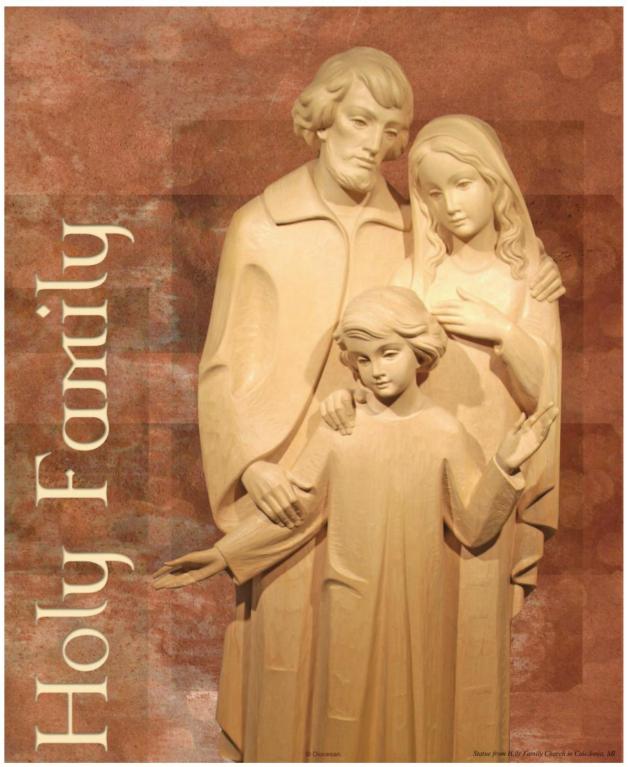


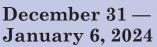
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December 31, 2023 • Feast of the Holy Family

Mass Intentions

(+Deceased)



Sunday, December 31

8 am + Lillian Foley

9:30 am People of Holy Spirit Catholic Church

11 am + Bill Gerardy

Monday, January 1

9 am + Andy Bikulcius

Tuesday, January 2

9 am + John O'Malley

Mike Peters

Special Intention/Elengical Family

Wednesday, January 3

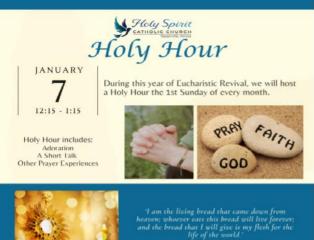
9 am + Bill Blong

Saturday, January 6

4:30 pm + Robin Wehling

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays, following the 9am Mass until 12 noon





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.

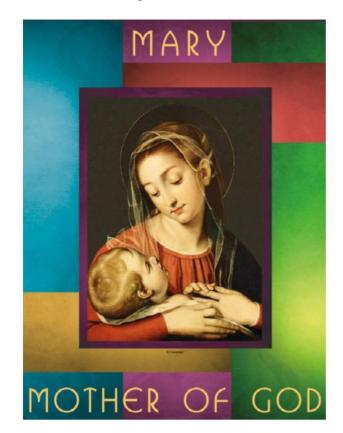
O Lord, may they find light, happiness and peace in Your presence. Amen.

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



Mass will be celebrated Monday, Jan 1, 9am
Parish Offices will be closed Jan 1 and
reopen on Jan 2, 8am.

Bishop Hicks' Column

December 2023

EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL AND SYNODALITY, TOGETHER





ARE YOU A CUBS FAN? OR ARE YOU A WHITE SOX FAN? If you have any roots in Chicagoland, you instinctively understand that you must declare one or the other. It is common practice to choose one team — one is never a fan of both!

During these past two years, throughout our country and within the Catholic Church, that same principle seems to have been applied to the National Eucharistic Revival and the Synod on Synodality. As you know, the Eucharistic Revival is a three-year initiative of the Church to enkindle a living relationship with Jesus Christ in the holy Eucharist. The Synod on Synodality is an international, multiyear undertaking during which Catholics give feedback and deeply listen to each other — so, as a Church, we can all discern together where the Holy Spirit is leading us.

Curiously, many people seem to be taking sides; they are in favor of one, but not the other.

