

November 17, 2024

Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. "But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father."

Mark 13:30-32



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ORDINARY
TIME

Mass Intentions



Saturday, November 16
4:30pm + Margaret Reilly

Sunday, November 17
8:00 am + Ryan Reed West
9:30 am People of Holy Spirit Catholic Church
11:00 am + Dorothy Kzmarzick

Monday, November 18
9:00 am + Polly Forst

Tuesday, November 19
9:00 am + Dominic Eorio

Wednesday, November 20
9:00 am + Edward Butterbaugh

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	Oct-24
WeShare Online Giving	146	\$13,870
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)	160	\$17,523
Envelopes & Loose Cash	182	\$43,599
Total September Collection	488	\$74,992
Special Collections - October 2024		
Mortgage Donations		\$12,175
World Missions		\$1,487

Fiscal Year: July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025		
YTD Budget Thru 10/31/24		\$325,006
YTD Sunday Collection		\$315,977
Surplus/(Deficit)		(\$9,029)
Holy Spirit Mortgage	Date	Balance
Original Mortgage Loan	1/1/2005	\$3,590,755
Current Loan Balance	10/31/24	\$46,178

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

Stewardship Reflection

“For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (MARK 10:45)

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God’s love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from “I want more” to “thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share”. This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others. Pray daily to become less self-centered and to become more God-centered.



Bishop Hicks' Column November 2024 Faith in Action: Jubilee Style



During our year-long celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Diocese of Joliet in Illinois, we have emphasized that we are “Founded in Faith, Called to Witness, Sent Forth to Serve.” During the month of October, we decided to focus on the last four words, “Sent Forth to Serve.”

Specifically, I asked every parish to undertake a communal service project during the month of October. I did not care what date they selected or what type of service project they chose. The goal was simply for every parish to do something - anything - of service in the name of the Lord.

As our parishes participated, each in their own way, I recognized that, as the Shepherd of the Diocese, it was important that I “walk the talk” by joining a parish in their service project.

So, on the morning of Saturday, October 19, 2024, I arrived eagerly at one of our parishes to pitch in on their service day. I was greeted by hundreds of parishioners of all ages who were ready to assemble food for the hungry, pack boxes of dry ingredients at a “Feed My Starving Children” event, visit the elderly in nursing homes and extended care, give donations to the Little Sisters of the Poor, make autumn cards for the homebound and veterans, and carry out clean-up projects that included washing windows, pulling weeds, and raking leaves at the homes of people in need of assistance.

I joined a group of 10 wonderful team members that delightfully included grade school students and their parents. We went to the home of a man named George. It was a warm, sunny autumn day. We immediately took off our jackets, donned work gloves and began raking, pulling weeds, and sweeping. As I was raking, George approached me, and we engaged in a friendly conversation. Eventually, I said, “George, I love talking to you! But I need to be a good example, so I better get back to my chore.” He kindly replied, “Oh, Bishop, I want to tell you something. Just by being here, you are setting a good example for everyone. Thank you for your service.”

George shared about his amazing life, including how he went to New York City after 9/11 to help rescue people from the ash and how he went to New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina to assist with the cleanup efforts. “But I have to tell you,” he added, “I feel a little embarrassed now that I have my bishop and this group helping me with my leaves and weeds. I have three dislocated discs in my back, and I cannot bend or twist.” He sighed and lamented, “I really wish I could work alongside all of you right now, but I can no longer be of service.”

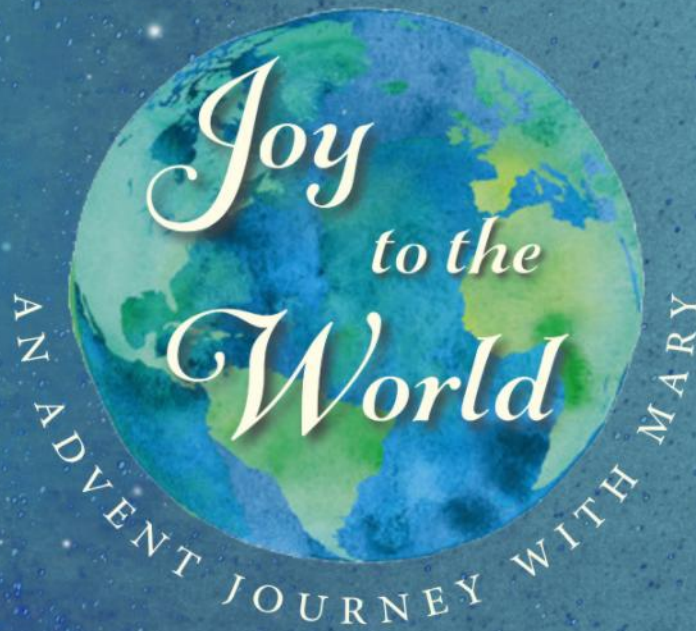
I stopped him and said, “George, you’ve shared with me that you pray a daily rosary for peace in the world, attend daily Mass, and once a week bring Holy Communion to the sick in the hospital. You might not be able to serve in the ways you used to, but you are still serving the Lord and your neighbor with your prayers and by bringing the Eucharist to the sick.” Believing that one kind word deserves another in return, I expressed, “Thank YOU for your service!”

