

## DAILY READINGS



### Readings for the Week of February 24, 2019

**Sunday** 1 Sm 26:2,7-9,12-13,22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49;  
Lk 6:27-38  
**Monday** Sir 1:1-10; Mk 9:14-29  
**Tuesday** Sir 2:1-11; Mk 9:30-37  
**Wednesday** Sir 4:11-19; Mk 9:38-40  
**Thursday** Sir 5:1-8; Mk 9:41-50  
**Friday** Sir 6:5-17; Mk 10:1-12  
**Saturday** Sir 17:1-15; Mk 10:13-16  
**Next Sunday** Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

## MASS INTENTIONS



**Tuesday, February 26, 2019**  
8:00 am - All Souls ( † )  
**Wednesday, February 27, 2019**  
8:00 am - Kristin Popelka  
**Thursday, February 28, 2019**  
8:00 am - Daniel Ojeda  
**Friday, March 1, 2019**  
8:00 am - John & Elizabeth King ( † ) by Daughter  
**Saturday, March 2, 2019**  
4:00 pm - Moscinski & Russell Families -  
by Amy Russell  
**Sunday, March 3, 2019**  
8:00 am - Nancy Nielsen - by Leo Murphy  
9:30 am - The People of Saint Patrick

## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS FAVOR DE ORAR POR NUESTROS FELIGRESES

**Homebound:** Delores Flanagan,  
Eloise Jones, Maxine Rush

*If you know of anyone that is homebound,  
please let the office know.*

# Saint Patrick Parish

**My Home, Your Home, Our Home!**  
**All are Welcome.**

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## FEBRUARY 16 & FEBRUARY 17, 2019

Envelopes .....\$1,342.00  
Children's.....\$ 124.65  
Holy Day .....\$ 84.00  
Loose ..... \$1,131.69  
Total.....\$2,682.34

## Breakfast

### MONTHLY BREAKFAST

**March 10th** after all Masses.  
English & Spanish food available.

## ASH WEDNESDAY / MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA

**March 6 / 6 de marzo**

8:00am & 5:00pm - English / Ingles  
6:30pm - Spanish / Español

Soup Supper after 5:00 & 6:30pm mass in the church hall.  
*Sopa después de misa de 5:00 y 6:30 pm en el salón parroquial.*

Please bring **one** of the items listed below for Ash Wednesday Soup Supper  
to Mass on **Sunday, February 3rd**

Por favor traiga uno de los artículos que se enumeran a continuación para la cena de sopa de  
Miércoles de Ceniza a misa el **domingo 3 de febrero.**

1 - CAN OR BOX VEGETABLE BROTH  
1 - LARGE CAN DICED TOMATOES  
2 ZUCCHINI  
1 - HEAD CABBAGE, BROCCOLI,  
OR CAULIFLOWER

1 - LARGE CAN RED OR WHITE BEANS  
2 - BUNCHES FRESH CILANTRO OR PARSLEY  
1 -BAG DRY LENTILS  
1 - LOAF GOOD SLICED BREAD



## PARISH STAFF

**Parochial Administrator:** Fr.Jhakson Garcia M.  
**Deacon:** Jovie Reyes  
**Secretary/Business Manager:** Brenda Weigelt  
**C.R.E.** Maria Norma Magana  
**Music Director:** Maria Alderson - English,  
Jose Luis Favela & Humberto Roman - Spanish  
**Sacristan:** Mary Giliberti (Weekday Masses)  
**Youth Ministry:** Azucena Gutierrez

## PARISH DIRECTORY & SACRAMENTS

**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday - Friday  
9:00 am - Noon & 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

**OFFICE PHONE:** 815-965-9539

**OFFICE FAX:** 815-965-0086

**DAILY MASS:** Tuesday - Friday: 8:00 am in the Chapel

**WEEKEND MASS:** Saturday: 4:00 pm (English)  
Sunday: 9:30 am (English)  
8:00 am & 11:15 am (Spanish)

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Thursday 8:30 am - Noon

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturday afternoon from 3:30 pm - 3:50  
pm and after 8:00 am week day Masses

**WEBSITE:** stpatrickrockford.org.

**CHURCH EMAIL:** stpatrickrockford@gmail.com

**CCD CLASSES:** Tuesday 6:00 - 7:30 pm

**MARRIAGE:** Arrangements should be made with  
Father Jhakson. *A minimum of 6 months preparation is required.*  
*Call Parish Office for appointment.*

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** Please call Parish Office to  
arrange to receive this Sacrament.

**BAPTISM:** (English) please call the Parish Office to make  
arrangements for the Preparation Classes and date with  
Deacon Jovie Reyes.

**BAUTISMO ESPAÑOL** Segundos y Cuartos Sábados de cada  
Mes. Las platicas pre-bautismales serán el primer sábado de  
cada mes a las 5 pm en el centro parroquial. Donación de

**"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful"**

**"Sean misericordiosos, como su Padre es misericordioso"**

**FEBRUARY 24, 2019 - 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

## From the Desk of Father Jhakson

Brothers and sisters, one of the great characteristics of our God is his Mercy. God is Love, as Saint John tells us. Nobody bests God in generosity or mercy. We have a God who loves us despite our sins, because His mercy is infinite.

This Sunday the readings speak to us of being merciful, not as a simple human feeling, but as a reflection of the God in whom we believe, and above all, because as He loves and forgives us, we also must do so. That makes the difference in our way of living the faith.

The earthly man practices revenge, the "eye for an eye"; but the heavenly man we are called to be, "loves and forgives his enemies". That fact, to forgive, is what allows man to live in peace, with himself and with others; it is what allows us to live in a society where we support and help, instead of condemning and sinking our brother.

