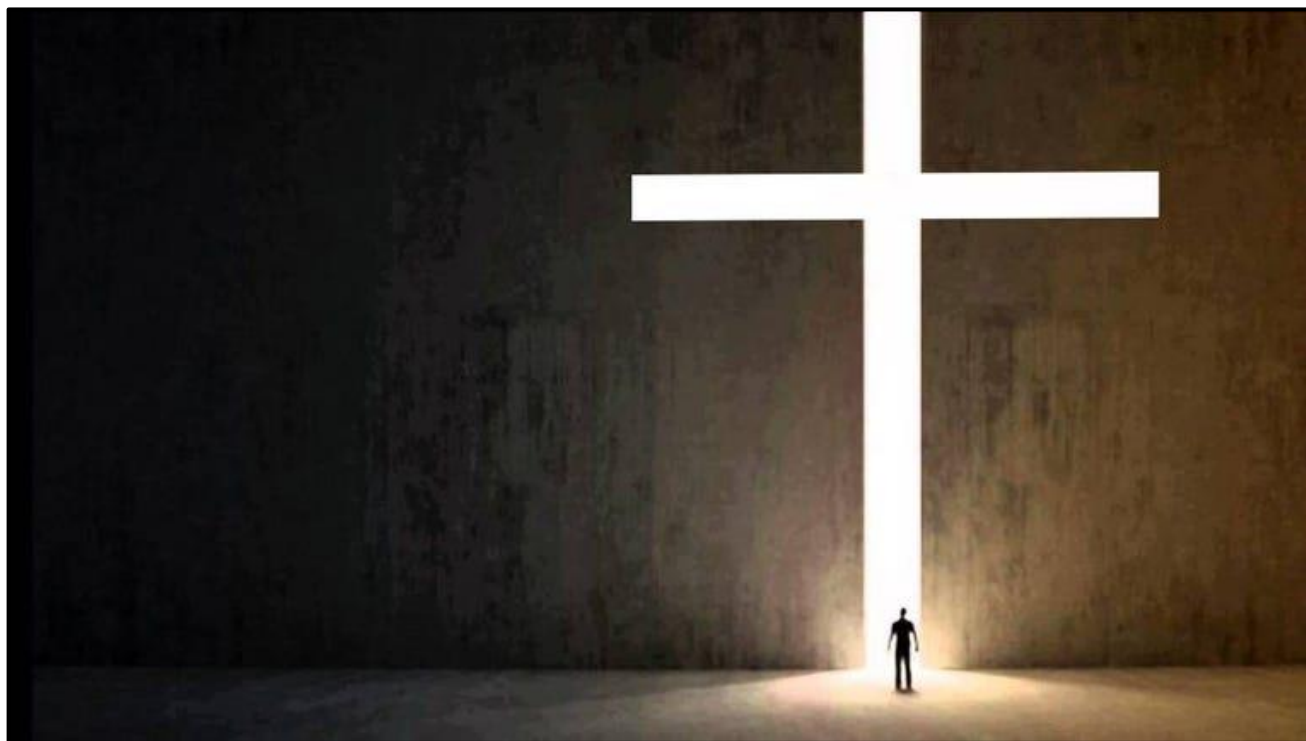


# *St. Patrick, Kankakee ~ A Viatorian Parish*

21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 24, 2025



## *A House of Welcome*

Everyone likes to go to a house where the doors are always open in welcome.  
That is how Jesus wants the Church to be: a house of welcome open to anyone.  
Jesus says of himself that he is the gate or the door.  
He welcomes all who seek him and even goes out of his way to look for people.

*But at the same time the door is narrow.*

We must try to become like Jesus and to serve and love God and people  
and to live in the spirit of the Gospel.  
With Jesus we now thank the Father, and ask that we, too, may be open to all.

Lord our God,  
you are the Father of all and you want to set all people free  
with the freedom won for us by your Son Jesus Christ.  
Give us a true sense of mission, that we may be open to every person and culture.  
Make us humbly recognize the good that is found everywhere,  
and to recreate and perfect it  
in the image of Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord forever.  
Amen.

