

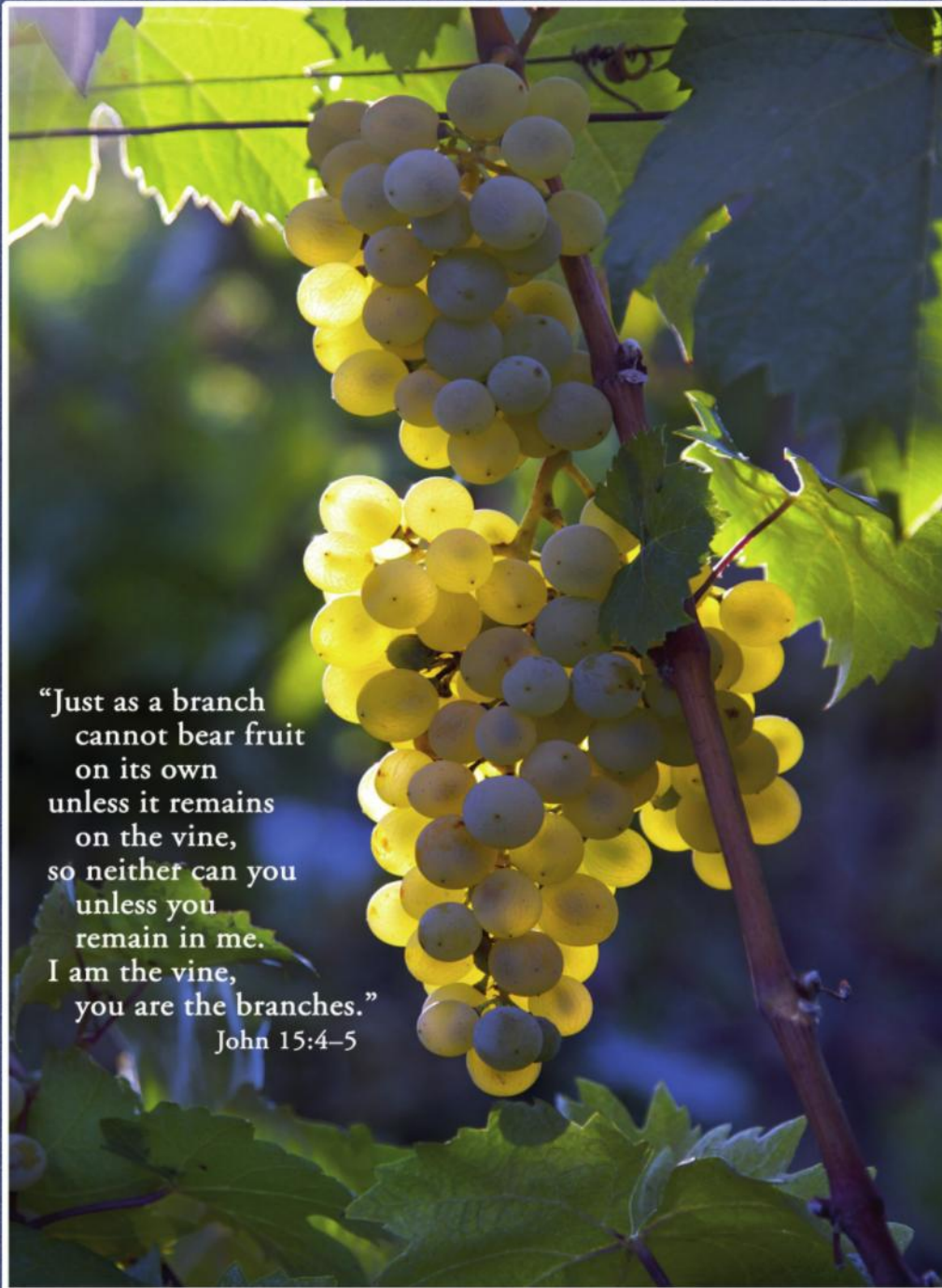


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“Just as a branch
cannot bear fruit
on its own
unless it remains
on the vine,
so neither can you
unless you
remain in me.
I am the vine,
you are the branches.”
John 15:4-5

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April 28, 2024 • 5th Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions

(+Deceased, L-Living)



April 28—May 4, 2024

Sunday, April 28

8am + Mary Rorke
9:30am + Joseph Leshock
11am People of Holy Spirit Parish

Monday, April 29

9am + Leola Andrews

Tuesday, April 30

9am + Sr. Rita Mandella

Wednesday, May 1

9am + Carol Speich

Saturday, May 4

4:30pm People of Holy Spirit Parish



Let us Pray...



