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## Bishop Hicks' Column January 2025

*From Jubilee to Jubilee: A Path of Celebration and Renewal*



A year ago, we launched the 75th Jubilee for the Diocese of Joliet. Gallantly, we announced we did not want this milestone to be a “one and done” event. Instead, we committed ourselves to a yearlong commemoration to remember our past, celebrate our present, and look to the future with hope.

Not only did we accomplish our goal, but we also did it exceptionally well. Throughout 2024, we spent the year catechizing, evangelizing, and putting our faith into action with podcasts, blogs, calendars, banners, interviews, special prayers, intentions, psalms, a curriculum for our schools and religious education programs, service projects, a speaker series, regional Masses, and participation in the Eucharistic Revival. We kicked off our Jubilee celebration in December 2023 with an all-Diocese mass and the unveiling and blessing of a new statue of our patron saint, Saint Francis Xavier, at the front entrance of our pastoral center. We concluded our Jubilee celebration this past December with an all-Diocese mass and a beautiful commemorative book. By all accounts, our yearlong Jubilee celebration was beautiful, well-organized, creative, faith-filled, uplifting, and robust.

With great faith and trust in the Lord, we now take our next steps into year 76 and beyond, following in the footsteps of Christ as Missionary Disciples. I have been asked, “Bishop, do we need to wait 25 years to celebrate another Jubilee?” Here’s the good news: while our local diocesan Jubilee has concluded, a new universal Jubilee has just begun

Pope Francis has gifted our worldwide Church by declaring a Jubilee year titled *Spes Non Confundit*, which in English means “Hope Does Not Disappoint.” It began with the opening of the Holy Door at St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome on Christmas Eve, 2024 and will end on January 6, 2026.

The theme of this universal Church Jubilee is *Pilgrims of Hope*, promoting peacebuilding in a world threatened by war, terrorism, poverty, and climate change. Our world needs true hope more than ever, and the Holy Father wisely recognizes that. He said, “Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come, despite our not knowing what the future may bring.”

During this Jubilee year, we are invited to make a pilgrimage to Rome to visit holy sites, perform pious works, and seek opportunities for reconciliation, indulgences, and other ways to strengthen and revive our faith. If you plan to travel to Rome during this Jubilee year, please consult the *U.S. Visitors to the Vatican* website at [www.pnac.org/visitorsoffice/about-the-visitors-office/](http://www.pnac.org/visitorsoffice/about-the-visitors-office/), which provides information to help you plan your pilgrimage for a truly prayerful experience.

While the Pope is excited about visitors to Rome during this special year, he also understands that, realistically, most people are not able to travel to the city of the Apostles Peter and Paul. Therefore, he encourages us all to celebrate in our local churches and communities.

In solidarity with the universal Jubilee year, we will be offering the following Masses here in the Diocese of Joliet:

- **Jubilee Mass for Deacons:** February 22, 2025, 11:00 a.m., Cathedral
- **Jubilee Mass for Persons with Disabilities:** June 1, 2025, 12:30 p.m., Cathedral
- **Jubilee Mass for Priests:** September 16, 2025 (for priests only during Convocation)
- **Jubilee Mass for Grandparents:** October 4, 2025, 11:00 a.m., Cathedral
- **Jubilee Mass for Consecrated Life:** October 5, 2025, 10:00 a.m., Blanchette Catholic Center (Invitation Only)
- **Jubilee Mass for Catechists:** October 19, 2025, 2:00 p.m., Cathedral

Pope Francis has asked that the Jubilee of 2025 be a “great symphony of prayer” throughout the world. Just as we prayed our beautiful 75th anniversary prayer for the Diocese of Joliet throughout 2024, let us now join the Holy Father in praying the Jubilee year of Hope prayer:

Father in heaven,  
may the *faith* you have gifted us in  
your son Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of *charity*  
kindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us, the blessed *hope*  
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us  
into diligent cultivators of the evangelical seeds  
that make humanity and the cosmos rise  
unto the confident expectation  
of the new heavens and the new earth,  
when with the powers of Evil overcome,  
your glory shall be manifested eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,  
the yearning for heavenly treasures  
and pour over all the earth  
the joy and peace  
of our Redeemer.  
To you God blessed in eternity,  
be praise and glory for ever and ever.  
Amen.

