

St. Patrick, Kankakee ~ A Viatorian Parish

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 26, 2026



Where is Your Treasure?

Jesus likens the kingdom to a man who finds a buried treasure and sells all that he has so that he can buy the field containing the treasure.

He then likens the kingdom to a merchant who sells all that he has in order to be able to buy one really valuable pearl.

What is the one really valuable pearl
that we are willing to sacrifice everything in order to have?
What is that buried treasure for which we would be willing to sacrifice everything?
Isn't it possible that what we want most is something very selfish:
possessions, security, power, pleasure, comfort?

What would the world be like if, instead of these,
our one really valuable pearl was something like world peace based on justice for all?
Or the development of a classless society
based on respect for all and the priority of need over want?
Or the worship of God through prayer, service, and a preferential option for the poor?
What would the world be like?

Jesus says it would be like the kingdom.

Gerald Darring, The Perspective of Justice

Lord God, our Father, our heart remains restless until it has discovered the peace you offer us in your Son Jesus Christ.

Let him nourish in us the growth of your kingdom.
May he open our eyes to the goodness
and yet the relative value of the things of this earth



May he help us realize that our human personality and existence
are nothing else than the concrete manner
in which we respond to your call and build up your kingdom.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Liturgy Alive

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

Charlie Benoit

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Hannah Chaney

Dustin Foltz
Scott Riegel
Erik Schultz

Reflection

Adults: What would you be willing to “sell,” or do without, in order to achieve your dreams for yourself or your family?

Children: What do you want so much that you would give up something else to get it?

Adultos: ¿Qué estarían dispuestos a «vender» o sacrificar para alcanzar sus sueños, ya sean personales o familiares?

Niños: ¿Qué desean tanto que estarían dispuestos a renunciar a algo más para conseguirlo?

Sunday Stewardship July 19, 2026

Envelopes – 65	\$ 4,682.00
Loose cash and checks	\$ 982.00
ACH – 12 families	\$ 1,140.00
Online Giving – 15 families	\$ 543.50
Total collections	\$ 7,347.50

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

***Thank You for your continued
and generous support of our Parish!***

The recent Magisterium has insisted that social justice begins with the least among us. Saint John Paul II spoke of a preferential option for the poor that must guide both personal and societal choices, while Pope Francis denounced a “throw away culture” that generates ever new forms of exclusion.



From this perspective, social justice requires us to look at individuals and communities, starting with the most vulnerable: the poor, migrants, refugees, internally displaced persons, victims of violence and people living in urban or existential peripheries.

Pope Leo in *Magnifica Humanitas* (p. 78)

Read Pope Leo's encyclical *Magnifica Humanitas* in full, and free, using this link:
<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/encyclicals>

Pope Leo's global prayer intention for July 2026:

“Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.”

Intención de oración universal del Papa León para julio de 2026:

«Oremos para que aprendamos de nuevo a discernir, a saber elegir caminos de vida, y a rechazar todo lo que nos aleja de Cristo y del Evangelio».

A Viatorian Educator's Prayer for Students

**God of grace, thank you for inviting me
 To live my vocation to teaching
 By serving as a Viatorian educator
 Who strives to teach the faith well.**

**May this ministry
 In the classroom and beyond
 Clarify and strengthen
 My students' understanding
 Of their gifts, talents, and passions
 And of Your invitation
 To put divine love in motion.**

**Grant these students the grace and courage
 To discern, identify,
 And meet the world's needs
 Through single, married,
 Religious, or ordained life
 As well as the particular vocations
 Of each of their lives.**

Saint Viator, pray for us! Amen.



**Be
 a teacher
 who forms
 and
 prays for
 students.**

**Be
 a Viatorian.**



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**Please pray daily for VOCATIONS
 to the priesthood and to vowed religious life!**

**Por favor, oren diariamente por las VOCACIONES
 al sacerdocio y a la vida religiosa consagrada.**

The Youth Group's Hearts of Hope Mission #27, was another wonderful week of learning, sharing, clearing, building, painting, planting, and praying. Here are some of our projects: ***For neighbors and parishioners*** ♦ we hung new clothes lines ♦ cleared yard weeds ♦ stained decks and ramps ♦ repaired and painted a picket fence ♦ repaired a picnic table ♦ and repaired a leaking front door ♦ ***For Reggie and Brenda at their Youth Camp*** ♦ we repaired the goat fence ♦ disassembled a ramp ♦ built and stained 6 raised bed garden boxes ♦ and repaired picnic tables ♦ ***For Fr. Ray Lescher, the retired Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish*** ♦ we stained his picnic table ♦ and weeded his tomato garden ♦ ***For Sacred Heart Parish*** ♦ we cleaned out the Food Pantry room ♦ brought items from the church to the basement ♦ painted the handrails by the basement and the handrails in front of church, ♦ painted the bell tower ♦ re-roped the bell ♦ stained 4 picnic tables ♦ power-washed the pavilion floor (it looks like new concrete) ♦ power-washed the garage and the front of the house ♦ mulched ♦ landscaped the church grounds, ♦ replaced ceiling tiles in the church basement ♦ Clean in the old convent house ♦ and set up rooms for future use.

