

Saint John Paul II Parish

March 20, 2022

Repent

LENT WEEK 3
"Repent, for the kingdom of
heaven is at hand."
Matthew 4:17

Welcome to Saint John Paul II Parish

Welcome to all new families! Please register by calling or stopping by the parish office. If your address changes or you move from the parish, please inform the parish office.

Mission Statement

Saint John Paul II Parish's mission is to nourish the growth of individuals in their love of God and one another through the reception of sacraments and active participation in public worship, personal prayer, Catholic education and the sharing of Time, Talent and Treasure.

Vision Statement

Our ultimate goal is to build a growing and thriving stewardship parish guided by the four biblical principles of stewardship:

Responsibility—Ownership—Accountability—Reward



Mass Times Horario de Misas

Tuesday/Martes & Wednesday/Miércoles ..5:30 p.m.
Thursday/Jueves & Friday/Viernes..... 8:00 a.m.
Saturday Vigil/Vigilia del Sábado..... 5:30 p.m.
Sunday/Domingo..... 7:30 a.m. & 9:30 a.m.
Spanish Mass/Misa en Español 12:00 p.m.

Masses are celebrated at Visitation Church
410 W Central Blvd.
Kewanee, IL 61443

Parish Directory

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Sacramentals

Baptism: Please call the Parish Office to schedule a baptism. All baptisms will take place on the 1st & 3rd Sunday (of a full weekend,) after 9:30 a.m. Mass (except during Lent,) baptisms in Spanish will be right after the 12:00 p.m. Spanish Mass. A free-will donation should be given to the clergy performing the baptism. Additionally, non-members will be charged \$50. Baptism classes are the 3rd Sunday (of a full weekend) at 10:30 a.m. in English, and the 4th Sunday (of a full weekend) at 8:30 a.m. in Spanish. Classes are held in the Parish Center.

Marriage: Contact the Pastor at least 6 to 12 months in advance to schedule a wedding and begin marriage preparations.

Reconciliation: Saturday afternoons from **4:40 p.m. — 5:10 p.m.** in the Confessionals. You may also call the Parish office for an appointment for confession.

Visitation & Anointing of the Sick: Please call the Parish Office if you are in need of Anointing of the Sick.

Parish Office

The Parish Center Offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We are closed for Federal Holidays and Holy Days of Obligation.

Warning about risks assumed by Parishioners upon reopening: while our parish staff will attempt to take appropriate precautions with the advice of public health authorities, parishioners and guests should understand that they assume the risk of contracting COVID-19 anytime they enter a public space since such precautions do not eliminate the risk of infection.



Where a Rich Heritage of Quality Catholic Education Awaits Your Child

Our Mission:

The mission of Visitation Catholic School is to inspire excellence and to develop future leaders for Christ, through quality education grounded in Catholic values, principles and traditions.

School Directory

107 S. Lexington Avenue, Kewanee, IL 61443

School Office

309-856-7451

School Website

www.visitationcatholic.com

Principal

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School Office

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School Fax

309-852-4259

Upcoming Events

March 22	SB vs Alwood	4:00 p.m.
March 23	Lego Club grds 2-4	2:50-3:30
March 23	SB @ Central	4:00 p.m.
March 24	SB vs Stark County	4:00 p.m.
March 25	Fish Fry	5:00 p.m.

Calendar Winners

March 14	Gaylan Stevenson	\$25
March 15	Debbie Pillen	\$25
March 16	Maritza Pinon	\$25
March 17	Tom & Melissa Burkhart	\$100
March 18	Catherine Maloney	\$25

VISITATION CATHOLIC SCHOOL SPRING FLING DINNER/AUCTION

"A Night for the Children: Visitation V.I.P."

**DINNER
TICKETS: \$15**
Chicken, Ham, Green Beans,
Cheesy Potatoes, Salad, & Cupcakes
Tickets must be purchased by April 4
YOU CAN PURCHASE THROUGH VENMO
@VISITATION-CATHOLIC SCHOOL OR
IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE

CASH BAR

DRAW DOWN TICKETS: \$20

**LIVE MUSIC:
GLORY DAYS BAND**

**SILENT & LIVE
AUCTION**

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

Fish Fry

March 25 is our last Fish Fry of the season. You are able to preorder your meals by emailing us at VisitationsFishFry@gmail.com. until 4:00 p.m. on March 25th. You may also drive up to order—for first come, first serve.

