



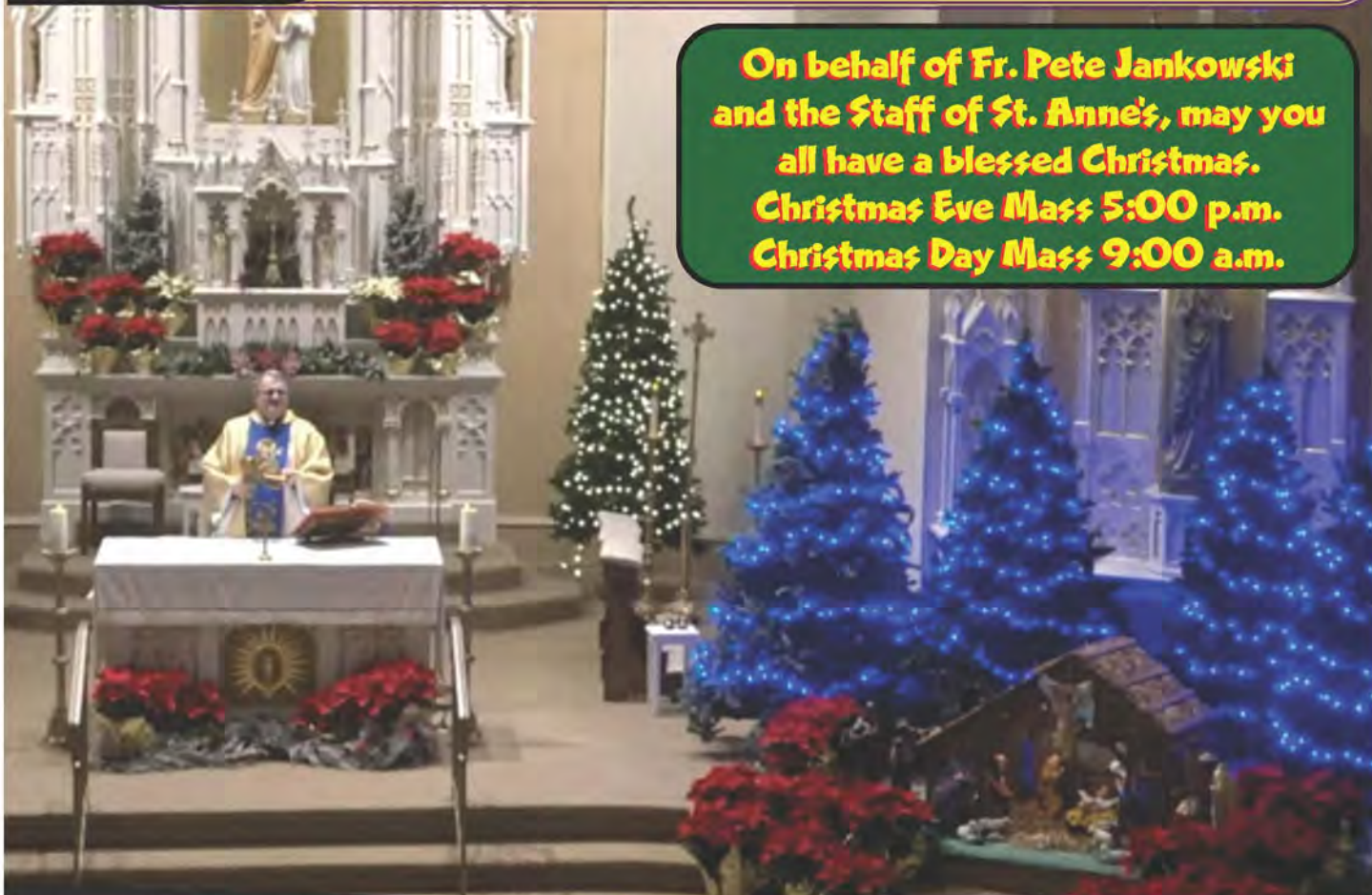
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**On behalf of Fr. Pete Jankowski
and the Staff of St. Anne's, may you
all have a blessed Christmas.
Christmas Eve Mass 5:00 p.m.
Christmas Day Mass 9:00 a.m.**



OFFICE HOURS

Mondays
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE MOST HOLY EUCARIST

Wednesday &
First Friday 5:00 p.m.

