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Dear Lord, I lift every unborn child into Your care. Shield them from all harm and keep them safe in their mother's womb. May no plan of the enemy prosper against them. Preserve their lives and destinies, for they are fearfully and wonderfully made by You. Amen.

Our Annual "Baby Bottle Collection" for Women's Choice Services will take place in the month of February.

Prayer for Protection for Unborn Baby



OFFICE HOURS

Monday- Thursday
9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
12:30 - 3:00 p.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

Monday - Friday
9:15 a.m. in English
7:00 p.m. in Spanish
Saturday Vigil Mass
4:00 p.m. in English
Sunday Masses
10:30 a.m. in English
12:00 p.m. in Spanish

HOLY DAY MASSES

Dates and times vary

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. or by appointment; seasonal services

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (KINDERGARDEN - 8TH GRADE)

Sunday Classes 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Sunday Classes 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM / EL SACRAMENTO DE BAUTISMO

Please call the Parish Office for more information. English baptisms normally are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month at noon, Spanish Baptisms on the 3rd Saturday of the month at noon. / Por favor llame a la Parroquia para mas información. Normalmente, los bautismos están celebrando los tercer Sabado cada mes al mediodía.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY MATRIMONY (MARRIAGE) / EL SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO

Please call the office before setting a date for your wedding. The diocese requires a six month preparation prior to the wedding. / Las parejas pueden llamar a la oficina antes de poner una fecha para su boda o de hacer otros compromisos. La Diócesis de requiera un tiempo de preparación de un mínimo de seis meses entre la boda.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK / (UNCIÓN) DE LOS ENFERMOS

Call the Office if you know of someone in need of the Sacrament. / Contacte la Parroquia si alguien en su familia necesita el Sacramento.

FUNERALS / FUNERALES

Contact the Parish Office before placing any obituary notices.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP / ASOCIACIÓN DE PARROQUIA

Registration Forms are located in the Parish Office or in Church. / Las formas de inscripción pueden ser encontradas en la oficina.

January 24-25, 2026: The 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Saturday, January 31 (Fr. Jhobany) 4:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: M.J. Boicken

Lector: G. Hess

Ushers: K. Bukowski, R. Hess

D. Rademacher, S. Pansa

Altar Servers: A. Fuhrmann

Sunday, February 1 (Fr. Jhobany) 10:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Minister: M. Meyer

Lector: J. Rehmer

Ushers: M. Dionne, J. Riemenschneider

Altar Servers: Y. Aalia, J. & B. Miller,
P. & C. Bickel

Sunday, February 1 (Fr. Uriel) 12:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Minister: C. Andrade, E. Zagal

Lector: F. Franco, L. Ojeda

Ushers: N. Viveros, R. Camacho

G. Camacho, G. Carreo, B. Aguirre

Altar Servers: L. Flores, K. Flores, A. Flores

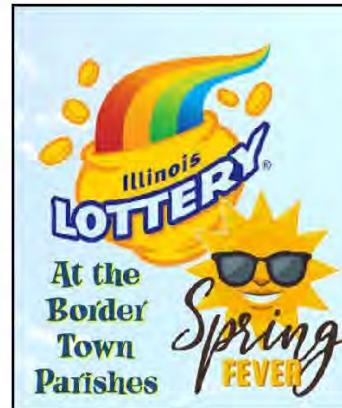


NEWS & NOTES

FROM FR. PETE JANKOWSKI

Join Fr. Pete's mailing list at
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Thanks to a parishioner both from St. Anne's & St. Patrick's, we are offering this winter *two unique raffles* that serve as fundraisers for our Border Town Parishes. Lorri Simpson from St. Patrick's has been spearheading a Illinois Pick 3 Drawing Raffle at our parishes, where one thousand tickets are sold for \$20 a piece and each ticket is assigned a three-digit number from 000-999. These numbers correspond with the Illinois Pick-3 Daily Drawing Lottery that takes place each day in the month of March. For each number drawn each day in March, those whose number matches the Illinois Pick-3 drawing wins \$250 daily, \$500 on Sundays and \$1,500 on St.



The St. Pat's 31 Day Drawing has moved to March 2026. Tickets are \$20 each for 31 chances to win a total of \$10,000! The \$1,500 payout will be on St Patrick's Day. Call (815) 472-2864 for More Info or to Buy Your Tickets. Thank you for your support!

Patrick's Day (March 17). If we sell all one thousand tickets, then St. Patrick's will make \$10,000 for this fundraiser. We need to sell off all of these tickets by the end of February, so if you can help us out with purchasing the tickets, we would appreciate it.

