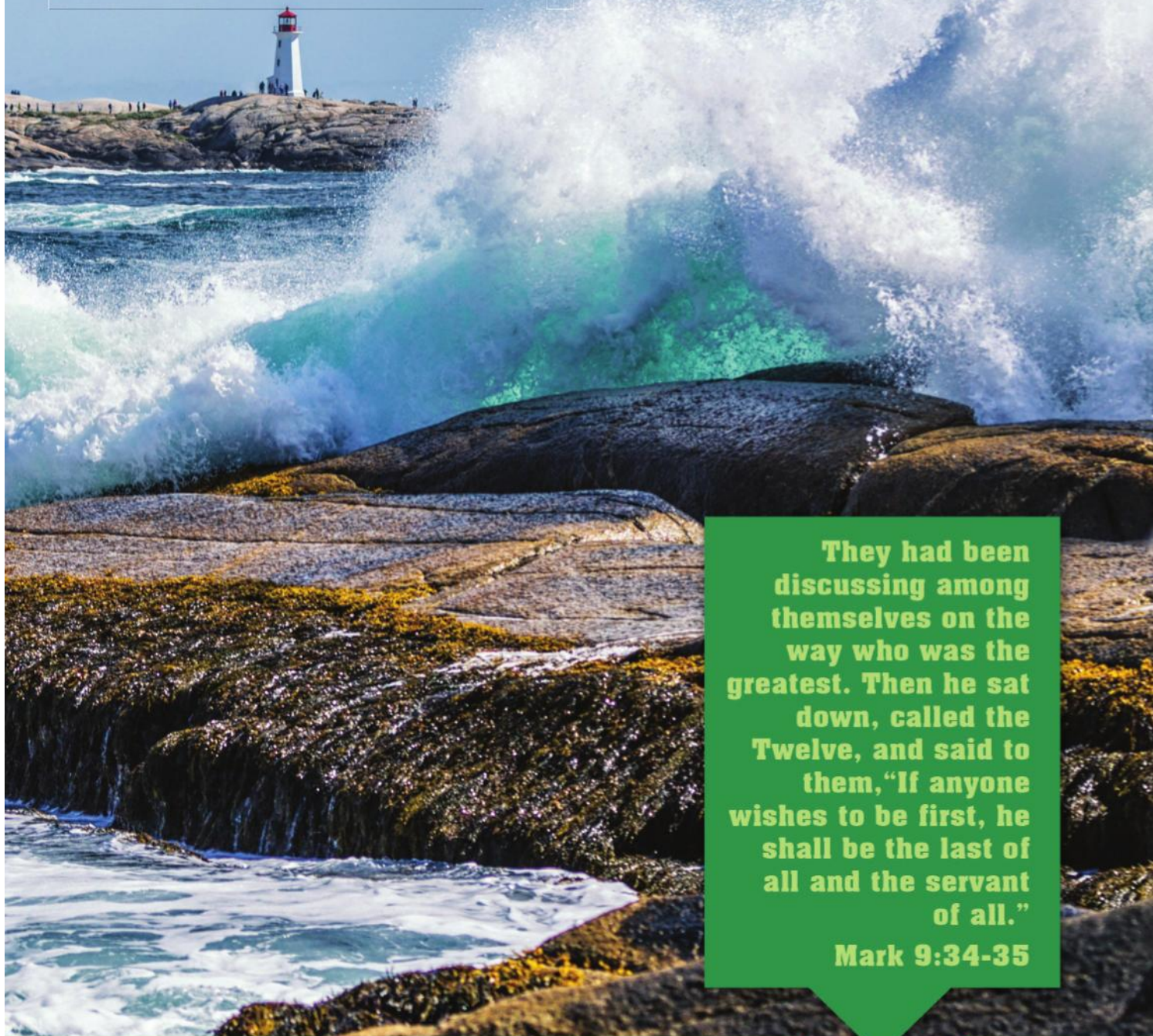


September 22, 2024



**They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest. Then he sat down, called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."**

**Mark 9:34-35**



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**25**  
**ORDINARY**  
**TIME**

## Mass Intentions



### Saturday, September 21

4:30pm + Julie Ann Tkaczuk

### Sunday, September 22

8:00 am + Lorraine Comparato

9:30 am + Ann Kulig

11:00 am People of Holy Spirit Catholic Church

### Monday, September 23

9:00 am Intention of Celebrant

### Tuesday, September 24

9:00 am + Alex and Emma Kramer

### Wednesday, September 25

9:00 am Intentions of Charlie Fetzko

## Mass Schedule

Monday - Wednesday...9:00 am

Saturday...4:30 pm

Sunday...8:00 am, 9:30am, and 11:00 am

## Adoration

Tuesdays following the 9:00 am Mass until 12 noon.