## Mass Intentions



### Saturday, January 4

4:30pm People of Holy Spirit Catholic Church

### Sunday, January 5

8:00 am + Donna Cieslik

9:30 am + Ray Krummick

11:00 am + Wendy Silhavy

### Monday, January 6

9:00 am + Jonathan Trevino

### Tuesday, January 7

9:00 am + Mary Johnson

### Wednesday, January 8

9:00 am + Dr. Pablito Tolentino

## 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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Monthly Offering	# of Donors	Nov-24
WeShare Online Giving	131	\$14,507
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)	159	\$17,523
Envelopes & Loose Cash	186	\$56,702
<b>Total November Collection</b>	<b>476</b>	<b>\$88,732</b>

### Special Collections - November 2024

Mortgage Donations	\$37,299
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$872
Seminarian Education Endowment Trust	\$1,760

### Fiscal Year: July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025

Year-to-Date Budget Thru 11/30/24	\$401,478
Year-to-Date Sunday Collection	\$404,808
Surplus/(Deficit)	<b>\$3,330</b>

Holy Spirit Mortgage	Date	Balance
Original Mortgage Loan	1/1/2005	\$3,590,755
<b>Current Loan Balance</b>	<b>11/30/24</b>	<b>\$0</b>

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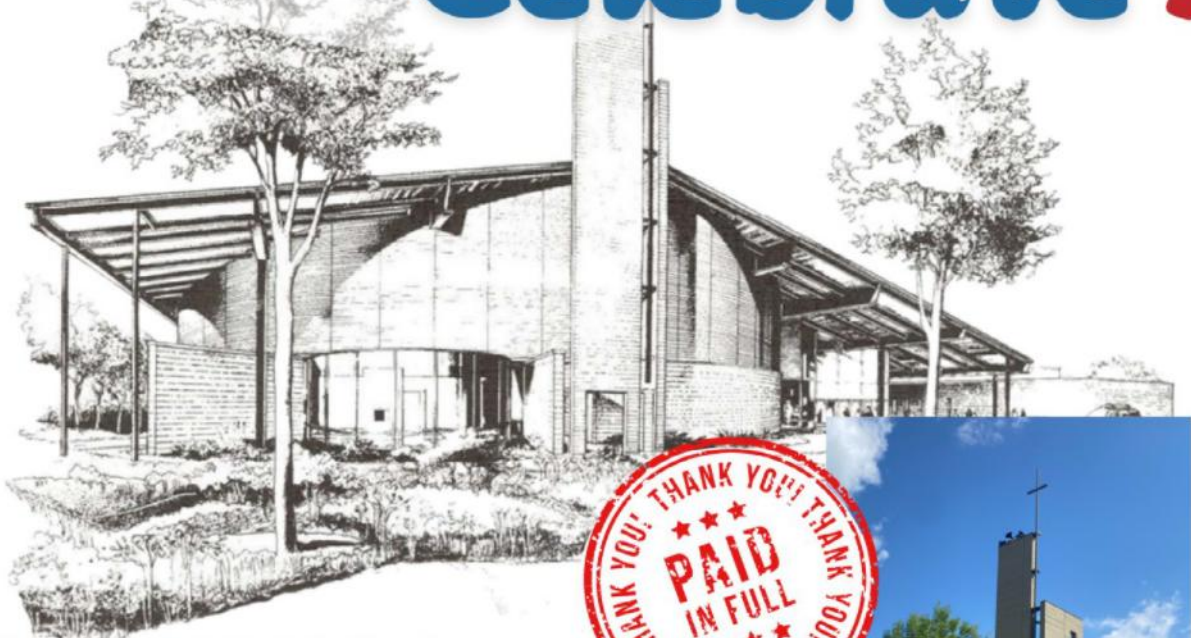
*It is with grateful hearts that we thank you for your continued support of the parish!*

## Stewardship Reflection

*"...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." - MATTHEW 2:11*

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ's wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

# Let's Celebrate!!!



## THE JOURNEY

- January 1, 2005: Signed a 10-year mortgage for **\$3,590,754.92**.
- **2009**: Refinanced
- **2016**: Refinanced
- **2020**: Refinanced *again* with Covid 19 pandemic.
- November 20th, 2024: last payment was made and our church **debt has finally been extinguished**.



## Join Us

**FIRST WEEKEND IN  
JANUARY**

**Grab a snack in the  
Narthex and join us for a  
mortgage burning  
ceremony with Fr. John**



Thank you to everyone who contributed, with special appreciation to individual donors for providing \$106,500 in mortgage-specific donations during the last 12 months.

## HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE



**Saturday, January 25**  
**7:00-11:00am**  
**Multipurpose Room**

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**Appointments appreciated; walk-ins welcome!**  
To schedule, go to [www.versiti.org/IL](http://www.versiti.org/IL), load the Versiti Donor app, call (800)7TO-GIVE, or scan the QR code. Blood drive sign up also available in the HSCC Narthex after all Masses the weekend of January 11/12.

