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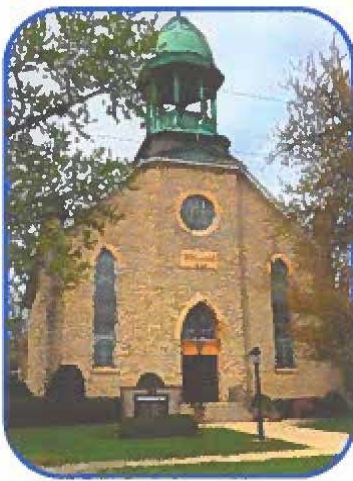


CONFIRMATION RETREAT – MARCH 7, 2026

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH (ST. ANNE, IL)

ST. MARY'S CHURCH (BEAVERVILLE, IL)

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



OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Tuesday
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE MOST HOLY EUCCHARIST

Wednesday &
First Friday 5:00 p.m.

HOLY DAY MASSES

Dates and times vary

THE SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION
Sunday at 8:30 a.m. or
by appointment

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (KINDERGARTEN - 8TH GRADE)

Sunday Classes 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

(At St. Patrick's) Sunday Classes 8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION / SACRAMENTO DEL BAUTISMO

Please call the Parish Office for more information. English baptisms normally are held on the 1st or 4th Saturdays of the month at noon or at the 9:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. / Por favor llame a la Parroquia para mas información. Normalmente, los bautismos están celebrando los tercer Sábado cada mes al mediodía.

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 16-17, 2026: Ascension of the Lord

ASCENSION OF THE LORD MAY 17, 2026



Readings from this week's Mass can be found in #916 of the Journey songs Book

Sunday (ASCENSION OF THE LORD) May 17

9:00 A.M. † David Brown (Richard & Carol Brown)

Wednesday May 20

5:00 P.M. Milo Cronk

Sunday (PENTECOST SUNDAY) May 24

9:00 A.M. † Carey Ortman (The Polletta Family)

† Edmund & Rose Maria Stepan (Family)

FR. PETE STILL OFFERS ONLINE MASSES AT
www.stpatrickmomece.org!!!

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

April 26, 2026 \$1,590.00

THE WEEKLY BUDGETED GOAL IS \$2,000 TO PAY OUR BILLS AND KEEP THE PARISH AFLOAT. PLEASE CONSIDER THIS WHEN MAKING YOUR OFFERING.


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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK: Eva Bell, Paula Bertrand, Lola Billings, Duane Blanchette, Sue Bonvallet, Cheryl Boswell, June Burns, Cindy Capriotti, Ashley & Jesse Childress, Abraham Daily, Aria Dionne, Carol Fatcher, Raelynn Garrett, Val Lagacy, Pam & Bentley Lottinville, Linda Miramontes, Ruth Sparenberg, Cynthia Vickery, Marie Vickery and John Wojnowski.



ST. ANNE'S PEW & CHURCH DEDICATION PROGRAM

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).

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Sunday (9:00 A.M.) May 17

Eucharistic Minister: G. Polletta

Lector: D. O'Connell

Ushers: R. Bell, G. Polletta

Altar Servers: L. Bell

C. Foltz, B. Miramontes

Counters: TBD

Sunday (9:00 A.M.) May 24

Eucharistic Minister: B. Miramontes

Lector: B. Norush

Ushers: C. Stirling, C. Stirling

Altar Servers: C. Chaca

C. Foltz, B. Miramontes

Counters: Skip & Cindy



*"Love God, serve God;
everything is in that."
- St. Clare of Assisi*

THE KANKAKEE DEANERY COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN SPRING INSTITUTE WILL BE HELD AT ST. JOHN PAUL II ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2026. RSVP DEADLINE IS MAY 15, 2026. FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO SIGN UP, FOR THIS EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR CCW PRESIDENT.



