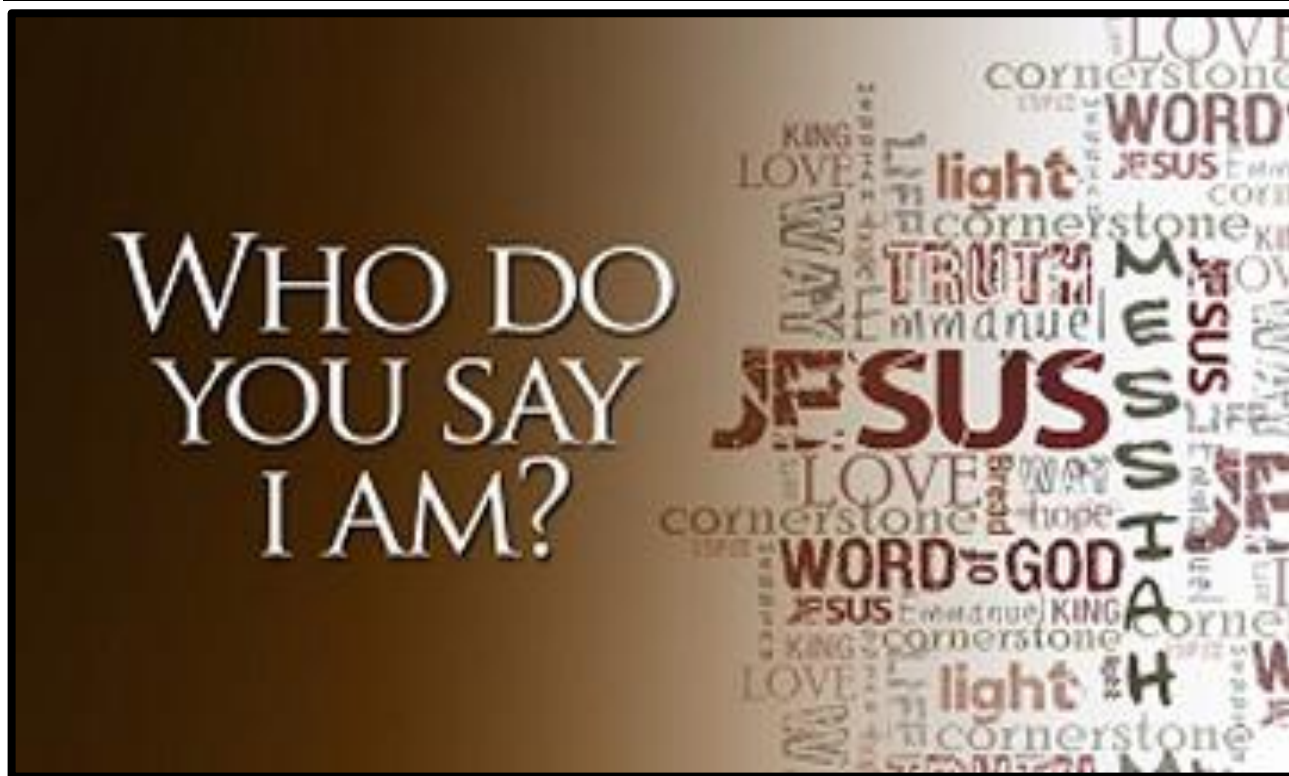


St. Patrick, Kankakee ~ A Viatorian Parish

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 23, 2026



There are times when I read this Gospel and I flip the question toward myself.
In my honest reflection, I turn to my God and ask,
“*Who, my Lord, do you say that I am?*”

It is a poignant question to ask and have the courage to hear the answer.

Am I a person who sows hope and joy,
a peacemaker, an activist, a healer, a teacher?
Am I a sinner, a coward, a racist, a fearful child?

Each time I listen for the answer ...
I am some combination of all of them ...
some combination of love and fear.

Each time I feel both my Lord's loving embrace and his rebuke.

And each time the way before me clears a little more
and I am reminded once again to be merciful and loving
to myself and to others along the way.

Christina R. Zaker

At the heart of today's Gospel message is the challenge to become *community*, to lose ourselves in concern for others.

"Who do you say that I am?"

Do you know who I am?

Do you really know me?

The Lord asks the same questions and offers the same challenge to us.

In choosing Christ we do more than make an individual profession of faith.

We also commit ourselves to one another.

Once we name Jesus, then he names us,

and if Jesus could change Simon into the rock upon which the Church is built, then he can change us to be the disciples we need to be.

Joe Cece



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Adults: If you were asked, how would you explain Jesus to a person who had not heard of him? **Children:** Who do you tell people Jesus is?

Adultos: Si te preguntaran, ¿cómo le explicarías acerca de Jesús a una persona que no haya oído hablar de Él? **Niños:** ¿Quién le dices a la gente que es Jesús?

Sunday Stewardship August 16, 2026

Envelopes – 65	\$4,487.00
Loose cash and checks	\$ 863.00
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Total collections	\$7,098.50

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

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

Who am I? What is MY answer?

Scientific and technological advances, even in the medical field, are not easily accessible to the vast majority of people, as was dramatically demonstrated during the recent pandemic. While some regions spend heavily on superfluous interventions or dreams of individual enhancement accessible only to a select few, other parts of the world lack the essential equipment needed to save millions of human lives.



To think that new technologies will automatically benefit everyone is to ignore the evidence.

Unless transformations at the design stage prioritize the prevention of new and further disparities, technological progress will inevitably produce structural inequalities.

Today, justice requires access to the benefits of innovation, including care, knowledge, tools, and opportunities.

