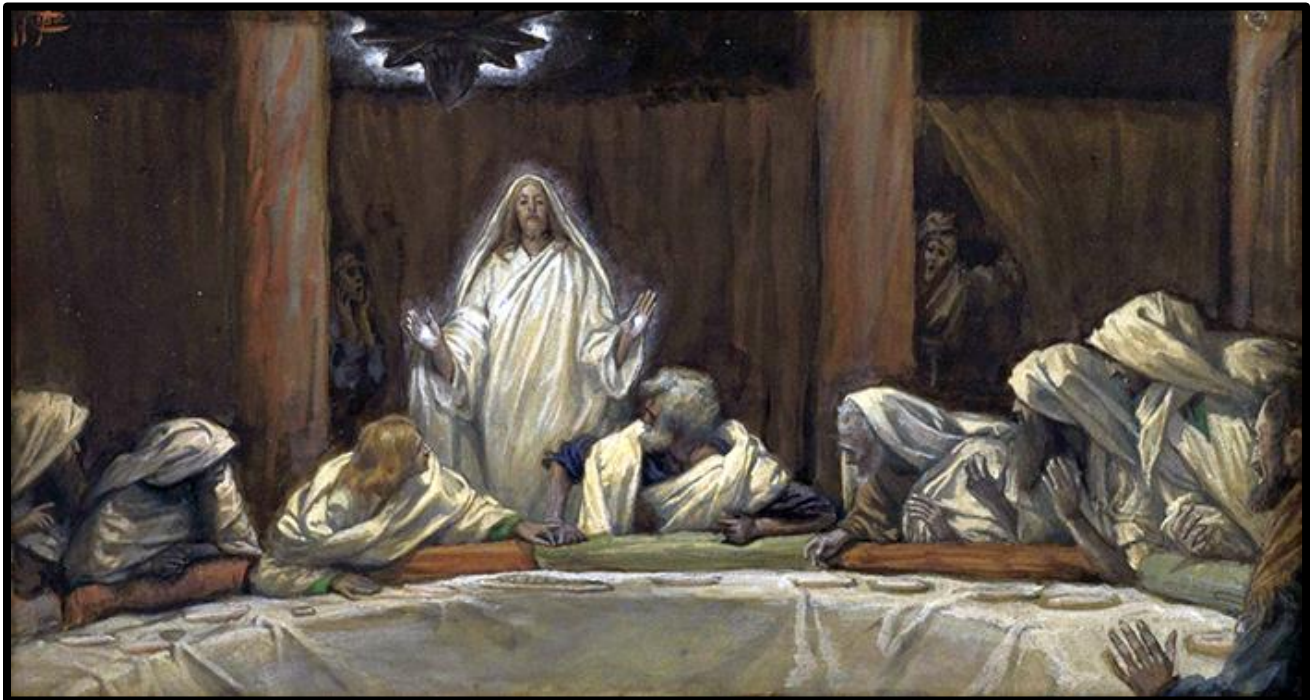


St. Patrick, Kankakee ~ a Viatorian Parish

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 15, 2018



Witnesses

How do we find the faith to believe the story of Easter, Jesus?
How do we grasp its truth?

We can only accept it,
kneeling with humility and awe
beside the blood-stained cross and the empty grave,
refusing to reduce it to scientific debate or historical literalism.
For then we become your witnesses.

How do we understand the mystery of your death and life, Jesus?
How do we explain it?

We can only live it ...
allowing it to permeate every grain of this sand that forms us,
every thought, every priority, every act, and every interaction,

For then we become your witnesses ... and you deserve nothing less from us.

John van de Laar

We see the disciples, share their experience,
and observe their fear being changed into joy
as they realize that the Lord is indeed in their midst.

Jesus reiterates the law of the Cross, saying to them:
“These are my words that I spoke to you
while I was still with you,
that everything written about me in the law of Moses
and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.”



Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.

And he said to them: “Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer
and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins,
would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.
You are witnesses of these things.”

He then commissioned them – and us – to continue his mission.

Sacred Space

This Week:

Monday, April 16

Tuesday, April 17

Wednesday, April 18

5:40 ***REP Sessions***

Thursday, April 19

12:00 ***Adoration until 5 p.m.***

5:00 ***Vespers and Benediction***

Friday, April 20

6:00 ***Confirmation Practice***

Saturday, April 21

4:00 ***Confirmation***

Sunday, April 22

10:00 ***Little People's Church***

For Reflection ...