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

HOLY DAY MASSES
Dates and times vary

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (KINDERGARTEN - 8TH GRADE)

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

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

Sunday Classes 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. (at St. Patrick's Church)

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.

December 14, 2024: The Third Sunday of Advent

THE THIRD OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 14, 2025

Readings from this week's Mass can be found in #864 of the Journey songs Book



Sunday (3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT) December 14

9:00 A.M. Tim Klemencic
† Frank Gregg

Wednesday (ST. BERNARD) December 17

5:00 P.M. † Ron Schroeder (Cookie Schroeder)

Sunday (4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT) December 21

9:00 A.M. Florence & Sharon Gereg
† Tom Dandurand (Paula Dandurand)

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

SUNDAY COLLECTION:

November 30, 2025 \$519.00
APPEAL GOAL FOR ST. ANNE'S \$10,700.00

THANKS TO AN ANONYMOUS DONOR WHO DONATED
\$1,000 TO THE COLLECTION ON NOVEMBER 30 TO
OFFSET THE LOW COLLECTION DUE TO THE WEATHER.

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

**PLEASE KEEP ST. ANNE'S CHURCH IN MIND WITH
YOUR WILL OR ESTATE PLANNING. OUR FUTURE
HEALTH DEPENDS ON You!!!**



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).

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.

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

ST. ANNE'S CHURCH EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER

If you know of someone who is sick and in need of the sacraments or wishes a visit at the hospital or care facility, please contact the parish office at ☎ (815) 685-1359.



Members of the St. Anne Finance Committee: Cookie Schlonowski, Business Manager Debby Absher and President

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES



Sunday (9:00 A.M.) December 14

Eucharistic Minister: B. Hanson
Lector: J. Bruhn
Ushers: G. Polletta, C. Sutherland
Altar Servers: L. Bell

J. Martinez, C. Foltz

Counters: Chris & Faith

Sunday (9:00 A.M.) December 21

Eucharistic Minister: B. Miramontes
Lector: D. O'Connell

Ushers: C. Stirling & S. Scott Stirling

Altar Servers: B. Miramontes

Tristan, M. Tristan

Counters: Lora & Rick



NEWS & NOTES

FROM FR. PETE JANKOWSKI

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

Inserted in this week's bulletin is the 2024-25 Financial Statement for the parish, a statement required by the diocese to be published each fiscal year. Business Manager Debby Absher has been working closely with the leaders of the Diocesan Business Office on this statement after a thorough review of our finances.

Beginning in the mid-2000s, the bishop's office has required each parish to subscribe to an Online Service which enables them to view from the "Home Office" all the spending habits of any given parish of the diocese, considering that Bishop Hicks is the "corporate sole" of the diocese. As a result, the diocese now can see what monies are being collected and which monies are being spent at every parish at any given moment. Debby has been in communication frequently with the leaders of our Diocesan Business Office so that our parishes are following diocesan guidelines, adjusting to the direction that the diocesan leaders ask us to make.



eder, Tommy
Ed O'Donnell

In addition, the diocesan leaders instructed us to follow the guidelines of how a Finance Committee runs, as dictated by Canon Law and Diocesan Policy. As a result, our first meeting of the new Finance Committee took place on December 4, 2025, a committee that will meet quarterly to discuss financial health.

As Debby explained to the members of our Finance Committee, I have been accessing outside funds and monies from my own pocket (I gave \$5,000 to the parish last month alone) to help pay the bills this year. We were required to submit a "true" budget to the diocese which needed to be fiscally sound if we wish to continue existing as a parish. The diocese can see every penny we spend and every penny we make, with the sole exception of the Capital Improvement account (which the diocese now requires us to reconcile each year, sending them the reconciled statements). As a result, there are no "secrets" that we hold back with the diocese – we cannot anyway – those in the

Diocesan Business Office can see what we are doing from their "Home Office" in Crest Hill.