Pope Leo in Magnifica Humanitas #162

Pope Leo's global prayer intention for August 2026: For evangelization in the city.

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

***Intención de oración universal del Papa León para Agosto 2026:
Por la evangelización en la ciudad.***

Oremos para que, en las grandes ciudades, a menudo marcadas por el anonimato y la soledad, encontremos nuevas formas de anunciar el Evangelio, descubriendo caminos creativos para construir comunidad.

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Congratulations and continued blessings!

Leyli Guadalupe Gurrola Monreal

the daughter of Oscar Manuel Gurrola Murillo
and Rosalba Monreal Robles,
who was received into the Church
through the Sacraments of Initiation
at the 4 p.m. Sunday Mass last weekend.

May God continue to bless Leyli,
her parents, and her godparents,
as they guide her growth in faith and in love!

Leyli is pictured here (front row, center) with
her Godparents, Laura and Jose, and in the top
row are her parents, Rosalba and Oscar, with
Bishop Christopher Glancy, CSV.



Looking for a way to serve others? Use Your Time and Talents to Help a Senior Many older



adults need a helping hand managing everyday financial tasks. Catholic Charities is looking for caring volunteers to assist low-income seniors with organizing bills, balancing checkbooks, identifying scams, and maintaining financial independence. Opportunities are also available to support the

program through quality assurance and administrative assistance. Volunteer opportunities are available in **Kankakee, Grundy, Iroquois, and Will Counties**. For more information, please contact **Sherri Funk** at (815) 523-9921 or sfunk@cc-doj.org.

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- ***OCIA is for any adult who is seeking to be received into the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist, and/or Confirmation.***
- ***If you or someone you know is interested, please call the parish office at: (815) 932-6716***



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OCIA

¿Te interesa convertirte en católico?

¡Las sesiones del OCIA comienzan pronto en San Patricio!

- ***OCIA es para cualquier adulto que busque ser recibido en la Iglesia Católica a través de los Sacramentos del Bautismo, la Santa Eucaristía y/o la Confirmación.***
- ***Si usted o alguien que conoce está interesado, llame a la oficina parroquial al: (815) 932-6716***



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



***Religious Education
Sessions for Students
will begin Wednesday, September 16.
Envelope No. 580.***

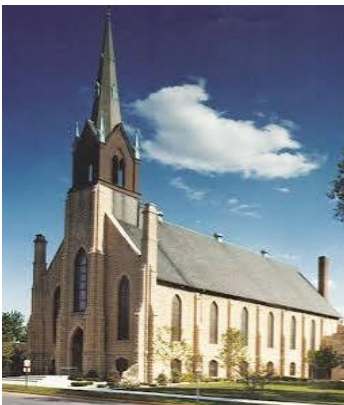
**Catechists and Staff members will meet
Wednesday, September 2, at 6 p.m.**

**Parents will meet with Mrs. Kregor
Wednesday, September 9, at 6 p.m.**

The Parish Council members presently serving St. Patrick Parish are:

Teri Worth (2022-2026), Chairperson
John "Jamie" Boyd (2022-2026),
Robert Bond (2023-2026), Kathy Kingsnorth (2023-2026),
Israel Lorenzo (2025-2028), Marisa Navarro (2025-2028),
Mike Spilsbury (Buildings and Grounds),
JoAnne Schwade, Finance Committee Chair,
Bishop Chris Glancy, C.S.V., Pastor,
Marilyn Mulcahy, *Ex Officio*,
Denise Schiel, Secretary to the Council

Their responsibilities include: • Actively listening to the needs and concerns of parishioners • Attending meetings • Offering items for the agenda • Taking part in the discussions • Carrying out the tasks assigned to them. → The Parish Council is a consultative body to the Pastor. → Parish Council members work toward consensus decision-making.



Come and Celebrate!

Please join in the monthly Mass
at St. Rose of Lima Chapel in Kankakee.
This Mass, set for Friday, August 28th,
is the 7th Anniversary of re-opening the doors
and to celebrate the feast of St. Rose.
Mass is at 6:00 p.m. with a mini-concert
of contemporary music at 5:45 p.m.

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

AUGUST 29 / 30	4:00 P.M.	7:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	4:00 P.M. (Spanish)
CANTORS	M. Finks		A. Schneider	Coro
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WEEKDAY LECTOR	L. Born			
SACRISTANS	A. Palma		M. Lorenzo	

*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, August 24 ***St. Bartholomew the Apostle***

7:15 Kay Serafini (*Serafini Family*)

Tuesday, August 25 ***St. Louis***

7:15 Don Wesoloski (Wed. Ann.)
(*Judy Wesoloski*)

Wednesday August 26

7:15 Tom Johnson (*Tina Ronneberg*)

Thursday, August 27 ***St. Monica***

7:15 Timothy Rodeghero (*Rodeghero Family*)

Friday, August 28 ***St. Augustine***

7:15 Parishioners and Benefactors

Saturday, August 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

4:00 Darlene J. Nelson (*Kristina Nelson*) /

Will Provost (*Annie Syrstad*) /

Anna Schiel (Ann.)

(*Pete and Denise Schiel*) /

Michael Harman, Jr. (*Harman Family*)

Sunday, August 22 ***St. Rose of Lima***

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00 Vivian Danca (*Danca Family*)

10:00 Phil Hodak (Birth Ann.) (*Sue Hodak*) /

Robert Lower (*Judy Bourland*) /

Laura Ndoca (Ann.) (*Jill Pristach*) /

Ivan "Pete" Johnson

(*Chuck and Lluvian Gricius*)

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



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burns for all students as they return to school
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The Holy Family Candle
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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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