

Congratulations to all those who helped and participated with the **Parish Float**. A job ***Well Done!***

A Special Thank You to:

Dave & Janis Peters ♦ Ruth Barber ♦ Mike & Diana Parker
Jim Fatima ♦ Dan & Karissa Fletcher ♦ Tricia Dotson



**EMERGENCY COLLECTION
NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF
September 30 & October 1, 2017**

It has become evident that the call for relief from natural disasters has not been limited to the hurricanes Harvey and Irma in Southeast Texas, Florida. This collection will also go towards helping those devastated in the terrible storms in Puerto Rico. The extent of the damage has grown beyond the borders of the United States, and the recent earthquake in Mexico has made clear the need for international relief as well.

Therefore, please note our intention that the collection this weekend (September 30-October 1) will in fact benefit not only Catholic Charities-USA, but also Catholic Relief Services, the international relief arm of the United States bishops. The funds will be directed to hurricane and earthquake relief efforts both domestically and internationally. Your generosity will bring aid, relief and recovery through the work of Catholic Charities and Catholic Relief Services to the suffering people of these areas.

This collection will go to Catholic Charities for Domestic assistance and to Catholic Relief Services for International assistance. The funds will be divided equally among the two organizations.

You're Invited
Denim & Diamonds

Attention all men and women - gather your friends together and join us for an evening of fun and friendship! Presence St. Mary's Foundation will be hosting their annual Gala "Denim and Diamonds" in an effort to raise funds for Presence St. Mary's Hospital, renovating the emergency room's triage, registration and waiting area. Increasing the safety, comfort and efficiency of our services while enhancing the patient and family experience. This evening is sure to be a great time as there will be live Music, Dancing, Silent Auction, Raffles, Fund -A-Cause and a Beer and Wine Pull!

This event is being held on **Saturday, October 7th at 6pm** in the **Expo Center at the Kankakee Fairgrounds**.

Tickets are \$75.00 each or tables of 10 for \$750. Event tickets may be purchased on line at presencehealth.org/stmarys-kankakee-gala in advance or by calling St. Mary's Volunteer Services at 815-937-2479.

Local Family in Need of Clothing for Children
Boys Sizes: 12 & 14 (pants & shirts)
Girl's Size: 3T
Drop off donations at the Parish Office.

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**MANTENO  
INTERFAITH  
BONFIRE**



**Saturday, October 14, 2017**  
**beginning at 4 p.m.**  
**at First Baptist Church**  
**300 E. Third St. in Manteno**

Please RSVP by October 10 with  
How many people are coming; and  
What you're bringing  
(chili, side dishes and/or desserts).

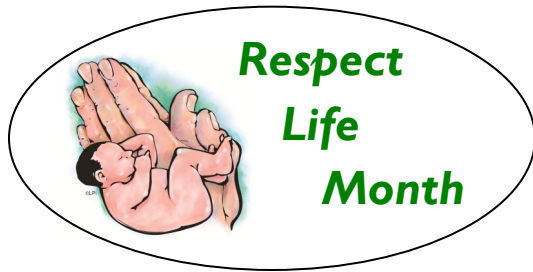
**Sign Up sheets in Narthex  
on Bulletin Board (St. Joes)**



*Please bring lawn chairs and  
join in great time of food  
and fellowship.*



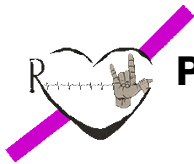
Contact Steve Hoyt at 815-735-8117  
if you have any questions.



During the Month of October we will be collecting **Baby Items** for

## River Valley Pregnancy Resource Center

*Donations can be dropped off in the narthex in the baby basket or dropped off at the Parish Office.*



## River Valley Pregnancy Resource Center, Inc.

A Parenting & Pregnancy  
Resource Center

### ITEMS NEEDED

- Formula (unopened)
- Baby: Shampoo, Bath Cleanser, Powder, Lotion - New
- Infant Manicure Set
- Infant Thermometers
- Hooded Towels
- Baby Wipes
- Diapers - New
- Training Pants/Pull Ups - New
- Cribs, Mattresses, and Bedding  
(Cribs: of current federal requirements)
- Toddler Beds, Mattresses, Bedding and Rails
- Bassinets/Cradles
- Strollers (of current federal requirements)
- Car Seats - Infant/Toddler (current federal requirements)
- Infant/Toddler Gates
- Toilet Training Chairs
- Walkers/Saucers (of current federal requirements)
- Baby Swings (of current federal requirements)
- Maternity Wear
- Baby Bottles
- Baby Food - Unopened
- Fleece Blankets
- Dressers/Chests
- Infant/Children's Clothing - used or new up to size 6X
- High Chairs (of current federal requirements)
- Financial Support
- Prayer Support
- Volunteers (ask for an application)

Due to the unexpected, temporary closing of **St. Rose of Lima**, the Devotion to Mary has been postponed. We will let you know when this has been rescheduled.

*Thank you for your patience,  
St. John Paul II - Central Campus*

St. Rose of Lima  
486 W. Merchant St., Kankakee, IL 60901

**Fr. Al will be gone this week Monday, October 2 through Thursday, October 5 to the Convocation for priests. Communion Services will be held Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.**

### 2017 Public Square Rosary Rally

Please join us in praying for our nation.

**St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church**  
Main Street, Herscher, Illinois

**Saturday, October 14**  
**ROSARY WILL BEGIN AT 12 NOON**

*Please bring a lawn chair.*

### Operation Christmas Child

*the power of a simple gift*

Discover how God used an Operation Christmas Child Shoebox in my life...

*Jaki Steward*

Jaki was left at an orphanage in Guatemala by her young mother when she was only a few months old. Sharing a room with 12 other girls, Jaki learned to protect the few possessions she had.

One December, when Jaki was 5 years old, she received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox gift. Cuddling the stuffed animal that she received in her shoebox, Jaki felt special, loved and cared for. She had something to call her own.

To hear about God's love in her life, please join us for a special time of Jaki sharing her testimony.



*Jaki Steward*

### Countdown to OCC Collection Week!

**Saturday, October 7, 2017 — 9 to 10 am**  
**First Baptist Church - 300 E. Third St. - Manteno**

**Join others who are excited about shoebox gifts, pick up resources, hear updates from Operation Christmas Child and celebrate what God is doing around the world through a simple gift.**