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Youth Ministry: Jose Luis Favela is in charge of Youth Group. Meetings are every second and fourth Friday of the month from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm.

Financial Blessings



January 4, 2026

Sunday Envelopes.....	\$ 1,443.00
Offertory.....	\$ 2,580.42
Holy Day.....	\$ 1,592.60
Christmas.....	\$ 35.00
Total.....	\$ 5,651.02

Diocesan Appeal Goal.....	\$22,655.00
Diocesan Appeal Paid.....	\$22,655.00
Diocesan Appeal Balance.....	\$ 0.00

Actual refund (10/21/25).....\$1,288.31

Baptism
Please call the parish office to schedule a baptism class in English and date of baptism. Los papas y padrinos deben asistir una platica pre-bautismal (cada primer Sábado del mes, 1:00pm en la oficina). Donación de \$50 cada familia. Favor de no traer niños. Celebramos el Bautismo durante las Misas Dominicales.

Sacrament of Marriage
Engaged couples should call the office to begin the process of marriage preparation. A minimum of six months is required.ayer and participation in the sacraments are helpful.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
Please call the parish office to make arrangements to receive this sacrament of healing. For emergency, call Fr. Ariel (815) 505-7471.

Presentation of a 3-year old/Las Presentaciones
This blessing is done at a Sunday Mass. Please call the parish office to schedule.

En la colecta Diocesana un porcentaje de cada dolar apoya en las siguientes areas:

- 15% Formando y apoyandoal crelo
- 62% anunciando el Evangelio y transmitiendo la fe
- 23% Cuidando a los pobres y vulnerables

Comparta su Alegria y haga la diferencia!

The Diocesan Appeal a portion of every dollar given to these key areas:

- 15% Forming and Supporting Clergy
- 62% proclaiming the Gospel and passing of the Faith
- 23% Caring for the Poor and vulnerable

Share your Joy and make a difference!

All Saints Catholic Academy Rockford, IL is an area Catholic grade school.

All Saints Catholic Academy is proud of their teachings and values, rooted in community, Tradition and faith. Please check the website for more details. www.allsaintsrockford.org



St. Patrick Catholic Church

www.stpatrickrockford.org (815) 965-9539 2505 School Street, Rockford, IL 61101

PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Tuesday– Friday: 9:00am-1:00pm

MASS SCHEDULE
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:00am (In the chapel)
Wednesday: 6:30pm (Spanish ~ In the church)
Saturday: 4:00pm (Bilingual)
Sunday: 8:00am*, 10:00am, 11:30am* (* in Spanish)

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH
No Mass and confession in the morning.
Confession 5:00pm-6:00pm
Mass with Anointing of the Sick 6:00pm

CONFESSION SCHEDULE
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30am (Parish office)
Wednesday 6:00pm
Saturday 3:00pm-3:45pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Tuesday & Thursday 8:30am– 6:00pm
(In the chapel)

Fr. Ariel A. Valencia
Parochial Administrator

Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ on my right,
Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every
man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone
who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me.
I arise today
Through a mighty strength,
the invocation of the Trinity,
Through belief in the Threeness,
Through confession of the Oneness
of the Creator of creation.
(St. Patrick's Breastplate)



JANUARY 11, 2026 ~ THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD.



Baptism of the Lord

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” ~Mark 1:9—11

When we are baptized the stain of original sin is washed away, the gates of heaven are opened to us, and eternal life with God is offered to us. More importantly, we are adopted as children of God and through that adoption we inherit the royal nature of God. We become priests, prophets, and Kings, and part of the Holy Family of God. This makes baptism the most important day of our lives. This is only possible because Jesus was baptized first and doing so, he raised baptism from simply a cleansing bath that forgives sins to a sacrament that delivers both sanctifying grace, that is a grace that saves, as well as actual grace, a grace that assists us in living the divine life which we have been adopted into. We do not just receive a sacrament. Every sacrament is a profound encounter with God where we enter into a covenant with God. When Jesus descended into the waters of the Jordan to be baptized by John he did not do as to receive forgiveness for his sins as he was sinless. Instead, he opened the door for forgiveness of sin, allowing our sins to flow to him instead. He would carry these sins to the cross where He would pay the price for our sins, which is death. When we are baptized the sins of our life are given to Jesus so he can satisfy the debt they have accumulated. Washed free from this debt, we are free to accept the offer of eternal life with God.

