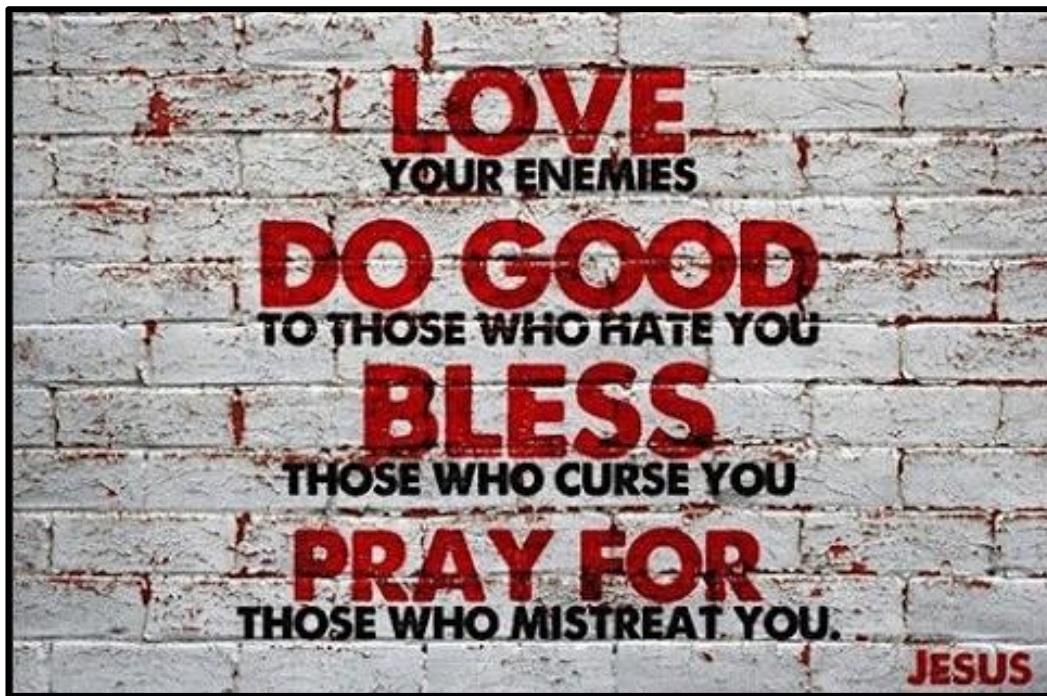


# *St. Patrick, Kankakee ~ a Viatorian Parish*

7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 24, 2019



## *The Radical Love of Jesus*

This text ranks as one of the most extraordinary ever written!

It utterly reverses human thinking about enemies and forgiveness.

Jesus uses extreme language to highlight the importance of our relationships to one another.

We are to deal with others, mindful of how we ourselves  
have received the good gift of forgiveness from God.

Jesus, again you turn my thinking upside down!

Love of enemies is so contrary to human nature, but that is what you demand of me.

You ask me now to bring my enemies into my heart and show mercy to them.

The love you speak of is not just emotion ... it is a commitment of the will.

It is extravagant and limitless, and it includes us all, good and bad alike.

This is the true love that frees up the world's gridlock of hatred, judgement, and violence.

It is an active loving based on going the extra mile.

Lord, I am the focus of your indiscriminate love.

Grant me a profound appreciation of this limitless gift.

And then, transformed by this love,

may I in turn show unrestricted loving to others –  
especially to my enemies!

*Sacred Space*

**ST. PATRICK CHURCH, 428 SOUTH INDIANA AVENUE, KANKAKEE, IL 60901**

My world can be transformed if I take Jesus seriously.  
My task is to collaborate with him  
and to live on a higher level of loving  
than I had imagined possible. I am called to go beyond  
loving my neighbor as myself,  
beyond loving only those who love me,  
beyond only loving nice people.

I am to love my enemies, do good to them,  
pray for them, and wish them well!

*What then shall I pray for now?*

*Sacred Space*



***This Week:***

Monday, February 25

Tuesday, February 26

Wednesday, February 27

5:45 **REP Classes**

Thursday, February 28

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

5:00 **Vespers and Benediction**

6:00 **Half Paddy Meeting –**  
Shamrock Room

6:30 **Boy Scouts**

Friday, March 1

Saturday, March 2

Sunday, March 3

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

***For Reflection ...***

♦ Am I able to look at life and at people with the same viewpoint as Jesus? • Am I as literal as Jesus in love and mercy, or do I rationalize it away and compartmentalize it so it doesn't apply to situations in my life?

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

Synthia Dorsey, Dustin Foltz, Kelton Gifford,  
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, and Brandi Zinnel.

