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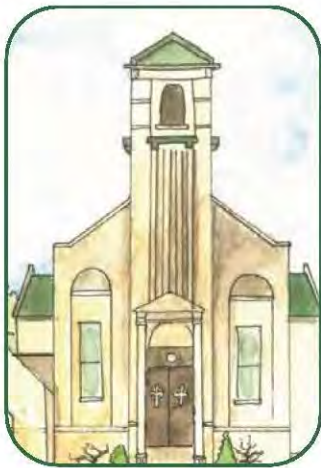
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St. Patrick's Confirmation Retreat – March 14, 2026

"I am the Good Shepherd" (Jn 10: 11)



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 encontrado en la oficina.

May 2-3, 2026: Fifth Sunday of Easter

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 3, 2026



Readings from this week's Mass can be found in #910 of the Journey songs Book

Monday	May 4
9:15 A.M.	Communion Service
Tuesday	May 5
9:15 A.M.	Communion Service
Wednesday	May 6
9:15 A.M.	† Former Deceased Pastors
Thursday (NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER)	May 7
9:15 A.M.	Souls in Purgatory
Friday	May 8
9:15 A.M.	The Parishioners of St. Patrick's Church
7:00 P.M.	† Rt. Rev. Edward Smaza
Saturday	May 9
4:00 P.M.	† Dorothy Ballou (Edie Duke)
Sunday	May 10
10:30 A.M.	† Jake Munyon
12:00 P.M.	MASS OF APPRECIATION FOR FR. JHOBANY ORDUZ

† Anna Palermo

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PLEASE REMEMBER ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH IN YOUR WILL OR ESTATE PLANNING!!!

COLLECTION COUNTERS:

May 3, 2026

May 10, 2026

D. & C. Bramer

L. & J. Meyer

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER If you know of someone who is sick and in need of the sacraments or wishes a visit at a care facility, please contact the parish office at ☎ (815) 685-1359.



ST. PATRICK'S PRAYER LINE:

Please call Janice Gelino at ☎ (815) 263-6342

SANCTUARY CANDLE:

To Dedicate a Candle for a Loved One, please call the office at ☎ (815) 472-2864.



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

Saturday, May 9 (Fr. Pete)	4:00 p.m.
Eucharistic Minister:	M. Porter
Lector:	D. Surprenant
Ushers:	K. Bukowski, R. Hess S. Pansa, D. Rademacher
Altar Servers:	A. Fuhrmann
Sunday, May 10 (Fr. Pete)	10:30 a.m.
Eucharistic Minister:	J. Meyer
Lector:	L. Meyer
Ushers:	M. Dionne, J. Riemenschneider
Altar Servers:	M. Facko, J. Miller
Sunday, May 10 (Fr. Jhobany)	12:00 p.m.
Eucharistic Minister:	C. Andrade, E. Zagal
Lector:	R. Dueñas, C. Dueñas
Ushers:	M. Arellano, L. Florez P. González, F. Nelson, N. Viveros
Altar Servers:	T. Carmona, I. Falcon N. Melendez, N. Padilla

PEW DEDICATION PROGRAM

We invite those who wish to remember a loved one by dedicating a church pew (\$2,500), a classroom (\$5,000) or even have a building named in honor of your loved one for

\$1,000,000! For more info, contact St. Patrick's at ☎ (815) 472-2864, St. Anne's at ☎ (815) 427-8265 or email us at pjankowski@yahoo.com.





NEWS & NOTES

FROM FR. PETE JANKOWSKI

Join Fr. Pete's mailing list at pjankowski@yahoo.com.

As we continue with the craziness of all these May celebrations, we certainly thank again Kim Emerson (St. Anne's), John Rehmer (St. Patrick's) and all the catechists for everything they have offered the last couple of weeks (and months, years, etc.) on behalf of our students, the greatest "treasures" with whom our Lord has afforded us. As I continue to be bombarded with a glut of quinceañeras, weddings and baptisms these upcoming months, I certainly thank all of you who read these bulletins (and understand what we are doing) for the sake of our children and those most in need of God's mercy.

The next event celebrated on May 10 is a bit of a melancholy one, since we bid farewell to Fr. Jhobany Orduz, CSV. Fr. Jhobany has been with us for almost my entire stay at the Border Town. First as a religious brother, Fr. Jhobany served as a chaplain for Riverside Medical Center while helping us out with "Sunday Reflections" and building good community with the people of our area.



Fr. Jhobany was ordained a deacon by Bishop Christopher Glancy, CSV in April 2024 at Maternity BVM in Bourbonnais and his first Mass as a deacon was celebrated at our Spanish Mass with three of his priest friends from Columbia celebrating this Mass with him. Fr. Jhobany since then has assisted us in so many ways throughout the area, including Guadalupe Celebrations, Retreats, Reflections and in so many other wonderful ministries.

