

Mass Intentions (+Deceased)



Sunday, December 24 — 4th Sunday of Advent
9:30 am Joseph & Providence Brencic

Sunday, December 24 — Christmas Eve
3 pm Intention of Presider
5 pm Intention of Presider
10 pm Intention of Presider

Monday, December 25
9:30 am Intention of Presider

Saturday, December 30
4:30 pm + Samuel J. Demkoski

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays, following the 9am Mass until 12 noon

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to me shall not hunger, and he who believes in me shall never thirst... All that the father gives me will come to me; and him who comes to me I will not cast out." (Jn 6:35, 37)



Monthly Sunday Rosary

December 31 after the 11am Mass
recited on the last Sunday of the month.



Monthly Holy Hour & Adoration

January 7, 2024
after the 11am Mass, from 12:15pm-1:15pm
celebrated the 1st Sunday of the month



Please Pray For

All those who are in our hearts 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. Amen

All those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith.

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

Our Parishioners who serve our country with pride and valor.

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



Vocations (Prayer for Vocations by Pope Francis)

God our Father, You made each of us to use our gifts in the Body of Christ. We ask that you inspire young people whom You call to priesthood and consecrated life to courageously follow Your will. Send workers into Your great harvest so that the Gospel is preached, the poor are served with love, the suffering are comforted, and Your people are strengthened by the sacraments. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Department of Catechesis and Evangelization

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Ministries of Mercy



The network of the Ministries of Mercy focuses on Jesus' call to reach those who are most vulnerable. The Diocese of Joliet practices the corporal works of mercy in tandem with the USCCB's themes of Catholic social teaching, and collaborates with parishes, volunteers and organizations supported by the Catholic Campaign for Human Development and Catholic Relief Services.

See the Diocese of Joliet website at <https://catechesis.diojoliet.org/ministries-of-mercy>, for opportunities to serve in any of the Ministries of Mercy.

Corporal Works of Mercy

- Feed the Hungry
- Give Drink to the Thirsty
- Clothe the Naked
- Shelter the Homeless
- Care for the Sick
- Visit the Imprisoned
- Bury the Dead

From the Pastor....

Advent Reflections: Fourth Sunday of Advent

It all began with a yes. Mary simply said yes to God through the angel Gabriel. And that yes has changed the world forever. Today, on this Christmas Eve, we celebrate both the Fourth Sunday of Advent and the beginning of the Christmas Season. It is appropriate, then, that we think of Mary. Mary, who was holy, devout and sinless, was chosen by God to be the mother of HIS SON JESUS. As the scriptures recount, Mary simply trusted in God's plan of salvation and said yes. And because of that yes Jesus was born! Mary becomes for all generations a model of trust and faith—a faith that makes all things possible. We are forever grateful for Mary's Yes!

Today as we begin the celebration of Christmas, I am once again reminded of the place called Shepherds field. This place, located near Bethlehem, marks the spot where the shepherds tended their flocks and kept warm in nearby caves at night. The traveler can still see the soot of the smoke of the fires that kept them warm at night on the roof of the caves. What joy the shepherds must have felt when the angels told them not to be afraid, for this day, in the city of David, a savior is born, a Son is given and his name is prince of peace. As we celebrate this Christmas day, our prayers reach up to God for greater peace, hope, love and faith in the world, in our communities, in our churches, in our families and in our own lives. A very Merry Christmas and a healthy, happy new year to all!

Fr. Sponder

Fr. Smith

Fr. Dan Torson

Deacons Tim Roberts, John Finn, Steve Boffa, Eric Alvarez and all the staff!

Fourth Sunday

“Behold, the virgin shall be with child and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel,” which means “God is with us.”