## Reconciliation

Saturday 3:30pm -4:00pm



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## Parish Stewardship

	# of	
Monthly Offering	Donors	Aug-24
WeShare Online Giving	139	\$11,767
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)	162	\$17,823
Envelopes & Loose Cash	204	\$46,617
<b>Total August Collection</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>\$76,207</b>
<b>Special Collections - August 2024</b>		
Mortgage Donations		\$2,285

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025		
YTD Budget		\$152,944
YTD Sunday Collection		\$157,220
Surplus/(Deficit)		<b>\$4,276</b>
<b>Holy Spirit Mortgage</b>		
	<b>Date</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Original Mortgage Loan	1/1/2005	\$3,590,755
<b>Current Loan Balance</b>	<b>8/31/2024</b>	<b>\$106,592</b>



We have great news to share! The original \$3.6-million-dollar church mortgage, which began almost twenty years ago in January 2005, is **FINALLY** down to the last \$100,000!

We look forward to celebrating our final payment and inviting all of you to a mortgage document burning ceremony by year end.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers to support our efforts to become a debt-free parish.

Join Us

# MEN'S MINISTRY

**Meetings**  
Every Saturday  
7:00am to 8:30am.  
General Purpose Room

You are welcome to participate when you can

**What does this ministry/group do?**

- United in growing in their faith through informal study of mass readings and related scripture.
- Supports the church as needed in other activities

**Who is invited to participate?**

All adult men who are seeking to expand and grow in their faith and seek a better understanding of scripture in a very informal setting. I

**What volunteer opportunities are there?**

We support many other church ministries as needed. Some specific to this group include Samaritan Network, Mission Trips, Hesed House, and more.

Contact

LUPE ALVAREZ  
eldirector@yahoo.com  
630-674-7690



# We need a hero!

**We are looking to hire someone to help with RE Set Up and take down!**

**This paid position would be Sixteen Sundays during the RE Year and reports to the RE Coordinators. Hours would be 2:30pm-7:30/8pm. Duties would include setting up tables, chairs, traffic control and various other tasks.**



**Please contact Leslie at 630-922-0081 or ldoherly@hsc.us for more information about this position.**

## A Grief Support Group

**TUESDAYS**  
Starting October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
At 1:00 - 2:30 pm  
RSVP by October 18th



**THE 7 INTENTIONS OF MOURNING**  
A Guided Pathway to Healing and Hope

- PRAYER:** the soul of the Christian life
- REMEMBERING & HONORING:** treasuring the gifts they left us
- ACCEPTANCE:** coming to terms with what has happened
- YIELD TO THE PAIN:** facing our suffering
- ENDURING CONNECTION:** death ends a life, not a relationship
- REBUILD & REDEFINE:** building a new relationship with the world
- SUPPORT:** receiving and giving

Contact  
Bernadette Beyer  
beverbh@gmail.com or  
Roberta Balsewicz  
rbalsewicz@hsc.us  
630-922-0081 x7



## Visit National Shrine of St. Therese

DARIEN, ILLINOIS

Discover the rich heritage and inspiring legacy of one of the Catholic Church's most beloved saints.

Tuesday  
October 29, 2024  
10:00 a.m.

Join Faithful Explorers for a day of peace, reflection, and spiritual growth.

**Reserve Your Spot Today!**

**\$15**  
per person

INCLUDES  
**Guided Tour of Museum**

**Register by October 25th**

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Attn: Faithful Explorers/ St. Therese Visit  
CONTACT: Rbalsewicz@hsc.us

Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face is the youngest of all the "Doctors of the Church"



\*Please bring your picnic lunch. We will dine together on the grounds.

**Mass**  
**Prayer Gardens**  
**Gift Shop**  
**Picnic Lunch\***



**Saturday, Sept. 28 & Sunday, Sept. 29**

**Before all Masses**



**Holy Spirit Catholic Church**

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The SVDP Truck will accept donations of gently used clothing.



**VETERANS DAY**  
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

**Veterans Needed to plan Veterans Day Mass**

As we come upon this very special occasion to recognize and honor our heroes in this historic moment, we all know that it takes a village to make it happen.

We are looking for a few veterans to help, plan and organize the 7:00pm Mass on November 11. After all, who knows how to celebrate Veterans Day better than we do? So let's get together and make it happen. Thank you for your service.

Please contact Msg. Franklin Newson, Retired at 630-901-5278 or [fptopnewson@gmail.com](mailto:fptopnewson@gmail.com)

**Diocese of Joliet 75th Anniversary Regional Masses**



**All are invited to join us in celebration of the Diocese of Joliet 75th Anniversary! Please join us!**

**September 28, 2024**

4 p.m.