In the first reading, Saul persecutes David to kill him, but David, having the opportunity to finish Saul, pardons his life. David shows that the anointing that Saul had received prevails over his possible revenge. Mercy, instead of revenge, is what we need. Being merciful as God is merciful to us. If we think how many times God forgives us and of how many things He has freed us, surely we will have reasons to also forgive our brother, because we know ourselves to be sinners and imperfect like him, as the Gospel of this Sunday tells us.

Therefore, if you want to be forgiven, forgive; if you want to be loved, love; if you do not want to be judged, do not judge your brother. In essence, what we do with our enemies and what we say about them, says more than what we really are.

We are called to be "heavenly" men and women who live on earth what God has wanted to manifest to us: His love and His mercy. Let's not ask why, let's only live as God wants us to.

In Christ,  
Fr. Jhakson



Hermanos y hermanas, una de las grandes características de nuestro Dios, es su Misericordia. Dios es Amor, como nos dice San Juan. A Dios nadie le gana en generosidad ni Misericordia. Tenemos un Dios que nos ama a pesar de nuestros pecados, porque su misericordia es infinita.

Este domingo las lecturas nos hablan de ser misericordiosos, no por simple sentimiento humano, sino como reflejo del Dios en el cual creemos, pero sobre todo, porque así como Él nos ama y perdona, nosotros debemos hacerlo. Eso hace la diferencia en nuestra forma de vivir la fe.

El hombre terrenal, practica la venganza, el "ojo por ojo", pero el hombre celestial que estamos llamados a ser, "ama y perdona a sus enemigos". Ese hecho, perdonar, es lo que permite al hombre vivir en paz, consigo mismo y con los demás; es lo que permite que vivamos en una sociedad donde nos apoyemos y ayudemos, en vez de condenar y hundir al hermano.

En la primera lectura, Saúl persigue a David para matarlo, pero David teniendo la oportunidad de acabar con Saúl, le perdona la vida. David muestra que la unción que Saúl había recibido, prevalece por encima de su posible venganza. Misericordia, ante que venganza, es lo que necesitamos. Ser misericordiosos como Dios es misericordioso con nosotros. Si pensamos cuántas veces nos perdona Dios y de cuántas cosas nos ha librado, seguramente tendremos motivos para también perdonar al hermano, porque nos sabemos pecadores e imperfectos como él, como nos relata el Evangelio de este domingo.

Por eso, si quieres ser perdonado, perdona; si quieres ser amado, ama; si no quieres ser juzgado, no juzgues a tu hermano. En fondo, lo que hacemos con nuestros enemigos y lo que decimos de él, dice más de lo que realmente somos nosotros.

Estamos llamados a ser hombre y mujeres "celestiales" que viven en la tierra lo que Dios ha querido manifestarnos: su amor y su misericordia. No preguntemos porqué, sólo vivamos como Dios nos pide.

En Cristo,  
Fr. Jhakson

## 86TH ANNUAL CORNED BEEF & CABBAGE DINNER

Our 86th Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner will be **March 3rd** from 11:00am - 3:00pm.

This year we will have free children's face painting and free blood pressure checking.

Volunteer sign-up sheets for helping with the dinner will be at the ends of the pews this weekend.

Please save the date to come and help with this fundraiser.

Many volunteers are needed to help make this a successful event.

**Pre-sale tickets available in the back of church.**



**Also, for only \$25.00, you can have your business card size ad printed on the placemats.**

**Other size adds available.**

Mention this to others who might be interested in advertising their business as well.

*It's a great way to promote your business and help the parish too!*



## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?

**February 26** - Religious Education / *CATEQUESIS* - RCIA (Spanish) 6:00-7:30pm

**February 27** - Prayer Group - *GRUPO DE ORACIÓN* 6:00 PM – 7:00PM / Choir Practice

**February 28** - Cleaning of the Church - *LIMPIEZA DEL TEMPLO* 5:30 PM /

Slicing and packing corned beef for dinner - 8:30am

**March 1** - Youth Group - Grupo de jóvenes 6:00-8:00pm / Setting up for the dinner - 8:30am

**March 2** - Preparing food for dinner - 9:00am

**March 3** – Annual Corned Beef & Cabbage Dinner Fundraiser

## BISHOP MALLOY AND THE DEANERY SPIRITUAL ADVISERS LUNCHEON

On Wednesday, **March 13th**, Rockford Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, RDCCW will honor Bishop Malloy and the Deanery Spiritual Advisers with a luncheon at the Brandywine Banquet and Event Center, 441 IL Rt. 2, Dixon, IL.

Registration forms are available at your parish office or from your parish women's president. Reservations are \$30 per person.

**Deadline is Friday, March 1st.**

For more information please call Sharon 815-389-4012 or Josie, 815-440-5374. Checks payable to RDCCW.

## CROSS AND LIGHT

Coming to St. Peter Church, 1891 Kaneville Road, Geneva, for six performances, **Friday March 15th** through **Sunday, March 17th**, is Cross and Light! Cross and Light is an international, critically acclaimed musical and video surround experience of Christ's Passion, Resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit. It's a baptism of the imagination! Performances are selling out! Buy your tickets today at [crossandlight.com/stpeter](http://crossandlight.com/stpeter) or call (630) 232-0124, ext. 103.

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. Give the gift of your love by attending the Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on **March 15-17** in Madison, WI, April 26-28 in Brookfield, WI or June 28-30 in Rockford, IL. Visit our website at: [alifetimeoflove.org](http://alifetimeoflove.org) or call (888) 574-5653. Para un fin de semana en Espanol por favor llamen a Candelario y Emilia al 815-375-4250. Las fechas son Feb. 22-24, April 26-28 and August 9-11.