If we wish to continue as a parish, we need to meet our budgets each year and to follow Diocesan Guidelines – the diocesan finance leaders have instructed us to do this.

Next year, we will "re-boot" our Pastoral Council with the assistance of Fr. Pat Render, CSV who will help explain the purpose of what a Pastoral Council is supposed to do at the local level of a Catholic Church. Thanks to Fr. Render for helping us move the parish forward in this way.



I also wish to thank those who have contributed to our charitable organizations that we support, from the Food Pantry to Harbor House to the Manteno Veterans Home and the Centro Vilaseca Daycare Center. On Thanksgiving Day, I visited the home of John & Dinah Archambault and grandson Justice, who knitted hats, mittens and scarves for the needy families of our area. In February, we once again will support Crisis Pregnancy Centers in the area through our Baby Bottle Collection.

All of our **ADVENT REFLECTIONS** now are collected in a single video file that you can access on our Border Town Parishes YouTube Channel. There are over five hundred subscribers and over eight hundred fifty videos on that site, which you can access at any time. I very much thank those who made these videos possible. – Fr. Pete





Say to the fearful of heart:
Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God,
he comes with vindication;
With divine recompense
he comes to save you.

ISAIAH 35:4



The Gift of Questions

FR. THOMAS M. SANTA, CSSR

We sometimes imagine that a sign of a strong faith is firm conviction and freedom from doubt. However, despite our imaginings, the authentic experiences of saints and ordinary people alike seem to point in another direction. The question of John the Baptist today—“Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?” (Matthew 11:3)—suggests that John is filled with questions, and these are important questions because they are asked from the depths of King Herod’s prison, which is not exactly the place of idle musings or concerns.

If John, who is a great saint and a man who encountered Jesus and witnessed the powerful manifestation of the Holy Spirit at his baptism, can have a question, doesn’t it suggest that questions are acceptable—perhaps even needed? Perhaps questioning is an indication of faithfulness, not a lack of faith. Questions do not suggest that something is missing; rather, they confirm that something is growing and developing. The Baptist could just have easily said, “Jesus, you are doing and saying more than I ever imagined possible. Please help me to understand,” or, to quote an unnamed saint, “I do believe, help my unbelief!” (Mark 9:24).

God will not shatter, and faith will not collapse, because you have questions or doubts.

Experience suggests that questions and doubts strengthen our belief and our commitment to a life of faith. ●



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AUTHOR
FR. THOMAS M.
SANTA, CSSR

Reflect

Do I welcome questions, mine and others, as a way to grow in faith?

Dear Padre,

Does the Bible say that Mary was in her sixth month of pregnancy at the Annunciation?

The announcement of Jesus' birth in Luke begins, "In the sixth month, the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph...and the virgin's name was Mary" (Luke 1:26-27). This Scripture passage taken out of context could possibly give the impression that "in the sixth month" refers to Mary. However, it refers to Mary's cousin Elizabeth, who was in the sixth month of her pregnancy with John the Baptist. The proper context is a few verses before this one that reads, "Elizabeth conceived, and she went into seclusion for five months" (Luke 1:24).

Regarding Mary's pregnancy, at the Annunciation, the angel Gabriel tells her, "Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus.... The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. Therefore, the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God" (Luke 1:31, 35). Gabriel also informs Mary, "And behold, Elizabeth, your relative, has also conceived a son in her old age, and this is the sixth month for her who was called barren" (Luke 1:36).