NEWS & NOTES
FROM FR. PETE JANKOWSKI
 Join Fr. Pete's mailing list at
pjankowski@yahoo.com.

This month, the Finance Committee for both parishes are meeting to plan and submit a budget to the diocese. In that light, my responsibility in this regard is the answer to the bishop about each parish's ability to pay the bills and fill the pews.

We came to realize some time ago that the only way either parish will stay afloat depends on the monies taken in through our weekend collections. In short, St. Patrick's Church *must* reach an average of \$3,000 a week and St. Anne's *must* reach \$2,000 - these are the numbers that our Finance Committees and Debby Absher established last year.

At St. Patrick's, we seem to be doing alright with the number. Not only did our parishioners pay off the debt to the bishop's office but we also were able to acquire funds and service to pave this summer our parking lot and to purchase generators to safeguard our buildings. At St. Anne's, we need to reach the weekly \$2,000 budget to pay off our bills. Our last three business managers (Kathy Griffith, Julie Bisailon and currently Debby Absher) made it clear to me that we would need to fundraise at both parishes to pay off our bills.

In order to show transparency with the diocese, Debby Absher recommended that we re-direct all funds to one parish account at each parish. As the diocese has access to all of our revenues and expenses, this way the diocese knows exactly how much we are spending and how much we are taking in. Because all parishes in the diocese need to follow this type of transparency, Debby Absher has been in frequent communication with the leaders of our diocesan business office, as have I.

In this process, we also came to realize that if either parish is going to keep afloat in years to come, we need to establish a type of Foundation in which we could use the interest from those foundation to assist our parishes. Many Churches in

the diocese have established foundations to achieve this goal; we need to do the same for both parishes.

This week, we also will be sending out our annual Novena Mailing at St. Anne's. As I wrote to our faithful about the Novena, we can save a great deal of money if we send out these letters electronically – this requires us to get the e-mail addresses of our faithful so that we can limit the amount of paper, printing and mailing that we do as minimally as possible.

I wish to thank publicly every one of you who have supported our parish through your Time, Talent and Financial donations. I also humbly request that each of us be good stewards of our parishes to meet our weekly collection goals and to consider Will or Estate Planning for the sake of our communities. Because of these will and estate planning gifts, we have been able to eradicate our debt at St. Patrick's and meet our weekly budget at Anne's. May God bless you for your support!

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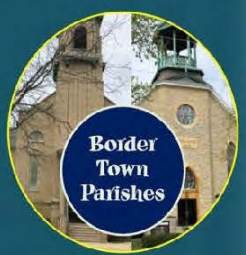
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Stairway to Heaven

MIGUEL DULICK

Even by the Ascension, after forty days of eating and drinking with the resurrected Lord, the obtuseness of the Apostles still frustrates Jesus. In Acts, they're ready for a fight, "to restore the kingdom to Israel" (Acts 1:6). Matthew reports that "they worshiped, but they doubted" (Matthew 28:17). Pentecost cannot come soon enough, when they will be baptized with the Holy Spirit, and all will be made known.

