

**I will
place
my law
within
them
and
write it
upon
their
hearts**

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Mass Intentions

(+Deceased, L-Living)



March 17—March 23, 2024

Sunday, March 17

8am + JoAnn Zidek
9:30am + Maria Pater
11am + Irene Norkus

Monday, March 18

9am + Kevin Miller

Tuesday, March 19

9am + Juan M. Davila
+ Ponzini Renato

Wednesday, March 20

9am (L) Natalie Peters

Saturday, March 23

4:30pm + Shirley Zemansky

Please Pray For

All those who are in our hearts facing illness, especially John Mach.

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



March 17, 2024 | Fifth Sunday of Lent

Jer 31:31-34 | Heb 5:7-9 | Jn 12:20-33

Written by
THE
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DISCIPLE

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

As we quickly approach Easter, we're reminded of the reason why we are celebrating. God's chosen people stumbled quite a bit throughout the Old Testament, so God intervened time, and time, and time again to set them back on the straight and narrow. Whereas we would likely give up on someone over time, God has remained steadfast in his grace, and always will. He created a new covenant with Israel that wrote his law upon the hearts of Jews and Gentiles alike. This new covenant was realized through Jesus Christ, who was born into our flesh and crucified on the cross. He suffered death in perfect obedience to God the Father. By being born into flesh, Jesus united humanity and divinity; through his crucifixion and resurrection, Christ "became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him." He is the law of love that lives within us, and through him "all, from least to greatest, shall know [the Father.]"

REFLECT The Lord placed his law upon your heart the moment you were conceived, but how do you allow him to shine through your life? How do you serve and glorify the Lord? Take a moment today to reflect on your words and actions and consider how you show the world that God is Lord over your life for all time, not only during Lent.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Jesus didn't suffer the cross for his sake or for his own glory. No, our Savior came to preach the kingdom of heaven to us before sacrificing himself for our sins. Notice how in today's Gospel he even admitted he was troubled! It can be terrifying to do God's will for our lives, and Christ himself was troubled by what he was called to do. Yet, in love and trust in the Father, Jesus was obedient, saying "but it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." All Christians are called to a life of self-sacrifice, each to the degree it serves God's purpose. We are all called to give up our lives for the sake of love to glorify God. Without Christ's sacrifice, we would not have been saved; without our willingness to pursue God's call upon our life, the kingdom of God cannot be realized on this earth.

From the Pastor's Desk...

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Parishioners,

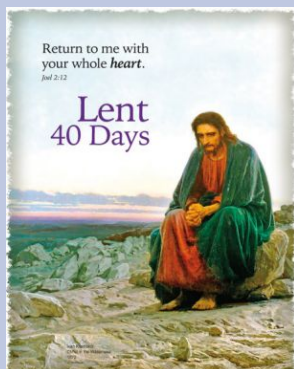
As we gather today to celebrate this Fifth Sunday of Lent, we realize that Holy Week, the time of Jesus' passion, death and Resurrection is fast approaching. We notice the words of Jesus today reminding us of this: "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified" (John 12:23). And so Jesus uses images to remind us of this: the grain of wheat dying and rising; Jesus being lifted up from the Earth, drawing everyone to himself. But there are some other interesting images worth mentioning: the presence of the angel and the servant.

I am reminded of the Passion play two years ago that I was fortunate to be able to witness in Germany. As I watched the play, I noticed the presence of the angel that stayed with Jesus throughout the whole of his passion and crucifixion and death. He never abandoned him. The angel gave Jesus the Father's hope, trust and strength during these difficult moments. Perhaps we need to remember that God is also with us, during the most difficult moments of our life. We need to trust in that no matter how tough it gets because it is so easy to give up. "Follow me," says Jesus. Follow me.

That brings us to the servant. Notice what Jesus says: "Whoever serves me must follow me....." Who will be the servants, the priests and deacons to come? Who will take my place at the altar of the Lord? These are good questions to ask. Hopefully parents will talk about vocations to their children. Hopefully men and women will all listen to the Lord who might be calling them in priesthood, diaconate or religious life.

