

# *St. Patrick, Kankakee ~ a Viatorian Parish*

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20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 14, 2016

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It would be much easier, Jesus, to ignore the hard truths around us:  
the widening gap between rich and poor,  
the consistency with which the powerful get their way,  
the bending of rules and the self-enrichment of the connected and influential,  
and the lack of adequate care, protection, and resources for the most vulnerable among us.

We would rather not see these signs.

It would be much easier if we could just pretend everything was alright ...  
if we could prophesy goodness and light, and ignore the darkness and evil ...  
if we didn't have to challenge the status quo, or offend the comfortable ...  
if we could convince ourselves that the cross  
was just a one time thing – your calling, not ours.

But, we can't do this, Jesus, because we know too much.  
Your Gospel has captured us and opened our eyes,  
and we have become slaves to love –  
the love that must speak for the voiceless, the love that must challenge injustice ...  
the love that draws lines of division between truth and denial,  
and between compassion and expediency.

Give us the courage to acknowledge what we see,  
to name the signs of the times,  
to disrupt *the way things are* in the name of *what should be*,  
to divide in order to heal and restore,  
and to be crucified for the sake of love.

Amen.

*John van de Laar*

***Good religion is about being on fire and about liberation.***

It is about putting people on fire about life and love and service.  
Religious faith should be something that is exciting and energizing.  
It puts us on fire and sets us free, and causes tension and division.  
The message of Jesus causes division.  
Not all are able to accept it – even within the same family.  
We also may struggle with it and resist it from time to time.  
Ultimately, it should lead us to freedom and life.  
Ultimately, we should end up on fire even in the midst of opposition.  
The message has power. It is worth the risk.



Good religion wakes people up and helps them be on fire.  
People become aware of life, aware of others, aware of God, aware of the poor,  
aware of injustice, aware of the problems, aware of the possibilities, aware of a new vision.  
Good religion leads people to awareness, and puts them on fire –  
on fire with love, filled with life, energized for service and solidarity.

Religion must not be an empty ritual. Our religion thus calls us to get into action – to speak up  
for justice, to serve the poor and all who are in need, to be aware of the struggles of the world,  
to work for the liberation of the oppressed, to relax in a deep trust in God, to include all people  
in our circle of community, to be a light to the world in the midst of darkness, to set people free,  
to proclaim justice for all ... ***to be on fire with faith, hope, and love.*** *Education for Justice*

***This Week:***

Monday, August 15  
Tuesday, August 16  
Wednesday, August 17  
Thursday, August 18  
12:00 *Adoration until 5 p.m.*  
5:00 *Vespers*  
Friday, August 19  
Saturday, August 20  
Sunday, August 21  
10:00 *Little People's Church  
and Blessing of the Backpacks*

***For Reflection ...***

• When have you found yourself graced with courage? • Have you been able to show great strength of conviction in the midst of opposition? • When have you really be on fire with your faith? • When have the Scriptures changed you and set you on fire? • When has “being in church” set you on fire?

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

Ryan Barrie, Joshua DesMarteau,  
Synthia Dorsey, Dustin Foltz,  
David Hodak, Nathan Hornback,  
Joseph Jordan, Alex Kregor,  
Matthew Lanasa, Troy Martin,  
Sarah Miller, Justin Phelps,  
Envelope Number 237,  
John T. Raimondo, Scott Riegel,  
Daniel Ryan, Andrew Ryan,  
Erik Schultz, Gregory Smith, Jessica Smith,  
Tom Stanley, and Michael Widhalm.  
***Be with them, Lord, and keep them safe!***

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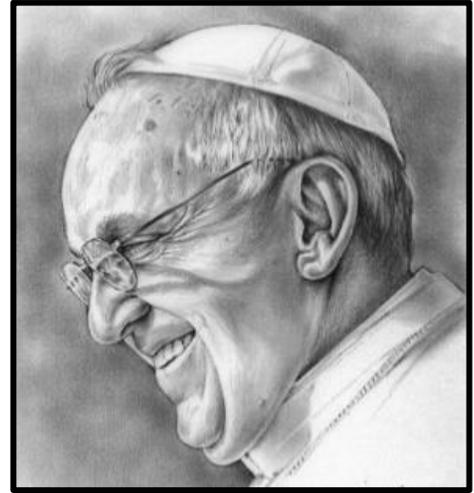


**PLEASE BRING SOMETHING FOR THE FOOD PANTRY!**

## *The Jubilee Year of Mercy*

Sharing the experience of faith,  
bearing witness to the faith,  
proclaiming the Gospel:  
this is a command that the Lord entrusts  
to the whole Church, *and that includes you.*

But it is a command that is born  
not from a desire for domination,  
or from the desire for power,  
but from the force of love,  
from the fact that Jesus first came into our midst  
and did not give us just a part of himself,  
but he gave us the *whole* of himself.



