

Mass Intentions

(+Deceased, L-Living)



February 18—February 24, 2024

Sunday, February 18

8 am Tadeusz & Janina Rutkowski
(50th Wedding Anniv)
9:30 am + Terrence Martinka
11 am People of Holy Spirit
Catholic Church

Monday, February 19

9 am + Quinn Folisi

Tuesday, February 20

9 am + Michael Dutcher
+ Peter Ventrelli

Wednesday, February 21

9 am + Carol Speich

Saturday, February 24

4:30 pm + Connie Rosenthal

HSCC 2023 Contribution Statements



To receive a 2023 Contribution Statement, please email your request to Kathy Mackowiak at KMackowiak@hsccl.us. Your statement will be emailed to you, or you may pick it up at the parish office during regular office hours.



Monday, February 19th
President's Day
Parish Offices will be closed.

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

Anointing of the Sick Mass



February 24 at 4:30pm

From the Pastor's Desk...

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Parishioners:

It is hard to believe that we have begun the Lenten Season once again. But as the Prophet Joel reminds us on Ash Wednesday, "Blow the trumpet in Zion! Proclaim a fast, call an assembly; gather the people, notify the congregation....." And so we gather and begin the journey with ashes. Reminding ourselves, that one day we will return to the dust from which we were created. To be ready for that day, we remember who we are with renewed and contrite hearts. We begin the journey by resisting temptation and sin. In this way, we can prepare, after being in the desert, to renew our baptismal commitment at Easter.

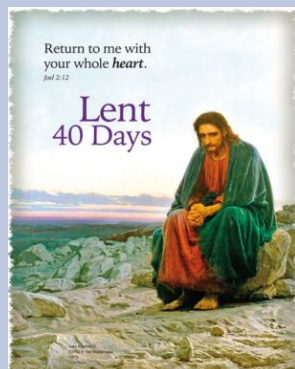
Lent is always a good time to come back to the basics of our faith. And perhaps, at the same time, to remember what we believe, and how we practice what we believe. It is a good time to remember what it means to be Catholic.

Perhaps a good place to start is the very place we gather to pray. Our parish church. God's command reminds us that we are to gather each week, on our holy day, Sunday, to worship and pray. And this means gathering and leaving at the right time. We gather when the Lord is present. On Sunday mass, this happens when the cross leads the priest and minister into the church in the opening procession. The priest represents Christ at mass, so being on time for Christ to enter is most important. There are always reasons for why we might be late.....perhaps we might ask, which reasons can I control and change to get to church on time. Still more, we are asked to wait until the cross leads us out to leave. It is not proper to leave right after communion or before the priest gets to the back of Church, as this seems most disrespectful, unless an emergency.

This Lent, let's take some time to remember to be on time and stay till the end when we worship in our sacred space. In this way, we will honor the Lord who is with us and our identity as his followers.

Have a blessed Lent!

Fr. John, Pastor



Lenten Regulations

- Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
- All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
- On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
- To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is sinful.
- Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. Therefore, all of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial. All Catholics are encouraged to support generously the charitable works of the whole Church, pray and perform works of charity and mercy.
- Those who are sick, pregnant, or nursing, or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.

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PARISH MISSION NIGHT
AN EVENING OF REFLECTION

'Come to the Feast'
with Fr. Dan Torson



Refreshments
Following

February
27th
7:00 - 8:00 pm

Join us for an enlightening
Lenten Season discussion



Come, let us be reignited with the
power of the Eucharist!

God's great gift to us has the
potency to lead us to new spiritual
heights!

God is always waiting for us!

Let us respond to God's great love!

Let us be enriched and uplifted!

For more information contact
Roberta Balsewicz at rbalsewicz@hsc.us



February 28 & 29

HSCC will be serving dinner on Wednesday, Feb 28 and
breakfast Thursday morning, Feb 29, plus provide bag
lunches. We are in need of volunteers to provide and/or
deliver food, or serve meals. To volunteer scan the QR
code below or see the parish website.

Bring food donations to the Parish Hall/Meeting space
by 4pm, Monday Feb 26.

For more information, contact
Danielle Plotke:
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email, dplotke@gmail.com



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is a former Navy SEAL officer
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is a priest in Joliet, IL, a former
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**Sunday
February 25
12:30 - 2:00**



GOD IS WITH US

The Sacrament of the Eucharist offers, an
invitation to experience a meaningful
meal in love and connection.

**Sunday
March 10
12:30 - 2:00**



THE STORY OF THE EUCHARIST

God, the Master Storyteller, weaves a
grand love story through His mighty
deeds, teachings of Jesus, and the
profound gift of the Eucharist.

**Sunday
March 17
12:30 - 2:00**



BREAD FOR THE JOURNEY

The Eucharist, more critical to our
spiritual nourishment than physical food
is to our physical survival, sustains and
strengthens us for our life's journey.

For more information: Roberta Balsewicz rbalsewicz@hsc.us 630-922-0081 ext. 7. www.hsc.us

Stations of the Cross

Fridays 7:00pm, February 16– March 22

Fish Fry Fridays– Knights of Columbus

5pm-7:30pm

February 16

March 1

March 22

Lenten Individual Confessions

Saturdays 3:30pm– 4:00pm

Sunday, March 17 after the 11am Mass until all are heard. (*Multiple priests will be available.*)

No Confessions on Saturday, March 23 and Holy Saturday, March 30

Anointing Mass

Saturday, February 24, 4:30pm

Eucharistic Talk– “Presence” (3– Part Series)

Fr. John Sponder & Deacon John Finn

12:30pm-2pm

Sundays: February 25, March 10, March 17



Lenten Speaker– Fr. Dan Torson, ‘Come to the Feast’