When Fr. Jhobany was ordained a priest the following year in Columbia, a large group of faithful from our area travelled to South America to celebrate with him. Since that time, Fr. Jhobany's services have been in such great demand that the Clerics of St. Viator asked him to serve at the Parish of Our

Lady of Las Vegas, starting on July 1, 2026 with Fr. Dan Bellinger, CSV. As that parish has no Hispanic ministry of which to speak, his work out in Vegas will become very time-consuming. Certainly his love will affect the faithful of Nevada as much as it has affected us here in Illinois.

Following the 12:00 p.m. Mass at St. Patrick's that Fr. Jhobany is celebrating, we will host a reception for him in the basement of the Church (119 N. Market St. in Mokenca, IL). The celebration is not just



for Fr. Jhobany – it is a celebration to support the vocations of priesthood and religious life, which often gets taken for granted in our society. Few men and women choose

to follow this path; with the discipline necessary to live this type of life and the challenges one has to face in today's society, many choose an easier life than one that often is referenced as "a higher calling." We would appreciate you supporting Fr. Jhobany in this cause because he is THAT important to us.

I also ask you to pray for me as well. June 1, 2026 happens to be the thirtieth anniversary of my ordination and the only reference to me being "thin" refers to the various ministries I have had to undertake here in the area. Few priests wish to stay down south because the "action" of ministry often is more exciting up north, I guess. I remember Fr. Dennis Settles (who was pastor of St. Patrick's in Mokenca from 1980-89), a priest who served many roles in the diocesan Chancery Office. He often said that our area was a "treasured secret" in the Joliet Diocese if one ever chooses to stop and realize how good we have it south of I-80. God bless all of you and keep praying for Fr. Jhobany, for me and for all the priests and religious of this diocese who choose to serve you in God's name as a religious or ordained cleric in the faith

When people want to destroy religion, they begin by attacking the priest; for when there is no priest, there is no sacrifice: and when there is no sacrifice, there is no religion.

- St. John Vianney



Enough?

ANN M. GARRIDO

When I was a child, my parents taught me to pray with my hands pressed together, fingers pointed upward toward God. But somewhere along the way, I learned a different posture for prayer: seated, with my palms facing upward on my lap. It's a gesture of openness—an acknowledgment that I come before God in humble need, ready to receive whatever he wants to give.

In today's gospel, Philip approaches Jesus in a similar stance of openness. "Show us the Father," he says, "and that will be enough for us" (John 14:8). Jesus responds that Philip has already seen the Father because Jesus' words and actions are the Father's words and actions. Philip needs no more—he has already received "enough."

Sometimes, I need this reminder myself. I long for a new insight into God that perhaps one more book or one more lecture will give me. Don't get me wrong: lifelong learning is a wonderful thing, and there is always more of God to discover! But it is important to acknowledge that, like Philip, I have already come to know the Father through Jesus, and everything I need to live the Christian life is already in place. Rather than more knowledge, it is a question of putting into action what I've been taught.

Of late, when I pray, I have embraced a new prayer posture: turning my hands downward, resting my palms on my knees. It helps me remember that with Jesus as my shepherd, I "shall not want." I already have all I need. ●



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Reflect

What does "enough" mean to me?

[Jesus said to Philip,]
"Whoever has seen me
has seen the Father."

JOHN 14:9

Dear Padre,

I have one daughter and a grandchild who say they are bisexual and very much into the LGBTQ lifestyle, where they feel like they belong. I do not know how to handle all of this. They left the Catholic faith years ago. I do not believe they are atheists. Please help.

You are not alone in your struggle to know how to “handle all of this.” It’s hard for parents when their children choose a different lifestyle.

Try not to confuse gender expression with faith. Try not to confuse sexual orientation with faith. Just because a person is attracted to someone of the same sex does not mean they are not a person of faith. They may believe in God and even worship God in their own way. It sounds like your daughter and grandchild are honest with you. If they are willing, perhaps talking with them about how they experience God in their lives would be a fruitful conversation.

Whatever you do, the best practice is to love. Love your daughter and grandchild. When they express to you what they believe to be true about themselves, they are not asking for your permission. They are entrusting you with what they believe they have learned about themselves. Perhaps that very openness with you is a lesson that you taught them and a sign that they want to share with you what is important to them. ●

Fr. Thomas M. Santa, CSsR / DearPadre.org



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A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

We live in a time that rewards self-sufficiency, efficiency, performance. And yet, the gospel shows us that the measure of our humanity is



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not given by what we can achieve, but by our ability to let ourselves be loved and, when necessary, even helped. Jesus saves us by showing us that

asking is not unworthy, but liberating.

GENERAL AUDIENCE, ROME,
SEPTEMBER 3, 2025

Do you have a question for the Padre?