For all who are facing illness.

We ask our Lord Jesus Christ to bring healing, comfort, and peace to them. Calm their fears and let them experience the healing power of His love.

For all who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

O Lord, may they find light, happiness and peace in Your presence.

For all first responders and law enforcement officers, who put their lives on the line to keep us safe at home.

For all active duty military service members who have been deployed, and their families.

For all veterans—past and present.

For all priests, clergy and religious, and those discerning a religious vocation.

The Pope's Monthly Intention (April 2024)

For the role of women

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

SAINT CATHERINE OF SIENA (1347-1380)

Feast Day April 29

Imagine the pope receiving a young woman still in her twenties who addresses him as “my sweet Christ on earth,” then orders: “Get back to Rome where you belong!”

Amazingly, Gregory XI complied! Yet this was but one astonishing incident in the extraordinary life of Catherine of Siena, a truly unique medieval woman. Youngest of twenty-five children, Catherine refused marriage and became a Dominican Tertiary at sixteen, cloistering herself at home in contemplative prayer, austere penances, and mystical experiences, culminating in “spiritual espousal” to Christ. Then, incarnating the Dominican ideal of “passing on to others the fruits of contemplation,” Catherine left her solitude to care for the poor, nurse the sick, comfort the dying, and bury the dead. Increasingly renowned for converting souls and healing bodies, she was sought after to broker peace during civil wars and Church schisms. All this, and like Jesus, whom she called “my “Divine Spouse,” she died at thirty-three! Four hundred letters and her spiritual classic *The Dialogue* inspired Paul VI to name her, together with Teresa of Ávila, the first women “doctors of the Church.”

—Peter Scagnelli



75th Anniversary Prayer

All-knowing and loving God, we give you thanks for your blessings upon the Diocese of Joliet.

For 75 years, we have been founded in faith, called to witness, and sent forth to serve.

In thanksgiving for your abiding presence among us, and with gratitude for the life and service of those who have gone before us, we recommit ourselves to carrying out this mission entrusted to them, to us, and to future generations.

Relying on the intercession of our patron, St. Francis Xavier, may our diocese continue to be a source of hope for the Church and all peoples, now and in the years to come.

We pray this in the name of Jesus, your Son by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen



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75 Years of
Catechesis,
Evangelization
and Service



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Bishop Ronald Hicks

No registration is required and wives are welcome.

Are You Called to the Permanent Diaconate?

The Diocese of Joliet has begun the process of inviting men to discern the call to the diaconate through a number of informational sessions:

Information Sessions

St. Peter Church - June 12, 19, and 26 at 7:00 p.m.
551 N Rush St, Itasca, IL 60143

St. Margaret Mary Church - June 12, and 18 at 7:00 p.m.
1450 Green Trails Dr, Naperville, IL 60540

St. Joseph Church - June 10, 17, and 24 at 7:00 p.m.
211 N Center Ave, Bradley, IL 60915

Online Information Sessions

June 13, 20, and 27

Discover More with a Simple Scan!



April 28, 2024 | Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31 | 1 Jn 3:18-24 | Jn 15:1-8

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GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

"Where do they get their energy!" Maybe you've said that about your children as they run around the yard while you're trying to wrangle them inside for bedtime. Jokes abound about how sugar and caffeine are what keep most adults going, but we know it's proper nutrition, exercise, and rest that enable us to do well whatever it is we do. That is all relevant to us physically. What about spiritually? Bishop Barron, writing on the Gospel, says, "Jesus declares that he is the vine and we are the branches. He is the power and energy source in which we live." (*Word on Fire Bible*, 548) Just as we see the effects of sugar and caffeine on people, we see the supernatural effects of Jesus' love on, and in, people. As he nurtures us with his perfect love, and that flows into us who are grafted onto him, it changes us. It transforms us and converts us away from sin and toward God. We fill up on that spiritual fuel in the sacramental life of the Church and become a witness to it in how we go about our days - loving one another.

PRAY Is there anything in your life that is an obstacle to Jesus being the power and energy source in which you live? Are your days fueled more by anger, frustration, or ambition than his love? Pray this week in thanksgiving to God for where he has given you conversion of heart, and ask him for the grace to see where improvement is needed and the will to make it happen.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." These words from John in our second reading provide the perfect bridge between the ministry of Paul, about whom we heard in the first reading, and Christ's message in the Gospel. With Jesus as "the power and energy source in which we live," we not only can profess the truth, but live it. We not only give our own account of Christ working in us, as Paul did, who came to them speaking out "boldly in the name of the Lord," but we stand beside one another, as Barnabas did, vouching for Paul to the Apostles. We are united in baptism, in love, in profession of faith, and in communion with one another. When we consistently act in a Christian manner toward others and keep God's commandments, John says, we "remain in him, and he in [us], and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us." In other words, those who remain in Christ "will bear much fruit" - a tangible sign that easily answers the question, "where does he/she get her energy?"