**BINGO
FOR BOOKS
FAMILY NIGHT**

Sunday, April 24, 2022
@ 4:00-5:00 pm

Recess Duty Help!

We are looking for recess duty volunteers. This opportunity is open to any member of the Saint John Paul II, Kewanee Parish and our Visitation families. We have morning and lunch recess duty positions open. A teacher will always be on the playground with you to assist. If you are interested in helping, please contact Principal Wayne Brau via email wbrau@visitationcatholic.com or in the office at 309-856-7451



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MOST REV. DANIEL R. JENKY, C.S.C.
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DIOCESE OF PEORIA



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March 27, 2022

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon our diocese will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Your support of this collection serves Jesus in the guise of those who are poor and vulnerable in the most marginalized communities in our world.

The Church is called to bring the Gospel to all people and accompany them in their lives of faith, regardless of their state in life, cultural heritage, or occupation. For people who travel most of the time for work—such as seafarers, truckers, airline workers, and itinerant entertainers and show workers—access to the sacraments, fellowship, and accompaniment are essential for strengthening their faith. This is especially true for circus and traveling show workers and their families.

For circus and traveling show performers and workers, life is communal and familial. People traveling together, often in families, have pastoral needs that require special attention, such as religious education and celebration of the Mass that are often inaccessible in local parishes due to time constraints associated with scheduled shows. Approximately 40% of circus and itinerant entertainers in the United States are Catholic, with performers hailing from countries around the world.

The circus and traveling shows ministry, an initiative of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Subcommittee on Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees, and Travelers (PCMRT), works to raise awareness and address the pastoral needs of performers. Among those doing this valuable ministry is Deacon Gary Nosacek, a circus and traveling show minister of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, who performs this ministry of presence and prayer with joy. With support from The Catholic Relief Services Collection, PCMRT attends to the needs of these families that might otherwise be unmet.

Your support of this collection makes a difference for so many around the globe. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection this year, at Mass or through your parish online giving platform. [#iGiveCatholicTogether](#) also accepts funds for the collection. To learn more about the collection and the people who benefit, please visit www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services Collection.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

✠Most Reverend Daniel R. Jenky, C.S.C.
BISHOP OF PEORIA

Please read on the weekend of March 19-20, 2022 and take up the collection on the weekend of March 26-27, 2022. Please send the proceeds of this collection to the Office of Finance, 419 N.E. Madison Avenue, Peoria, IL 61603, as quickly as possible after the collection has been taken up.

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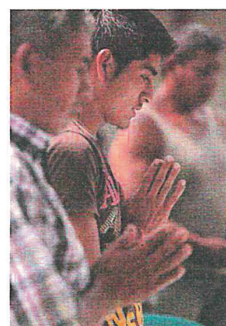


I should no longer say that I have neighbors to help, but that I must myself be a neighbor to others.

—Pope Francis, *Fratelli Tutti*, no. 81

The Catholic Relief Services Collection is an opportunity for you to help improve the lives of the most vulnerable people around the world and here in the United States. Your support funds organizations dedicated to aiding people affected by war and natural disasters, migrants and refugees in need of material and legal assistance, and people worldwide whose livelihoods are impacted by changing political and environmental conditions.

Guatemala is a leading producer of coffee, growing more than three million 132-pound bags annually, much of it exported to the United States, Japan, and Canada. Aged farms, climate change, soil depletion, and a fungal infection called coffee leaf rust that causes leaves to fall off the plant and kill it—all of these pose challenges for small coffee farmers. Odilio Geronimo is one such farmer, whose ability to support his wife and young son was threatened by a fractured foot he suffered in an accident and by a crop destroyed by leaf rust.



Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is helping Guatemalan coffee farmers like Odilio through a water-smart agriculture program that teaches farmers practices such as soil-quality identification, use of cover crops, and use of better compost. Through this

CRS-supported program, Odilio has had bigger and healthier harvests with the skills he learned, which help him provide better for his family. When you support The Catholic Relief Services Collection, you provide emergency relief to those affected by disasters as well as long-term solutions that improve the lives of families like Odilio's.

Your Donations Help Our Brothers and Sisters . . .

In the United States

Feed Jesus' hunger in suffering refugees . . . through the **USCCB's Migration and Refugee Services (MRS)**.