*Liturgy Alive*

We are accustomed to go to Mass on Sundays and we hear the Lord speak his Word to us in the readings of the Scriptures. Is that enough to make us faithful Christians, to prove that we belong to the Kingdom of God?

Outward practices and statements are not enough. We belong there if we try to be good Christians who do their best to live their faith.

Jesus' message and life must become visible in us by the way we love God in our everyday life, and by the way we serve him in our neighbor.

This is the way, whoever we are, from wherever we come, that Jesus will recognize us as his disciples.



*Liturgy Alive*

**Thank you to  
this week's  
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***Please pray for our Military Personnel.  
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## Reflection Reflection

♦ How can we be more inclusive and welcoming to others in our community? ♦ How can we grow in our understanding of God's universal love? ♦ How can we encourage others to embrace the full message of Jesus, including the challenges? ♦ How can we support one another in our faith community as we strive to follow Jesus?

### ***Stewardship Report*** **Sunday, August 17, 2025**

Envelopes – 68	\$3,997.00
Loose cash and checks	\$ 589.00
ACH – 12 families	\$1,140.00
Envelope number 1095	
Online Giving – 14 families	\$ 520.00
Total collection	\$6,246.00

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

***Thank you for your  
generous and consistent support!***

***Steak Fry tickets are on sale  
in the Rectory Office and after Masses.***

Brothers, sisters ... I speak to you, especially to those who no longer believe, no longer hope, no longer pray, because they think God has left. To those who are fed up with scandals, with misused power, with the silence of a Church that sometimes seems more like a palace than a home. I, too, was angry with God. I, too, saw good people die, children suffer, grandparents cry without medicine. And yes, ... there were days when I prayed and only felt an echo.



But then I discovered something: God doesn't shout. God whispers. And sometimes he whispers from the mud, from pain, from a grandmother who feeds you without having anything. I don't come to offer you perfect faith. I come to tell you that faith is a walk with stones, puddles, and unexpected hugs.

I'm not asking you to believe in everything. I'm asking you not to close the door. Give a chance to the God who waits for you without judgment. I'm just a priest who saw God in the smile of a woman who lost her son ... and yet she cooked for others. That changed me.

So if you're broken, if you don't believe, if you're tired of the lies, ... come anyway. With your anger, your doubt, your dirty backpack. No one here will ask you for a VIP card. Because this Church, as long as I breathe, will be a home for the homeless, and a rest for the weary. God doesn't need soldiers. He needs brothers and sisters. And you, yes you ... are one of them.

*Robert Prevost, (Pope Leo XIV), May, 2025*

Hermanos, hermanas... Me dirijo a ustedes, especialmente a quienes ya no creen, ya no esperan, ya no rezan, porque creen que Dios se ha ido. A quienes están hartos de los escándalos, del abuso de poder, del silencio de una Iglesia que a veces parece más un palacio que un hogar. Yo también estuve enojado con Dios. Yo también vi morir a gente buena, a niños sufrir, a abuelos llorar sin medicinas. Y sí... hubo días en que rezaba y solo sentía un eco.

Pero entonces descubrí algo: Dios no grita. Dios susurra. Y a veces susurra desde el barro, desde el dolor, desde una abuela que te alimenta sin tener nada. No vengo a ofrecerles una fe perfecta. Vengo a decirles que la fe es un caminar entre piedras, charcos y abrazos inesperados.

No les pido que crean en todo. Les pido que no cierren la puerta. Denle una oportunidad a Dios, que los espera sin juzgarlos. Solo soy un sacerdote que vio a Dios en la sonrisa de una mujer que perdió a su hijo... y aun así, cocinó para otros. Eso me cambió.



Así que, si están destrozados, si no creen, si están cansados de las mentiras... vengan de todos modos. Con su ira, sus dudas, su mochila sucia. Aquí nadie les pedirá una tarjeta VIP. Porque esta Iglesia, mientras yo viva, será un hogar para los sin techo y un descanso para los cansados. Dios no necesita soldados. Necesita hermanos y hermanas. Y tú, sí, tú... eres uno de ellos.