The week before Thanksgiving, I joined over 250 bishops in Baltimore for a week of meetings hosted by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. We began the meetings with prayer, adoration, benediction, and Mass. The first address to the assembly was given by Cardinal Christophe Pierre, the Papal Nuncio. When it comes to the Eucharistic Revival and the Synod, he encouraged us to move away from an "either/or" approach, and to instead embrace and promote both. The special connections between the Eucharistic Revival and the Synod prevailed through our week of meetings.

At one point, Cardinal Pierre beautifully reflected on the road to Emmaus story from the Gospel of Luke (24: 13–35). Along their journey, the disciples debated their theological points of view while Jesus listened to them. "Listening, corresponds to the humble style of God," said the cardinal, quoting Pope Francis. "God loves humanity: that is why he addresses his word to them, and why he 'inclines his ear' to listen to them."

You see, *listening* is essential for a synodal Church because it is a dimension of love. Through this Emmaus moment, Jesus accompanies, listens, and discerns with His disciples. Then, their hearts were set on fire because they recognized His true presence in the Eucharist. After this Eucharistic encounter, they go

back to the other disciples and proclaim that Jesus is alive and — with missionary zeal — are committed to sharing the risen Christ with the world.

Cardinal Pierre concluded his presentation with these moving insights: "Our people need us to be adventurers for the Lord. They need us to be united with one another. They need to see how our diversity, harmonized, displays the beauty of the Church and of the Catholic faith. They need to be reminded that salvation comes not from one idea or another, but through a shared encounter with the living person of Jesus, who is love."

Most of us can agree we are a stronger Church when we both listen *and* keep the Eucharist as our source and summit. Let's look for ways to stay united with each other and with Christ.

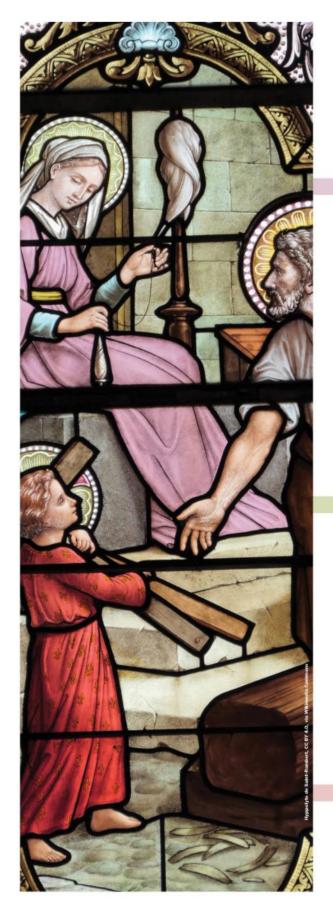
From the onset, I announced that the Diocese of Joliet was going to participate in both the National Eucharistic Revival and the Synod on Synodality. Walking in numerous Eucharistic processions and attending many talks about the Eucharist, I am proud of how robustly our clergy and parishioners have promoted and embraced this Eucharistic Revival. I look forward to participating in our continued celebrations of the Eucharist in the Diocese of Joliet, and will joyfully attend the Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis in July 2024. That event will launch us into the next phase of the revival by enthusiastically taking the Eucharistic Lord into the world and putting our faith into action as missionary disciples.

At the same time, I am also proud of how we have participated in the Synod on Synodality. For over six months, groups gathered throughout every deanery of our diocese to listen intently to each other. The themes from these listening sessions were gathered and compiled into a report sent to Rome. The first half of the synod concluded in the Vatican this October. With faithful hope, we await the next steps for the second half next October.

As a baseball fan, I am fiercely loyal to my team, while politely ignoring the other. Gratefully, that's not what our Church does when it comes to the National Eucharistic Revival and the Synod on Synodality. Like you, I love Jesus so much — especially in the Eucharist — and at the same time — through Him, with Him, and in Him — I desire a *listening* Church that calls us to be on mission! With faith and trust in God, I look forward to walking on this all-connected journey with you ahead.

