

Baptism *of the Lord*

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.

Luke 3:21-22

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January 12, 2025
The Baptism of the Lord



Holy Spirit
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Mass Intentions



Saturday, January 11
4:30pm + Mary Sue Dixon

Sunday, January 12
8:00 am + Carol White
9:30 am People of Holy Spirit Catholic Church
11:00 am + Thomas Many

Monday, January 13
9:00 am + Karina Salinas

Tuesday, January 14
9:00 am + Raymond Gockman

Wednesday, January 15
9:00 am Intentions of Matthew Peters

Saturday, January 18
4:30pm + Bob Driscoll

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	Dec-24	
WeShare Online Giving	160	\$18,602	
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)	159	\$17,583	
Envelopes & Loose Cash	177	\$73,145	
Total December Collection	496	\$109,330	
Special Collections - December 2024			
Building Fund & Mortgage Donations		\$2,248	
Retirement Fund for Religious		\$3,861	
Fiscal Year: July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025			
Year-to-Date Budget Thru 12/31/24		\$497,068	
Year-to-Date Sunday Collection		\$514,227	
Surplus/(Deficit)		\$17,159	
Christmas	Budget	Actual	
Envelopes & Cash		\$47,052	
Online Giving		\$3,180	
Total	\$50,000	\$50,232	

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

Stewardship Reflection

“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit... ’” - Luke 3:16

The Catholic Catechism states that “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

JOIN THE HOLY SPIRIT YOUTH INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE



Share Your Musical Gift and Lift Our Parish in Joyful Sound

Who's in?

Open to string, woodwind, and brass musicians in Junior High, High School, and College with strong musical skills.



Fill the air

Enhance our parish liturgies by performing at Holy Days and Masses throughout the year.

Getting Set

Receive music in advance and rehearse 30 minutes before the designated Masses.

Let's hear it

Audition is required. Play any solo or band piece you're working on right now for a quick audition.



take the next step

To schedule an audition or learn more, reach out to Ed Eubank at ejbank83@gmail.com.



We look forward to welcoming you into our Music Ministry and sharing your musical talents with our parish community!

This Week's Meetings

Tuesday, January 14

- 12:30pm Parish Leadership Team (PLT), Gathering Place
- 1:00pm Seasons of Hope, Multipurpose Room
- 6:00pm Catechist Training, Gathering Place

Wednesday, January 15

- 9:30am Bible Study, Gathering Place

Thursday, January 16

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

Saturday, January 18

- 6:30am Men's Ministry, Gathering Place
- 7:00am That Man is You Ministry, Gathering Place
- 8:45am Men's Welcome Retreat Formation Group, Multipurpose Room
- K of C Blood Drive Sign Up & Baby Bottle Collection After Mass

Sunday, January 19

- 7:00am K of C Pancake Breakfast, Gathering Place
- 12:15pm Celebrating Faith Through Culture, Multipurpose Room
- K of C Blood Drive Sign Up & Baby Bottle Collection After Mass

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



The 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun!

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we are humbly asking all parishioners to pledge their support for this important effort, as together we can make a profound difference.

This year's CMAA theme is *Open your heart to God's goodness*. Through our support, we ensure that the mission and ministries of Christ's Church are available to everyone. Together, we can help provide safe shelter for the homeless, feed the physical and social needs of those who are hungry, inspire those discerning a life of vocation, and aid in the education of our next generation of Catholics. Our parish could not accomplish all of this on its own. As a diocese working together, we can do so much more.

Our parish goal for the 2025 CMAA is \$98,200, and 70% of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us and used fruitfully within our own parish. Please review the materials you receive in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet this month and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office. Thank you!





FIRST-EVER MEN'S WELCOME RETREAT

A SPECIAL INVITATION FOR MEN

- ? Do you sense something is missing in your life?
- ? Do you feel that if you weren't so busy, you'd be happier, healthier, more fulfilled, and even a better person?

Take a break from the everyday and join us for an incredible weekend experience during the holy Lenten season.

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

SAVE THE DATE

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!

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

For more info or to register contact:

Deacon Steve Boffa: deaconsteve@hsc.org or Retreat Leader Dave Madden: dave.madden24@gmail.com



Celebrating Faith Through Culture

Share Your Traditions - Enrich Our Community

JANUARY 19TH
12:15 - 1:30pm

Share Your Story

Help us understand and celebrate the Catholic religious practices and traditions from your culture.

Celebrate Diversity

Contribute to year-round events that honor the rich cultural heritage of our diverse parish.

Build Connections

Collaborate with members of Hispanic, Nigerian, Filipino, Polish, Indian, Korean, and other communities to make our celebrations increasingly meaningful and inclusive.

Shape Our Future

Help us plan respectful, culturally significant events that enrich our Catholic faith.



This is your opportunity to shape something truly special. We can't do it without you!

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Thank you for welcoming FOCUS National Chaplain Fr. Michael Drea to Holy Spirit the weekend of January 11-12, 2025

The Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) wins the hearts of college students, builds them up in the faith and sends them out into the world.