*Robert Prevost, (Papa León XIV), mayo de 2025*

# St. Patrick's Church

## STEAK FRY

Saturday • September 6 • 2025

Kankakee Valley Boat Club  
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Serving 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

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## Iglesia de San Patricio

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Si estaría interesado en donar una canasta de rifa o un certificado de regalo para nuestra RIFA DE FILETE FRITO, llame a Denise en la Oficina de la Rectoría al (815) 932-6716.



***Boat Rides beginning at 4 p.m.!***

***¡Paseos en barco  
a partir de las 4 p.m.!***

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***¡Bienvenidos a nuestros nuevos feligreses!***

***Welcome to our new Parishioners!***

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## SAVE THE DATE! / ¡RESERVA LA FECHA!

Our parish will be celebrating this Holy Year of Hope with a **PILGRIMAGE** on Monday, October 13th. All are encouraged to join us! Watch the bulletin for more details!

Nuestra parroquia celebrará este Año Santo de la Esperanza con una **PEREGRINACIÓN** el Lunes, 13 de Octubre. Anima a todos a unirse a nosotros! ¡Mira el boletín para más detalles!



### *A Note from our Director of Music:*

As we return to our fall schedules, we invite you to join one of our choirs. Our Parish Choir rehearses on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Our Funeral Choir rehearses 45 minutes prior to a funeral.

All parishioners, junior high and older, are invited to join our Parish Choir! Whether you are an experienced singer or just love to lift your voice in praise, we welcome all who wish to share their musical talents.

***Our first rehearsal is Thursday, September 11, at 6:30 p.m. in the choir loft.*** Please come share your voice and help lead our liturgies in song. No prior choir experience is required – just a love for singing and praising God!

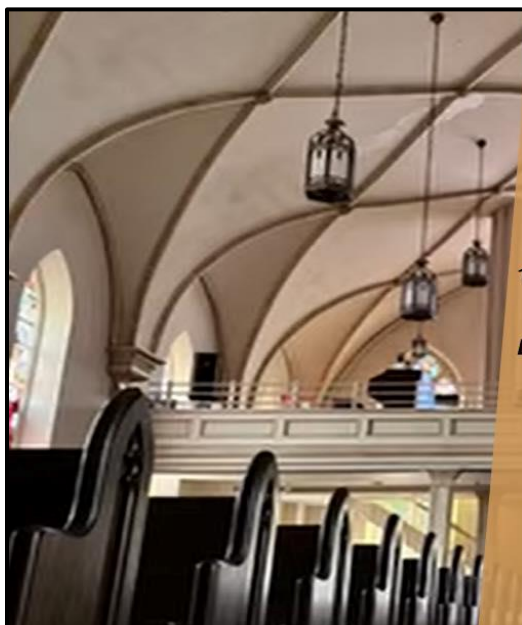
Looking forward to meeting you there,

*Amy Schneider, Director of Music*



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***✠ This special celebration at St. Rose  
is set for 6:00 p.m., FRIDAY, AUGUST 29! ✠***



#### CELEBRATION MASS

**6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Association for the  
Preservation of the beloved St Rose of  
Lima Chapel**

*A Celebration of Faith, Preservation & Community*

**Come celebrate with our beloved Fr Vern Arseneau and  
Deacon Patrick Skelly, who will lead us in this joyful liturgy.  
The Celebration will be blessed with special guest clergy  
who have faithfully supported and enriched the  
preservation of St. Rose of Lima Chapel:**

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**Friday August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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... that the Scripture readings we hear each weekend are the same as Catholics throughout the world are hearing? So, at each Mass, I am hearing the same readings as Catholics across the USA, in South America, Central America, Africa, Europe... everywhere!

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**Find Your Envelope Number ... Win a Prize!** Read the Bulletin carefully each week. If you find your envelope number, call the Rectory Office at (815) 932-6716 – during regular Office hours (9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.) – and you will win a prize.

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**Don't forget to place your orders  
for St. Patrick Church CCW's  
Fall Mum Fundraiser!  
Due in the Rectory Office by TOMORROW!**



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Part 3 of **Lord, Teach Me to Pray**, begin on September 8, meeting weekly on Mondays at 2:30 p.m. in the Angel room at St. John Paul II Parish, and will end on December 8. The title of Part 3 is “Discernment and Gifts of the Holy Spirit”. *Anyone who has ever completed Parts 1 & 2 of Lord Teach Me to Pray is eligible to join us.* To register, please contact Mary Causer at (815) 922-0228.