Over at St. Anne's, parishioner Andy Paquette offered a unique opportunity for us to raffle off one of his cows in what we are calling a "Holy Cow! Border Town Beef Raffle," with eight winners winning fifty pounds of hamburger from said cow. The tickets will run \$10 each or six for \$50 and the winning tickets will be pulled after the 10:30 a.m. Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday (April 27, 2025). We will not start selling these tickets until all the tickets for the March Spring Tickets have been sold out.

So many good souls wish to help out their parishes in their unique ways and we are so thankful that wonderful people like Andy and Lorrie are donating their time, talent and bovine products for a good cause. Please take advantage of what they are offering us for the benefit of our Border Town Parishes!!!





Judged or Invited?

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 3:2) is the message preached by Jesus after the arrest of John the Baptist. It is important to place this message in context. Jesus is not repeating the preaching of the Baptist. His message is unique and compelling.

Look closely at what Jesus is saying. Do not automatically fill in the blanks with the memories of every sermon you have heard. Try to hear Jesus' words again, for the first time. Is the emphasis on "repent," or is the emphasis on the announcement, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand"? Does it make any difference?

Repeat these words and change the emphasis each time. Play with the words. Let the words play with you. Notice how you respond. Notice what makes a difference. Notice how you react, and, most of all, notice whether you feel invited or you feel judged.

The Baptist made no bones about it. You are being judged: "Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees" (Matthew 3:10). Jesus, on the other hand, seems not to judge but to invite: "for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matthew 4:17). In the invitation, we are challenged to see in a different way. Use different skills. Refrain from automatic judgments. Seek to understand but, most of all, to accept and to love. ●

Reflect

**What does "repent" mean to me?
A threat or an invitation?**



LEARN ABOUT
THE AUTHORS
OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY



Dear Padre,

Why can't a Protestant receive the Eucharist at a Catholic Mass?

United by baptism, fellow Christians are our brothers and sisters in the Lord. As such, they are always welcome at Catholic Mass, but they do not ordinarily participate in holy Communion. "Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to holy Communion" (Code of Canon Law, 844 §4).

When Catholics receive Holy Communion, they firmly believe the bread and wine are transformed into the Real Presence of Christ. In the Eucharist, we become part of the body of Christ and share in holiness and unity with one another. Our "Amen" to "The Body of Christ" and "The Blood of Christ" means, "Truly, so be it!" It indicates that we affirm our belief in this mystery, which is fundamental to our Catholic identity. If non-Catholics receive the Eucharist but do not embrace this identity and same belief, it may disrespect Catholics who do, as well as disrespect their own identity in the denomination to which they belong.

However, at Mass, fellow Christians can join their prayers with Catholics in praising God. Together, we also pray that the divisions which separate us will finally disappear, in keeping with Christ's prayer for us "that they may all be one" (John 17:21). ●



CARLOS DANIEL / CATHOPIC

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
January 26	January 27	January 28	January 29	January 30	January 31	February 1
Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops	Weekday	St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church	Weekday	Weekday	St. John Bosco, Priest	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5	2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19	Mk 3:31-35	2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29	2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17	2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13
Mk 3:22-30		2 Sm 7:4-17	Mk 4:21-25	Mk 4:26-34	10-17	1 Cor 1:26-31
		Mk 4:1-20			Mk 4:35-41	Mt 5:1-12a

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about *Dear Padre*.

A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

Dear brothers and sisters, all too much violence exists in the world and our societies. Amid wars, terrorism, human trafficking, and widespread aggression, our children and young people need to be able to experience the culture of life, dialogue, and mutual respect. Above all, they need the witness of...those who have suffered injustice and violence [and] resist the temptation to seek revenge.

ADDRESS TO THE "ARENA OF PEACE," ROME, MAY 30, 2025



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ST. PATRICK'S PEW & CHURCH DEDICATION PROGRAM



ST. ANNE'S PEW & CHURCH DEDICATION PROGRAM



If you are interested in learning more about the pew dedication program (\$2,500 a pew), contact the parish office at St. Patrick's Church at ☎ (815) 472-2864 or email us at the address pjankowski@yahoo.com.

The concept for our dedication program is simple - we are offering the opportunity to remember a loved one in a memorial dedicated for one of our church or chapel pews (\$2,500).

If you are interested in learning more about the dedication program, contact the parish office at phone ☎ (815) 427-8265 or email us at the address pjankowski@yahoo.com.



Polka Mass & Appreciation Dinner

Saturday - February 14, 2026
4:00 Mass and Dinner & Entertainment After
St. Patrick's Catholic Church & Hall
119 N. Market Street
Monee, IL 60954

RSVP Preferred but NOT Required
Call **815-427-8265** or **815-472-2864**
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Other Winter Activities at the Border Town Parishes...



