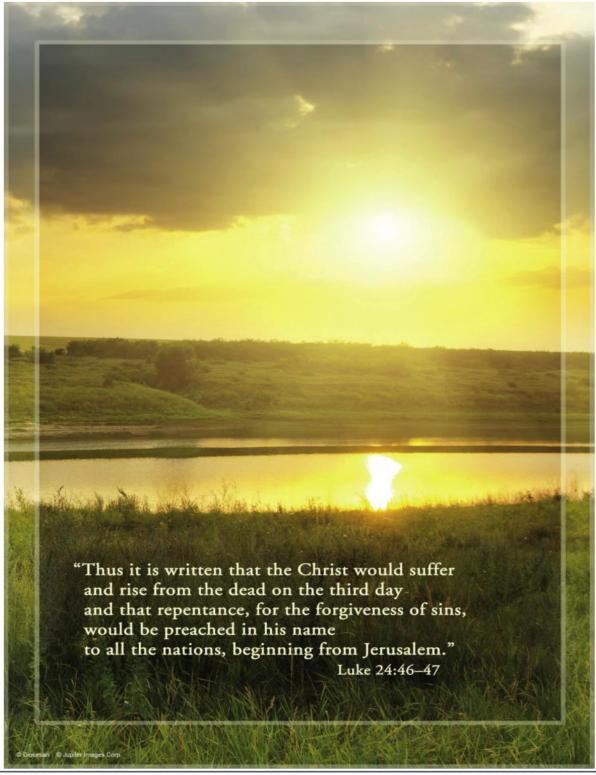


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April 14, 2024 • Third Sunday of Easter

Mass Intentions

(+-Deceased, L-Living)



April 14—April 20, 2024 Sunday, April 14

8am People of I

People of Holy Spirit Parish

9:30am + Carol White 11am + Steve Zarebski

Monday, April 15

9am Those serving in the Armed Forces/

Miltary and their families

Tuesday, April 16

9am + Eileen Paul

Wednesday, April 17

9am + Providence Brencic

Saturday, April 20

4:30pm + Michelle Koch

Rosary Sunday April 28th

following the 11am mass



2024 Easter Flower Offering/ In Memory Of

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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.

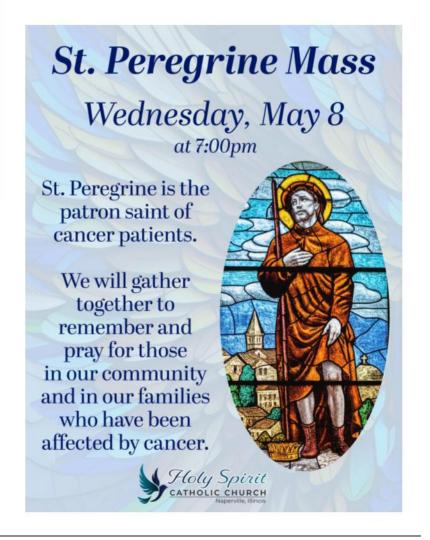
O Lord, may they find light, happiness and peace in Your presence. Amen.

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



Bishop Hicks' Column

April 2024

FAITH-INSPIRED MOVIES





CONTEMPORARY MOVIES are challenging to watch and often dubious to recommend. It seems so many contain agenda-laden themes, disturbing violence, immorality, and obscene language. I keep hoping to uncover that diamond in the rough that is worth watching—either in the theater or streaming live in the comfort of my home.

When I worked as the vicar general in the Archdiocese of Chicago, I had a colleague who would thoughtfully alert me to the latest Catholic, faith-inspired movie. In 2019, he recommended *Love and Mercy: Faustina*. A few days later, I invited a group of seminarians and priests to join me at a movie theater in downtown Chicago to enjoy this movie together. We were all inspired by the life of Sister Maria Faustina, an uneducated nun in Poland who allowed God to do extraordinary things through her.

Here's what was so inspiring: Helena Kowalska entered the convent in 1925 and took the name of Sister Maria Faustina. She toiled at menial tasks to fill her day in the kitchen or garden but was not always treated kindly by others. Yet throughout her humble existence and faithfulness, she experienced mystical encounters with Jesus that clearly revealed God's forgiveness, mercy, and boundless love for humanity. These experiences prompted her to pen her now-famous diary, *Divine Mercy In My Soul*.

She also was gifted with a beautiful vision of Jesus, that most of us now recognize as the Divine Mercy image (above). It touchingly portrays Jesus with His right hand raised in a gesture of blessing. His left hand is touching His chest, emanating rays of red and white light. These rays symbolize the blood and water that flowed from Jesus' side, which signify the graces of mercy and forgiveness. Of course, the rays also represent the sacraments of Eucharist and Baptism. The bottom of the image is inscribed with the spiritual words of surrender: Jesus, I Trust in You.

Saint John Paul II canonized Sister Faustina in 2000—the first saint of the new millennium. He affectionately named her "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time."

Every year on the second Sunday of Easter we, as the Catholic Church, celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a good reminder to focus our attention on God's sacrificial love. On this particular Sunday, we especially pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a powerful prayer invoking God's mercy. Most of us would agree our world, our society, and our very souls are in such need of God's grace these days.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, we pray to turn away from division, hate, and vindictiveness, so we can refocus our gaze and actions on God's mercy, forgiveness, and love.