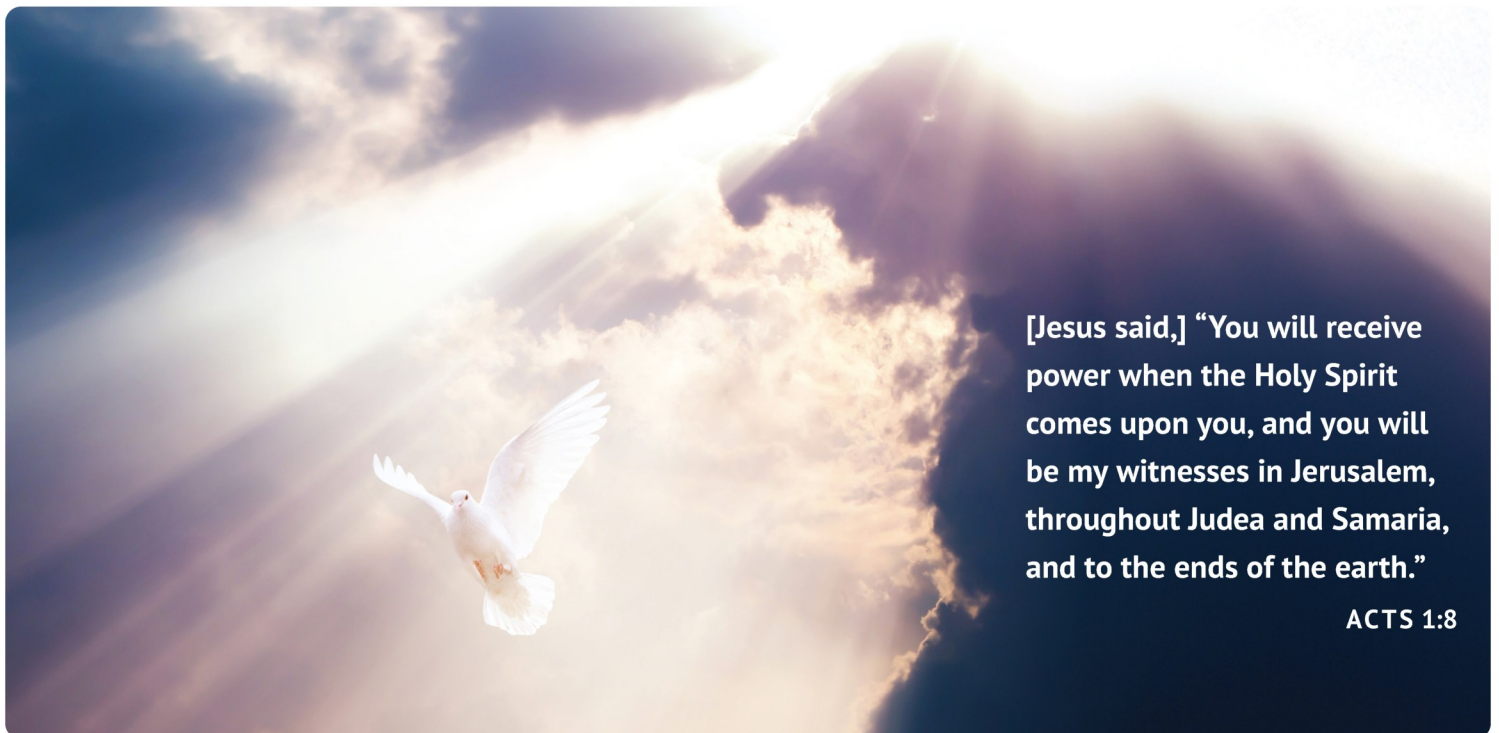
So the next nine days are crucial. The apostles and other disciples, 120 persons in all, prepare for the arrival of the Holy Spirit, a spiritual retreat, the original "novena." Only then can the apostle go and "make disciples of all nations" (Matthew 28:19).

Jesus, who brought heaven down to earth in the Incarnation, now ascends, taking earth up to heaven, with his resurrection. Saint Paul gives us a hint of how special this interchange is when he wishes for the Ephesians to receive from Jesus "a Spirit of wisdom and revelation" (Ephesians 1:17).

Our own obtuseness can block the Holy Spirit when we think we have all the answers. When I first preached in Honduras, in the village where I live, I was so prepared. I said everything I could think of, all that I had learned in my courses for a masters degree in divinity. But then, when I heard the prayers and insights of poor and simple folks, supported by a rich, personal knowledge of the Lord himself, I cut my sermons in half and let the "saints," as St. Paul liked to call the people, finish the job. Thank you, Holy Spirit! ●



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OF OUR PARISH
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[Jesus said,] "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

ACTS 1:8

Reflect

How can I better cooperate with the Holy Spirit?