To make a gift to FOCUS, go to www.focus.org/parish-talk



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FREE THROW CONTEST

THURSDAY
January 16th
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CONTACT
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Bottle Drive Donation

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Transform repetitive prayer into a deeper connection with Jesus and Mary through thoughtful reflections and daily devotion.



Fr. Ames Podcast

Giving

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-  **Sign up HSCC Narthex after all Masses the weekend of January 11th and 12th**

Saturday
January
25

7:00 AM - 11:00 AM

MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
 2003 Hassert Blvd &
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Helpful Tip:
 Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED.





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The Glories of Ireland

July 19 to 30, 2025

Pilgrimage Hosted by
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January 12, 2025

Written by
THE
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DISCIPLE

The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 | Acts 10:34-38 | Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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

In many renditions of the Baptism of Jesus, artists connect the scene at the Jordan River with Jesus' death. A withered tree, for example, reminds us of the cross, or a mountain points to Mount Calvary. These connections show a real relationship between Jesus' baptism and his passion: his baptism marks the acceptance and beginning of his mission, which would ultimately lead to his crucifixion. For us, too, baptism is a decisive moment which destines us for - you guessed it - death! Not physical death (which will happen regardless), but a death to everything that is not of God. By making us part of God's family as his adopted children, our baptism summons us to "die" to our old life of sin and take on new life in Christ. This means turning away each day from sin so we can become increasingly fit to spend eternity with God. Like Jesus who rose both from the baptismal waters and from the tomb, we are meant, by our daily efforts to be faithful - to "rise" with him in the new life he won for us.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

After Jesus is baptized, two important events occur immediately: the Holy Spirit descends upon him while God the Father proclaims his delight in his Son: "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Here we see the profound meaning of our own baptism and its effects. In addition to cleansing us from the stain of original sin, baptism: 1) gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit; and 2) welcomes us into God's family as his adopted children. Armed with the Holy Spirit and the assurance of God's fatherly care, we are equipped to engage in the daily struggle of dying-and-rising in Christ. We can always call on the Holy Spirit for strength when we face temptations or difficult decisions. Likewise, when we are discouraged or we confront our own weaknesses, we can look to the Father for help. Recall the words which the Father spoke to Jesus, and which he says to us in our baptism (and he doesn't take them back!): *You are my beloved son. You are my beloved daughter. With you I am well pleased.*

CELEBRATE

Find the date (or approximate date) of your baptism and the baptismal dates of your immediate family members. Make a list of the dates and spend time thanking God for his fatherly care for you. Then, when someone's baptismal anniversary comes around, make sure to celebrate!



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.hsccl.us
Sacraments - Infant Baptism

For the 



Glory
of God

2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

	As of 1/5/2025	Final 2023
Goal	\$99,000	\$94,300
Amount Pledged	\$141,464	\$135,028
Amount Paid	\$140,404	\$132,798
Balance Due	\$1,060	\$2,230
Donor Count	333	350
2024 Rebate	\$28,983	\$26,949

Parish Information

<p>Pastor Rev. John Sponder frjohn@hsccl.us</p> <p>Parochial Vicar Rev. Richard Smith frsmith@hsccl.us</p> <p>Permanent Deacons Dcn. Eric Alvarez deaconeric@hsccl.us Dcn. Steve Boffa deaconsteve@hsccl.us Dcn. Tim Roberts, deacontim@hsccl.us</p> <p>Music Director Christina Eubank, ext. 8 ceubank@hsccl.us</p> <p>Adult Choir Director Debbie Dujsik, ext. 8 ddujsik@hsccl.us</p> <p>Youth Choir Director Sadie Wynne, ext. 8 swynne@hsccl.us</p>	<p>Adult Faith Formation & OCIA Roberta Balsewicz, ext. 7 rbalsewicz@hsccl.us</p> <p>Religious Education Coordinator Grades K-5 Lauren Nelson, ext. 61 lnelson@hsccl.us</p> <p>Religious Education Coordinator Grades 6-8 Kim Kroeze, ext. 62 kkroeze@hsccl.us</p> <p>Business Manager Leslie Doherty, ext. 91 ldoherty@hsccl.us</p> <p>Administrative Assistant Kathy Mackowiak, ext 92 kmackowiak@hsccl.us</p> <p>Parish Administrative Assistant Mary Beth Owens, ext. 93 mbowens@hsccl.us</p>	<p>Maintenance Victor Velazquez maintenance@hsccl.us</p> <p>Parish Office Hours Monday - Thursday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm (closed 12noon-1pm) Friday 8am to 1pm</p> <p>Sacraments Reconciliation Saturday, 3:30pm -4:00pm</p> <p>Baptisms 12:30pm on the 1st and 2nd Sunday of each month. For more information, please visit hsccl.us/infant-baptism.</p> <p>Weddings Please contact the parish office.</p>
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