

St. Patrick, Kankakee ~ a Viatorian Parish

32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 12, 2017



Waiting and Watching

You call me to wait on you, Lord, but I get tired of waiting.
Your answers to my prayers ... your call for me to serve you ...
the promise of your coming Kingdom ... they all seem to take so long.

You tell me to watch for your coming, Lord,
but I am not sure how to prepare for a thief in the night or an undisclosed time.

Yet, something inside whispers that you are not all that hard to find ...
that you are always coming to me ...
and that both the waiting and the watching are more about being open to you *now*,
than about trying not to be surprised in the future.

And so I will keep waiting, and I will try to stay alert,
so that I can catch the glimpses of Your glory
that fill my day, every day.

Amen.

John van de Laar

The distractions, cares, and pressures of everyday life will invariably have their way with us and we will “fall asleep” to what is deeper and more important in life.

It is for this reason that every major spiritual tradition has daily rituals designed precisely to wake us from spiritual sleep, akin an alarm clock waking us from physical sleep.

It is for this reason we need to begin each day with prayer. The same can be said about praying before meals. Liturgical prayer and the Eucharist have the same intent, among their other intentions. They are meant to, regularly, call us out of a certain sleep.

None of us lives each day of our lives as if it was his or her last day. Our heartaches, headaches, distractions, and busyness invariably lull us to sleep. So we should ensure that we have regular spiritual rituals ... spiritual alarm clocks ... to jolt us back awake!



Father Ronald Rohlheiser, OMI

This Week:

Monday, November 13
Tuesday, November 14
Wednesday, November 15
5:45 ***REP Classes***
Thursday, November 16
12:00 ***Adoration until 5:00 p.m.***
5:00 ***Vespers and Benediction***
Friday, November 17
Envelope Number 456.
Saturday, November 18
Sunday, November 19
10:00 ***Little People's Church***

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For Reflection ...

♦ When you watch for God in your life do you sometimes *doze off*? ♦ What exactly are you waiting for? ♦ Pope Francis encourages us to keep our hearts open to “goodness, beauty, and truth.” How would that help us see signs of Christ’s presence in the world?

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

Ryan Barrie, Synthia Dorsey, Dustin Foltz,
David Hodak, Nathan Hornback,
Joseph Jordan, 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.

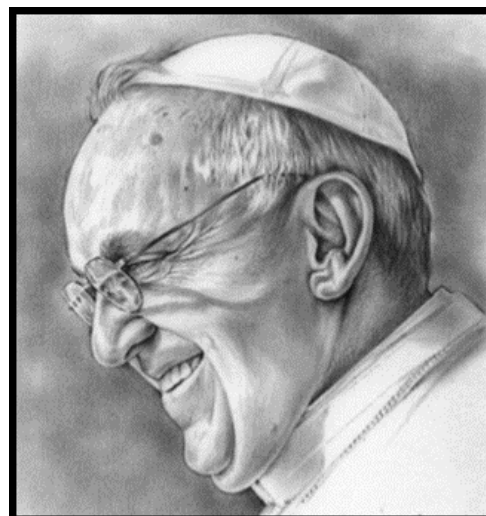
Be with them, Lord, and keep them safe!

Just a reminder:
**THE FOOD
PANTRY**
is ALWAYS
in need
of non-perishables
and toilet paper!
Thank You!



The Bridegroom is the Lord,
and the time of waiting for his arrival
is the time he gives to us,
to all of us, before his Final Coming.
It is a time of watchfulness;
a time in which we must keep alight
the lamps of faith, hope and charity,
a time in which to keep our hearts
open to goodness, beauty, and truth.

What the Lord asks of us is to be ready
for the beautiful encounter with Jesus,
which means being able to see
the signs of his presence,
keeping our faith alive with prayer, with the sacraments,
and taking care not to fall asleep so as to not forget about God
Let us not fall asleep!



Pope Francis



Save these dates!

If you've ever waited
for something important to happen,
then you understand the significant feelings
surrounding the Advent season.

Plan now to gather together
as we prepare for Christmas.

INTER-PARISH ADVENT SERIES: 2017
Celebrating This Holy Season!