Dear Padre,

I am scared of the end times and predictions of these dates. I feel saved, but I don't truly know if I would be accepted into heaven. What are the Catholic teachings on the end times/rapture?

No one but our heavenly Father knows the precise time of our Lord's return. (See Mark 13:32-37.) If this uncertainty about when Jesus will return evokes more apprehension than anticipation, it doesn't help that prophets of doom make predictions based on a distorted understanding of apocalyptic literature in the Bible. An example of this literary form includes the Book of Revelation. It contains elements of a final judgment and cosmic struggle between good and evil written in highly symbolic and imaginative language; however, it wasn't intended to provide a literal description or timeline of how the world ends. In 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17, St. Paul also uses apocalyptic imagery to say that all the faithful will be "caught up" ("rapt up") to meet the Lord at his Coming. Some use this single text to vividly imagine true believers being "raptured" from the earth and escaping the destruction of humankind at the end times, but it's a misinterpretation. For Catholics, these apocalyptic passages offer hope and guidance: despite the powerful forces of evil, Christ will overcome. His death and resurrection already ushered in the last age. We don't know how long this age will last before the final consummation, hence the need to be watchful and prepared. ●



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Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR / DearPadre.org

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

Where are you...when the poor are blamed for their poverty, forgotten and discarded, in a world that values profit more than people? [W]here are you in a hyper-connected life where loneliness corrodes social bonds and makes us strangers even to ourselves?...

Fraternity...means rediscovering the face of the other...the very image of God in the face of the poor, the refugee, and even the adversary.

**ADDRESS TO MEETING
ON FRATERNITY, ROME,
SEPTEMBER 12, 2025**



MARCO IACOBELLI EPP / SHUTTERSTOCK

Monday

May 18
Easter Weekday
Acts 19:1-8
Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday

May 19
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:17-27
Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday

May 20
Easter Weekday
Acts 20:28-38
Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday

May 21
Easter Weekday
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Jn 17:20-26

Friday

May 22
Easter Weekday
Acts 25:13b-21
Jn 21:15-19

Saturday

May 23
Easter Weekday
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
Jn 21:20-25

Sunday

May 24
Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-11
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13
Jn 20:19-23



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CELEBRATING AMERICA'S FREEDOMS

The Origins of Memorial Day



Three years after the Civil War ended, on May 5, 1868, the head of an organization of Union veterans — the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) — established Decoration Day as a time for the nation to decorate the graves of the war dead with flowers. Maj. Gen. John A. Logan declared it should be May 30. It is believed the date was chosen because flowers would be in bloom all over the country.

The first large observance was held that year at Arlington National Cemetery, across the Potomac River from Washington, D.C. The ceremonies centered around the mourning-draped veranda of the Arlington mansion, once the home of Gen. Robert E. Lee. Various Washington officials, including Gen. and Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant, presided over the ceremonies. After speeches, children from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home and members of the GAR made their way through the cemetery, strewing flowers on both Union and Confederate graves, reciting prayers and singing hymns.

Local Observances Claim To Be First

Local springtime tributes to the Civil War dead already had been held in various places. One of the first occurred in Columbus, Miss., April 25, 1866, when a group of women visited a cemetery to decorate the graves of Confederate soldiers who had fallen in battle at Shiloh. Nearby were the graves of Union soldiers, neglected because they were the enemy. Disturbed at the sight of the bare graves, the women placed some of their flowers on those graves, as well. Today, cities in the North and the South claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day in 1866. Both Macon and Columbus, Ga., claim the title, as well as Richmond, Va. The village of Boalsburg, Pa., claims it began there two years earlier. A stone in a Carbondale, Ill., cemetery carries the statement that the first Decoration Day ceremony took place there on April 29, 1866. Carbondale was the wartime home of Gen. Logan. Approximately 25 places have been named in connection with the origin of Memorial Day, many of them in the South where most of the war dead were buried.