I love the collect prayed at the beginning of Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday, which boldly proclaims:

God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast, kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose blood they have been redeemed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.

Recently, my "movie whisperer" colleague from the Archdiocese of Chicago emailed and encouraged me to see the movie, *Cabrini*. He informed me that it is about an Italian immigrant, Francesca Cabrini, who fights the odds to help the poor and orphans, and ultimately becomes the first American saint. I immediately told him, "Based on your recommendation, I am determined to see it soon!"

When you see a good, faith-based movie which you enthusiastically give two thumbs up, I encourage you to recommend it to your family and friends. Your endorsement may be a simple way for you to evangelize and help spread the good news of our faith.

Saints Frances Xavier Cabrini and Maria Faustina Kowalska, pray for us, and may the Divine Mercy of God bless you today and always.





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May 24, 2024

Holy Family Catholic Church in Shorewood, III.

Event includes veneration of St. Gianna Molla relics, Mass, talk by Dr. Gianna Emanuela Molla, and a dessert reception. For details, scan the QR code or visit diojoliet.org/w/the-beauty-of-holiness







APRIL 17 Michael Gormley "The Lay Evangelist"



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OCTOBER 24 Most Reverend **Ronald Hicks** Bishop of Joliet

For more information on our Young Adult Ministry (21-29), scan the QR code or visit catechesis.diojoliet. org/young-adult-ministry





Catholics have been putting their faith into action for 75 years in the Diocese of Joliet — and we have a lot to celebrate!

Faith Into Action Podcasts

We've released six episodes of a 14-part series being produced for our 75th Anniversary. New episodes are released on YouTube and podcasts platforms the first Monday of each month. Find them anywhere you get your podcasts, and be sure to hit follow or subscribe so you never miss an episode!

EPISODE 5 Fr. Steven Borello, director of vocations, and Deacon Luis Ron, a seminarian, discuss vocations.

EPISODE 6 With a focus on the shrines in the diocese. Fathers Matt Lamoureux and Sunny Castillo share why these pilgrimages can be important spiritual experiences.



Faith Into Action YouTube (video)



Faith Into Action Podcast (audio)

National Eucharistic Revival



The diocesan website has been updated with the latest information regarding the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, which will pass through Chicagoland from June 26-July 1, 2024, and the National Eucharistic Congress, held in Indianapolis from July 17-21, 2024. Visit the website to register for the Congress or any of the summer events that will be held in the Archdiocese of Chicago:

> diojoliet.org/ national-eucharistic-revival

Joliet Youth Day



T his exciting, first-of-its-kind youth event will be held at Lewis University on June 1, 2024, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All rising 8th graders (current 7th graders) through rising freshmen in college (current high school seniors) are welcome to attend. Participants can sign up as part of a group from their home parish. If there is any teen who wants to

attend but cannot find a group to join, their parent/guardian can call the diocese to help them find a group.

diojoliet.org/w/jyd2024 Registration deadline: MAY 1



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- Deepen their faith through Eucharistic adoration
- · Find renewal in Reconciliation

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What is a Catholic wedding?

What is a con-validation?

How do I get my marriage blessed?









American Wheelchair Mission A Global Wheelchair Mission Partner





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<u>Beer Tasting Event/Wheelchair Fundraiser</u>

Friday, April 19, 6pm

To register/donate scan the QR code or see the Parish website, www.hscc.us



The goal of our KOC council is to raise \$16,500 to deliver a shipping container of wheelchairs and spare parts.



This Week's Meetings April 14—April 20, 2024

Sunday, April 14

9:30am OCIA, Multipurpose Rm

Monday, April 15

2pm Bible Study-Core Team, Gathering Pl

6pm KoC Meeting, Gathering Pl

Tuesday, April 16

1pm Seasons of Hope, Multipurpose Rm

7pm Adult Choir, Church

Wednesday, April 17

9:30am Bible Study-AM, Gathering Pl

5pm Youth Choir, Church

Thursday, April 18

10am Gathered in Prayer, Chapel

Friday, April 19

6pm Wheelchair Fundraiser/Beer Tasting Event,

Gathering Pl

Saturday, April 20

6:30am Men's Ministry, Multipurpose Rm

8am Adult Faith—No Man Left Behind, Gathering Pl

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

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

WE'VE PLANNED A PERFECT DATE NIGHT... SO, YOU DON'T HAVE TO!



An entertaining night of hilarious skits and improvisation featuring Acts of Renewal

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The story of the prophet Jeremiah tells us that it is never too early to think about God's plan for us.

For boys (Grades 7-10) to enjoy a day to grow closer to God and visit a seminary. The activities include a tour of Mundelein Seminary, talks about how God calls us, recreation time and open gym, and Mass.



Hightlight this QR code on your phone to sign up today!

Questions, or to have forms emailed to you, please send an email to vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org.





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))
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- 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

	# of	
Monthly Offering	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	3/31/2024	\$221,962

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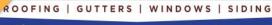
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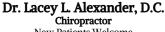


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