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SUNDAY MAY 5, 2024
11:00 AM MASS

Mass followed by light refreshments

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IN GRATITUDE TO ALL WHO SERVE



Holy Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH
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St. Peregrine Mass

Wednesday, May 8
at 7:00pm

St. Peregrine is the patron saint of cancer patients.

We will gather together to remember and pray for those in our community and in our families who have been affected by cancer.



Holy Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH
Naperville, Illinois

Stop Assisted Suicide

A Better Way Forward – A Message from the Catholic Bishops of Illinois

Legislation has been introduced to legalize assisted suicide in Illinois. SB 3499 makes it legal for a physician to prescribe an array of lethal drugs to a person diagnosed with a terminal disease who requests to end his or her life. The Catholic Bishops of Illinois oppose this legislation; there is a better way forward for our state.

Assisted suicide disregards the Hippocratic Oath, “Do No Harm,” and sends the wrong message about the role of medical professionals. We cannot say it any better than the American Medical Association: “Physician assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician’s role as healer, would be difficult or impossible to control, and would provide serious societal risks.”

This legislation brings a range of possible abuses. It should alarm us that in states with legalized assisted suicide there are documented cases of people being offered inexpensive lethal drugs to end their life rather than being provided more costly treatment. The poor and those with disabilities are particularly in jeopardy because they are the most vulnerable to abuses. Every major national organization that represents people with disabilities is opposed to assisted suicide.

In Oregon, where assisted suicide has been legal since 1997, data show that pain is not among the top five reasons why a person wants to end their life. Loss of autonomy, feelings of being a burden and being less able to engage in activities that make life enjoyable are most often cited as reasons for choosing assisted suicide. A better way forward is to expand mental health coverage and strengthen social supports such as community programs to help those dealing with depression and feelings of hopelessness.

No one wants to suffer or experience a loved one’s suffering. Fortunately, there are effective ways to alleviate suffering or make a person more comfortable at the end of life through palliative care. This relatively new specialty area of medicine cares for the whole person — physically, emotionally, socially, and spiritually — to relieve symptoms and stress that often accompany serious illness or side effects of treatment. A better way forward is to expand the number of palliative care locations and services in all areas of Illinois.

RESOURCES FROM THE CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF ILLINOIS

Assisted suicide is not a compassionate solution for those who suffer. There is a better way forward that offers compassionate care and compassionate choices.

Visit ilcatholic.org to find out how to contact your local elected officials to tell them to vote NO on SB 3499.

There you will also find:

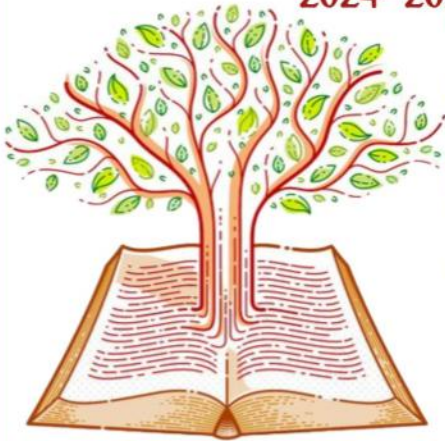
- Information on assisted suicide
- Frequently asked questions
- Prayers and novenas to combat suicide
- Webinar on assisted suicide

ilcatholic.org/stop-assisted-suicide



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We need help in these areas:

Sunday 4pm
Second Grade (2 Catechists)
Third Grade (2 Catechists)
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Contact us:
Lauren at lnelson@hssc.us
for Grades K-5
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Brochures are available at the Holy Spirit Parish Office.

For additional information, contact:
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AN UPDATE ON PROLIFE ISSUES

**CRITICAL ISSUES FACING
THE CITIZENS OF OUR STATE**



MR. PETER BREEN, JD

SPEAKER

Peter Breen serves as Executive Vice President and Head of Litigation at Thomas More Society. Over two decades of law practice, Breen has shown himself equally comfortable arguing in a federal courtroom, debating on the floor of a legislature, and explaining complex points of constitutional law in front of a television camera. Throughout, he has been in the thick of some of the nation's most significant legal and public policy battles. Breen served two terms in the Illinois House of Representatives, where he rose to become the Republican Floor Leader. He holds a Bachelor's in Electrical Engineering from Vanderbilt University and a Juris Doctor from the University of Notre Dame.