HARBOR
HOUSE

As we show **gratitude for the mothers and motherly figures in our lives**, please consider supporting those who may be struggling with the new or unexpected calling to motherhood by supporting the Baby Bottle Campaign. All proceeds benefit Waterleaf Women's Center, which provides assistance for those facing unplanned pregnancy.

We will be collecting new slippers, slipper socks and stockings for women and children in January for those served by Harbor House. All sizes are needed. A warm pair of slippers or socks would be greatly appreciated during the cold winter months. Out of desperation, some arrive at Harbor House with just the clothes on their backs. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



Our Annual Polka Mass & Appreciation Dinner at St. Patrick's Church on February 14, starting with the 4:00 Polka Mass and the Appreciation Dinner to follow in the basement. Thanks to Ray Koncar and his Polka Group for providing music for our Complementary Dinner. You can RSVP by calling the parish offices by February 8.

St. Patrick's Irish Mass & Dinner - On March 14, we will offer our Annual Bagpipe 4:00 p.m. Mass & Dinner, with Entertainment after Mass courtesy of the Galway Girls. Prices TBA. Come join us in supporting St. Patrick's Church and celebrating with good faith, friends... and Food! Corned Beef & Cabbage, Irish Stew and other surprises to come!!!



At St. Anne on February 20, March 6 & March 20
At St. Patrick's Every Friday from February 20 through March 27

24-25 Enero 2025: El Tercer Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El Día 3 de febrero se celebra entre misas, mariachis, fuegos artificiales y muchas expresiones de religiosidad popular, la fiesta de Nuestra Señora de la Concepción de Suyapa en Honduras. Fue un sábado del mes de febrero, cuando Alejandro Collendres, un joven humilde labrador, y Jorge Martínez, un niño de ocho años, la encontraron. Según la tradición estos llegaron cansados a la quebrada del Piligüín. Acostándose sobre el suelo, Alejandro sintió lo que Lc parecía una piedra en su espalda. Por masque intentaba arrojarla lejos, cuando se acostaba sentía la misma piedra. Por fin en lugar de tirarla, la puso en su mochila y al amanecer descubrió que no era piedra sino una pequeña imagen de María (6.5 cm.) con rostro indígena tallada en madera. En 1780 se Lc construyó un templo y en 1796 se registró su primer milagro. El Papa Pio XII la proclamo Patrona de la Republica de Honduras en 1925. En las advocaciones latinoamericanas ella es nombrada como la fortaleza de los humildes.

- Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LA VIDA DEL CUERPO DE CRISTO

Algunas de las imágenes más conocidas y queridas de san Pablo se encuentran en los pasajes de la primera carta a los corintios que hemos escuchado la semana pasada y hoy: los muchos dones de un mismo Espíritu y los muchos miembros que componen el Cuerpo de Cristo. Pocos pasajes de la Sagrada Escritura resumen con mayor claridad como las vocaciones cristianas trabajan en colaboración. A diferencia de otros escritos de san Pablo,

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primer Lectura - El Señor glorificó el distrito de los gentiles (Isaías 8:23 — 9:3).

Salmo - El Señor me guía y me salva (Salmo 27).

Segunda Lectura - Les ruego que se pongan de acuerdo, que no haya divisiones entre ustedes (1 Corintios 1:10-13, 17).

Evangelio - Cambien su vida y su corazón porque está cerca el reino de los Cielos (Mateo 4:12-23 [12-17]).

LAS MISAS EN ESPAÑOL

7:00 p.m. por los Viernes

12:00 p.m. los Domingos



EL ROSARIO Y CATECESIS

Todos los Miércoles a las 6:30 p.m.

producto de las convenciones sociales y religiosas de su época, estos nos permiten mirar nuestra propia vida y la vida de los que están a nuestro alrededor para discernir los dones, la vocación que el Espíritu Santo nos ha dado para el bien de todos. Así también podemos conocer las alegrías y las penas de los otros miembros del Cuerpo y compartirlos para así fortalecer todo el Cuerpo de Cristo. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Mateo 5:6

Bienaventurados los que tienen hambre y sed de justicia, porque ellos serán saciados.

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: 2 Tim 1: 1-18; Sal 24; Mc 3: 31-35

Martes: 2 Sm 6: 12b-15; 17-19; Sal 24: 7, 8, 9, 10
Mc 3: 31-35

Miércoles: 2 Sm 7: 4-17; Sal 89; Mc 4: 1-20

Jueves: 2 Sm 7: 18-29; Sal 132; Mc 4: 21-25

Viernes: 2 Sm 11: 14-17; Ps 51; Mc 4: 26-34

Sábado: 2 Sm 12: 1-17; Sal 51; Mc 4: 35-41

Domingo: Sof 2: 3; 3: 12-13; Sal 146: 6-7, 8-9, 9-10;
1 Cor 1: 26-31; Mt 5: 1-12a



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