Bautismo del Señor

En aquellos días, Jesús llegó de Nazaret de Galilea y fue bautizado por Juan en el Jordán. Al salir del agua, vio que los cielos se abrían y que el Espíritu, en forma de paloma, descendía sobre él. Y se oyó una voz del cielo que decía: “Tú eres mi Hijo amado; en ti me complazco”. ~Marcos 1:9-11

Cuando somos bautizados, la mancha del pecado original es lavada, las puertas del cielo se abren para nosotros y se nos ofrece la vida eterna con Dios. Más importante aún, somos adoptados como hijos de Dios y, a través de esa adopción, heredamos la naturaleza divina de Dios. Nos convertimos en sacerdotes, profetas y reyes, y formamos parte de la Sagrada Familia de Dios. Esto hace del bautismo el día más importante de nuestras vidas. Esto solo es posible porque Jesús fue bautizado primero y, al hacerlo, elevó el bautismo de un simple baño de purificación que perdona los pecados a un sacramento que nos otorga tanto la gracia santificante, es decir, una gracia que salva, como la gracia actual, una gracia que nos ayuda a vivir la vida divina a la que hemos sido llamados. No solo recibimos un sacramento. Cada sacramento es un encuentro profundo con Dios, donde entramos en una alianza con Él. Cuando Jesús descendió a las aguas del Jordán para ser bautizado por Juan, no lo hizo para recibir el perdón de sus pecados, ya que era impecable. En cambio, abrió la puerta al perdón de los pecados, permitiendo que nuestros pecados recayeran sobre Él. Él cargaría con estos pecados hasta la cruz, donde pagaría el precio por ellos: la muerte. Cuando somos bautizados, los pecados de nuestra vida son entregados a Jesús para que Él salde la deuda que han acumulado. Libres de esta deuda, podemos aceptar la oferta de vida eterna con Dios.

DAILY READINGS

Readings for the Week of January 11, 2026

Sunday	Is 42:1-4, 6-7, Acts 10:34-38, Mt 3:13-17
Monday	1 Sm 1:1-8, Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday	1 Sm 1:9-20, Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday	1 Sm 3:1-10, Mk 1:29-39
Thursday	1 Sm 4:1-11, Mk 1:40-45
Friday	1 Sm 8:4-7, Mk 2:1-12
Saturday	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19, Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday	Is 49:3.5-6, 1 Cor 1:1-3, Jn 1:29-34

Prayer before reading the Bible

+Come, O Holy Spirit, fill my heart and mind and inflame them with the fire of your Divine love.+

What’s Happening This Week?—¿Que esta pasando esta semana?

Tuesday, January 13	8:30 am - 6:00 pm - Eucharist Adoration/ Adoracion Eucaristica 6:00 pm - Educacion Religiosa
Wednesday, January 14	6:00 - Confessions/ Confesiones 6:30 pm - Misa En Español 7:00 pm - Grupo de Oracion
Thursday, January 15	8:30 am - 6:00 pm - Eucharistic Adoration/ Adoracion Eucaristica
Saturday, January 17	3:00 - 3:45 pm - Confession 4:00 pm - Bilingual Mass

Reflexion de la Palabra:

Al celebrar el comienzo del ministerio público de Jesús, también recordamos algo fundamental acerca de su misión salvadora: a través de su encarnación, Jesús entra en todo lo que es ser humano, llenándolo de su gracia divina. En el evangelio de hoy, se humilla para participar en una acción (bautismo) que significa “soy un pecador”. Por supuesto, Jesús no peco: ¡era perfecto! Entonces, cuando Jesús entro en las aguas del río Jordán, trajo su perfección a nuestra pecaminosidad, Esto es lo que Jesús siempre hace: viene a nuestro encuentro donde estamos y derrama su sanación a su amor.

Reflecting on the Word:

As we celebrate the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry, we also remember something fundamental about his saving mission: through his incarnation, Jesus enters into all that it is to be human, filling it with his divine grace. In today’s Gospel, he humbles himself to participate in an action (baptism) that meant “I’m a sinner.” Of course, Jesus did not sin – he was perfect! So when Jesus entered the waters of the Jordan river, he brought his [perfection you out sinfulness. This is what Jesus always does – he comes us where we are and pours out his healing and love.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 13, 2026

8:00 am Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

6:30 pm Francisco Javier Ucaña †

Thursday, January 15, 2026

8:00 am Luis Miguel Ortiz Ramos †

Friday, January 16, 2026

8:00 am Jose Javier Vargas Ortiz †

Saturday, January 17, 2026

4:00 pm Isabella Alejos Valencia

Sunday, January 18, 2026

8:00 am Luciano Barraza Zuñiga †

10:00 am People of St. Patrick

11:30 am Souls in Purgatory