Matthew 1:23



2023 Advent/Christmas Confession and Mass Schedule

Individual Confessions

Sunday, Dec 17	12:30 pm-2:30pm
Saturday, Dec 23	3:30 pm-4:00 pm
Saturday, Dec 30	3:30 pm-4:00pm

Mass Schedule

Saturday, Dec 23, 4 th Sunday of Advent	4:30pm
Sunday, Dec 24, 4 th Sunday of Advent	9:30am
Sunday, Dec 24, Christmas Eve	3:00 pm, 5:00 pm, and 10:00 pm (Christmas Carols 9:15 pm)
Monday, Dec 25 Christmas Day	9:30am
Saturday, Dec 30, Holy Family	4:30pm
Sunday, Dec 31, Holy Family	8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am
Monday, Jan 1, Solemnity of Mary,	9am

Parish Offices will be closed Dec 25 through Jan 1 and reopen on Jan 2, 8am.

4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas

The Fourth Sunday of Advent always falls on the last Sunday before Christmas.

This year, Christmas is on a Monday, which makes the 4th Sunday of Advent on Sunday, December 24th which is Christmas Eve!

What that means is that it is an obligation to attend a 4th Sunday of Advent Mass and a Christmas Mass on the same day or very close together.

This gift from the calendar allows us to reflect on the angel Gabriel announcing to Mary that she will bear a son named Emmanuel, which means God With Us. And then either later that same day or the next reflect upon God's coming into the world as a baby, in a manger, in Bethlehem. A manger is a feeding trough, and the word Bethlehem means House of Bread. So, fitting that Jesus, Bread for the World, born in that place, really and truly is present, in the Eucharist. Eucharist is the nourishment we have the opportunity to receive each time we attend Mass. It is the best gift we will ever receive!

Of the 4th Sunday of Advent and Christmas schedule – which 2 masses will you attend?

A lit candle in a white holder is the central focus, with a warm, golden flame. The background is dark with numerous out-of-focus, warm-toned lights creating a bokeh effect. The overall mood is peaceful and festive.

A Blessed Christmas to all !
From the Holy Spirit Catholic Church Parish Staff

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**The angel said to them,
“Do not be afraid;
for behold, I proclaim to you good news
of great joy . . . a savior has been born for you
who is the Christ and Lord.**

Luke 2:10, 11



Holy Spirit teens and over 1,000 others from around the Diocese will gather for an unforgettable day dedicated to transforming the lives of incoming 8th-12th graders. Fun, fellowship and faith packed into a one day event at Lewis University!

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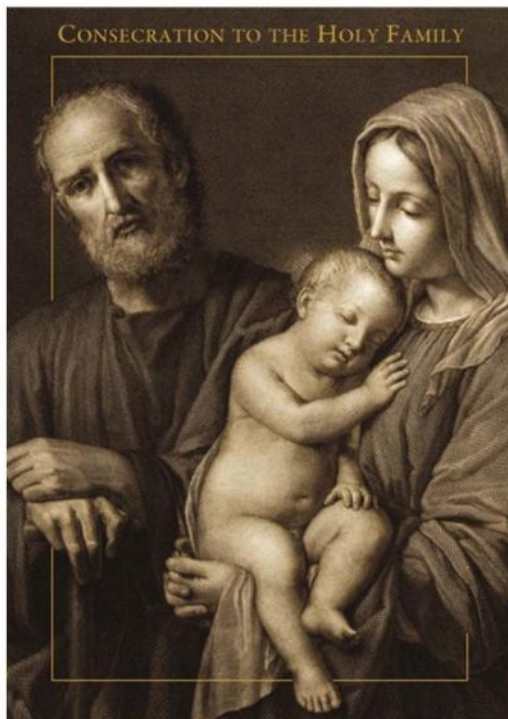


Do you have a child to baptize?

*Next Preparation Workshop
Thursday, January 11, 2024
7-8:30pm*

*See the parish website for more information
www.hscc.us*

Sacraments Infant Baptism



Please join our Holy Spirit parish community on Saturday, 12/30 & Sunday, 12/31 for our family consecration to The Holy Family during all Masses.