Offer legal assistance to Jesus in struggling immigrants . . . through the **Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC)**.

Reach out to comfort Jesus' loneliness in isolated workers . . . through the pastoral work of the **USCCB Secretariat of Cultural Diversity in the Church**.

And Around the World

Give water to quench Jesus' thirst in the people of Syria and Niger . . . through the humanitarian work of **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**.

Advocate on behalf of Jesus in the poor and marginalized . . . through the public policy work of the **USCCB Department of Justice, Peace and Human Development**.

Send aid to Jesus in the victims of natural disaster . . . through the **Holy Father's Relief Fund**.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection 2020

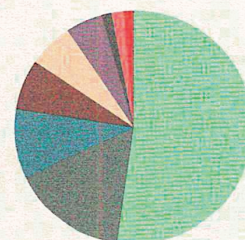
Grants

	Catholic Relief Services	\$5,118,278	52.35%
	USCCB Migration & Refugee Services	\$1,558,012	15.94%
	CLINIC (Catholic Legal Immigration Network)	\$917,124	9.38%
	USCCB Cultural Diversity in the Church*	\$687,134	7.03%
	USCCB International Justice & Peace	\$574,700	5.88%
	Holy Father's Relief Fund	\$500,000	5.11%
	USCCB Justice, Peace & Human Development Education & Outreach	\$137,675	1.41%

Administration

	Promotion & Education Costs	\$154,764	1.58%
	Administrative Expenses	\$128,744	1.32%

*USCCB Cultural Diversity in the Church includes Pastoral Care of Migrants, Refugees & Travelers (\$447,490) and Asian & Pacific Island Affairs (\$239,644)



The Catholic Relief Services Collection

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Please Pray

Dave Abbinanti	Becky Kilby
Don & Sandy Adams	Pat Koch
Angie Ahlgren	Jeff Land
Elaine Ahlgren	Angel Limary
Brody Anderson	Denny Marchand
Bernie Balsis	Benjamin Mason
Cheryl Bednarz	Mason-Gould Family
Jim Bess	Matzenbacher Family
Lou Betti	Mary McDonald
Don Billiet	Faith Marie McHale
Chris Bral	Rose McKenna
Cari Bridgewater	Zachary David McLaurin
Amanda Brody	Jan McPheeters
Brayton Brody	Sandy Milby
Marvin Brown	Carolyn Nagel
Mike Brown	Dc. John Nelson
John Michael Bystry	Joe & Joan Nosal
Angie Carlson	Jean Olson
Lauren Cinnamon	Merrill Pinter
Don Clarke	Suzi Rhode
Mike Curran	Andrea & Genaro Rocha
Wesley Dienst	Michael Rounds
JoAn Dobbels	23 Special Intentions
Sid Douglas	Ron Shambaugh
Joseph Draminski	Marie Sherbeyn
Vanessa Duarte	Deb Sippl
Dr. Dale Dykstra	Mildred Steimle
JR & Mary Dziengel	Everly Stoner
Phyllis Elliott	Andrew Swearingen
Liz Engstrom	Jerry Swearingen
Melissa Ferrel	Richard Teaburg
Ferremi Family	Wilma Tegeler
Elaine Fritz	Jay Titus
Raul Garcia Family	Frank Tocha
Sue Gruszcza	Jane Tornquist
Kyle Henjum	James Tucker
Harley Hepner	Brian Van Wassenhove
Doug Hilgendorf	Sally Van Wassenhove
David Holtschult	Mickey Welling
Teresa Goffrier Huseini/fam	Al & Michele Wentworth
Becket Shane Johnson	Tom Weston
Sandy Kaiser	Howard Whitver
Thomas Keefner	Lisa Wisniewski
Mary Jean Kelly	

Military & First Responders

Connor Bryan	Diego Jackson
Chase Crabtree	William Hartman, Jr.
Nicholas Cravens	Wade Hatzinger
Jarrett Davis	Katie Lane
Ashley Dykema	Andrew Mosley
John Fisher	Ty Schierer
Hailee Jo Fleming	Kenny Steele
Chad Forsythe	Dakota Van Wassenhove
Isaac Frank	Leanna Van Wassenhove
Mary Groy	