**OUR ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY LITURGY WILL TAKE PLACE ON MONDAY, MAY 25TH
ST. ANNE'S CEMETERY AT 8:00 A.M.— ST. PATRICK'S CEMETERY AT 9:30 A.M.
AN HONOR GUARD WILL OFFER A CEREMONY AT ST. PAT'S TO REMEMBER
OUR DECEASED VETERANS BURIED AT OUR CEMETERY.**

16-17 Mayo 2026: La Ascensión del Señor

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

El mensaje de Nuestra Señora del Rosario de Chiquinquirá o la Chinita como cariñosamente la llaman sus fieles, es sencillo: "Déjate renovar por Dios." Renovación que ella misma recibió milagrosamente en el año 1586. En ese entonces, su imagen pertenecía a doña Maria, una mujer sevillana de mucha piedad. Doña Maria había recibido como herencia por parte de su hermano Antonio una pintura de la Virgen del Rosario en tan mal estado que no se podía distinguir ni la Virgen madre con el niño Dios en sus brazos o los santos Antonio de Padova y Andrés apóstol. No obstante, la mala condición de la pintura, doña Maria la colocó en su capilla donde pasaba las mañanas en oración. Un día, una indígena y su niño pasaban por la puerta de la capilla cuando notaron un gran brillo que venía del rostro de Maria iluminando el resto del cuadro con colores vivos y brillantes. Inmediatamente llamaron a doña Maria, quien pudo ser testigo de la milagrosa renovación. Como algo muy interesante, la imagen de cerca se ve borrosa y dañada, pero de lejos adquiere distinción y nitidez.

- Fray Gilberto Cavazos-Glz, OFM,
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COMPARTE LA ESPERANZA

Las Lecturas de Hoy para la celebración de la Ascensión del Señor una vez más nos recuerdan que los cristianos somos pueblo de esperanza. En la segunda lectura, san Pablo con elocuencia exhorta a los efesios a iluminar su mente para que puedan conocer la esperanza y la gloria que vienen de ser

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personas que ponen su confianza en el Señor Jesús. En el relato de la Ascensión, narrado en la primera lectura, el Señor Jesús asegura a los discípulos que el poder del Espíritu Santo vendrá sabré ellos. Finalmente, en el Evangelio, el Señor da a conocer a los discípulos que su misión es proclamar el Evangelio a todas las naciones. Esta maravillosa fiesta mantiene nuestros ojos enfocados en la esperanza en la que nos afianzamos desde el día de nuestro Bautismo. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera Lectura - Este Jesús que les han llevado volverá de la misma manera que ustedes lo han visto ir al cielo (Hechos 1: 1-11).

Salmo - Entre voces de júbilo y trompetas, Dios el Señor asciende hasta su trono (Salmo 47 [46]).

Segunda lectura - Dios sentó a Jesús a su derecha en el reino de los cielos (Efesios 1: 17-23).

Evangelio - Me ha sido dado todo poder en el cielo y en la tierra. Vayan, pues, y enseñen a todas las naciones (Mateo 28: 16-20).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes: Heh 19: 1-8; Sal 68; Jn 16: 29-33

Martes: Heh 20: 17-27; Sal 68; Jn 17: 1-11a

Miércoles: Sof 3: 14-18a; Is 12: 2-6; Lc 1: 39-56

Jueves: Heh 22: 30; 23: 6-11; Sal 16; Jn 17: 20-26

Viernes: Hch 25: 13b-21; Sal 103; Jn 21: 15-19

Sábado: Hch 28: 16-31; Sal 11; Jn 21: 20-25

Domingo: Vigilia: Gn 11: 1-9 o Ex 19: 3-8a, 16-20b o Ez 37: 1-14 o Jl 3: 1-5; Sal 104; Rom 8: 22-27; Jn 7: 37-39 Día: Heh 2: 1-11; Sal 104 (103): 1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12: 3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20: 19-23

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