**He gave his life in order to save us and to show us the love and mercy of God.**

Jesus does not treat us as slaves, but as people who are free,  
as friends, as brothers and sisters;  
and he not only sends us, he accompanies us.  
He is always beside us in our mission of love.

*Pope Francis*

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**“YOUNG PEOPLE, PLEASE:  
don't put yourselves at the tail end of history.  
Be active members! Go on the offensive! Play down the field!  
Build a better world, a world of brothers and sisters,  
a world of justice, of love, of peace, of fraternity, of solidarity.  
Play always on the offensive!”**

**Pope Francis**



**~ *Living the Year of Mercy* ~**

Spreading the word of God  
in our everyday lives  
is a way we can evangelize  
to anyone we may meet.

This can happen in any environment: with someone at school, a stranger on the street, a shopper at the mall, a teammate or friend. Whom do we encounter every day? Be a witness to your faith by being the hands of Christ in acts of compassion, comfort, and love.

# Blessing of the Backpacks



**NEXT SUNDAY,  
August 21  
at the  
10:00 a.m. Mass!  
Students of any age -**

You are invited to participate as the school year begins and as our Parish Community offers special prayers and a blessing for a safe and enlightening school year. Each student will each receive a **special gift** after the blessing. **Come to the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, August 21, and ... DON'T FORGET YOUR BACKPACK!**

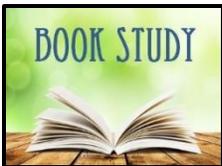
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## **FALL BOOK STUDY**

**The book: THE HOLY YEAR OF MERCY by Pope Francis**

*September 19 and September 26*

*6 – 8 p.m. at Maternity BVM's Parish Center*



Books may be purchased at the LOVE Christian Store or on-line.  
To register: Call or email Alicia Parkinson at (815) 932-9423  
or e-mail her at [prknsn9@gmail.com](mailto:prknsn9@gmail.com) by Friday, September 16!

*Sponsored by the Inter-Parish Women's Committee*

## ***Protecting God's Children Session*** **Set for Tuesday, September 13!**

Out of concern for the safety and well-being of children, **EVERY** diocesan, parish, school, or religious education **EMPLOYEE** or **VOLUNTEER** who is involved with minors on a regular, recurring basis is required to attend a Virtus *Protecting God's Children* (PGC) workshop.



Please call the Rectory Office at (815) 932-6716 to register for the **PGC workshop** scheduled for **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, AT 6:00 p.m. in the Shamrock Room.** **Pre-registration is necessary!** Sessions are also set at St. Martin's for 6 p.m. on Thursday, August 18, and for 6 p.m. on Monday, August 22.



## Classes begin in September!

Classes for children attending Public Schools will begin on Wednesday, September 21, at 5:45 p.m., and all grades will meet here in our Primary Building.

### IF YOU HAVE NOT YET REGISTERED,

you may come by the Rectory Office during regular office hours (Monday – Thursday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Friday from 9 a.m. until 12 noon). Please contact the Rectory Office at (815) 932-6716 for more information.

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We offer our Congratulations to  
***Sister Charmaine Kribs, OP***  
Celebrating 60 years of Vows  
1956-2016



Kankakee native Sister Mary Charmaine Kribs, OP, grew up right here at St. Patrick Parish and graduated from both St. Patrick Grade School and St. Patrick High School.

She professed vows with the Dominican Sisters of Springfield on January 4, 1956, at Sacred Heart Convent in Springfield. Sister Charmaine earned her undergraduate degree in English and Spanish from St. Joseph College in Rensselaer, Indiana; earned her elementary education certification; and completed coursework at Catholic University of Puerto Rico, Ponce, in language and history studies. In the Diocese of Springfield, she was a teacher at St. Francis Cabrini, Springfield, from 1956 to 1958; St. Thomas School, Newton, from 1958 to 1960; and St. John Neumann, Maryville, from 1983 to 1988. From 1968 to 1983, Sister Charmaine was a teacher at San Borja School in Lima, Peru. She was also a teacher, librarian, and tutor in the Chicago archdiocese and taught in Duluth, Minnesota. Since 1993 she has served in the Joliet diocese as a story time reader and Spanish teacher for students in grades PreK-2 at St. Joseph School in Bradley. Looking back over these past 60 years, Sister Charmaine says, *“The most challenging and fulfilling experience was beginning a school in Lima, Peru. I enjoyed getting to know and love people in another land and a new language.”*