In general, women already in their sixth month of pregnancy would likely be aware of their condition, and it would not be easy to conceal from others. ●

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR / DearPadre.org



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
December 15	December 16	December 17	December 18	December 19	December 20	December 21
<i>Advent Weekday</i>	<i>Advent Weekday</i>	<i>Advent Weekday</i>	<i>Advent Weekday</i>	<i>Advent Weekday</i>	<i>Advent Weekday</i>	<i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>
Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13 Mt 21:28-32	Gn 49:2, 8-10 Mt 1:1-17	Jer 23:5-8 Mt 1:18-25	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Lk 1:5-25	Is 7:10-14 Lk 1:26-38	Is 7:10-14 Rom 1:1-7 Mt 1:18-24



A WORD FROM POPE LEO XIV

There are many settings in which the Christian faith is considered absurd.... Yet, precisely for this reason, they are the places where our missionary outreach is desperately needed. A lack of faith is often tragically accompanied by the loss of meaning in life, the neglect of mercy, appalling violations of human dignity, the crisis of the family, and so many other wounds that afflict our society.

HOMILY, ROME, MAY 9, 2025

St. Anne Parishioners:

The Finance Committee is pleased to include in this weekend's bulletin, as required by the Diocese of Joliet, financial statement summary information for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, as well as budget information for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

<u>Major account balances were as follows:</u>	<u>June 30, 2025</u>	<u>November 13, 2025</u>
Operating Fund Checking Account	\$ 23,814.89	\$ 16,893.53
Capital Improvements Checking Account	\$ 141,037.49	\$ 130,205.17
Diocesan Savings Account	\$ 34,650.34	\$ 34,650.34

For the 2024-25 fiscal year, we had \$215,050 in budgeted revenues and \$196,800 in budgeted expenses, resulting in a projected operating surplus of \$18,250. For the 2024-25 fiscal year, **ACTUAL** revenues totaled **\$178,745.46** and expenses totaled **\$148,005.58**, resulting in an operating **SURPLUS** of **\$30,739.88** at fiscal year-end. (This surplus was due in part to private donations and contributions made by Father Pete, from his own personal funds, to cover some unexpected expenses as they arose.)

In fiscal year 2024-25, Weekly Offerings and Capital Improvement Collections ran below budgeted expectations. A few repair, renovation and beautification projects throughout our buildings and grounds were also completed in fiscal year 2024-25. These include, but are not limited to the following: water heater replacement in rectory, replacement of 2 church air conditioning units, church carpet replacement and church handicapped ramp rail replacement.

For fiscal year 2025-26, a conservative budget with minimal expense increases due to rising costs was submitted. We have \$200,845 in budgeted revenues and \$155,160 in budgeted expenses. Currently, we have a projected deficit of \$12,537 in Weekly Offering Revenue. We ask that you pray about whether you can afford a modest increase in your Weekly Offering contributions for the remainder of fiscal year 2025-26 so that we can expect to improve and meet the budgeted amount in this area. As you can see from the June 30th and November 13th checking and savings balances above, we have adequate reserves in the event we encounter operating/capital improvement deficits. We have had successful Golf Outing and Novena events and our Fish Fry is expected to be successful again this year as well. These special events are critical to our financial success and are used to help pay for parish operating expenses such as Insurance Premiums and Diocesan Assessments (both expenses totaling approximately \$32,100).

This year, we have already completed a few repair and renovation projects, including church/rectory concrete stair area repair. We have additional projects in the works for the remainder of this fiscal year. To that end, we ask that you please continue to thoughtfully contribute to the Capital Improvements Fund through the "Capital Improvement Fund" envelopes to assist with ongoing capital projects.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support and generosity. Your prayers, time & energy and donations are what help our parish thrive. May God Bless you all.