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**Servants  
of the  
Holy Heart  
of Mary**

**The Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary** invite you to renew your Spirit through their upcoming programs. Please feel free to call Susan Amann at **(708) 790-8141**, or email her at ([samann@sscm-usa.org](mailto:samann@sscm-usa.org)) if you have questions about programs or would like to register over the phone.

#### **September Local Programs**

9/11 *Image and Likeness: Can the Bible be Correct?* with Fr. Vern Arseneau  
Time: 8:30am - 3:00pm Location: One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center

9/13, 9/27 *Enneagram Exploration* Presenter: Rev. Kelly Perotti  
Time: 9:00am - 12:00 noon

Location: One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center and Online via ZOOM

#### **October Local Programs**

10/9 *Fall Craft Workshop* with Susan Amann & Teresa Culver  
Time: 9:00am - 12:00 noon

Location: One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center

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**Sign up for the Viatorians' Friday e-newsletter!** Every Friday, the Viatorians prepare a video newscast and gather links to their stories of the week, bundle them up, and email them out to friends and partners across the province and even around the world. Get connected!

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

AUGUST 30 / 31	4:00 P.M.	7:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.	4:00 (Spanish)
CANTOR	D. Worth		A. Schneider	Coro
LECTOR	M. Spilsbury	J. Boyd	M. O'Brien	V. Bolívar / R. Lira
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	J. Menard A. Arrocha	B. Grasser	C. Antognoli R. Bond	E. Domínguez
WEEKDAY LECTOR		K. Yohnka		
SACRISTANS for August 22		J. Conway	A. Steinke	

*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 25 **St. Louis**

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

Tuesday, August 26

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

Wednesday, August 27 **St. Monica**

7:15 Elaine Ziemer (by Ziemer Family)

Thursday, August 28 **St. Augustine**

7:15 Parishioners and Benefactors

Friday, August 29

**The Passion of St. John the Baptist**

7:15 Darlene J. Nelson (Birth. Ann.)  
(by Kristina Nelson)

Saturday, August 30

4:00 Phil Hodak (Birth. Ann.)  
(by Sue Hodak Family) /  
Jim Petre (25th Ann.) (by Jane Petre) /  
Henry Weiler (by Chris Hall)  
Special Intentions of Alicia Parkinson  
(by a Friend)

Sunday, August 31

**22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:00 Joe Devine (by Angie Devine)

10:00 Judy Swanson (Birth. Ann.)  
(by Amy Schneider)  
Barbara May (Ann.) (by May Family)  
Robert Lower (by Judy Bourland)  
Patrick O'Brien (by O'Brien Family) /

4:00 (Spanish) Ashur Toma



#### MEMORIAL CANDLES

*The Blessed Sacrament Candle*  
burns in prayer for a special friend  
(by Parish Staff).

*The Holy Family Candle*  
burns in memory of Len Mulcahy  
(by Marilyn Mulcahy).

Lord, help us to follow you with open hearts and minds. Guide us to be welcoming to all and teach us through your loving discipline. Help us to be generous to all those in need. Give us the strength to embrace our cross and stay faithful on our journey with you. Amen.



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Reconciliation ..... Saturday 3:00-3:30 p.m. and by appt.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

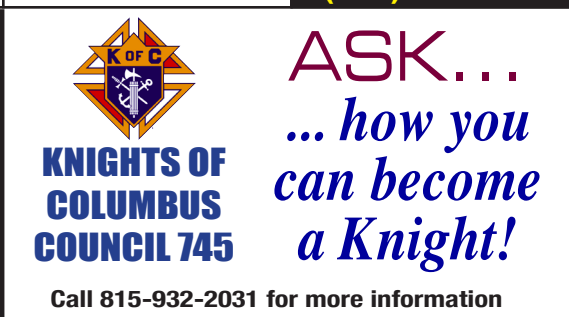
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