For those who may want to send a note or card to Sister Charmaine, her address is:  
St. Joseph Convent, 235 North Center Avenue, Bradley, IL 60915  
*May God continue to bless Sister Charmaine!*



**Grade School Meet and Greet  
set for TODAY,  
Sunday, August 14,  
from 1 – 3 p.m.**



**The Committee  
has been working hard -  
now, let's all do our part  
to keep this Shamrock rolling!**

*Half Paddy Questionnaire*

- Have I purchased all my *Raffle Tickets*?
- Have I sold *a few extra Raffle Tickets*?
- Have I boxed up my *extra glasses / mugs*?
- Have I signed up to *help for 2 hours*?

**This is our 10th Annual Half Paddy –  
Let's ALL make it the best one yet!**

**P. S.: Have you heard? *Bishop Siegel* is going to preside at the *Blue Mass*!**



Loving God, we place this school year with all its plans, hopes, and dreams before you.

Pour out your Spirit on all we do.

Strengthen and protect us and draw us ever closer to you.

Be close to us during the coming school year.

Let your Holy Spirit guide us and your loving care keep us safe.

We thank you for this new school year and for all the ways we will learn and grow.

We ask you to fill us with your wisdom, peace, and joy. Amen.

**ST. PATRICK CHURCH, KANKAKEE, IL. (815) 932-6716.**

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule. Please arrange for a substitute if needed.**

<b>AUGUST 20 / 21</b>	<b>4:00 P.M.</b>	<b>7:00 A.M.</b>	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>
<b>CANTORS</b>	A. Schneider		A. Jemar
<b>SERVERS</b>	K. Mulholland G. Mulholland J. Mulholland		E. Draper R. Muniz R. Muniz
<b>LECTORS</b>	M. Spilsbury	Sr. H. Kavanaugh, CND	L. Cowhig
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	J. Fender G. Keller D. Legris	B. Grasser M. LaLuna P. Johnson	D. Vaubel J. Yohnka C. Antognoli
<b>USHERS</b>	C. Denault C. Elsey R. Skelly G. Piatt S. Drassler S. Berg A. Parkinson	G. Flageole P. Holohan B. Grasser M. Born	R. Hartman P. Swanson D. Glenzinski T. Marcotte M. Spilsbury
<b>LITTLE PEOPLE'S CHURCH – August 21</b>			M. Purcell
<b>August 15 - 20</b>		<b>7:15 a.m.</b>	
<b>WEEKDAY LECTOR</b>		K. Yohnka	
<b>SACRISTAN</b>		J. O'Connor / J. Fender	

*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 SCHEDULE**

Monday, August 15

*Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:15 David Morris

*as he celebrates his birthday*

Tuesday, August 16 *St. Stephen of Hungary*

7:15 Parishioners & Benefactors

Wednesday, August 17

7:15 Mr. & Mrs. Paul Henrisey (Wed. Ann.)

Thursday, August 18

7:15 Marguerite Small (Ann.)

Friday, August 19 *St. John Eudes*

7:15 Michael Boris, Sr. (Ann.)

Saturday, August 20 *St. Bernard*

7:15 Bill & Dorothy Courtney

4:00 Alex Denault (Birth. Ann.) /

Andina Dal Santo /

Dorothy Potter (Ann.) /

Ray & Lucille Audette (Wed. Ann.)

Sunday, August 21

*21st Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:00 Charles A. Schultz (Birth. Ann.) /

10:00 Patrick O'Brien (Wed. Ann.) /

Ron Renville (Birth. Ann.) /

Lorene Mailloux

**MEMORIAL CANDLES**

*The Blessed Sacrament Candle* burns for the Faculty, Staff, and Administration of

**Bishop McNamara Catholic School.**

*The Holy Family Candle*

burn for the students and families of

**Bishop McNamara Catholic School.**

**ALTAR SERVER**

**TRAINING SESSION**

Saturday, August 27, at 9 a.m.

**Parish children who will be**

**in the 5th grade and up**

**are invited**

**to become Altar Servers!**

To register, please call

the Rectory Office

at (815) 932-6716.



The Holy Scriptures were not given to us that we should enclose them in books, but that we should engrave them upon our hearts.

*St. John Chrysostom*