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December 31, 2023

Written by THE FAITHFUL DISCIPLE

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Gen 15:1-6; 21:1-3 | Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 | Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40

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

St. Teresa of Calcutta once said, "If we love, naturally we will try to do something. First in our own home, our next door neighbor, in the country we live, in the whole world." In this quote we see a shift from the idyllic to a hard dose of reality: love means sacrifice and service. Perhaps it's worth asking ourselves: Does our family always get our best self? None of us is perfect, so the honest answer is probably no. If it's tempting to think, "well, the Holy Family was perfect, so what does this feast have to do with our family?" let's remember we are celebrating the Feast of the HOLY Family, not the feast of the perfect family. Yes, they were holy. They embodied this in their faith and devotion in those expanding circles of which St. Teresa spoke. They gave to God first - in today's Gospel we see the family travel to Jerusalem to present Jesus in the temple. They then returned to Nazareth where Jesus grew strong and was "filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

What does this feast mean for us today? It means that being a holy family is not unattainable. St. John Paul II once said: "The Redeemer of the world chose the family as the place for his birth and growth." (2001) In other words, God's will was fulfilled in the simplest and most ordinary of human circumstances when Jesus was born to Mary and Joseph in a stable. He sanctified what had been profaned by sin. Are our families perfect? No. But are we holy? That is our baptismal vocation and is within our reach each and every day. With the dawn of the new year, let's make an effort to place Christ at the center of our lives. Let's try to love our family members with all our heart, and bear witness in our actions and words. And finally, and most importantly, we must pray with and for one another.

PRAY Family prayer is powerful and transformative, uniting and equipping us to go out into the world each day and bear witness. Pray together: *Jesus, Mary and Joseph, graciously hear our prayer.*

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Book Study - Winter 2024

Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist

Wednesday mornings (9:30 – 11:30am)

or Zoom Group (date/time tbd)

January 17, 24, 31, 2024 February 7, 21 March 6, 13, 20 April 10, 17

As the weather cools, bundle up in a blanket, and read Brant Pitre's book. Come and discuss the connections between the Old Testament and the New Testament. You will appreciate the gift that the Mass truly is; each and every time you worship.

<u>Reviewed by Scott Hahn</u> – author and renowned scholar – "In the Mass – Christ fulfills the rites of the old covenant. This beautiful book by Dr. Brant Pitre shows us that fulfillment in loving detail. We gain an appreciation of what was, so that we can see, ever more clearly, what 'is now and ever shall be." "Clear, projound and practical—you do not want to miss this book."

Who doesn't love discussing a good book with a cup of hot chocolate or cup of coffee in hand on a cold morning?



Name_____e-mail phone

I will attend mornings _____ I would like to ZOOM

Please include the cost of the study -- \$10 -- includes the book and study guide.



Return by January 8th to:

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Or register on-line at www.hscc.us

BAPTISM

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

Need Prayers?

If you are in need of prayers, please let us know. Our At-Home Prayer Team and Gathered in Prayer Group are standing by ready to pray!

https://www.hscc.us/gathered-in-prayer Or scan the QR code





Gathered In Prayer

Drop in any Thursday morning at 10 a.m. in the Chapel, to pray for your fellow parishioners.

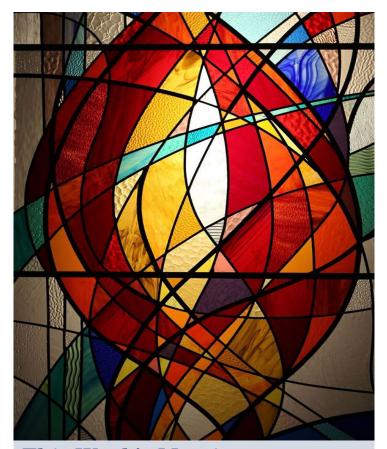


Prayer Blankets

Bless someone you know who is very ill or hospitalized, with a Prayer Blanket. Requests taken at the front desk.







This Week's Meetings December 31, 2023 — January 6, 2024

Sunday, December 31

12:15pm Monthly Rosary, Church

Thursday, January 4

10 am Gathered in Prayer, Chapel

Saturday, January 6

6:30 am Men's Ministry, Multipurpose Rm

7 am TMIY, Gathering Place

4 pm Blood Drive Registration, Narthex

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



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	<u>Dec 17, 2023</u>
Goal	\$ 94,300
Amount Pledged	\$ 133,698
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Donor Count	347
2023 Rebate	\$ 25,145



Parish Information

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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

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- Donating Stock



Parish Stewardship

	# of	
Monthly Offering	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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