The disciples' mission was to preach the Good News of God's forgiveness to all nations.

♦ How can I do that globally? ♦ Locally? ♦ In my workplace and my neighborhood? ♦ Will I?

***Please Pray for These Men and Women
Serving in the Military ...***

Ryan Barrie, Synthia Dorsey, Dustin Foltz,
Kelton Gifford, David Hodak,
Nathan Hornback, Joseph Jordan,
Henry Kijewski, Matthew Lanasa, Troy Martin,
Sarah Miller, Keith Mulholland, Justin Phelps,
John T. Raimondo, Scott Riegel,
Daniel Ryan, Andrew Ryan,
Erik Schultz, Gregory Smith, Jessica Smith,
Michael Widhalm, and Brandi Zinnel.

***Be with them, Lord, and keep them safe!
Envelope Number 360.***

Please remember

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as you do your weekly shopping!

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and generous support!**

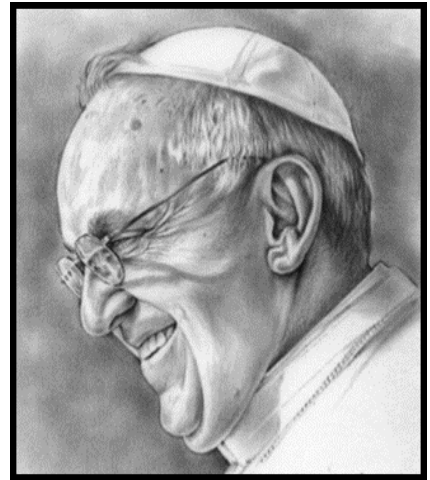
**Christ is Risen!
Alleluia! Alleluia!**



Why are we are afraid of joy?

Jesus, by his Resurrection, gives us joy:
the joy of being Christians,
the joy of following him closely,
the joy of taking the road of the Beatitudes,
the joy of being with him!

Let us pray that the Lord may open our minds
and make us understand that he is a living reality,
that he has a body, that he is with us,
that he accompanies us, and that he has conquered death!



Let us ask the Lord for the grace not to be afraid of joy!

Pope Francis



Speaking of JOY ...

For Your Little Ones Each Sunday, just before the Liturgy of the Word – at the 10:00 a.m. Mass – the little children are invited to leave with their Catechists to learn more about Jesus – *at their own level of understanding* – through story, song, prayer, and little projects and activities. Children may attend *starting at age 3* and may *continue until they begin 2nd Grade*. A parent is always welcome to come along for the first time or two! ***Come along with me to Jesus!***

We may not all be able to sing in the choir ...

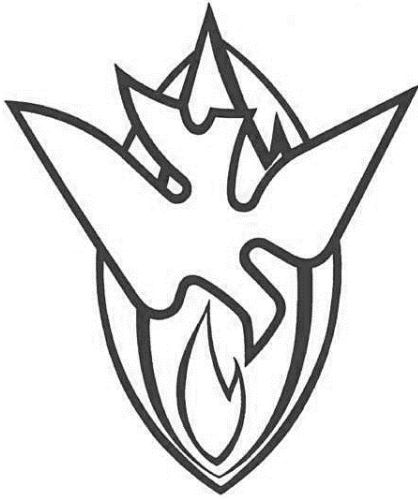
or work in the garden ... or teach little children.

BUT, there is one thing we can ALL do – and that is TO PRAY!



The *St. Patrick's Prayer Line* is made up of people who (individually) pray for a person or persons in need of God's graces. Simply call the Prayer Line number **(815- 933-6877)** with your prayer request, and it will be sent out to Prayer Line Members! The prayer line is a telephone chain. Requests for a person, persons, or situation are received by Lou Byrne at the number above and passed on to our members who, in turn, pray. Names are not necessary and, although we do not always hear the end results, we believe that no prayers are left unanswered. *Will you please help us keep the prayers going?* Become a member. And I promise, you will never have to attend a meeting! If you would like to join the Parish Prayer Line to pray for others' concerns, please contact Denise at the Rectory Office by calling (815) 932-6716 or by e-mailing her at stpatskan@ameritech.net. ***Never underestimate the power of prayer! Call the Rectory Office to join! Thank You!***