So, as you can see, it was a very productive Mission – even with early starts and end times due to the extreme heat! ***THANK YOU*** to all who supported us as Adult Volunteers and Project Managers. Also, to all those who cooked and served meals, donated money and supplies, or prayed for us! ***We are grateful!***

Thanks be to God!
¡Gracias a Dios!

La Misión n.º 27 "Hearts of Hope" (Corazones de Esperanza) del grupo de jóvenes, realizada del 12 al 16 de julio, fue otra semana maravillosa de aprendizaje, convivencia, limpieza, construcción, pintura, siembra y oración. ***Estos son algunos de nuestros proyectos:*** para vecinos y feligreses, instalamos nuevos tendedores, eliminamos maleza de los patios, aplicamos tinte protector a terrazas y rampas, reparamos y pintamos una cerca de estacas, reparamos una mesa de picnic y arreglamos una puerta principal que tenía filtraciones. ***Para Reggie y Brenda, en su campamento juvenil***, reparamos la cerca de las cabras, desmontamos una rampa, construimos y teñimos 6 cajones de cultivo elevados y reparamos mesas de picnic. ***Para el P. Ray Lescher***, párroco jubilado de la parroquia del Sagrado Corazón (Sacred Heart), teñimos su mesa de picnic y deshierbamos su huerto de tomates. ***Para la parroquia del Sagrado Corazón***, limpiamos el cuarto de la despensa de alimentos, trasladamos artículos de la iglesia al sótano, pintamos los pasamanos del sótano y los de la entrada de la iglesia, pintamos el campanario, renovamos la cuerda de la campana, teñimos 4 mesas de picnic, lavamos a presión el piso del pabellón (¡parece concreto nuevo!), lavamos a presión el garaje y la fachada de la casa, aplicamos mantillo y arreglamos el paisajismo de los terrenos de la iglesia; además, reemplazamos placas del techo en el sótano de la iglesia, limpiamos la antigua casa del convento y preparamos habitaciones para su uso futuro.

Como pueden ver, fue una misión muy productiva, ¡incluso con los horarios modificados para empezar y terminar temprano debido al calor extremo! ***¡GRACIAS*** a todos los que nos apoyaron como voluntarios adultos y coordinadores de proyectos! También a quienes cocinaron y sirvieron las comidas, donaron dinero y materiales, o rezaron por nosotros. ***¡Estamos muy agradecidos!***



You can see more pictures and read more about the Mission in a **FEATURE ARTICLE:**

Raising a Community in Partnership and Service

at: <https://www.viatorians.com/feature-raising-a-community-in-partnership-and-service/p=133849>

Offering Envelopes



Read the Parish Bulletin carefully each week. *If you find your Envelope Number* in an article or list, call the Rectory Office at (815) 932-6716 during regular Office hours and you will win a nice little gift!

Don't miss your chance to win big! Our raffle fundraiser is still going strong, and everyone has a chance to take home the **\$2,500 Grand Prize** when the winning ticket is drawn on August 22. Envelope No. 406. Get your raffle tickets today at the rectory and share the excitement with your friends, family and coworkers! Tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100.

¡No pierda la oportunidad de ganar en grande! Nuestra rifa de recaudación de fondos sigue en marcha, y todos tienen la oportunidad de llevarse **el gran premio de \$2,500** cuando se realice el sorteo el 22 de agosto. ¡Compre sus boletos hoy mismo en la rectoría y comparta la emoción con sus amigos, familiares y compañeros de trabajo! Los boletos cuestan \$25 cada uno o 5 por \$100.



This Week at St. Patrick Parish:

Tuesday, July 28 – *Finance Committee* at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 30 – *Parish Council* at 6:00 p.m.



Next weekend, August 1- 2!

Jenny Schoenwetter, Executive Director of Harbor House, will be visiting St. Patrick Parish! Jenny will talk after each weekend about the services offered at Harbor House, their project to build a new facility, as well as the contributions of St. Patrick Parish and St. Patrick CCW to that project.

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AUGUST 1 / 2	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, July 27

7:15 In thanksgiving for blessings received
(David Chavez)

Tuesday, July 28

7:15 Arvella Waugh (Waugh Family)

Wednesday, July 29

Sts. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

7:15 Linda Morrison (Morrison Family)

Thursday, July 30 ***St. Peter Chrysologus***

7:15 Anna Marie Rowe
(Sr. Carol Karnitsky, sscm)

Friday, July 31 ***St. Ignatius of Loyola***

7:15 Elaine Ziemer (Ziemer Family)

Saturday, August 1

St. Alphonsus de Liguori

4:00 Michael and Virginia Wayer
(Wayer Family) /
Bridget Kingsnorth (John and Rita Mroz) /
Anita Drassler (Drassler Family) /
George and Suzette Flageole as they
celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary
(Flageole Family)

Sunday, August 2

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Vivian Danca (Danca Family)

10:00 Iven "Pete" Johnson
(Chuck and Lluvian Gricius) /
Irene Jensen (Ron and Cindy Gagnon)

4:00 (Sp.) Parishioners and Benefactors



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When we have to reply
to anyone who has insulted us,
we should be careful to do it
always with gentleness.
A soft answer extinguishes the fire of wrath.
St. Alphonsus de Liguori



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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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