Lewis University

Romeoville (Will and Kendall Counties)

Presider: The Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks

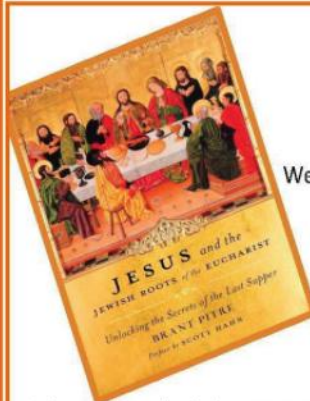
Gathering after mass for fellowship.

Food will be available for purchase.

Liturgies will be celebrated in various parts of the diocese to bring people together in celebration of our anniversary. Priests from the local areas will join Bishop Hicks. Receptions will follow each of the liturgies, featuring entertainment and food for purchase. The first Mass took place in June at Bishop McNamara High School in Kankakee.

**Book Study – Fall 2024**

**Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist**



Wednesday evenings (7:00 – 8:30pm)

October 9, 30

November 6, 20

December 4, 11

January 8, 22

February 5, 19

As the weather cools, the leaves turn colors, 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.

*Reviewed by Scott Hahn – 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, profound and practical—you do not want to miss this book.”*

Who doesn't love discussing a good book with a cup of coffee or tea in hand on an autumn evening?



Name \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_ phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please include the cost of the study -- \$20 -- includes the book and study guide.



**Return by September 23rd to:**

Roberta, Director of Faith Formation  
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[rbalsewicz@hssc.us](mailto:rbalsewicz@hssc.us), 630-922-0081 ext 7

Register on-line at: [www.hssc.us](http://www.hssc.us) or <https://www.signuggenius.com/go/RootsoftheEucharist>

September 22, 2024

Written by  
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DISCIPLE

## Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 2:12, 17-20 | Jas 3:16—4:3 | Mk 9:30-37

“  
*The fruit of  
righteousness  
is sown in peace*”

(JAS 3:18)

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

How often does ambition get in the way of holiness? In today's Gospel, Jesus foretells his death, and the Apostles respond by arguing over who among them is most important. But the Apostles' aspirations and motivation stand in stark contrast to the humility necessary for discipleship; their lack of understanding signals a need for instruction. "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all," Jesus explains. Those who follow him are to be humble peacemakers who serve others instead of seeking power and accolades. We are to model Jesus, who humbled himself to the point of death on a cross! (Cf., Phil 2:8) Having goals and ambitions is not a bad thing, but they must grow from the seeds of virtue (humility, charity, faith, and hope) rather than as spores of sin (pride, opportunism, and greed). As James wrote in our second reading, "Where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there is disorder and every foul practice. But the wisdom from above is first of all pure, then peaceable, gentle, compliant, full of mercy and good fruits." Seeking to serve, rather than be served, then, is the hallmark of faith well-lived.

### **GO** EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me." The path of humility Jesus models for us is not just one of compassion and kindness, but one which allows us to grow in relationship with the Lord. As we serve and attend to each other, we embrace God who dwells within each of us and in whose image we are made. We become more like him in following his example. If we cultivate the virtues of humility, charity, faith, and hope in ourselves by practicing them with our families and friends, we will become souls steeped in God's peace. Furthermore, our peace will be unshakeable because it will not be based on our emotions but on our faith in God's love. "Behold, God is my helper," our responsorial psalm declares. "The Lord sustains my life." If I am convinced that God sustains my life, what do I have to fear?

**PRAY** We can't live in peace if we don't turn to God to guide us in peace. This week take 15 minutes every day to pray for peace - in your life, in your family, in our nation, and in the world. When you hear news of war and conflict, take a minute to recite a prayer for peace in the hearts of all those involved.

# The Holy Spirit: The Gift of God

## Annual Fall Conference

Featuring: Fr. David Mowry

At the Last Supper, Jesus promised his disciples that he would send us the Spirit as our comforter. But who is this Holy Spirit? And how does the Spirit comfort us, especially now when we need it more than ever? Mayslake Ministries invites you to join Fr. David Mowry, professor of homiletics at Mundelein Seminary, for a hope-filled encounter with the often-forgotten Third Person of the Trinity. By exploring Scripture and the wisdom of the saints, discover how the Gift of God has more to give us than we can ask for or imagine.



**Saturday, November 16th from 9am-Noon**  
Light refreshments will be served.

Register online [www.mayslakeministries.org](http://www.mayslakeministries.org)  
or by phone at 630-852-9000. \$30 per person.

Early bird special \$25 by September 30th.



Rev. David H. Mowry, S.T.L., D.Min.