On the Cover ~ ***Jesus Appears in the Midst of the Apostles***
by James Tissot (October 15, 1836 - August 8, 1902)



**St. Patrick Parish
will celebrate
the *Sacrament of Confirmation*
on Saturday, April 21,
during the 4:00 p.m. Mass.**

**These Candidates will be confirmed by Father Peeters.
Bishop Conlon has granted faculties
to our local Pastors to confirm this year.
*You may recall that our former Auxiliary Bishop
has been named Bishop of Evansville, Indiana.***

**We are asked to keep these 12 Candidates in our prayers
as they move through these final days of preparation:**

***Jillian Gianna Molla* Brinkmann
Sydney Mafalda of Portugal Burnett
Nathan Robert Draper
Daniel Michael Garcia
Micah Isaac Jogues Hardesty
Caitlyn Gertrude Laird
Maximus Albert the Great Lay
Nathaniel Maximilian Kolbe Magee
Monique Mary Martinez
Riley Katharine Drexel Mayer
Brendan Sebastian Mulcahy
Faith Elizabeth Wertz**

Loving God,
You are the giver of all we possess, the source of all of our blessings.
We thank and praise you for the gift of these young people.
May your Holy Spirit help them to grow in faith, hope, and love,
so they may know peace, truth, and goodness.
May their ears hear your voice.
May their eyes see your presence in all things.
May their lips proclaim your Word.
May their hearts be your dwelling place.
May their hands do works of charity.
May their feet walk in the way of Jesus Christ,
your Son and our Lord.
Amen.

**When was the last time
you considered the fact that
YOU can make a difference
when it comes to VOCATIONS?**

Here are things we can do as Parishioners:

Extend an invitation. Many people claim that they were never invited to explore a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. Extend this invitation to a young person who you think might have a religious or priestly vocation. Your invitation could make a difference in someone's life.

Exhibit a love of your faith. By showing a love of your faith, you provide the parish community with a powerful personal witness as to the importance of living out one's vocation as the Lord intended. You can be a model for others to discover the vocation to which they are being called.

Serve in parish ministry. In the Gospels, Jesus directs each of us to a life of service. Your service in the activities of your parish will help create the life-giving environment necessary for the nurturing of vocations. Let us fulfill this Gospel message by sharing our gifts.

Pray. Of all the ways we can work toward the increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, *prayer is undoubtedly the most essential.* Make a commitment to pray for this intention every day. Also consider praying for a particular priest or religious in our parish.

Attend Mass. Celebration of the Eucharist is a fundamental aspect of our faith. Gathering around the Lord's table will serve to strengthen the bond you have to your faith and the bond of the parish family. It is a strong parish family that produces priestly and religious vocations.

Encourage cooperation among the different ministries in our parish. It is only by the cooperation of the entire community, with members responding to the vocation they received through Baptism, that we will be able to create the proper environment to foster the increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life - with the Holy Spirit leading the way!

Support parish functions. Your participation in parish functions is important. Not only will you benefit in terms of your own spiritual growth, you will be setting a fine example for your friends and neighbors. Having the parish as a focal point in your life can be an impetus for others to do the same. Such an atmosphere gives rise to Church vocations.

Say thank you. We all know that it feels good to be thanked for a job well done. Say "thanks" to a priest or religious. It is encouraging for them to feel that the generosity of their lives is appreciated. This appreciation sheds a positive light on priestly and religious vocations. Your show of gratitude may lead others to do the same.



**VOCATIONS ARE
EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS!**





SAVE THE DATE
CCW Annual Spring
Banquet

Tuesday, May 15, 2018
Kankakee Depot
Gather 5:30 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m.

Join us for our **Spring Fling Dinner, Dance, And Basket Auction!** Dinner will be from *Honey's Catering of Chebanse!* Enjoy the live music of *THE FAIRCHILDS* band. **The evening is sponsored by Saints Mary & Joseph Catholic Church CCW in Chebanse.** You must be 21 or older to attend. Tickets are \$20 each. The Dinner Dance will be held at the Chebanse Civic Center, 180 West First South Street, Chebanse. Call Bridget Berggren at (815) 685-6339 for tickets or for more information.