Participants will use the Advent issue of THE
WORD AMONG US, which will be provided.

These sessions will be facilitated by Sister Theresa Galvan, CND, and Sister Helen
Kavanaugh, CND. For your convenience, there will be three sites for these sessions.
Choose the one that works best for you.

St. Anne's Church Chapel from 10. – 11 a.m.,
Tuesdays, November 28, December 5, December 12.

St. Patrick's Convent, from 7 – 8 p.m.,
Tuesdays, November 28, December 5, December 12.

Maternity BVM Parish Center from 10. – 11 a.m.,
Thursdays, November 30, December 7, December 14.



For our **2017 Giving Tree Project**, we will be collecting gift cards for those still suffering from the devastation wrought by Hurricane Harvey. We are working with *Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Galveston – Houston*.

Imagine what people are going through!
Let's do what we can to help!
We can make a big difference!

Please consider starting now to order or purchase gift cards!

Cards to these stores are preferred:

- **Walmart** • **Target** • **Kroger**
- **Walgreens** • **CVS**

❧ *Cards are available for purchase during regular office hours.* ❧

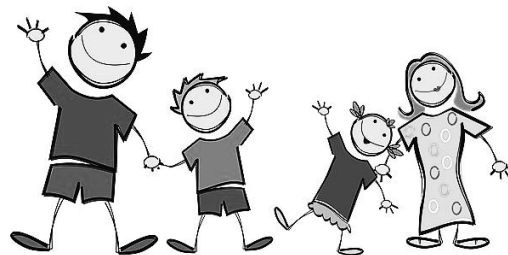
As always, we help any Parishioners in need.

If you, or someone you know, really needs help this year, please contact the Rectory Office at (815) 932-6716!

Reminder: HARVEST SUNDAY Donations will be picked up TODAY!

If your neighborhood did not receive a flyer last weekend and you still want to be part of this project, you may bring your donations to church next weekend or to the Rectory during regular office hours. Donations are used to fill the shelves at area Food Pantries in preparation for the winter months!

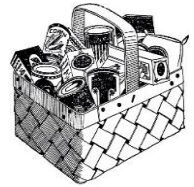
When children volunteer, they receive many benefits from the experience. Not only are they helping someone, but they get exposure to social problems that will make them informed citizens as they grow up. They also benefit from working with adults in service that has a focus on helping others. Children that volunteer are more likely to grow up to be adults that volunteer. It can be as simple as getting them in the habit of helping to select an extra item or two when grocery shopping and then bringing those items with you to church each weekend. When children volunteer in these practical ways, they will see that volunteering doesn't have to be a set-aside part of life. It can be integrated right into whatever you are already doing. And, learn that service to others is *doing as Jesus did!*



AROUND THE AREA

**Please share this information with someone you know
↻ who could use a little extra help for Thanksgiving! ↻**

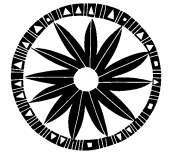
The high school students at Bishop McNamara are diligently collecting food items in order to provide complete Thanksgiving meal baskets - including a turkey! Each basket will feed a family of four. Families must call to reserve their Thanksgiving meal basket for either pick-up on November 19 or for delivery on November 20. To reserve your free Thanksgiving dinner basket, please call Bishop McNamara Catholic School at (815) 933-7620.



St. John Paul II CCW will host their ***Christmas Past Sale*** at the Settles Center on Saturday, November 18 from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m. and Sunday, November 19 from 9 a.m. until 12 noon. Many gently used artificial trees, decorations, wreaths, serving items, and everything Christmas will be available.

**Annual Stag / Stagette at Sacred Heart Church in Goodrich
Friday, November 17, from 5:30 – 11:00 p.m.
\$12 / Person**

2017 Advent Day Retreat: A day retreat open to ***both women and men*** who desire to enrich their spiritual growth during the Advent season. This one-day retreat is being sponsored by the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary at the One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center, 2041 W. State Route 113, Kankakee, on Saturday, December 2 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. The suggested donation is \$25 per person. Lunch will be provided. For more information or to register, please call Sister Mary Stella at (815) 935-0800, Monday through Friday. *The registration deadline is Monday, November 27!*



New Parishioners - We welcome you to St. Patrick Parish!
If you wish to register, simply fill out the green Registration Form found at the doors of the church,
or stop by the Rectory Office during regular hours ...
from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Monday – Thursday,
and from 9 a.m. – 12 noon on Fridays.
Contact us for more information at (815) 932-6716.