Tuesday, February 27th, 7-8pm; refreshments to follow

Holy Hour and Adoration Sunday, March 3, 12:15pm-1:15pm

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit March 8-11 in the Narthex

Men of Christ Conference Saturday, March 9, 7am-1pm

St. Joseph’s Table Saturday, March 16 after 4:30pm Mass

Holy Week and Easter

at Holy Spirit

Saturday, March 23 (*Palm Sunday anticipatory*)

No Confessions

Mass, 4:30 pm

Sunday, March 24 – Palm Sunday

Masses 8am, 10am, 12noon

Mon, March 25 Weekday/Holy Week

Mass, 9:00am

Tues, March 26 Weekday/Holy Week

Mass, 9:00am + Adoration until 12noon

Tenebrae Service, 7:00pm

Wed, March 27 Weekday/Holy Week

Mass, 9:00am

Thurs, March 28 Holy Thursday

Mass, 7:00pm

Adoration following mass until 10pm in Narthex

Friday, March 29 Good Friday

Stations of the Cross - 3:00pm

Celebration of the Lord’s Passion/Veneration of the Cross – 7pm

Saturday, March 30 Holy Saturday

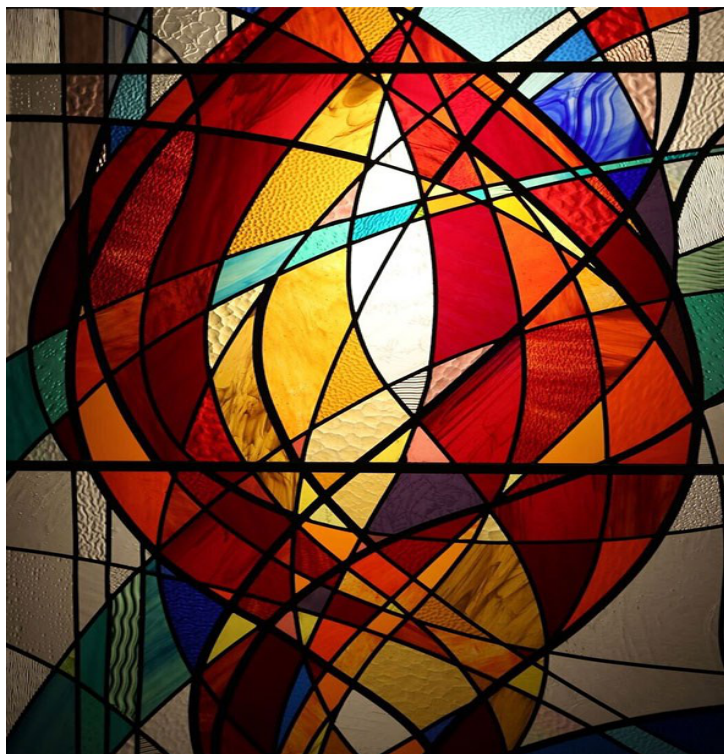
Blessing of the Easter Baskets – 10am

Easter Vigil Mass – 7:00pm

No Confessions will be heard on Holy Saturday

Easter Sunday Mass Schedule, March 31, 2024

8am, 10am, 12 noon



This Week's Meetings

February 18—February 24, 2024

Sunday, February 18

9:30am OCIA, Multipurpose Rm

Monday, February 19

2pm Bible Study Core Team, Gathering Place

6pm KOC Meeting, Gathering Place

Tuesday, February 20

1pm Seasons of Hope, Multipurpose Rm

7pm Adult Choir, Church

Wednesday, February 21

9:30am AM Bible Study, Gathering Place

5pm Youth Choir, Multipurpose Rm

7pm PM Bible Study, Gathering Place

Thursday, February 22

10am Gathered in Prayer, Chapel

Friday, February 23

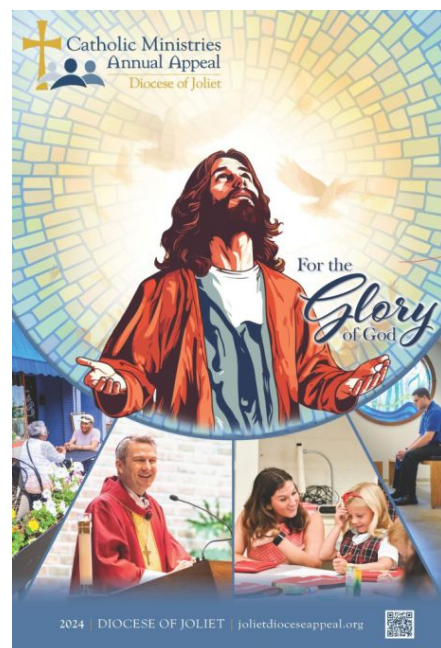
7pm Stations of the Cross, Church

Saturday, February 24

6:30am Men's Ministry, Multipurpose Rm

7am TMIY, Gathering Place

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



2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are humbly asking all parishioners to pledge their support for this important effort, as together we can make a profound difference.

This year's CMAA theme is *For the Glory of God*. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church are available to everyone. Together, we can help provide safe shelter for the homeless, feed the physical and social needs of those who are hungry, inspire those discerning a life of vocation, and aid in the education of our next generation of Catholics. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own, but together through the appeal we can do so much more.

Our parish's goal for the 2024 CMAA is \$99,000 and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us and used fruitfully within our own parish.

Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office. Thank you!



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	Jan-24
WeShare Online Giving	106	\$14,511
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)	159	\$18,018
Envelopes & Loose Cash	176	\$62,558
Total January Collection	441	\$95,087
Special Collections - Jan 2024		
Church in Latin America		\$801
Mortgage Donations		\$27,218
HSCC Mortgage	Date	Balance
Original Mortgage Loan	1/1/2005	\$3,590,755
Current Loan Balance	1/31/2024	\$262,298

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