Peace

Fr. John



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.

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday evening 7:00pm through March 22

Fish Fry Friday –

5pm-7:30pm; March 22

See parish website for details; sponsored by the Knights of Columbus



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

Palm Sunday Masses: 8am, 10am and 12noon

**Rosary Sunday
Sunday, March 24,
Palm Sunday
following the 12noon
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

Monday, March 25
Mass, 9:00am

Tuesday, March 26
Mass, 9:00am + Adoration until 12noon
Tenebrae Service, 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 27
Mass, 9:00am

Thursday, 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

Good Friday “Way of the Cross” for Victims of Abortion



at Planned Parenthood Aurora
Friday, March 29 at 10:00 a.m.

Through His Holy Passion, Our Lord united Himself with all the victims of suffering in this life. None suffer more innocently than children in the womb whose lives are taken by abortion. None suffer more deeply than their mothers, who carry such a burden of guilt and shame.

On Good Friday we remember all the victims of abortion—the children lost, the mothers wounded, the communities blighted—in a solemn, ecumenical prayer service. Planned Parenthood of Aurora is located at 3051 E New York Street, Aurora.

For more information, contact Matt Yonke at 630-896-1200 or matt@prolifeaction.org

Join us as we pray for healing for the victims of abortion and for a final end to this injustice in our land.

HOW THE PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION IS USED



What is the Pontifical
Good Friday Collection?

It supports the people of the Holy Land
and the pilgrims that visit.

At the request of the Holy Father, the Franciscans of the Holy Land promote the Pontifical Good Friday Collection in the United States and other parts of the world. Funds are distributed at the direction of the Vatican's Congregation for the Oriental Churches. A portion of the funds are directly allocated to the educational and ecclesial projects in the Middle East. The rest of the funds collected in the United States and a number of other countries support the ministries and programs entrusted by the Holy See to the Holy Land Franciscans. The Franciscans have served in the Holy Land for 800 years.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection provides, Humanitarian, Liturgical, Pastoral, Archaeological, Charitable, Educational services, as well as care for the Holy Places.

Special Collection
Good Friday, March 29, 2024

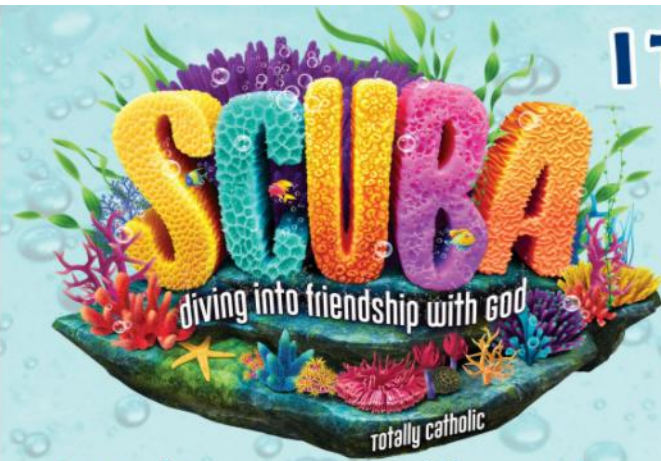
Serving those in
need in the Holy Land

- 250 friars 11 countries
- 65 sanctuaries and 23 parishes
- 6 guest houses for pilgrims
- 30 youth served by Bethlehem Boys' Home
- 63 apartments restored for families in need
- 1,020 employees in Israel and Palestine
- 17 schools with more than 10,000 students
- 509 university scholarships
- 56 Friars preparing for the priesthood
- 700 refugees aided on the island of Rhodes
- 8,000+ Syrian families aided
- 650+ families in Lebanon assisted
- Construction of a Catholic school in Cana

Help us continue to serve!

