

Saint Patrick Church, Kankakee

~ A Viatorian Parish ~

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
(GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY)**

April 25, 2021



A Prayer for Vocations

O LORD of the Harvest,

BLESS young people with the gift of courage to respond to your call.
Open their hearts to great ideals, to great things.

INSPIRE all of your disciples to mutual love and self-giving –
for vocations blossom in the good soil of faithful people.

INSTILL those in religious life, parish ministries, and families
with the confidence and the grace to invite others
to embrace the bold and noble path
of a life consecrated to you.

UNITE us to Jesus through prayer and sacrament
so that we may cooperate with you
in building your reign of mercy and truth,
your reign of justice and peace.

Amen.

(Pope Francis - Prayer for Vocations)

A cornerstone is crucial to the integrity of a building. It is laid first to make sure of the building's stability and is the rock upon which the weight of the whole stands strong. This one stone is crucial to the whole. Jesus the Christ is the Cornerstone of our faith communities. He who was once rejected rose from the dead and we can rejoice with this gift of everlasting life.

Have you ever been rejected? Perhaps from applications for a job, college, medical school, or another academic program that your dreams rested upon? Perhaps by a turned-down marriage proposal? By a parent? Lost an election? I recall the times I lost an election. Other times when I applied for jobs, went through multiple interviews, and was not chosen. That was hard. Then, one application finally came through. It was the right fit for me and me for it. It was where I was meant to be at the right time in my life. Trusting in the process, dying to some dreams, opened me up to new life, new experiences in a place where my gifts and talents were appreciated, accepted, and seen as essential to the mission.

In view of all of these potential rejections, it is important to know how much we know about ourselves and to remember where we come from and that we are a work in progress.

Saint John tells us who we are in the Second Reading. "Beloved, we are God's children now. What we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that, when it is revealed, we shall be like him. For we shall see him as he is."

How do we see him? As a shepherd? Jesus says: "I am the Good Shepherd." He knows who he is and what it means to be a "good shepherd." Jesus grew in self-knowledge, and knowledge of his mission, his work, and who he served. I am the good shepherd. "And I know mine and mine know me."

He also seemed to know that his God, Father, would give him all that he needed in order to carry out his mission. In relationship with "His Father," it seems that he knew of himself as the cornerstone and realized the consequences of the weight on his shoulders. "Just as the Father knows me and I know the Father, I will lay down my life ... in order to take it up again."

That weight was lifted on Easter Sunday as the stone at his tomb was removed! A weight was lifted for everyone with his Resurrection!

We live the Paschal Mystery within our daily lives. These fifty days of Easter provide us with hope and confidence as we find Jesus in our ordinary lives. They provide a time for us to reflect upon the whole Easter event and where we might find him in unexpected ways or places.

I wonder? Perhaps he is a Shepherd? A farmer? A parent? A manager? A supervisor, elected official, someone in leadership who looks out after those they are to serve? Will we find him in a courtroom, classroom, ER, grocery store, gas station, on the curb or road? Whatever the role or position we might hold, or place we may be, are we grounded in loving the people we are to care for and to serve? Can we be Jesus for others? See Jesus before us? As Psalm 118 says, will it be wonderful in our eyes? Is this how we will know him?

Jesus gives us the example. Jesus is for everyone and finds no differences in serving, living, working with, and loving those different from ourselves regardless of race and gender. All are one. "I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. These too I must lead."

Who is Jesus for you? Is Jesus the Cornerstone of your Faith? Your Life? Where do you find Jesus?

(Sister Candice Tucci, O.S.F.)

At the Easter Vigil
on Saturday, April 3rd,
Bruce P. Conway
was received into the Catholic Church,
was confirmed in the Holy Spirit,
and received the Eucharist
for the first time.



Celebrating with Bruce on that joyous occasion were
(left to right)
Miles Yohnka (grandson), Jennifer Conway Yohnka (daughter),
Sam Yohnka (grandson), Karleen Yohnka (sponsor),
Judy Conway (wife), Bruce, Father John

Heartiest Congratulations to Bruce
and all his loved ones!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 24, 4:00 P.M.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Alexine Betourne

Andina DalSanto

Kent Boudreau

Tony Lambert

William and Maryann Anderson
(55th Wedding Anniversary)

Sunday, April 25, 7:00 A.M.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Mildred Boris

Sunday, April 25, 10:00 A.M.