Fr. Peter Jankowski
Parish Priest/Administrator
St. Anne Church

Edmund A. Steppan III
Chairman
St. Anne Finance Committee

Debby Absher
Business Manager
St. Anne Church

Statement of Activities - With Date Range

July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026

Account Description	Current Period Budget	Current Period Actual
Income		
ADMINISTRATION		
Sunday envelopes	100,000.00	41,696.83
Holyday Collections	1,300.00	298.00
Easter Collection	4,200.00	0.00
Christmas Collection	5,500.00	0.00
Collections-Other	500.00	372.00
Candle & Votive Light Donations	400.00	1,187.25
Mass Stipend Donations	4,500.00	640.00
Wedding Donations	200.00	0.00
Funeral Donations	600.00	2,250.00
Baptism Donations	100.00	0.00
Unrestricted Donations-Other	3,500.00	0.00
Unrestricted Donations (Other)	0.00	10.00
Hall Rental Income	2,000.00	0.00
RENTAL INCOME (Farm Rental Income)	16,645.00	33,290.00
Interest Income-Diocesan	700.00	0.00
Interest Income-NonDiocesan	100.00	0.00
Novena income	11,500.00	3,759.00
Poinsettia Donations	500.00	0.00
Easter Flowers Donation 49301	500.00	0.00
FISH FRY INCOM	25,000.00	0.00
FISH FRY EXPENSES	(10,000.00)	0.00
Unrestricted Revenue	1,000.00	801.88
Restricted Donations-Other	20,000.00	2,950.00
Restricted Donations Memorials	2,500.00	0.00
RESTRICTED DONATIONS (Poinsettias)	0.00	396.50
ADMINISTRATION Totals:	191,245.00	87,651.46
CAPITAL PROJECTS		
Capital Improvements- Revenue	2,500.00	660.00
RE ELEMENTARY		
Tuition Revenue	0.00	600.00
REPFEEs	1,000.00	0.00
Unrestricted Revenue	100.00	200.00
Restricted Donations-Other	500.00	0.00
RE ELEMENTARY Totals:	1,600.00	800.00
CEMETERY		
CEMETERY SALES	500.00	3,750.00
Income Totals:	195,845.00	92,861.46

Account Description	Current Period Budget	Current Period Actual
Expense		
ADMINISTRATION		
Salaries- Priests	7,127.64	14,517.50
Salaries & Wages-Extra Priests/Deacons	1,030.00	700.00
Salaries & Wages-Office & Support Staff	17,500.00	,845.52
Salaries & Wages-Physical Plant	11,500.00	,900.00
Salaries & Wages-Music	6,952.50	5,225.00
Salaries & Wages-Other	500.00	0.00
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	150.00	0.00
Workers' Compensation Insurance	150.00	150.00
Ministerial Allowance	1,500.00	1,296.00
Social Sec./Medicare Employer Expense	3,000.00	5,043.35
Health Insurance-Priests	4,500.00	1,779.60
Pension Fund Payment-Priests	1,500.00	0.00
RETREATS	0.00	127.84
Food Expense - Priests	4,000.00	967.76
6295-2CHAD EMPLOYEE GIFTS	0.00	200.00
Repairs & Maint-HVAC	500.00	0.00
Repairs & Maint-Physical Plant	9,000.00	2,021.67
Repairs & Maint-Equipment	3,000.00	1,415.68
Repairs/Maintenance (supplies)	0.00	410.77
Services-Payroll & Acctg	500.00	1,944.90
Services-Cleaning	1,000.00	1,250.00
Services-Lawn care	100.00	0.00
Services-Snow Removal	150.00	238.00
Services-Technology	1,000.00	0.00
Services-Alarm/Security	1,200.00	297.00
Services-Advertising	1,750.00	4,333.83
Services-Bank & Merchant Fees	1,200.00	172.37
Services-Subscriptions & Dues	450.00	592.72
Supplies-Food Exp.-Special Functions	2,600.00	269.98
Supplies-Postage	750.00	627.63
SUPPLIES (Pringing/Copying)	0.00	262.13
Supplies-Maintenance	1,500.00	113.76
Supplies-Computer	900.00	164.17
SUPPLIES (books/pamphlets)	0.00	560.24
Supplies-Office	400.00	1,314.34
Supplies-Church	5,200.00	188.62
SUPPLIES (Collections)	0.00	273.14
Supplies-Liturgical	1,000.00	341.33
Supplies-Household	250.00	0.00
Supplies-Other	0.00	41.60
Rental Exp-Copier	1,500.00	0.00
Insurance Prem.-Liab, Prop & Casually	1,700.00	2,910.00
Insurance Prem.-Auto	500.00	0.00
Gas	11,000.00	4,698.19
Water & Sewage	2,500.00	1,327.31

