

October 13, 2024

**"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God."
Mark 10:25-27**



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October 2024

Dear Friends,

On October 20th, we celebrate World Mission Sunday, when we join Catholics worldwide in supporting the missionary work of the Church. Pope Francis draws inspiration from the wedding story for the theme of this year's World Mission Sunday: **"Go and invite everyone to the banquet"** (cf. Mt 22:9). In his message, Pope Francis invites us to set our hearts ablaze with faith and put our faith into action, serving God's mission with joy, enthusiasm, and tireless dedication:

1. **"Go and invite"** - As Christians, we are called to take part in this universal mission by offering his or her own witness to the Gospel in every context, so that the whole Church can continually go forth with her Lord and Master to the "crossroads" of today's world.
2. **"To the Marriage Feast"** Pope Francis encourages us to deepen our commitment about all to take part in the celebration of Mass and to pray for the Church's mission of evangelization.
3. **"Everyone"** - The universal mission of Christ's disciples in the fully synodal and missionary Church by putting our faith into action to all of His people.

We can all contribute to this mission movement with prayers and activities, including material offerings. The collection taken on World Mission Sunday—the only mandatory collection held each year in every Catholic parish—is dedicated to supporting the missionary work of the Church.

Your donations and prayers support and fund missionary activities around the world, such as training future priests and religious, supporting religious Sisters, empowering catechists teaching the faith, funding clinics for the sick and dying, and providing homes for orphaned children.

"Go and invite everyone to the banquet", and put our faith into action in every corner of the world by donating to the second collection on October 20.

With every good wish, may God bless you.

As I remain –

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet

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Mass Intentions



Saturday, October 12
4:30pm + Philip R. Murray

Sunday, October 13
8:00 am + Carol White
9:30 am People of Holy Spirit Catholic Church
11:00 am + Edward Butterbaugh

Monday, October 14
9:00 am + Rose M. Grunhard

Tuesday, October 15
9:00 am + Cristino Gomez

Wednesday, October 16
9:00 am + Larry Germaine

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	Sep-24
WeShare Online Giving	137	\$11,985
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)	161	\$17,623
Envelopes & Loose Cash	192	\$52,677
Total September Collection	490	\$82,285
Special Collections - September 2024		
Mortgage Donations		\$6,615

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025		
YTD Budget		\$248,534
YTD Sunday Collection		\$240,986
Surplus/(Deficit)		(\$7,548)
Holy Spirit Mortgage	Date	Balance
Original Mortgage Loan	1/1/2005	\$3,590,755
Current Loan Balance	9/30/2024	\$78,988

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- Automatic Debit/Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)
- WeShare Online Giving
- Donating Stock
- QR Code (one time or reoccurring offering)



It is with grateful hearts that we thank you for your continued support of the parish!

Stewardship Reflection

“It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” (MARK 10:25)

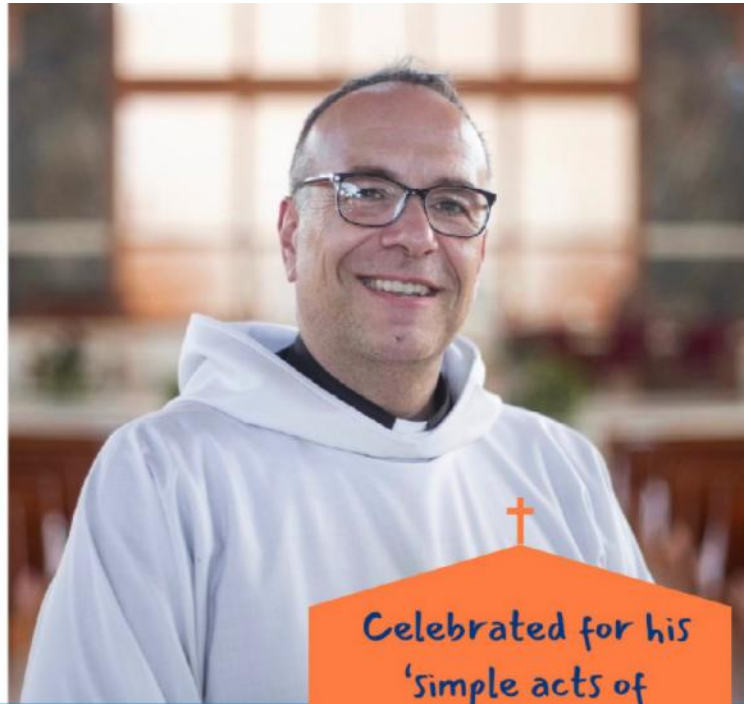
Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. However, we are all called to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts, and especially the one that means the most to us! That includes our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities.