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Brendan Olszewski

Kay Serafini

Tuesday, April 27, 7:15 A.M.

For the Intentions of the
Parishioners and Benefactors
of Saint Patrick Parish

Thursday, April 29, 7:15 A.M.

Dorothy Vollmer

Saturday, May 1, 4:00 P.M.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Berdell O'Connor

Susie Skelly

Sunday, May 2, 7:00 A.M.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Virginia Rauworth

Sunday, May 2, 10:00 A.M.

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Phillip Hodak

Anthony Nicolais

State Police Officer Darian Jarrett

Our First Communicants

MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Blessed Sacrament Candle
burns in memory of
Jack Purcell

The Holy Family Candle burns
for the Special Intentions of
Kim and Mark Holstein
(20th Wedd. Anniv.)

Viatorian Vocations Corner

Did You Know... About Our Founder?

Venerable Louis Querbes was born in Lyon, France in 1793, during the French Reign of Terror. Louis became a diocesan priest and served a rural parish in Vourles. Seeing the need for better liturgy, stronger parochial schools, and greater support for parish life, Louis formulated an association of catechists. He then worked through diocesan and Vatican processes to found the Congregation of the Clerics of Saint Viator. The Viatorians spread to parishes and schools around France, and next to French Canada.

Louis battled chronic health issues but remained a zealous, present leader as the first Superior General of the growing community. He died at the age of 66, leaving a legacy in the Viatorian charism that endures through hundreds of Viatorians serving in twelve countries today.



Painting of
Venerable Louis Querbes
by Fr. Raymond Novacek, CSV

Viatorians walk with people to discern God's invitation.
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SUNDAY STEWARDSHIP

Sunday, April 18, 2021

Envelopes (56) = \$3,530.00

Loose cash and checks = \$75.00

Online Giving (11 families) = \$400.00

A.C.H. Giving (11 families) = \$1,093.00

Total Collection = \$5,098.00

Amount needed each week to have a balanced budget = \$7,673.00

2021 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

(as of April 18th)

Goal	\$ 33,800
Amount Pledged	\$ 30,320
Amount Paid	\$ 26,005
Balance Due	\$ 4,315

Donor Count **111**

Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal (April 24-25)

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, public Masses were suspended across the United States at the time of the 2020 Catholic Home Missions Appeal (C.H.M.A.). Unfortunately, this significantly impacted the Appeal, resulting in **a decrease of more than 63%** in funds collected from the prior year. However, as the pandemic continues across the world, the Catholic Home Missions Appeal has remained faithful in providing vital assistance to 87 dioceses and eparchies across the United States, its territories, and several former territories in the Pacific. Without these funds, these dioceses and eparchies would not be able to minister to their parishioners in all the ways that are needed.

Please **prayerfully consider** contributing to this year's Catholic Home Missions Appeal through Saint Patrick Parish on this weekend of April 24-25. Amid so many great needs, we are especially grateful for your support.

If you are unable to participate in the collection at our parish, but wish to support it, you can do so by mailing your contribution to:

Catholic Home Missions
Office of National Collections
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
Post Office Box 96278
Washington DC 20090-6278

PARISH NEWS OF INTEREST AND IMPORTANCE

By way of reminder, I will mention again that those wishing to attend Mass on Tuesday morning and Thursday morning do not need reservations. Those planning to attend Saturday evening and Sunday morning Masses, however, will need reservations. Very simply stated, Weekend Mass Reservations can be made, beginning after 9:00 A.M. on Monday morning, by accessing our on-line Mass Reservations site at <https://bit.ly/StPatrickChurch> or our telephone site at 815-932-6716, Ext. 999. Reservations for Saturday and Sunday Masses officially close at noon time on the previous Friday.

For the foreseeable future,
the church doors will be opened
twenty minutes before Mass begins.

For the Saturday 4:00 Mass, doors will open at 3:40 P.M.
For the Sunday 7:00 Mass, doors will open at 6:40 A.M.
For the Sunday 10:00 Mass, doors will open at 9:40 A.M.