Commissariat of the Holy Land
1400 Quincy St. NE, Washington, DC 20017
www.MyFranciscan.org/good-Friday

IT'S HAPPENING!! REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR VBS 2024!!



Let's dive into friendship with God this summer!
Vacation Bible School
will be held June 24-28, 2024
from 9:30am until noon at HSCC.
VBS is open to any student
entering grades K-6 in the Fall

Spots are limited! Register by April 15
for early bird rate of \$40 per child



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to register



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**Brochures are available at the
Holy Spirit Parish Office.**

For additional information, contact:
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Phone 847-432-2400



2024 EVENTS

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Young Adult
Ministry



WEDNESDAY
APRIL 17



Michael Gormley
"The Lay Evangelist"

Michael currently serves as the Mission Evangelist for *Paradise Dei*, a ministry dedicated to helping men, couples, and families discover the superabundance of God. He is also the founder and creative director of *LayEvangelist.com* and the co-host to two successful Catholic podcasts: *Catching Foxes* and *Every Knee Shall Bow*.

THURSDAY
JUNE 13



**Reverends Jeremy Leganski,
Alex Lorang, and Jared Rutnicki**
Newly ordained priests of the Diocese of Joliet

Fathers Jeremy, Alex, and Jared were ordained to the priesthood in May 2023. They are excited to share their vocation stories as well as remark on the tenets of the current celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese of Joliet: founded in faith, called to witness, sent forth to serve.

THURSDAY
OCT 24



Most Reverend Ronald Hicks
Bishop of Joliet

Bishop Ron Hicks was ordained to the priesthood in 1994. He served at several parishes in the Archdiocese of Chicago before serving as regional director at *Nuestros Pequenos Hermanos* in El Salvador. He was Dean of Formation at Mundelein Seminary before he was appointed Vicar General, then auxiliary bishop. He was named bishop of the Diocese of Joliet in 2020.

Bring all your friends and join us for appetizers, drinks, faith and fellowship!

All events will be held from **6:30 to 9:30 p.m.** at the
BLANCHETTE CATHOLIC CENTER
16555 Weber Road
Crest Hill, Illinois 60403

This Theology on Tap event series is part of the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese of Joliet. For a listing of events and activities, visit dijolet.org/75th.



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This Week's Meetings March 17—March 23, 2024

Sunday, March 17

9:30am OCIA, Multipurpose Rm
12:30pm Adult Faith Formation talk— Prescence, Gather Pl

Monday, March 18

2pm Bible Study Core Team, Gathering Pl
6pm Knights of Columbus Meeting, Gathering Pl

Tuesday, March 19

7pm Adult Choir, Church

Wednesday, March 20

9:30am AM Bible Study, Gathering Place
5pm Youth Choir, Church

Thursday, March 21

10am Gathered in Prayer, Chapel

Friday, March 22

5pm Fish Fry, Gathering Pl
7pm Stations of the Cross, Church

Saturday, March 23

6:30am Men's Ministry, Multipurpose Rm

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

The Inter-parish Marriage Enrichment Team
Presents our 16th Annual Event

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An entertaining night of hilarious skits and
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of
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Friday, April 19, 2024
St. Scholastica School Gym in Woodridge, IL
Doors Open at 6:15pm. Show starts at 7:00pm
Registration \$30 per couple
Beer, Wine, Soda and Snacks Available (Cash Only)



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Lisle, IL 60532
Saturday - April 20th, 2024
7pm to 9:30pm

Cost: \$32.00
Register & more info:
<https://bit.ly/sjadata>



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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Consider Electronic Giving

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

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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	Feb-24
WeShare Online Giving	114	\$9,942
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)	162	\$18,473
Envelopes & Loose Cash	200	\$48,671
Total February Collection	476	\$77,086

Special Collections - Feb 2024

Church in Central/Eastern Europe	\$602
Mortgage Donations	\$14,232

HSCC Mortgage	Date	Balance
Original Mortgage Loan	1/1/2005	\$3,590,755
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