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January 26, 2025
3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time



Holy Spirit
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Mass Intentions



Saturday, January 25
4:30pm + Chris Sakla

Sunday, January 26
8:00 am People of Holy Spirit Catholic Church
9:30 am + Francis Lazarus
11:00 am + Gregory Buciak
+ Donald Buciak

Monday, January 27
9:00 am + Sharon Dixon

Tuesday, January 28
9:00 am People of Holy Spirit Catholic Church

Wednesday, January 29
9:00 am + Dick Seen

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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- 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

“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.



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!

This Week's Meetings

Tuesday, January 28

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

Wednesday, January 29

- 9:30am Bible Study, Gathering Place

Thursday, January 30

- 10:00am Gathered in Prayer, Chapel

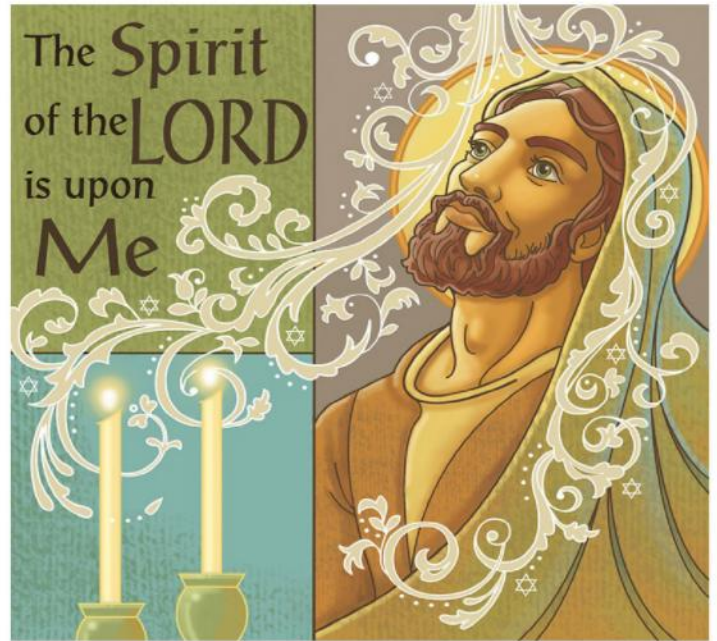
Saturday, February 1

- 6:30am Men's Ministry, Multipurpose Room
- 7:00am TMIY, Gathering Place
- 8:45am Men's Welcome Retreat Formation Group, Multipurpose Room

Sunday, February 2

- 12:00pm Adult Faith Formation Event Team, Multipurpose Room
- 12:00pm Seasoned Spirits, Gathering Place

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



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Contact Waterleaf Women's Center

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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.

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!

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

For more info or to register contact:

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

Join us for our January 2025 Virtual Baby Bottle Drive BENEFITING WATERLEAF WOMEN'S CENTER



January

11/12 & 18/19

Donation Cards Distributed at All Masses

25th & 26th

Donation Cards Collected at All Masses

How to Donate



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Bottle Drive Donation



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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!

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, Bunnraty Folk Park, Kylemore Abbey and Trinity College with the Book of Kells. All this and so much more!

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



HSCC 2024 Contribution Statements

To receive a 2024 Contribution Statement, please email your request to Kathy Mackowiak, Administrative Assistant at KMackowiak@hsccl.us.

Your statement will be emailed to you, or you may pick it up at the parish office during regular office hours.



SUPER BOWL SUNDAY
SECOND SUNDAY IN FEBRUARY
Dinner at 5:00P.M.

SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

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SUPER BOWL WATCH PARTY

JOIN US IN THE GATHERING SPACE TO WATCH THE TELECAST SUPER BOWL GAME AND ENJOY A DELICIOUS DINNER!

DINNER:
Doors Open at 4:30pm
Dinner is at 5pm

RSVP:

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Ponder

Earnest

Bruce

Kody

Save the Date for 'Smore VBS fun!!

Registration information coming soon!

TRUE NORTH
Trusting Jesus in a Wild World

JUNE 16-20
at Holy Spirit 9:30am-12pm

Ordinary Time Week 3

In the first reading, Ezra gets a strange reaction from the people to whom he reads the book of the law. First they lie down, with faces to the ground, and then they all are weeping. Remember the background of this reading.

The people of Israel had returned from exile and needed to become a unified nation. Most had never heard the laws, so when they learned what was expected of them and realized how much of the Law they had broken, they wept from shame. Many probably didn't know that they had been breaking the law. Others might have been overwhelmed with all the requirements of the law.

Ezra and Nehemiah console the people by reminding them that their return makes this a day "holy to the Lord" (Nehemiah 8:10). He adds that they would draw strength from "rejoicing in the Lord."

That may be good advice for us also.

We might find ourselves so trapped in sin that we think we could never be forgiven. We need to remember that Jesus loved sinners so much that he gave his life on the cross to free us from sin.

No sin can be so bad that God's love

cannot forgive it. In other words, God's forgiveness is only limited by our failure to ask for it. As the psalms say, God's mercy endures forever. In fact, the more I have to repent, the more God wants to forgive. So we can rejoice in the Lord's forgiveness and the Spirit will give us the strength to change our lives.

And what about those who find the law overwhelming? That usually means a lack of faith in God's willingness to help us or in our ability to do the best we can to live as Christians. It can also be because we have forgotten Jesus' saying that all of God's laws are contained in the command to love God and love our neighbor as we love ourselves. The more we come to accept God's presence in our lives and see God in others, the easier it becomes to keep the law of love.

Tom Schmidt

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**In search of a meaningful
New Year's Resolution?**



The Rosary in a Year Podcast
with Fr. Mark-Mary Ames

Begins January 1st!

Experience the beauty of the Rosary like never before.

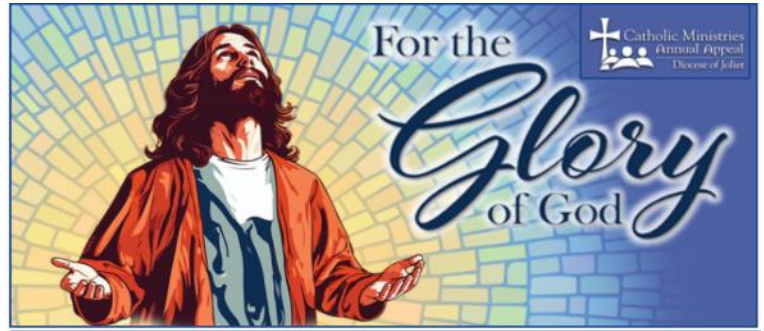
Deepen Your Prayer Life
Join Fr. Mark-Mary Ames on a daily journey to build a meaningful habit of prayer and grow in love for the Rosary.

Learn and Reflect
Explore insights from great saints, sacred art, and Franciscan prayer techniques, turning the Rosary into a rich spiritual experience.

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



Fr. Ames Podcast



2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

	<u>As of</u> <u>1/5/2025</u>	<u>Final</u> <u>2023</u>
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



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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
visit hsc.us/infant-baptism.

Weddings

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