My warm chat with George can be summed up with the powerful quote from Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta: “I cannot do what you do, and you cannot do what I do, but together we can do great things!”

That’s it! Depending on our age, abilities, time constraints, and other life challenges, we will all put our faith into action in different ways. The goal is to do something - anything - always in the name of the Lord to build the Kingdom of God.

And remember, when we serve, we may feel good about ourselves with what we did. But there is more to it than that. Jesus himself commanded us to love and serve others. Therefore, as Catholics, our service to others is an outward expression of our love for God, whose Son we follow. To paraphrase the Gospel of Matthew 25:40, “Whatever you do for the least of your brothers or sisters, you do for Jesus!”

As we approach the conclusion of our Jubilee year, with faith, let us never cease to witness Christ by being, “Sent Forth to Serve!”



*Friday, December 6th
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Wednesday Mornings, December 4th, 11th, 18th, 2024
9:30 – 11:00 am in the Gathering Place
\$10 registration fee includes materials/book

Where do you find wonder and hope? Is it in the yearly celebration of the season of Advent? Is it in the celebration of Christmas Day? We wonder at the perfect tree, the perfect meal, and the perfect gifts. Yet, when Christmas arrives so does our true wonder and true hope. The gift of the child, Jesus, who would go on to give his very life for our salvation is the source of our hope in every age and through every storm.

It is not possible to celebrate the birth of Jesus, the Christ, the very Son of God, in a single day. The church gives us a season – *from Christmas Eve to the feast of the Baptism of the Lord* – to reflect with wonder on what God has done and is doing in our world. The Christmas season includes the feasts of St. Stephen and St. John, the Holy Innocents, the Holy Family, the Solemnities of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God and the Epiphany, the incarnation and birth of Christ as well as the Baptism of the Lord!

Come and meditate on three New Testament passages that invite us to move through wonder to hope.

Return this registration form by November 20th, 2024
or visit the parish web-site to register www.hsc.us

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We are seeking young adults to be dedicated mentors for our new Youth Ministry Group. These mentors would help guide the teens as they begin to form a community of faith sharing and fun at Holy Spirit.

Contact Roberta, Director of Faith Formation at 630-922-0081 or rbaleswicz@hsccl.us for more information.

The Glories of Ireland

July 19 to 30, 2025

Pilgrimage Hosted by

Fr. Richard Smith and Fr. John Sponder

We are planning a pilgrimage of faith and journey of discovery to all the highlights of the Emerald Isle. From the cradle of Irish Christianity at the Rock of Cashel, we follow in the footsteps of St. Patrick from the place where he baptised Ireland's king to his grave in Downpatrick. The Ring of Kerry, Cliffs of Moher and Giant's Causeway are just some examples of Ireland's stunning scenery.

We experience Irish culture at Blarney Castle, Bunratty Folk Park, Kylemore Abbey and Trinity College with the Book of Kells. All this and so much more!

There will be an informational meeting with Fr. Smith, Fr. Sponder and Trans World Travel on November 21st at 7PM at Holy Spirit Church, 2003 Hassert Blvd, Naperville. Brochures are available from Holy Spirit Church.

For additional information and an online brochure, please contact:
Trans World Travel Inc. on 847-432-2400,
25677 N. Hillview Ct. Mundelein, IL. 60060



GATHERING

Sunday, November 17
from Noon- 1pm

in the Multipurpose Room

Join us after the 11am Mass for treats and fellowship with other teens in 8th-12th Grade.



This Week's Meetings

Tuesday, November 19

1:00pm Parish Leadership Team (PLT),
Gathering Place
1:00pm Seasons of Hope, Multipurpose Room
7:00pm Adult Choir, Church

Wednesday, November 20

9:30am Bible Study, Gathering Place
7:00pm Bible Study, Gathering Place

Thursday, November 21

10:00am Gathered in Prayer, Chapel
7:00pm Pilgrimage Information Meeting

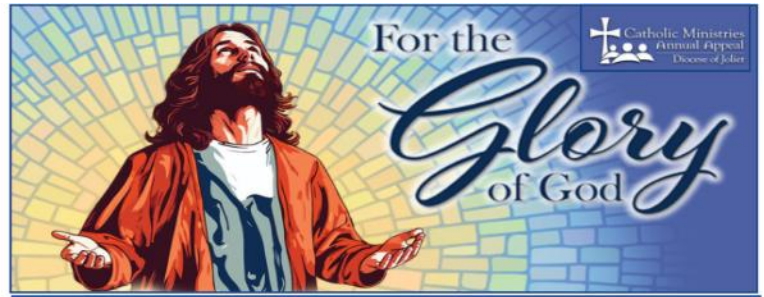
Saturday, November 23

6:30am Men's Ministry, Gathering Place

Sunday, November 24

12:00pm Knights of Columbus Rosary, Church

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



2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

	As of 11/10/2024	Final 2023
Goal	\$99,000	\$94,300
Amount Pledged	\$138,188	\$135,028
Amount Paid	\$135,422	\$132,798
Balance Due	\$2,767	\$2,230
Donor Count	325	350
2024 Rebate	\$25,495	\$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.
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Weddings

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