For Weekday 7:15 Mass, doors will open at 6:55 A.M.

**Effective as of Saturday, March 21st,
and continuing for the coming months,
we will once again be using the Front Doors
to enter for all weekend and weekday Masses.
At the conclusion of our celebrations,
we will be exiting the church via
the Southwest Door and
the Northwest Door.**

Father John

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

Upcoming Spirituality Program sponsored by the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

Human Trafficking and the Body of Christ

presented by

Ms. Karen Schultz

Refuge for Women

Wednesday, April 28th

6:30 - 8:00 P.M.

For more information and to register, contact:

Susan Amann • samann@sscm-usa.org • 708-790-8141

**A complete listing of all the on-line programming
sponsored by the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary
can be accessed via their website at:**

<http://sscm-usa.org/online-programming.html>

Are You Good with Numbers? Use Your Talents to Help Others!

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Joliet is seeking volunteers in their Money Management Program. As a volunteer, you will provide basic money-management services to low-income seniors who have difficulty budgeting, paying routine bills, and keeping track of financial matters. As a trained volunteer, you will use your valuable skills to help individuals who may not have friends or relatives to assist them. All volunteers must pass federal and state background checks. If you are interested in sharing your talents as a Money Management Program volunteer, please call Olivia Teach at 815-724-1246 or e-mail her at oteach@cc-doj.org.

Help Socially Isolated Seniors During the Pandemic and Beyond!

Catholic Charities' Senior Companion Program (SCP) is looking for people 55 years and older who are interested in visiting with another senior who is homebound and living in Kankakee or Iroquois Counties. This is strictly a friendly visit; no homecare duties are involved. Volunteers who meet income eligibility guidelines will receive a tax-free hourly stipend and a mileage reimbursement for time spent with clients.

During the COVID pandemic, Senior Companion volunteers call clients weekly (in-person visits will resume when it is safe to do so), may drop off pre-ordered groceries or medications, and can even make window visits. These contacts make a huge difference in the lives of seniors who feel isolated. Volunteering as a Senior Companion is a fantastic way to meet new people and to give back to the community. Are you ready to help bring joy to the lives of seniors who are facing the challenges of isolation?

In Kankakee and Iroquois Counties, call Kathy at 815-933-7791 (extension 9906) or email klangworthy@cc-doj.org. For more information about the programs and services provided by Catholic Charities, visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org.

FIGHTIN' IRISH 5K KEN KLIPP CLASSIC

Save the Date! Join us for the 2021 Fightin' Irish 5K Ken Klipp Classic on Monday, May 31st (Memorial Day)! Whether you are an avid runner, a new runner, or a walker, we would love to see you at this fun Bishop McNamara Catholic School event. Sponsorship opportunities and virtual options are available! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the chairpersons, Haven and Anna Provost, at FightinIrish5K@bmcoss.org, or to visit our website at bishopmac.com/5K for full event details.

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and leave your name,
number in your party,
and phone number.

**Attached to this Sunday's Bulletin
you will find one "flyer":**

COVID-19 Vaccine Resources for Seniors in Kankakee County
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Joliet



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COVID-19 VACCINATION RESOURCES FOR OLDER ADULTS 815-523-9918

Our Team is here to help older adults and their caregivers in Kankakee County navigate the Covid-19 vaccine process.

We can help with:

- **REGISTRATION:** A trained case manager will help you complete your online registration to receive the vaccine in Kankakee County.
- **TRANSPORTATION:** Need a ride to your vaccine appointment? We may be able to help!
- **EDUCATION:** Interested in learning more about the Covid-19 vaccine and your options? We have information and resources to assist!

Call 815-523-9918 or email ccu@cc-doj.org to be connected with someone who can assist.

Catholic Charities is a faith-based organization providing service to people in need and calling others of good will to do the same.



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MASS SCHEDULE

Daily..... 7:15 a.m.
Saturday..... 7:15 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
Sunday..... 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Appointments..... Please call to schedule appointments.
Reconciliation Saturdays 3:00 – 3:30 p.m.
and by appointment.
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six months prior to desired date of wedding.

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