

St. Patrick, Kankakee ~ A Viatorian Parish

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 23, 2020



As We Prepare for Ash Wednesday ...

A collection of common questions arises:

What should I do for Lent this year?

What should I read or study?

What should I give up or take on?

These are good questions,
but they are not necessarily Jesus' question.

He wants to know what we treasure.

Jesus is getting to the heart of the matter –
our *hearts*.

He reminds us that our hearts follow –
and give themselves to –
what we treasure.

When we name our treasures,
we find ourselves, our very hearts.

When we name our treasures,
we begin to see (for better or for worse)
the direction in which our lives are headed.

Some treasures enrich and grow life.
Other treasures hold our hearts captive and impoverish life.
Some treasures are of lasting and eternal value
and there are others that we need to let go ...
regardless of how much we think we love or need them.

Let us approach Lent as treasure hunters,
discovering what we truly value ...
where we actually spend our time and energy ...
and what occupies our thoughts and worries.

Let us name our treasures and find our hearts.

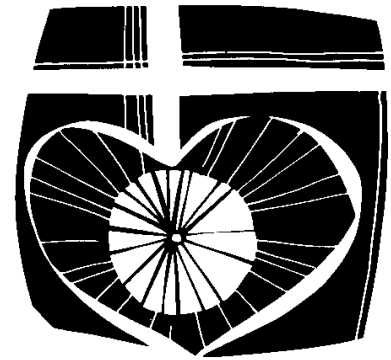
Fr. Michael Marsh

Rivalry ... revenge ... hatred ...
making people pay back any hurt done to us ...
these are the usual ways of our world.

Today's message tells us
how to apply the Sermon on the Mount:
how we should be makers and sowers of peace
by forgiving and forgetting the hurt.
And in doing so, we can break the vicious circle of evil.

Didn't Jesus come to bring reconciliation with God and people?
This is how he was the image of the Father.
This is how we have to bring into our world
something of the goodness of the Father.

Liturgy Alive



This Week

Monday, February 24

Tuesday, February 25



Wednesday, February 26

ASH WEDNESDAY

Masses at 7:15 a.m. and 6 p.m.

5:45 **REP Classes**

meet in the church

Thursday, February 27

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

5:00 **Vespers and Benediction**

6:30 **Scouts**

Friday, February 28

Saturday, February 29

Sunday, March 1

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

For Reflection ...

♦ If we all "loved our neighbors as ourselves"
do you think there would be wars, prisons,
hunger, and poverty? ♦ One way the Lord says
to love your neighbor is "you shall not bear
hatred for your brother or sister in your heart."
♦ Have you tried it? ♦ Will you try again?

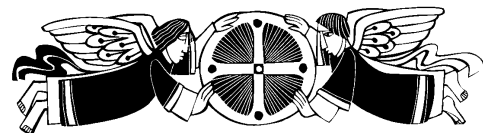
***Please Pray for These Men and Women
Serving in the Military ...***

Synthia Dorsey, Dustin Foltz,
Kelton Gifford, Ethan Held, Joseph Jordan,
Henry Kijewski, Matthew Lanasa,
Troy Martin, Sarah Miller, Keith Mulholland,
Justin Phelps, John T. Raimondo,
Scott Riegel, Andrew Ryan,
Envelope Number 628,
Erik Schultz, Gregory Smith,
Jessica Smith, and Brandi Zinnel.

Be with them, Lord, and keep them safe!

**When you do your shopping,
please remember the**

FOOD PANTRY!



**Please remember Bishop Conlon
in your prayers!**

Bulletin Sponsor of the Week

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Thank you for your generous support!

Lent begins this Wednesday!

Register now for FORMED.

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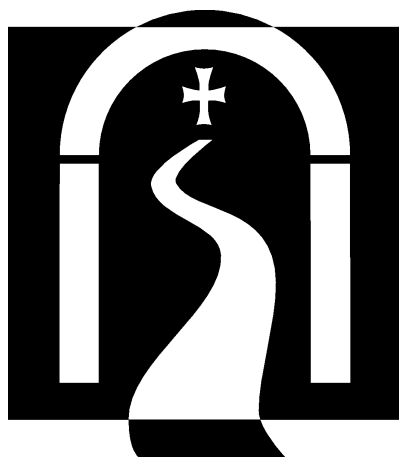
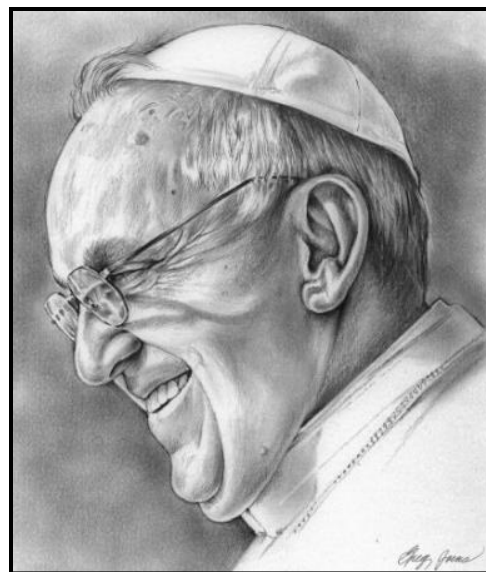
FREE movies, books, children's videos!

