizers have laid out a bold and inspiring vision for what comes next, including the formation of Eucharistic Missionaries—lay leaders who commit to daily prayer, frequent reception of the Eucharist, and intentional accompaniment of others on the journey of faith. Parish and diocesan initiatives are taking root all over the country, fostering ongoing prayer, Eucharistic formation, and local missionary outreach. And the [2029 National Eucharistic Congress](#) is already on the horizon!

But for this revival to bear lasting fruit, it must reach into the very fabric of our daily lives. We are each called to respond with renewed fervor: to make the Eucharist the source and summit of our lives, to witness to the Real Presence of Jesus with joy and confidence, and to put our faith into action by carrying His love to the peripheries—wherever people are hurting, lonely, or searching.

So, thankfully, this [Eucharistic Renewal](#) is not a one and done! May this movement continue in our diocesan parishes, in our schools, in Eucharistic adoration chapels, whenever the priest elevates the Host at Mass, and every time we receive this extraordinary gift of Christ's true Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

To learn more about how to keep the fires of the Eucharistic Revival burning at your parish, visit www.dioceseofjoliet.org/national-eucharistic-revival or email us at dojcatevang@dioceseofjoliet.org.



Columna del Obispo Hicks Julio 2025 Un avivamiento en el camino



"¡Por favor, no deje que esto sea una sola vez!" Esa fue la súplica sincera expresada por muchos de los que asistieron al [Congreso Eucarístico Nacional](#) en Indianápolis el verano pasado. Durante cinco días, más de 60,000 católicos de todo el país se reunieron para adorar a Jesús en la Eucaristía, para recibir su Palabra, para ser alimentados por su gracia y para ser enviados a la misión. No se trataba simplemente de una conferencia; fue un momento en la cima de la montaña, un encuentro profundamente espiritual que encendió los corazones con un amor renovado por Jesús, verdaderamente presente en el Santísimo Sacramento.

Desde aquel inolvidable encuentro, ya hemos empezado a ver frutos. En todo el país, más personas están regresando a los sacramentos, buscando la reconciliación y encontrando al Señor de nuevas maneras. Aquí en la Diócesis de Joliet, vimos que el número de personas que se preparaban para entrar en la Iglesia se duplicó con creces en el Rito de Elección de este año, y creo que es un fruto directo de este [Avivamiento Eucarístico Nacional](#).

Para garantizar que el impulso continúe, los organizadores del Congreso iniciaron un seguimiento profundo, que incluyó una peregrinación eucarística por todo el país. Nuestra diócesis tuvo el gran honor de ser la primera en dar la bienvenida a la procesión en su [viaje desde Indianápolis hacia Los Ángeles](#).

Tuve el privilegio de recibir al Señor Eucarístico en la custodia, junto con muchos fieles de todas las edades, en la parroquia de [Santa María en Paxton](#), Illinois. Después de una hermosa Hora Santa, acompañé al Santísimo Sacramento a la [Inmaculada Concepción](#) en Gilman, donde más fieles esperaban en adoración. Desde allí, el viaje continuó hasta la parroquia de [San Juan Pablo II](#) en Kankakee para la adoración nocturna.

Al día siguiente, [la Escuela Secundaria Bishop McNamara](#), con [el Obispo Spies](#), organizó una celebración devota con estudiantes, maestros y miembros de la comunidad reunidos para la adoración eucarística y la alabanza. Luego, el Obispo Spies acompañó al Señor desde Kankakee hasta la [Inmaculada Concepción](#) en Morris, Illinois, donde procesamos y concluimos con una hermosa Hora Santa.

Me sentí muy orgulloso de nuestro pueblo, no solo por organizar estas procesiones y liturgias, sino también por la efusión de miles de participantes de todas las edades e idiomas.

Uno de los momentos más conmovedores para mí fue conducir la camioneta que transportaba al Señor Eucarístico y a 12 jóvenes peregrinos adultos de Indianápolis a Los Ángeles. Mientras viajábamos de Morris a Séneca, los peregrinos rezaron un "Rosario Eucarístico de Gratitud". En cada una de las 50 cuentas, se turnaron para expresar una oración única de acción de gracias a Dios por los dones y bendiciones que experimentaron mientras estaban en la Diócesis de Joliet.

Entre sus sinceras oraciones, uno de ellos expresó su gratitud por la simple alegría de un delicioso burrito de desayuno casero recibido anteriormente en Kankakee. Ese pequeño momento fue un poderoso recordatorio: la Eucaristía nos lleva a una profunda reverencia al mismo tiempo que nos abre los ojos a lo sagrado en lo ordinario. La gratitud, nacida de la Eucaristía, transforma nuestra forma de ver el mundo.

Mientras nos dirigíamos hacia el oeste, entregué la custodia al [Obispo Lou Tylka](#) en Seneca, Illinois, y la peregrinación continuó su camino sagrado a través del país. Finalmente, la procesión llegó a [Los Ángeles en la solemnidad del Corpus Cristi](#). Este movimiento masivo de costa a costa es más que un gesto simbólico; es un viaje literal y espiritual de nuestro Señor pasando por ciudades, pueblos, tierras de cultivo y vecindarios, bendiciendo la tierra y santificando a su pueblo.