Account Description	Current Period Budget	Current Period Actual
Electricity	7,000.00	9,923.07
Disposal	1,700.00	666.41
Cable/Internet	1,500.00	919.84
Pest Control	750.00	0.00
Auto Exp-Repairs & Maintenance	1,000.00	0.00
Diocese- Assessment	10,000.00	4,996.00
Operating Expenses-Other	12,500.00	6,572.00
Easter Flowers Church	850.00	0.00
St. Nicholas Day (Expenses)	0.00	725.00
Christmas Poinsettia	1,000.00	0.00
Restricted Expenses-Other	3,000.00	8,925.00
Restricted Expenses Memorials	2,500.00	0.00
Restricted Exp.-Flowers	0.00	703.00
Capital Exp.-Equip., Fixtures, & Veh.	500.00	(17.78)
ADMINISTRATION Totals:	151,360.14	103,934.49
RE ELEMENTARY		
Supplies-Office	1,000.00	0.00
Curriculum-Religion	1,000.00	0.00
Operating Expenses-Other	300.00	0.00
REP EXPENSE	1,500.00	0.00
RE ELEMENTARY Totals:	3,800.00	0.00
Expense Totals:	155,160.14	103,934.49
Income - Expense:	40,684.86	(11,073.03)

**The People of Darkness
have seen a great light.”
– Isaiah 9: 2**

Bordertown Advent Reflections 2025

**2025 ADVENT REFLECTIONS WITH FR. PETE JANKOWSKI -
WATCH ON YOUTUBE AT THE “BORDER TOWN PARISHES” CHAN-
NEL!!! OVER 500 SUBSCRIBERS AND OVER 850 VIDEOS!!!**



Theme for the
First Sunday of Advent 2025:
The Little Italian Chapel in the
Orkney Islands, Scotland

of these parishes who are not able to attend services. Everyone is invited to our indoor lit-

Fr. Pete Jankowski offers a series of FIVE RE-
FLECTIONS taken from his homilies in the
2025 Advent Season on location at both St.
Patrick's Catholic Church (Momence, IL) and
St. Anne's

Church (St.
Anne, IL) on
behalf of the
parishioners

urgies at the
border town
parishes (we

have plenty of
room)! This year's theme that Fr. Pete weaves

throughout the Season of Advent is that of the
"Light in the

Darkness,"
sharing FIVE
stories of

faith that illustrate this theme. These reflec-
tions include the story of "The Little Italian

Chapel" in Orkney, Scotland (First Sunday of
Advent), St. Pope John Paul II and the "beggar

priest" (Second Sunday of Advent), the story
of Gina

Petrecca-Novelli and the life of a "Hockey

Mom" (Immaculate Conception), the charitable
work of Mike & Lidia (Estella) Cronk and their

ministry to the poor (Third Sunday of Advent)
and the story of Dianne Marcotte and the care
for the youth within the Momence Community
(Fourth Sunday of Advent).



Theme for the
Second Sunday
of Advent 2025:
St. Pope John Paul II
And the Beggar Priest



Theme for the
Immaculate Conception
during Advent 2025:
Gina Novelli-Petrecca
(1968-2020) and the Story
of the Hockey Mom

faith that illustrate this theme. These reflec-
tions include the story of "The Little Italian

Chapel" in Orkney, Scotland (First Sunday of
Advent), St. Pope John Paul II and the "beggar

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Petrecca-Novelli and the life of a "Hockey

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Theme for the
Third Sunday
of Advent 2025:
Mike & Lidia (Estella)
Cronk and Their
Preferential Treatment
of the Poor



Theme for the
Fourth Sunday
of Advent 2025:
Dave & Dianne
Marcotte and the Love
for the Youth of Our
Community

work of Mike & Lidia (Estella) Cronk and their
ministry to the poor (Third Sunday of Advent)
and the story of Dianne Marcotte and the care
for the youth within the Momence Community
(Fourth Sunday of Advent).