Excellent Lenten resources for all ages!

In Jesus' explanations of the commandments, especially in St. Matthew's Gospel, there is a journey of healing.

Every heart wounded by sin – as each one of us has – must undertake this journey of healing in order to be more like our heavenly Father who is perfect.

Pray for your enemies ... The power of prayer will do two things: it will change that person for the better and it will make us become more like children of our heavenly Father. *Pope Francis*



Traveling Together Through Lent

The 2020 Annual Lenten Series

What is *your* plan for Lent this year?

Let's do this together! Come for one hour a week to share your reflections on the significance of these Lenten days for us in our time. Participants will use "*The Word Among Us*" with its daily reflections. This booklet will be provided. There will be three sites for your convenience and Sr. Theresa Galvan, CND, will facilitate these sessions. Choose from these dates:

Tuesdays, March 3, March 17, and March 31:
St. Anne Church - Mass Chapel from 9 – 10 a.m.

Tuesdays, March 3, March 10, March 17, and March 24:
St. Patrick Convent from 7 – 8 p.m.

Thursdays, March 5, March 12, March 19, March 26:
Maternity BVM Parish Library from 10 – 11 a.m.

The Diocese of Joliet *Adult Confirmation* **Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, Joliet** **Sunday, April 19 at 2:00 p.m.**

This celebration is for Adult Catholics (ages 18 and older) who, for whatever reason, have *not* yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation and who wish to be confirmed. Please call Marilyn Mulcahy at the Rectory Office (815-932-6716) for more information. We may then let the Diocese know of your participation.

Confirmation
For adults
beyond
school age



PRAY DAILY FOR VOCATIONS ... IT ONLY TAKES A MOMENT!



**Vocations
Corner
with
The
Viatorians**



Did You Know... About Applying to the Viatorians?

REQUEST CONTACT	ACCOMPANIMENT	SPIRITUAL DIRECTION
Connect with Viatorian Vocation Ministry and share that you believe God may be inviting you to religious life.	Walk with the Director of Vocation Ministry in prayer & conversation over an extended period of time.	Meet with a spiritual director regularly to more intentionally be attentive to your prayer and faith life.
APPLICATION	COUNCIL REVIEW	PRE-NOVITIATE
Director facilitates process, focused on physical, spiritual, and social-emotional well-being.	Provincial Council reviews completed application and can accept discerners into Viatorian formation.	Approved applicant joins community house and begins yearlong program as pre-novice.

Viatorians accompany men in understanding God's invitation.
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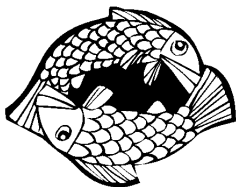
Transitions of Life – Practical and Spiritual

Come and join us on Monday, March 23, 2020, from 6 - 8 p.m., in the Parish Center at Maternity BVM, Bourbonnais to learn more about the blessings and struggles we all face during the various transitions of our lives. Life changes are inevitable. Whether it's a job change, the beginning or ending of a relationship, starting a family, or a loss, transitions are part of the human experience.



Speakers: Fr. Dan Lydon, C.S.V., Associate Pastor, Maternity BVM Church
 Barry Lee, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Olivet Nazarene University
 Dawn Wolfe, Art Therapist – Hospice of Kankakee Valley

Our speakers will offer insights into the ways these transitions are crossroads of our natural and spiritual growth and how these transitions can affect our physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual lives. The evening will allow time for questions and answers. Please register by March 20 by calling Alicia Parkinson at (815) 932-9423 or by emailing her at prknsn9@gmail.com.



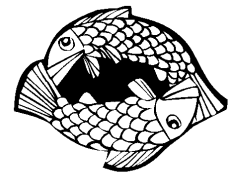
St. Anne Catholic Church will hold their
Annual Lenten Fish Fries

in the Parish Hall at 248 N. Sixth Ave, St. Anne.
 Fridays: February 28, March 6, March 20, April 3

Serving from: 5 – 7 p.m. Adults \$11.00 and Children (12 and under) \$5.00

Also available: 1/4 cheese pizza, chips, beverage, dessert - \$5.00

Raffles - Delicious Food - Fellowship - Drive through available!





Pictured here, **Second Grade Religious Education Program students**, each holding their **Crown of Thorns** made in preparation for Lent. They will remove one of the “thorns” from the crown when they perform a kind act or good deed that goes beyond their regular responsibilities.

Reminder!

BISHOP BLANCHETTE SCHOLARSHIP FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

2020 C.C.W. Bishop Blanchette Scholarship information is now available in the Rectory Office. **Completed applications must be returned by March 13, 2020.** Any student registered at Bishop McNamara High School for the 2020 - 2021 academic year is eligible. Please call the Rectory Office at (815) 932-6716 for more information or to pick up an application.