*Be with them, Lord, and keep them safe!*

***Bulletin Sponsor of the Week***  
**Richard S. Nicklas, D.D.S.**  
*Thank you for your support!*



***Please remember those who are hungry!***  
**When you do your own shopping, please**  
**pick up a non-perishable or two**  
**for the FOOD PANTRY.**

**Have you returned your  
Envelope Number 204  
RESERVATION  
for the Jubilee Luncheon?**



***The Christian must forgive! Why?  
Because we have been forgiven!***

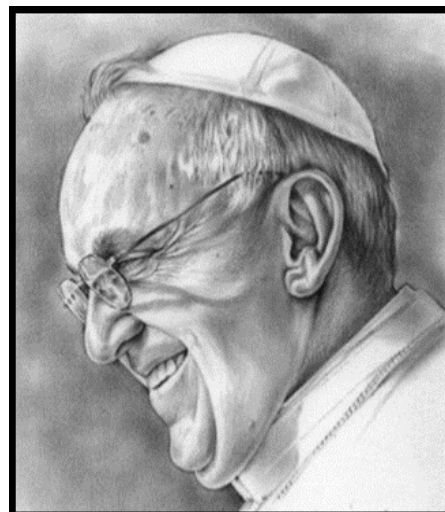
All of us who are here today have been forgiven.  
There is not one of us who, in our own life,  
has had no need of God's forgiveness.  
And because we have been forgiven, we must forgive. ...  
We do not have the power to condemn our erring brother,  
we are not above him: rather, we have a duty  
to recover the dignity of a child of the Father  
and to accompany him on his journey of conversion.

Jesus also indicates a second pillar  
to us who are his Church: "to give."  
*Forgiveness is the first pillar; giving is the second pillar.*  
"Give, and it will be given to you. ...  
For the measure you give will be the measure you get back".

God gives far beyond our merits,  
and will be even more generous with those who have been generous on earth.

Do not forget this: mercy is a gift; forgiveness and giving.  
In this way, the heart expands, it grows with love.  
Selfishness and anger make the heart small, they make it harden like a stone.  
Which do you prefer? A heart of stone or a heart full of love?  
If you prefer a heart full of love, be merciful!

*Pope Francis*



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# LENT

***Lent begins March 6!***

**Save these Dates for the  
2019 Annual Lenten Series!**

***Praying and Sharing on the Lenten Gospels***

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. Booklets will be provided. Sr. Theresa Galvan, CND, will facilitate these sessions. There will be three sites for your convenience:

**Tuesdays, March 12, March 19, March 26, and April 2:  
*St. Anne Church - Mass Chapel from 10 - 11 a.m.***

**Tuesdays, March 12, March 19, March 26, and April 2:  
*St. Patrick Convent from 7 - 8 p.m.***

**Thursdays, March 14, March 21, March 28, and April 4:  
*Maternity BVM Parish Library from 10 - 11 a.m.***



**Our 125th Jubilee Year is coming to a close.**

*The final Celebration is only  
**THREE WEEKS** from today!*

*Jubilee Mass*  
**Sunday, March 17**  
**10:00 a.m.**

***Jubilee Luncheon***

at the Knights of Columbus Hall  
immediately following the **Jubilee Mass.**

Each person attending will receive a keepsake,  
and you will not want to miss out on the surprises planned for that day!  
Remember, you **must return your Reservation Form!**

***There is still time to become a 125th Jubilee Sponsor!***

In honor of St. Patrick's 125th Anniversary, we continue to offer the \$125 sponsorship to benefit St. Patrick Parish. You may make this donation in honor of someone, in memory of someone, or just because you are a generous soul wanting to support the ongoing mission of St. Patrick Church! This is a great way for families and individuals to honor someone *and* support the work of the Parish at the same time! **The 125th Anniversary Sponsorship Board will be on display at our Jubilee Luncheon!**

***There is still time to be part of this! Call the Rectory Office at (815) 932-6716.***

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**This 125th Anniversary \$125 SPONSORSHIP is being made:**

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Just because I am feeling generous!



*Two weeks from today!*

~ Sunday, March 10 ~

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The Teen Group's

## FAMOUS BREAKFAST BUFFET!



This Breakfast is their major fund-raiser of the year!  
Please help support the good works of our young people!



The Half Paddy Committee will meet  
February 28 at 6 p.m. in the Shamrock Room.  
**ALL ARE WELCOME!**

Isn't this the year YOU  
wanted to become more involved?  
Come, join us!



BISHOP McNAMARA CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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**MARCH 2, 2019**

**3PM TO MIDNIGHT**

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**MANY CHANCES TO WIN.**

**There is still time to get your tickets!**

**Call the school at (815) 932-7620.**

# EARLY EDUCATION Info Night

**TUESDAY, MARCH 12<sup>TH</sup>**  
at **6:30 PM**

Specifically for parents of children entering PreK3, PreK4, and Kindergarten! Meet our teachers, find out more about BMCS, and register for the 2019-2020 school year!