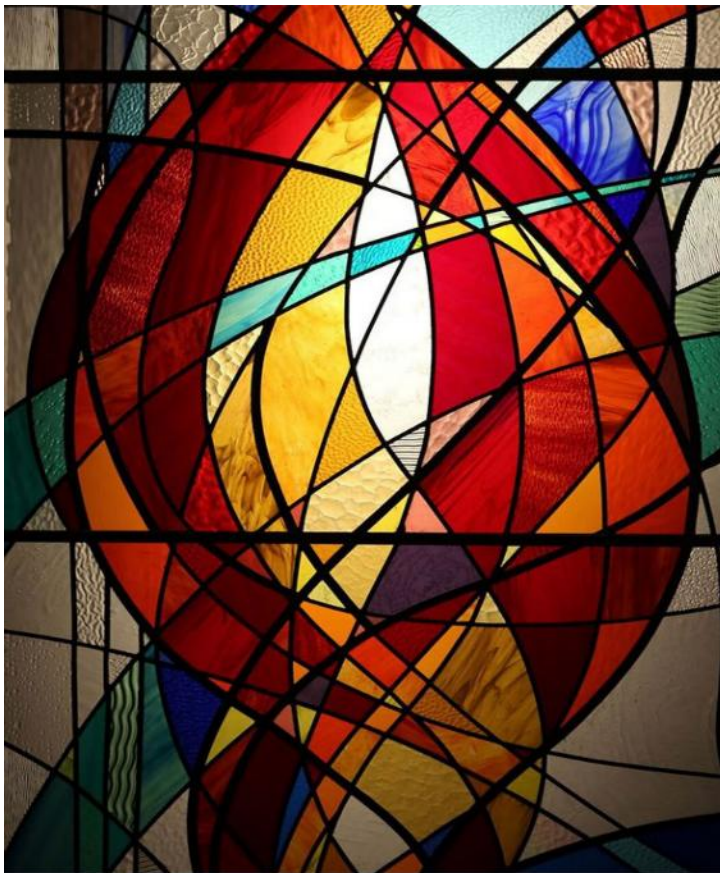
This is a special opportunity to unite our families to the model family for us all: Jesus, Mary & Joseph.

What do we mean by consecration?

It is often called a dedication -- it is a deliberate choice to follow Jesus Christ more fully, with the help of Mary and Joseph, and to set your family apart for God. This means to give your family over to God; possibly adding new habits of prayer and living in service of God. Take the first step today and let 2024 be the start of something new.



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This Week's Meetings

December 24 —December 30, 2023

No meetings/events are being held between Christmas and New Year's Day.

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



Diocese of Joliet

Catholic Ministries

Annual Appeal

Holy Spirit Catholic Community
Naperville, Illinois

	<u>Dec 3, 2023</u>
Goal	\$ 94,300
Amount Pledged	\$ 132,713
Amount Paid	\$ 128,894
Balance Due	\$ 3,819
Donor Count	345
2023 Rebate	\$ 24,216



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

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Go Green with On-Line Giving

Interested in moving to electronic donation versus weekly/monthly envelopes, and don't know where to start?

For information and to select the option that works best for you, go the parish web-site, www.hssc.us/donation.

- Automatic Debit or EFT (Electronic Funds Transfer)
- WeShare OnLine Giving
- Donating Stock



Parish Stewardship

Monthly Offering	# of Donors	Nov 2023
WeShare Online Giving	103	\$12,082
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)	159	\$18,168
Envelopes & Loose Cash	184	\$48,036
Total November Collection	446	\$78,286
Special Collections - Nov 2023		
Catholic Campaign for Human Dev		\$1,051
DoJ Seminarian Education Endomt		\$1,302
Mortgage Donations		\$4,341
HSCC Mortgage	Date	Balance
Mortgage Loan	1/1/2005	\$3,590,755
Current Loan Balance	11/30/2023	\$566,389

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