Fr. David Mowry is a priest of the Diocese of Joliet. Ordained in 2013, he served as parochial vicar at Immaculate Conception Parish in Elmhurst and then at St. Mary Immaculate Parish in Plainfield. He has shared his joy and his enthusiasm for the Good News as a missionspeaker, preacher, and retreat leader. In 2023, he received his Doctor of Ministry in Preaching degree from the Aquinas Institute of Theology. His doctoral research investigated how use the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola to improve parishioner feedback on seminarian preaching. Fr. David currently serves as the Waud Chair of Homiletics at the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary.  
[fatherdavidmowry.com](http://fatherdavidmowry.com)

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED  
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**Mass for Persons  
with disabilities  
September 29, 2024  
12:30 p.m.**

**Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus  
604 N. Raynor Ave.  
Joliet, Illinois**

The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Ronald Hicks; refreshments and fellowship to follow. Those with disabilities, and their caregivers, will receive a special blessing.



For questions or to register, contact Renata Cichowicz at (815) 221-6245 or [rcichowicz@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:rcichowicz@dioceseofjoliet.org).



# Women Seeking Holiness



**SATURDAY,  
DECEMBER 28, 2024  
10 a.m. to 6 p.m.**

**St. Mary's Catholic Church**

140 N. Oakwood Avenue  
West Chicago, IL 60185

Cost: \$20 (Lunch & snacks will be served.)  
(Please contact us if the cost is a hardship.)

All young women (18+) are invited to join Vocations Director, Fr. Steven Borello, and Fr. Andrew Buchanan for a one-day retreat that will include:

- Prayer/Rosary
- Discussions
- Discernment on the life of holiness
- Mass
- Adoration
- Confession

Please register at the QR code by December 24th.



**Questions?**

Debbie Camp  
(815) 221-6171  
[vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org)

**DIOCESE OF JOLIET**  
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## Let Jesus Feed Your Marriage!

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by Attending the November Weekend Experience!

**November 16-17th, at the Blanchette Center in Crest Hill**

In the Diocese of Joliet, 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, IL 60403

No sleeping accommodations are provided, but meals are served.  
Couples can stay in a local Hotel or travel home in the evening.

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Language: English

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Married couples of any denomination, mixed-faith, or without religious affiliation are welcome! Faithful to the Roman Catholic Church's definition.

Other Weekends Are Available:

September 6-8 in Geneva, IL, October 11-13 in Geneva, February 14-16, 2025



## This Week's Meetings

### Tuesday, September 24

12:30pm Parish Leadership Team (PLT),  
Multipurpose Room  
7:00pm Adult Choir, Church

### Wednesday, September 25

9:30am Bible Study, Gathering Place

### Thursday, September 26

10:00am Gathered in Prayer, Chapel  
7:00pm Baptism Prep Workshop, Gathering Place

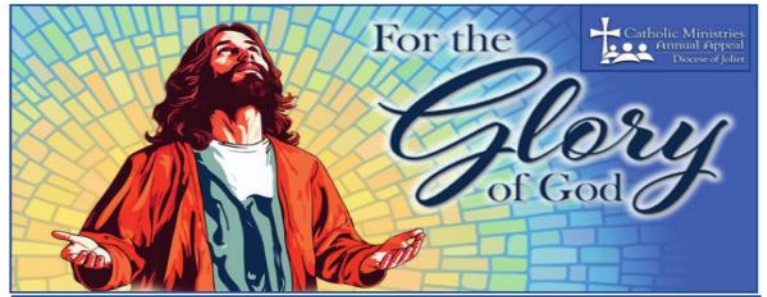
### Saturday, September 28

7:00am That Man Is You, Gathering Place  
SVDP Clothing Drive Before Mass

### Sunday, September 29

SVDP Clothing Drive Before All Masses  
9:30am OCIA, Multipurpose Room

See the parish website for all upcoming event information;  
[www.hsccl.us](http://www.hsccl.us)



## 2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

	As of 9/9/2024	Final 2023
Goal	\$99,000	\$94,300
Amount Pledged	\$133,133	\$135,028
Amount Paid	\$126,788	\$132,798
Balance Due	\$6,345	\$2,230
Donor Count	317	350
2024 Rebate	\$19,452	\$26,949



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### Pastor

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frjohn@hsccl.us

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### Parish Administrative Assistant

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### Maintenance

Victor Velazquez  
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### Parish Office Hours

**Monday - Thursday**  
8:00 am to 4:30 pm  
(closed 12noon-1pm)  
**Friday** 8am to 1pm

### Sacraments

#### **Reconciliation**

Saturday, 3:30pm -4:00pm

#### **Baptisms**

12:30pm on the 1st and 2nd  
Sunday of each month.  
For more information, please  
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#### **Weddings**

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