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

Monday

May 4
Easter Weekday
Acts 14:5–18
Jn 14:21–26

Tuesday

May 5
Easter Weekday
Acts 14:19–28
Jn 14:27–31a

Wednesday

May 6
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:1–6
Jn 15:1–8

Thursday

May 7
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:7–21
Jn 15:9–11

Friday

May 8
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:22–31
Jn 15:12–17

Saturday

May 9
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:1–10
Jn 15:18–21

Sunday

May 10
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 8:5–8, 14–17
1 Pt 3:15–18
Jn 14:15–21

St. Anne's Confirmation Mass



Congratulations Confirmandi
April 25, 2026
St. Anne's Church - 2:00 p.m.
St. Patrick's Church - 4:00 p.m.



St. Patrick's Confirmation Mass

2-3 Mayo 2026: Quinto Domingo de la Pascua

UNA NOTA DE PADRE PEDRO

El próximo evento que se celebra el 10 Mayo es un tanto melancólico, ya que nos despedimos del P. Jhobany Orduz, CSV. El P. Jhobany ha estado con nosotros durante casi toda mi estancia en la Ciudad Fronteriza. Primero como hermano religioso, el P. Jhobany sirvió como capellán del Centro Médico Riverside, a la vez que nos ayudaba con las "Reflexiones Dominicales" y a construir una buena comunidad con la gente de nuestra zona.

El P. Jhobany fue ordenado diácono por el Obispo Christopher Glancy, CSV, en abril de 2024 en la Maternidad BVM en Bourbonnais, y su primera Misa como diácono se celebró en nuestra Misa en Español con tres de sus amigos sacerdotes de Colombia. Desde entonces, el P. Jhobany nos ha ayudado de muchas maneras en toda la zona, incluyendo las Celebraciones de Guadalupe, Retiros, Reflexiones y muchos otros maravillosos ministerios.

Cuando el P. Jhobany fue ordenado sacerdote al año siguiente en Colombia, un gran grupo de fieles de nuestra zona viajó a Sudamérica para celebrar con él. Desde entonces, el P. Los servicios de Jhobany han tenido tanta demanda que los clérigos de San Viator le pidieron que sirviera en la Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de Las Vegas, a partir del 1 de julio de 2026, junto con el P. Dan Bellinger, CSV. Dado que dicha parroquia no cuenta con un ministerio hispano, su labor en Las Vegas le



LAS MISAS EN ESPAÑOL

12:00 p.m. los Domingos

7:00 p.m. los Viernes

ROSARIO & CATECISMO

Todos los Miércoles alas 6:30 p.m.

La Parroquia de San Patricio

exigirá mucho tiempo. Sin duda, su amor impactará a los fieles de Nevada tanto como nos ha impactado a nosotros aquí en Illinois.

Después de la Misa de las 12:00 p. m. en la Iglesia de San Patricio, que el P. Jhobany celebrará, ofreceremos una recepción en su honor en el sótano de la iglesia (119 N. Market St., Mokence, IL). La celebración no es solo para el P. Jhobany, sino también para apoyar las vocaciones al sacerdocio y a la vida religiosa, que a menudo se dan por sentadas en nuestra sociedad. Pocos

hombres y mujeres eligen seguir este camino; Con la disciplina necesaria para vivir este tipo de vida y los desafíos que uno debe afrontar en la sociedad actual, muchos eligen una vida más fácil que aquella a la que a menudo se hace referencia como una "vocación superior". Agradeceríamos su apoyo al Padre Jhobany en esta causa, ya que es sumamente importante para nosotros.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera Lectura - Eligieron a siete hombres, llenos del Espíritu Santo (Hechos 6: 1-7).

Salmo - Señor, que tu misericordia este con nosotros mientras ponemos nuestra confianza en ti (Salmo 33 [32]).

Segunda Lectura - Ustedes son una raza elegida, un reino de sacerdotes (1 Pedro 2: 4-9).

Evangelio - Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida (Juan 14: 1-12).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Heh 14: 5-18; Sal 115; Jn 14: 21-26

Martes: Heh 14: 19-28; Sal 145; Jn 14: 27-31a

Miércoles: Heh 15: 1-6; Sal 122; Jn 15: 1-8

Jueves: Heh 15: 7-21; Sal 96 ; Jn 15: 9-11

Viernes: Heh 15: 22-31; Sal 57; Jn 15: 12-17

Sábado: Heh 16: 1-10; Sal 100; Jn 15: 18-21

Domingo: Heh 8: 5-8, 14-17; Sal 66; 1 Pe 3: 15-18; Jn 14: 15-21



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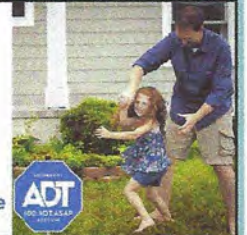
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