13-14 Diciembre 2025: Tercer Domingo del Adviento

TRADICIONES DE NUESTRA FE

Muchos conocemos la historia de la Virgen de Guadalupe en el Tepeyac, pero ignoramos que, en Extremadura, España ya había una imagen de la Virgen con el nombre de Guadalupe. En 1252, la Virgen se Le apareció al campesino Gil Cordero pidiéndole que trajera a las sacerdotes del pueblo para que escarbaran al lado del Guadalupe (rio escondido). Al hacerlo, encontraron una pequeña estatua morena de la misma Virgen. Esta imagen, según la documentación enterrada con ella, la cual también relata su origen, fue escondida durante el ataque de las moras en el año 711.

Había sido un regalo del Papa Gregorio Magno al obispo de Sevilla después de que había resultado milagrosa. Su primer milagro fue el salvar al pueblo romano de una plaga año 591. Cuando la llevaron en procesión alrededor del castillo papal se apareció un arcángel que luego terminó la plaga.

Esta misma imagen fue un regalo al Papa Pelagio II traída de Constantinopla donde había sido trasladada con los restos del evangelista san Lucas en el siglo IV. Estaba con los restos de este santo porque el mismo la había esculpido en el primer siglo.
- Fray Gilberto Cavazos- Glz, OFM, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

PROMESA CUMPLIDA

Las lecturas de hoy nos hablan de la persona fiel, de aquella que espera en Dios pero tal vez no sienta su presencia. Toda persona que busca a Dios, en

LAS MISAS EN ESPAÑOL

12:00 p.m. los Domingos

7:00 p.m. los Viernes

ROSARIO Y CATECHESIS

7:00 p.m. los Miércoles



un momento u otro, experimenta la ausencia de Dios. El mismo Jesús gritó durante la noche oscura de su alma. La epístola de Santiago hace referencia a esta cuestión. Dice que debemos ser tan pacientes como la tierra abandonada y silenciosa, que espera las lentas y húmedas lluvias del invierno y las fuertes y necesarias lluvias de la primavera. Al igual que el agricultor es consciente del precioso fruto de la tierra, también nosotros podemos ser conscientes de la valiosa cosecha de nuestra paciente espera. Dios nunca está lejos. Los mensajeros de Juan Bautista preguntaron a Jesús si él era aquél que Juan había anunciado. Los mensajeros querían oír la respuesta que el encarcelado Juan ya sabía. Todo lo que Juan había dicho estaba finalmente aconteciendo: gracias a Jesús, la luz brilla en los ojos; las palabras de promesa son recibidas; la gente salta y baila. La promesa de Isaías se cumple en Jesús. Rodillas inseguras y manos débiles se vuelven fuertes; el desierto estalla de vegetación; la sabana y la estepa florecen; la oscuridad es ahuyentada. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

LECTURAS DE HOY

Primera Lectura - ¡Sean fuertes, no teman! Su Día viene a salvarlos. Los redimidos del Señor serán coronados con alegría eterna (Is 35: 1,10).

Salmo - Ven, Señor, a salvarnos [Salmo 146 (145)].

Segunda Lectura - Sean también pacientes y videntes porque la venida del Señor esta cerca (Santiago 5: 7, 10).

Evangelio - "¿Eres tu el que debe venir o tenemos que esperar a otro?" Jesús les contesto, "Vayan y cuéntenle a Juan lo que han visto y oído" (Mateo 11: 2-11).

LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Lunes:	Nm 2-7, 15-17a; Sal 25 (24): 4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21: 23-27
Martes:	Sof 3: 1-2, 9-13; Sal 33: 2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 y 23
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