Mass Intentions

Saturday, March 19

5:30 p.m. Adam Streicher (Anniversary) by Family

Sunday, March 20

7:30 a.m. Joanne Aubry Baker, by Larry & Sharon Perkins

9:30 a.m. Alice Ann Golby, by Dave & Connie Younglove

12:00 p.m. Ricardo López (cumpleaños,) by Family

Tuesday, March 22

5:30 p.m. Adam Streicher (20th Anniversary,) by Family

Wednesday, March 23

5:30 p.m. Albert Van Nieuwenhuyse, by Family

Thursday, March 24

8:00 a.m. John Webster Guzzardo, by James & Geraldine Rinella

12:00 p.m. Brandie Sherbeyn, by Teresa Hill & Family **(OSF only)**

Friday, March 25

8:00 a.m. Bill Dolieslager, by Ronelle Spiegel

9:00 a.m. Frank & Betty Mower, by Family **(VCS only)**

Saturday, March 26

5:30 p.m. Anna Coné, by Rod & Carol Kendall

Sunday, March 27

7:30 a.m. Art & Arlene Anderson, by Family

9:30 a.m. Christopher Pacquer, by Jane & Steven Moens

12:00 p.m. Alice Mimi Hammons, by the Stead Family

Blood Drive

Many thanks to everyone who donated blood at our recent Blood Drive, through Impact Life on March 8th. We exceeded our goal and Visitation Catholic School will receive a \$276 grant! We are hoping to host two blood drives each year. Look for our announcements to sign up again in the Fall.

Altar & Rosary Society

The Altar & Rosary Society will meet this Monday, March 21st at 1:00 p.m. in the Parish Center basement. Hope you can join us!

Catholic Book Club

The Catholic Book Club will meet this Monday, March 21st at 7:30 p.m. at Courtyard Village. Joan Clary will review "A Beginner's Guide to the End," written by B.J. Miller & Shoshana Berger. Rose Pratt is the Hostess.





Readings for the Week: March 20, 2022

Sunday	Third Sunday of Lent Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8,11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9
Monday	2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 & 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday	Memorial of Saint Toribio de Mogrovejo, Bishop Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord Is 7:10-14; 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Lent Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5,6-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3,11-32

Lenten Almsgiving

Almsgiving is donating money or good to the poor. It is a witness to fraternal charity and a work of justice that is pleasing to God. If you don't know where to give alms, give to your church or pick a charity based on a cause that you are passionate about.

"Give alms from your possessions. Do not turn your face away from any of the poor, and God's face will not be turned away from you. Son, give alms in proportion to what you own. If you have great wealth, give alms out of your abundance: if you have but little, distribute even some of that. But do not hesitate to give alms; you will be storing up a godly treasure for yourself against the day of adversity. Almsgiving frees one from death, and keeps one from going into the dark abode. Alms are a worthy offering in the sight of the Most High for all who give them." (Tob. 4:7-11)

"...I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it; it may bear fruit in the future."



Palms

Please bring your old palms to church with you and put them in the bins at the doors. We will keep the bins out for another couple of weeks. Thank you!

Lay Ministry Schedule

If you are unable to serve your scheduled Mass, please find a substitute to cover for you! Thank you.

Daily Masses—March 22-25, 2022

Lector Bertha Betti

5:30 p.m. Saturday, March 26, 2022

Lector Vicky Lappin

Altar Servers please serve if you are at Mass
Greeters Janelle, Joan, Vicky

7:30 a.m. Sunday, March 27, 2022

Lector Sam Rux

Altar Servers please serve if you are at Mass
Greeters Karen, Dave, Dave, Andy

9:30 a.m. Sunday, March 27, 2022

Lector Mark Guthrie

Altar Servers please serve if you are at Mass
Greeters Greg, Angie, Norbert, Josine, Julia

Stations of the Cross

We will have Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 5:30 p.m. in the Church.

(Visitation students attend their own Stations of the Cross on Fridays during the school day.)



Diocesan Collection

Thank you for your generous contributions last week to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe! As a parish we collected \$2,112.40 to restore the Church and build the future in more than 25 countries. If you missed the collection, it's not too late to give. Visit www.usccb.org/ccee.

Collections: 3/5-3/6

Loose Cash	\$588.87
Envelopes	\$8,458.00
School Building & Grounds	\$50.00
Debt Reduction	\$181.00
Major Maintenance	\$342.75
Ash Wednesday.....	\$356.00
Easter	\$10.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$80.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$245.00
Total	\$10,311.62

Collection on Ash Wednesday \$1,360.44