Join us at the One Heart One Soul Spirituality Center, 2041 W. State Route 113, Kankakee, on Thursday, May 3, from 9 – 10:30 a.m., for our **May Prayer Breakfast - Engaging Faith in Place.** To register or for more information, please call Sister Mary Stella at (815) 935-0800. A continental breakfast will be served. A free will offering will be accepted.



Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
for the benefit of
"Blessings in a Backpack"
(Serving Kankakee River Valley Schools)
Saturday - April 21
\$8.00 Adults - \$3.00 (12 and under)
4:00 - 7:00 P.M.
Saint John United Church of Christ
1045 West River Street - Kankakee
Sponsored by the River Valley Clergy Alliance

Golfers – SAVE THE DATE! We hope you will be able to join us for **The Denny** on Monday, July 23. The tee gift for men and women golfers this year will be Nike Roche G golf shoes. Kids who golf will receive a pair of the Nike Kids Control Jr. golf shoes. Special Request: If you plan to play golf in The Denny this year, please email Smitty your shoe size on or before Friday, May 18. This will allow us enough time to ensure your shoes arrive before the event. If you do not get Smitty your shoe size on/before May 18, we cannot guarantee that we will have a pair of shoes for you. Smitty's email address is fs534bramble@comcast.net

THERE IS STILL TIME TO JOIN ST. PATRICK'S GARDEN COMMITTEE!
Simply contact Ron Hartman at his home phone number of (815) 935-1655.

ST. PATRICK CHURCH, KANKAKEE, IL. (815) 932-6716.
Liturgical Ministers Schedule. Please arrange for a substitute if needed.

| APRIL 21 / 22 | 4:00 P.M. | 7:00 A.M. | 10:00 A.M. |
|-----------------------------------|--|---|---|
| SERVERS | TBA | | S. Yohnka M. Hardesty B. Arseneau |
| LECTORS | TBA | L. Born | J. Born |
| EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | J. Menard A. Parkinson P. Schiel | J. Buck S. Flageole B. Grasser | D. Vaubel J. Yohnka C. Antognoli |
| USHERS | C. Denault R. Skelly J. Regnier G. Piatt S. Drassler S. Berg A. Parkinson | G. Flageole W. McCarty P. Holohan B. Grasser M. Born | P. Swanson R. Hartman D. Glenzinski T. Marcotte M. Spilsbury |
| LITTLE PEOPLE'S CHURCH | | | L. Anderson / J. Trudeau |
| SACRISTANS | | | V. Wayer / M. Wayer |

*Please pray for the sick and the dying, and all those who mourn the loss of a loved one.
 Also, let us remember in prayer the homebound and those in nursing homes or hospitals.*

Prayer Line ... Call (815) 933-6877

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, April 16
 7:15 Don Wesoloski (Ann.)
 Tuesday, April 17
 7:15 Cletus & Jane Boone (Wed. Ann.)
 Wednesday, April 18
 7:15 Len Mulcahy
 Thursday, April 19
 7:15 Ruth Buck
 Friday, April 20
 7:15 Special Intention
 Saturday, April 21
 7:15 Parishioners & Benefactors
 4:00 Nicholas & Rita Renville (Wed. Ann.) /
 Andina DalSanto /
 Margaret Romary /
 Annette Johnson (Ann.)
 Sunday, April 22
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 7:00 George & Betty Rodeghero
 10:00 Albert & Betty Denault (Wed. Ann.) /
 Wilbert & Genevieve Rice (Wed. Ann.) /
 Bill & Mary Anne Anderson
*as they celebrate their
 Wedding Anniversary*

MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Holy Family Candle
 burns for the Intentions of the Purcell Family.
The Blessed Sacrament Candle
 burns for our Confirmation Candidates.



A person who cares nothing for praise or blame knows great inward peace. Praise does not make you holier than you are, nor blame more wicked. You are exactly what you are and cannot ever be any better or worse than that in the eyes of God.

Attend to what is really within you, then, and you will not care what others say of you. People look at externals, but God looks at the heart. People weigh actions; God knows your intent.

To feel no need of human support and assurance is a mark of inward confidence of those who truly walk with God in their hearts.

Thomas à Kempis in The Imitation of Christ