Las Vegas in Bradley is one of the largest community events of the year drawing over 1,000 people to support the students of Bishop McNamara. The casino-themed event and final *Progressive Raffle drawing* will again be held at the BMCS Bradley Site and offers the experience and the energy of a Las Vegas casino (including an Elvis impersonator)! Guests can participate in various games of chance found in actual Las Vegas casinos. For further information on the event and **to purchase your Progressive Raffle ticket, please visit bishopmac.com/vegas.** We look forward to seeing you there!

**Saturday, February 29,
4 p.m. – 12 midnight
247 N. Center Ave., Bradley**

Open to the Public (Must Be Age 21+)

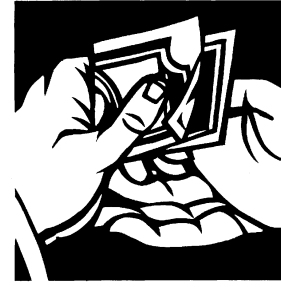




PRAYER



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Lenten Regulations

● Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent. ● All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. ● On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices, are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige. ● To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful. ● Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. ● All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and the performance of works of charity and mercy. ● Those who are sick, pregnant, or nursing, or whose health would be adversely affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms. *Diocese of Joliet*

From Temptation to Transformation – Our 2020 Lenten Day Retreat for Women and Men is set for Saturday, February 29, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Lunch is included. Join us at the One Heart One Soul Spirituality Center, 2041 W. State Route 113, Kankakee. The cost is \$25 per person or a free will offering. For reservations, please call Sr. Mary Stella at (815) 935-0800.

Prayer Breakfast Join us on Thursday, March 12, from 9:00 – 10:30 a.m., at the One Heart One Soul Spirituality Center, 2041 W. State Route 113, Kankakee. For Reservations please call Sr. Mary Stella at (815) 935-0800. Free Will Donation. Presenters will be Kelly Johnson and Deb Kelsey-Davis on ***Caregiving***. You will grow in your understanding of this silent army of people, their extensive needs, and why ministering now to them is so important.



“Hope is not dependent on peace in the land, justice in the world, and success in business. Hope is willing to leave unanswered questions unanswered and unknown futures unknown. *Hope makes you see God's guiding hand not only in the gentle and pleasant moments but also in the shadows of disappointment and darkness. No one can truly say with certainty where he or she will be ten or twenty years from now. You do not know if you will be free or in captivity, if you will be honored or despised, if you will have many friends or few, if you will be liked or rejected. But when you hold lightly these dreams and fears, you can be open to receive every day as a new day and to live your life as a unique expression of God's love for humankind.*” Henri J.M. Nouwen, *Finding Hope in Hard Times*

ST. PATRICK CHURCH 428 South Indiana Avenue, Kankakee, Illinois
Liturgical Ministers Schedule. Please arrange for a substitute if needed.

FEBRUARY 29 / MARCH 1	4:00 P.M.	7:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.
CANTOR	A. Schneider / Choir		E. Kregor
SERVERS	K. Johnson T. Gilbert A. Trudeau		M. Contreras J. Born S. Yohnka
LECTORS	G. Goreham	M. Spilsbury	T. Worth
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	J. Menard S. Pommier P. Schiel	S. Stanley J. Boyd D. Boyd	M. O'Brien A. Purcell M. Purcell
USHERS	R. Skelly J. Robinson M. Miller C. Denault	H. Boule A. Parkinson P. Miller S. Drassler	G. Flageole W. McCarty P. Holohan J. Wertz M. Born B. Grasser
LITTLE PEOPLE'S CHURCH			P. Swanson R. Hartman D. Glenzinski M. Spilsbury T. Marcotte
SACRISTANS			K. Bean / S. Mulcahy J. O'Connor / J. Fender

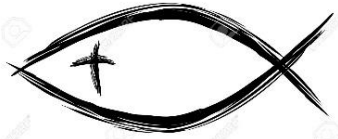
**Please pray for the sick and the dying, and all those who mourn the loss of a loved one.
 Also, let us remember in prayer the homebound and those in nursing homes or hospitals.**

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, February 24
 7:15 Paul Masse (Ann.)
 Tuesday, February 25
 7:15 Marvin Stanley (Birth. Ann.)

ASH WEDNESDAY
 First Day of Lent



February 26

7:15 Parishioners and Benefactors
 6:00 Intentions of the Priest

Thursday, February 27
 7:15 Don Betourne (Birth. Ann.)
 Friday, February 28
 7:15 Elaine Ziemer
 Saturday, February 29
 7:15 Kay Serafini
 4:00 Matthew Liesenfelt (Birth. Ann.)

Sunday, March 1
First Sunday of Lent
 7:00 Wayne Boudreau (Ann.)
 10:00 Pam Knisley /
 Fritz Sullivan

MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Blessed Sacrament Candle burns for the Special Intentions of Theresa Girardi.
 The Holy Family Candle burns in memory of Jack Purcell.

Mass For The Homebound

**• WGN / Channel 9 • Chicago •
 Sunday • 9:30 A.M.**

O Lord, help me to see this holy Season of Lent as a time for spiritual renewal rather than a time of deprivation.

Motivate me to reach a new level of experiencing your grace. Help me to open my heart to your love for me. Amen.