There is only one God, and he is God to all. Therefore it is important that everyone is seen as equal before God. I have always said we should help a Hindu become a better Hindu ... a Muslim become a better Muslim ... and a Catholic become a better Catholic.

Mother Teresa in *A Simple Path*

November ~ the Month of Remembrance

We continue praying for those we have loved who have gone before us.

God of Compassion,

We give back to your care people we have loved
and whose memories we will continue to cherish.

Accept our love and thanksgiving
as we entrust these souls to your care.

We want our loved ones to be at home with you,
and we humbly ask that you save a place for us there.

May you be our loving presence
in all the lonely moments that await us.
In the days ahead, we ask you to fill us with motivation,
with energy, and with faith.

Help us to find joy in the people we meet,
in the events of our days,
and in the beauty that surrounds us.

Thank you for the gift of our loved ones in our lives.

We want to believe that we will celebrate
the treasure of our love
when we are together again
and when we are in your presence forever.

Help us to believe and may this belief sustain us.

O God of the Resurrection, draw near.

Amen.



How to request Mass Intentions In the 2018 MASS INTENTION BOOK

Those wishing to honor a loved one during
the celebration of Mass may pick up Mass
cards in the parish office.

Mass cards are available for the living and
deceased and provide opportunities for prayerful remembrance of anniversaries, birthdays, and
other special intentions. Masses are usually booked at least several months in advance **so if you
have a particular date or time on which you want the Mass, it is very important that you
call the parish office well ahead of time.** For more information about scheduling a Mass
Intention, please contact Denise at the Parish Office at (815) 922-6716.

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

NOVEMBER 11 / 12	4:00 P.M.	7:00 A.M.	10:00 A.M.
CANTOR	D. Worth / Choir		B. Benoit
SERVERS	D. Mulholland M. Mulholland M. Lay		S. Yohnka R. Muniz R. Muniz
LECTORS	T. Schultz	C. Pristach	B. Yohnka
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	J. Fender G. Keller J. Menard	S. Stanley D. Arseneau J. Buck	M. Smith D. Vaubel J. Yohnka
USHERS	C. Denault R. Skelly J. Regnier G. Piatt S. Drassler S. Berg A. Parkinson	G. Flageole P. Holohan B. Grasser M. Born	P. Swanson D. Glenzinski T. Marcotte M. Spilsbury
LITTLE PEOPLE'S CHURCH			P. Mayer / B. Vaubel
SACRISTAN			S. Purcell / J. Conway

*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, Nov. 13 *St. Frances Xavier Cabrini*
 7:15 Charles Ortman (Ann.)
 Tuesday, November 14
 7:15 George & Barbara Rodeghero
 Wednesday, November 15 *St. Albert the Great*
 7:15 In thanksgiving for Healing Service
 Thursday, Nov. 16 *St. Margaret of Scotland*
 7:15 Special Intention
 Friday, November 17 *St. Elizabeth of Hungary*
 7:15 Janine DesMarteau Morris
 as she celebrates her birthday

Saturday, November 18 *St. Martin of Tours*
 7:15 Parishioners & Benefactors
 4:00 Alice Anthony (Birth. Ann.) /
 Clarence & Edna Provancal /
 Leo & Philisee Massa / Scott Antognoli
 Sunday, November 19
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
 7:00 Elizabeth Kelly (Birth. Ann.)
 10:00 Pierre DesMarteau (Ann.) /
 Dallas & Marilyn Coffman /
 Joan Scanlon / Glenn Dressler

MEMORIAL CANDLES

The Holy Family Candle burns in memory of the Bennett and Frink Families.
The Blessed Sacrament Candle burns in memory of Jack Purcell.