*We look forward to seeing you!*

**BMCS BOURBONNAIS SITE**

PreK3-6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
324 E. Marsile St.

**BMCS BRADLEY SITE**

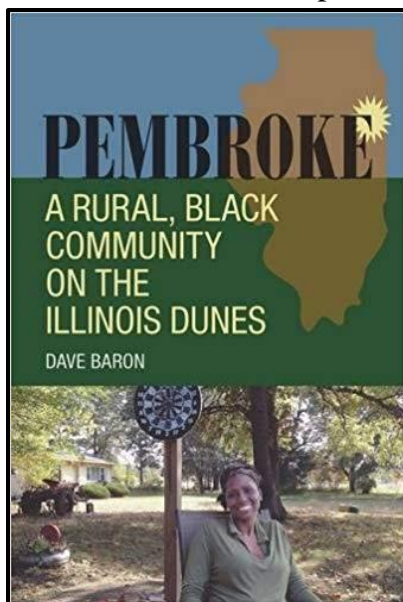
PreK4-6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
247 N. Center Ave.



In today's Gospel reading Jesus urges his listeners to "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." He also offers several examples of putting mercy into action. Good stewards look for opportunities to exercise God's mercy toward others. They realize that, in doing so, their own experience of God's mercy not only becomes more profound, but affirms their hope of seeing the Lord face-to-face one day. ❧ **How have we experienced God's mercy in our lives? ❧ How might our thinking, attitudes, words and actions reflect God's mercy on someone else today?**

*International Catholic Stewardship Council*

**The March Prayer Breakfast** set for Thursday, March 7, from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m., at the One Heart One Soul Spirituality Center, Route 113, Kankakee. A free will donation would be accepted. Reservations can be made by call Sister Stella at (815) 935-0800. **St. Patrick's Parishioner, DAVID BARON,** will speak on the topic of *The Grace and Paradox of Pembroke*. Isolated in a remote corner of Kankakee County, few might expect that Pembroke Township has encountered so many of America's great divides - rich and poor, black and white, rural and urban, powerful and powerless.



At the age of 15, David first traveled the twenty miles from his hometown of Kankakee to Pembroke for a weeklong service trip based out of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Told through his experience of that week, David's book, *Pembroke: A Rural, Black Community on the Illinois Dunes*, is a history of Pembroke Township that considers what has enabled this inimitable community to survive.

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

MARCH 2 / 3	4:00 P.M.	7:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.
<b>CANTOR</b>	E. Kregor Choir)		M. White
<b>SERVERS</b>	T. Gilbert J. Mulholland M. Mulholland		M. Finks M. Lay W. Krause
<b>LECTORS</b>	E. Capriotti	C. Pristach	B. Yohnka
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b>	J. Menard S. Pommier P. Schiel	D. Arseneau J. Buck B. Grasser	R. Bond C. Wilcox-Clyden L. Cowhig
<b>USHERS</b>	C. Denault H. Boule R. Skelly J. Robinson G. Piatt S. Drassler A. Parkinson	G. Flageole W. McCarty P. Holohan J. Wertz B. Grasser M. Born	P. Swanson R. Hartman D. Glenzinski T. Marcotte M. Spilsbury
<b>LITTLE PEOPLE'S CHURCH</b>			K. Bean / S. Mulcahy
<b>SACRISTANS</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 INTENTIONS**

Monday, February 25  
 7:15 Mario Alberto Guzman Magana  
 Tuesday, February 26  
 7:15 Jeffery Hess  
 Wednesday, February 27  
 7:15 Al Keller  
 Thursday, February 28  
 7:15 Elaine Ziemer  
 Friday, March 1  
 7:15 Maggie Lee (Birth. Ann.)  
 Saturday, March 2  
 7:15 Parishioners & Benefactors  
 4:00 John Hisel /  
 Tom Billadeau  
 Sunday, March 3  
**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 7:00 Genevieve Keller  
 10:00 Tom Barrie /  
 Helen McKenna

**Always pray to have  
 eyes that see the best in people,  
 a mind that forgets the bad,  
 a heart that forgives the worst,  
 and a soul that never loses faith in God.**

**MEMORIAL CANDLES**

*The Holy Family Candle*  
 burns in Thanksgiving for the Blessings  
 of St. Patrick's 125th Jubilee Year.

*The Blessed Sacrament Candle*  
 burns for the Special Intentions  
 of Jean Lindsey.



If anyone should ask you  
 what are the most radical words  
 in the Gospel,  
 you need not hesitate to reply:  
*"Love your enemies."*  
 It is these words  
 that reveal to us most clearly  
 the kind of love proclaimed by Jesus.

Henri Nouwen in  
*Life of the Beloved:*  
*Spiritual Living in a Secular World*