**SATURDAY
MAY 11**

**9:00 AM - NOON
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST INCLUDED**

St. Mary Immaculate Parish
15629 Illinois Rte 59
Plainfield IL 60544

9:00 am Mass For those who choose
9:45 am Continental Breakfast
10:30 am Peter Breen, JD
11:30 am Peter Breen, JD Q & A



Scan QR code
or click on button to register
or link below

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<https://forms.office.com/r/RddKesMfd>

RSVP by May 3, 2024



This Week's Meetings April 28—May 4, 2024

Sunday, April 28

- 12:10pm Rosary Sunday, Church
- 12:30pm Adult Faith Formation—Presence discussion, Multipurpose Rm

Tuesday, April 30

- 1pm Parish Leadership Team, Multipurpose Rm
- 7pm Adult Choir, Church

Wednesday, May 1

- 5pm Youth Choir, Church

Thursday, May 2

- 10am Gathered in Prayer, Chapel

Saturday, May 4

- 6:30am Men's Ministry, Multipurpose Rm
- 7am TMIY, Gathering Pl

See the parish website for all upcoming event information; www.hscc.us

HSCC Weekly Parish e-Newsletter



If *you are not currently receiving the **weekly parish e-newsletter** and would like to, please send your email address to Welcome@hscc.us and we will update our parishioner email list.

**If both husband and wife want to receive the e-newsletter, please list both email addresses in your note.*



WELCOME
Join us for a day of golfing fun and support a good cause!

The Director's Classic is the perfect opportunity to enjoy a round of golf with friends and family. Proceeds benefit the Saint Stephen Fund, which provides financial assistance for dioceses in need. All are welcome!

JOIN US

- 10:30 AM REGISTRATION & DRIVING RANGE OPEN AT PRAIRIE BLUFF
- 11:15 AM LUNCH DISTRIBUTION, HEAD TO HOLES
- 11:30 AM SHOTGUN START
- 5 PM OPEN BAR, WINE PULL & RAFFLE AT BLANCHETTE CATHOLIC CENTER
- 6 PM DINNER & AWARDS CEREMONY
- 8 PM EVENT ENDS

Prairie Bluff Public Golf Course
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Blanchette Catholic Center
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Crest Hill, IL 60403

DIOCESE OF JOLIET
Office of the Diaconate

June 19 2024

DIRECTOR'S CLASSIC

A day on the links

Our golf event will begin at Prairie Bluff Public Golf Course in Crest Hill and will include a box lunch, a swag bag at registration, and a special gift for each golfer. The day of fellowship will continue into the evening with a reception, raffle, dinner, and awards presentation at the Blanchette Catholic Center in Crest Hill.

GOLFERS & GUESTS

GOLFERS \$150/person, \$300/fourome
GUESTS \$30/person for dinner only

Multipans are available for purchase during registration (see below). Awards will be given for lowest foursome score, hole-in-one, closest to the pin, and longest drive.

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Thank you for your generous support of the Director's Classic! See the event website for descriptions of sponsorship benefits.

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- \$750 Gift Bag Underwriter
- \$550 T-Shirt Underwriter

REGISTRATION

Scan the QR code or visit www.ststephensofjoliet.org for details and registration. Golf, dinner and sponsorships can be purchased online.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Parish Information

Mass Schedule

Weekdays:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday... 9am

Weekend:

Saturday...4:30pm

Sunday...8am, 9:30am, and 11am

Adoration

Tuesdays, following the 9am mass until 12 noon.

Sacraments

Reconciliation

Saturday, 3:30pm -4:00pm

Baptisms

12:30pm on the 2nd Sunday of each month unless otherwise noted

Weddings

Please contact the parish office

Parish Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8am to 4:30pm

(closed 12noon-1pm)

Friday 8am to 1pm

Parish Priests

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- Automatic Debit or Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)
- WeShare OnLine Giving
- Donating Stock
- QR Code (one time or reoccurring offering)

It is with grateful hearts, we thank you for your continued support of the parish.

Parish Stewardship

Monthly Offering	# of Donors	March-24
WeShare Online Giving	122	\$10,822
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)	163	\$18,533
Envelopes & Loose Cash	211	\$54,728
Total March Collection	496	\$84,083

Special Collections - March 2024

Catholic Relief Services	\$872
Mortgage Donations	\$4,927

HSCC Mortgage	Date	Balance
Original Mortgage Loan	1/1/2005	\$3,590,755
Current Loan Balance	4/15/2024	\$204,738

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