60 Minutes for Jesus

with Fr. Jim Sichko

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Sunday, October 20th
Monday, October 21st
Tuesday, October 22nd

7:00 - 8:00 PM

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Experience

- Practical tips for living a better life
- A deeper understanding of your purpose
- Skills to better discern Divine Providence at work

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. |

What volunteer opportunities are there?

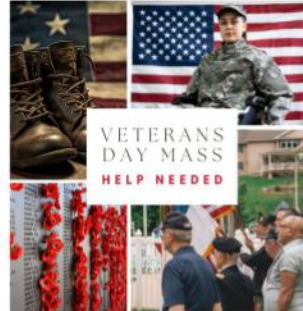
We support many other church ministries as needed. Some specific to this group include Samaritan Network, Mission Trips, Hesed House, and more.

Contact

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Please Note

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, October 14th.



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

A Grief Support Group

TUESDAYS
Starting October 29th
At 1:00 - 2:30 pm
RSVP by October 18th

seasons of hope

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

- P**RAYER the soul of the Christian life
- R**EMEMBERING & HONORING treasuring the gifts they left us
- A**CCCEPTANCE coming to terms with what has happened
- Y**IELD TO THE PAIN facing our suffering
- E**NDURING CONNECTION: death ends a life, not a relationship
- R**EBUILD & REDEFINE building a new relationship with the world
- S**UPPORT receiving and giving

Any parishioner who is mourning the loss of a loved one is encouraged to attend and invited to bring a guest.

MEETING DATES
Oct. 29
Nov. 5
Nov. 12
Nov. 19
Nov. 26
Dec. 3
Dec. 10

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Visit
National Shrine
of St. Therese
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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
 - Mass
 - Prayer Gardens
 - Gift Shop
 - Picnic Lunch*

Register by October 25th
Submit \$15 payment by cash or check to:
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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.



TRUNK OR TREAT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

FROM 4PM-6PM AT HOLY SPIRIT!
WEATHER PERMITTING- WE WILL BE OUTSIDE, INDOORS IF IT RAINS.



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DO YOU WANT TO HOST A TRUNK?

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

FROM 4PM-6PM AT HOLY SPIRIT!
WEATHER PERMITTING- WE WILL BE OUTSIDE, INDOORS IF IT RAINS.

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AND WE WILL LET YOU KNOW WHEN THE EVENT GETS
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DETAILED EMAIL AS THE EVENT GETS CLOSER.



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This Week's Meetings

Monday, October 14

6:00pm K of C Meeting, Gathering Place

Tuesday, October 15

12:30pm Parish Leadership Team (PLT),
Multipurpose Room

7:00pm Adult Choir, Church

Wednesday, October 16

9:30am Bible Study, Gathering Place

Thursday, October 17

10:00am Gathered in Prayer, Chapel

Saturday, October 19

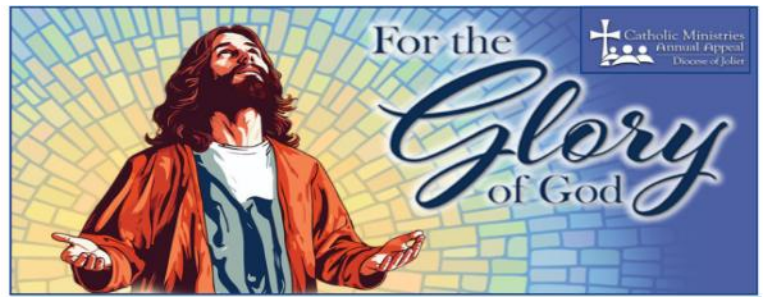
7:00am That Man Is You, Gathering Place

Sunday, October 20

9:30am OCIA, Gathering Place

7:00pm Parish Mission with Fr. Jim Sichko, Church

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



2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

	As of 10/6/2024	Final 2023
Goal	\$99,000	\$94,300
Amount Pledged	\$133,573	\$135,028
Amount Paid	\$129,342	\$132,798
Balance Due	\$4,231	\$2,230
Donor Count	317	350
2024 Rebate	\$21,240	\$26,949



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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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