Y el viaje no ha terminado. De hecho, el [Avivamiento Eucarístico Nacional](#) está floreciendo en una renovación espiritual a largo plazo. Además de las peregrinaciones, los organizadores han presentado una visión audaz e inspiradora para lo que viene a continuación, incluida la formación de misioneros eucarísticos, líderes laicos que se comprometen con la oración diaria, la recepción frecuente de la Eucaristía y el acompañamiento intencional de otros en el camino de la fe. Las iniciativas parroquiales y diocesanas están echando raíces en todo el país, fomentando la oración continua, la formación eucarística y el alcance misionero local. ¡Y el [Congreso Eucarístico Nacional 2029](#) ya está en el horizonte!

Pero para que este avivamiento dé frutos duraderos, debe llegar a la estructura misma de nuestra vida diaria. Cada uno de nosotros está llamado a responder con renovado fervor: a hacer de la Eucaristía la fuente y la cumbre de nuestras vidas, a dar testimonio de la Presencia Real de Jesús con alegría y confianza, y a poner nuestra fe en acción llevando su amor a las periferias, dondequiera que las personas estén sufriendo, solas o buscando.

Así que, afortunadamente, ¡esta [Renovación Eucarística](#) no es una sola vez! Que este movimiento continúe en nuestras parroquias diocesanas, en nuestras escuelas, en las capillas de adoración eucarística, cada vez que el sacerdote eleva la Hostia en la Misa, y cada vez que recibimos este don extraordinario del verdadero Cuerpo, Sangre, Alma y Divinidad de Cristo.

Para obtener más información sobre cómo mantener encendidos los fuegos del Avivamiento Eucarístico en su parroquia, visite www.dioceseofjoliet.org/national-eucharistic-revival o envíenos un correo electrónico a dojcatevang@dioceseofjoliet.org.

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Volunteers are always needed. They are caring people who are willing to listen to the needs of our clients and help them honestly explore their pregnancy options. Volunteers who are dedicated to their relationship with God are able to show the unconditional love that our clients need. The beauty of the PRC ministry comes not only from *promoting life-affirming options* but also from sacrificially being willing to walk beside a client through her experience. Volunteers are equipped and trained by staff to work with the PRC clients. All of these volunteers are important for their generous donations of time and love and energy to the Pregnancy Resource Center. For more information, please visit their website at:

<https://www.pregnancyresourcecenter.org>.

Next Sunday, July 27

Ice Cream Social at St. James Parish Hall, Irwin, 2-4 p.m.

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In today's Gospel (and last Sunday's, too) love of God (Mary) and love of neighbor (the Samaritan) are the two essentials of life in the kingdom. By using the examples of a Samaritan and a woman, however, Jesus is saying something more. Social codes and boundaries were strict in Jesus' time. Yet to love God with all one's heart *and* one's neighbor requires breaking those rules. The Kingdom of God is a society without distinctions and boundaries between its members. It is a society that requires times for seeing and doing and times for listening and learning.

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

JULY 26 / 27	4:00 P.M.	7:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	4:00 (Spanish)
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SACRISTANS for July 25		P. Johnson	M. Jones	

***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 ... call (815) 932-9423.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 21 ***St. Lawrence of Bridnisi***

7:15 Ashur Toma (*by Toma Family*)

Tuesday, July 22

St. Mary Magdalene

7:15 Special Intentions
of Michelle, James, and Henry Long
(*by Sr. Theresa Galvan, CND*)

Wednesday, July 23

St. Bridget of Sweden

7:15 Kay Serafini (*by Serafini Family*)

Thursday, July 24

St. Charbel Makhlouf

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

Friday, July 25

St. James the Apostle

7:15 Elaine Ziemer (*by Ziemer Family*)

Saturday, July 26

St. Joachim and St. Anne

4:00 Special Intentions of
Father John Peeters, CSV
(*by Mickey Kreissler, Sharon Jackson*)
Special Intentions of Liz Gernon
(*by Rich and Therese Schultz*)

Sunday, July 27

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Dick Skelly (*by Skelly Family*)

10:00 Phil Hodak (Wed. Ann.)
(*by Sue Hodak*)

4:00 (Spanish) Parishioners and Benefactors



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The Blessed Sacrament Candle
burns for St. Patrick's Parish Council.

The Holy Family Candle
burns for St. Patrick's Parish Staff.

O Lord our God, we thank you for the gifts given to our ***Parish Staff*** and to our ***Parish Council***. Bless them with your divine guidance and wisdom as they plan for the future of our Parish.

May the Holy Spirit illuminate their minds and open their hearts to understand what is needed. Grant clarity of vision and the courage to embrace new possibilities, even when challenging.

Inspire their work to prioritize the spiritual growth and well-being of all parishioners and to reach out to those who feel disconnected. May their commitment be strengthened and may their plans be rooted in service to you and others. May they always be effective instruments of your grace. Amen.

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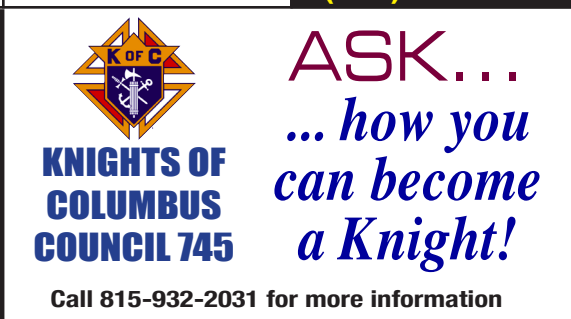
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