**Every donor will save up to 3 lives!**  
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**BAPTISM**

*Do you have a child to baptize?*

NEXT PREPARATION WORKSHOP

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 16**  
**7-8:30pm**

See the parish website for more information.  
[www.hscc.us](http://www.hscc.us)  
Sacraments - Infant Baptism



The weekend of January 11-12, 2025, Father Michael Drea will be visiting our parish on behalf of Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS). Fr. Michael Drea serves as the National Chaplain for Mission Development for FOCUS. He was ordained in 2004 by Sean Cardinal O'Malley for service in the Archdiocese of Boston. Prior to his role at FOCUS, he served for seven years as Senior Catholic Chaplain at Harvard University where he invited FOCUS to serve with him on campus. In addition, he has served as pastor for two different parishes in the Archdiocese, as well as a member of the FOCUS Board of Directors and on various other boards of trustees. Father Drea is a proud alumnus of Boston College where he received both his undergraduate and graduate degrees. FOCUS is a national organization serving college students at more than 232 campus/locations including eight international locations, 23 parish venues and nine digital expansion campuses. More than 970 FOCUS missionaries invite college students into a relationship with Christ and His Church, while equipping them for a lifetime of Catholic evangelization. Fr. Drea is excited to be with you soon and share the hope of the New Evangelization! To learn more, please visit [www.focus.org](http://www.focus.org).



Holy Spirit Celebrates

### Pro-Life

Join us for our January 2025 Virtual Baby Bottle Drive Benefitting Waterleaf Women's Center!

Jan 11/12 & 18/19 – Donation Cards with Envelopes Distributed - All Masses

Jan. 25/26 – Donation Envelopes will be collected – All Masses

#### DONATE CASH/CHECK

Return donation in the envelope provided. Can be dropped off at Church or mailed. In person collection Jan 25/26 in the Narthex. Make check payable to Waterleaf Women's Center



#### DONATE ONLINE

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**WEDNESDAYS**  
9:30 - 11:30 am

Register by January 6th

January 15, 22, 29  
February 5, 12, 19  
March 12, 19, 26

In Luke: The Story of Salvation Fulfilled, you will witness key moments in salvation history including the Annunciation, the Nativity, his public ministry, and Jesus' suffering, death, and glorious Resurrection.

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Don't miss this chance to renew, reflect, and recharge!

**SAVE THE DATE**

**RETREAT DETAILS – 1.5 days**

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 8th, 2025 and Sunday, March 9th, 2025

**WHERE:** Holy Spirit Catholic Church

**COST:** FREE (Meals provided)

**FREE**

**WHAT YOU'LL GAIN**

- Rediscover what's missing in your life and what to do about it.
- Deepen your prayer life and spiritual connection.
- Connect with other men in the parish community.
- Take time to relax, reflect, and have some fun!

**For more info or to register contact:**  
Deacon Steve Boffa: deaconsteve@hsc.us  
or Retreat Leader  
Dave Madden: dave.madden24@gmail.com

# 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!

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## This Week's Meetings

### Tuesday, January 7

12:30pm Parish Leadership Team (PLT),  
Gathering Place  
1:00pm Seasons of Hope, Multipurpose Room

### Wednesday, January 8

7:00pm Bible Study, Gathering Place

### Thursday, January 9

10:00am Gathered in Prayer, Chapel

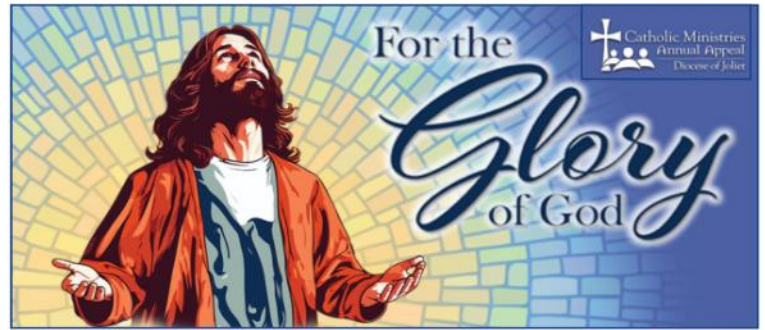
### Saturday, January 11

6:30am Men's Ministry, Gathering Place  
7:00am That Man is You Ministry

### Sunday, January 12

9:30am OCIA, Gathering Place

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



## 2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

	As of 12/1/2024	Final 2023
Goal	\$99,000	\$94,300
Amount Pledged	\$139,349	\$135,028
Amount Paid	\$137,295	\$132,798
Balance Due	\$2,054	\$2,230
Donor Count	329	350
2024 Rebate	\$26,807	\$26,949



## Parish Information

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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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visit [hsccl.us/infant-baptism](http://hsccl.us/infant-baptism).

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