

*This son of mine was dead, and has
come to life again; he was lost,
and has been found.*



March 23, 2025
3rd Sunday of Lent

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Blessings and peace to you!

As we begin our Lenten journey, marked by prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, I am writing to inform you of two identical pieces of legislation that would legalize assisted suicide in Illinois: SB 9 and HB 1328. Please consider offering your prayers and fasting to help stop this. In addition, take action by writing, calling, or emailing your state elected officials to vote “**NO**” on this legislation. For further information, visit www.ilcatholic.org or call 217-528-9200.

Assisted suicide would make it legal for a physician to prescribe a range of lethal drugs to a person diagnosed with a terminal disease who requests to end his or her life.

It is alarming that in states where suicide is legalized, there are documented cases of people being denied life-saving medical treatment by insurance companies in favor of the much cheaper option of life-ending drugs. The poor and those with disabilities are particularly at risk, as they are the most vulnerable to such abuses. Every major national organization that represents people with disabilities opposes assisted suicide. There is no way to prevent the vulnerable from being coerced or intimidated into ending their lives once assisted suicide is legal.

The American Medical Association (AMA) has summed up the case against assisted suicide well: *“Physician-assisted suicide is fundamentally incompatible with the physician’s role as healer, would be difficult or impossible to control, and would pose serious societal risks.”*

Proponents argue that this legislation will end suffering at the end of life. As Catholics, we agree that no one should needlessly suffer or have to watch a loved one experience unnecessary pain. Fortunately, there are now effective ways to make a person more comfortable at the end of life through palliative care.

Assisted suicide is not the compassionate solution for those who are suffering. Through palliative care, expanded access to mental health care, and stronger family and community support, providers and families are finding better ways to accompany these individuals compassionately — ways that truly reflect the love for and dignity of each human life.

Through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, let us continue to pray for respect and dignity for human life from conception to natural death.

As I remain –

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads “+ Ronald A. Hicks”.

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks

Please visit www.ilcatholic.org/take-action or call 217-528-9200 to find out how to contact your local elected officials and urge them to vote **NO** on SB 9 and HB 1328.

Mass Intentions



Saturday, March 22

4:30 pm + Socorro Pardo Susie

Sunday, March 23

8:00 am People of Holy Spirit Catholic Church

9:30 am + Jean Cebak

11:00 am + Barbara Cunningham

Monday, March 24

9:00 am + Eugene Polen

Tuesday, March 25

9:00 am + Warren and Sandra Ittner

Wednesday, March 26

9:00 am + Lorraine Comparato

**Please keep all our
military in your prayers,
especially those within
our Parish family.**



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



Lenten Schedule 2025

Hour Hour- Quiet Adoration

Sundays, March 23 & 30
from 12:15-1:15pm

Stations of the Cross

Fridays, March 28 &
April 11 at 7:00pm

Good Friday, April 18 at 3:00pm

Stations of the Cross & First Friday Adoration

April 4 at 7:00pm

Lenten Confessions

Saturdays, 3:30-4:00pm

Sunday, April 6 following
11:00am Mass until all are heard

No Confessions

Saturday, April 12 & April 19



*"From the Eucharist comes strength to live the
Christian life and zeal to share that life with
others." (St. John Paul II)*

This Week's Events

Tuesday, March 25

12:30pm Parish Leadership Team, Multipurpose Room
1:00pm Seasons of Hope, Multipurpose Room

Wednesday, March 26

9:30am Bible Study, Gathering Place

Thursday, March 27

10:00am Gathered in Prayer, Chapel

Friday, March 28

7:00pm Stations of the Cross, Church

Saturday, March 29

7:00am Men's Ministry, Multipurpose Room

Sunday, March 30

12:15pm Holy Hour of Adoration, Church

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



Holy Spirit Adult Faith Formation
Spring 2025

Season 4

Wednesdays
April 23 & 30
May 7, 14, 21 & 28
June 4 & 11

Video
9:30-10:30 am

Discussion
10:30-11:30am

Clashing kingdoms. Rival rulers. The enemies of Jesus close in for the kill while His followers struggle to keep up, leaving Him to carry the burden alone. Season 4 picks up where the incredible walking on water left off!

Please **RSVP** to rbalsewicz@hsc.us or scan the QR code



No Cost!

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

LENTEN FISH FRY FRIDAYS!

FRIDAY, MARCH 14TH & FRIDAY, APRIL 11TH
5:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. ★ GATHERING AREA

DINNER OPTIONS
(DINE-IN OR CARRY-OUT)

Cash, check, and credit card are all accepted!

FISH DINNER: \$17
Cod fillets, potato salad, cole slaw, apple sauce, French bread/butter, and condiments

SHRIMP DINNER: \$19
Shrimp, potato salad, cole slaw, apple sauce, French bread/butter, and condiments

MAC & CHEESE DINNER: \$5
Mac & cheese bowl and French bread/butter

DESSERTS: \$2
Wide variety available

ASSORTED BEVERAGES:
Available for purchase (prices vary)

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT K OF C CHARITIES!

PRE-ORDER ONLINE & GET MORE INFO:

LINK:
<https://holyspiritknights.square.site/2025fishfry>



DINE-IN: Pay at door or online CARRY-OUT: Pay at door or online



BE SURE TO JOIN US FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS STARTING AT 7:00 P.M.

Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 15037

A Grief Support Group

TUESDAYS

At 1:00 - 2:30 pm
In the Multi-Purpose Room



seasons of hope

Winter & Spring Schedule
MARCH 25 - JUNE 3, 2025

March 25
STATIONS OF THE CROSS
Register by March 14, 2025

April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 3
Spring Series
GRIEVING WITH GREAT HOPE
6 PART SERIES
Register by April 15, 2025

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



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This summer... find your...



JUNE 16-20

at Holy Spirit 9:30am-12pm

Scan here for info & to Register!



VBS is offered to any student entering grades K-6 in the Fall of 2025. VBS registration will be open for a limited time so sign up early! The fee per child is \$60. Early Bird Registration discount of \$10 when you register and pay by April 1!

Registration includes a T-shirt, 5 days of faith building fun, a daily snack, and a special keepsake.



Youth Group Lenten Service

SUNDAY, MARCH 23
12:15 - 1:30 PM

Our Lenten Service will include creating Easter Baskets for the children at Hessed House.



If you are a teen between 8th and 12th grade, please be sure to join us for prayer, snacks, and service!



Join Us to Support Our HSCC YOUTH MINISTRY

\$20

10" BASKETS
RED - PINK - WHITE

- Ivy Geraniums - Sun
- New Guinea Impatiens - Sun
- Impatiens - Shade

\$35

12" BASKETS

- Combination Basket
- Specify Sun or Shade

HOW TO PLACE YOUR ORDER

- Scan Code and order online
- Narthex sales March 29/30
- Submit order form available in Narthex



Flowers



PICK-UP MAY 14

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Parish Stewardship

Monthly Offering	# of Donors	Feb-25	Fiscal Year: July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025	
WeShare Online Giving	149	\$13,187	Year-to-Date Budget Thru 2/28/2025	\$650,011
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)	158	\$17,263	Year-to-Date Sunday Collection	\$691,466
Envelopes & Loose Cash	182	\$58,007	Surplus/(Deficit)	\$41,455
Total February Collection	489	\$88,457		
Special Collections - February 2025				
Building & Maintenance Fund		\$8,157		

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

Consider Electronic Giving

For information and to select the option that works best for you, please visit www.hsc.us/donation

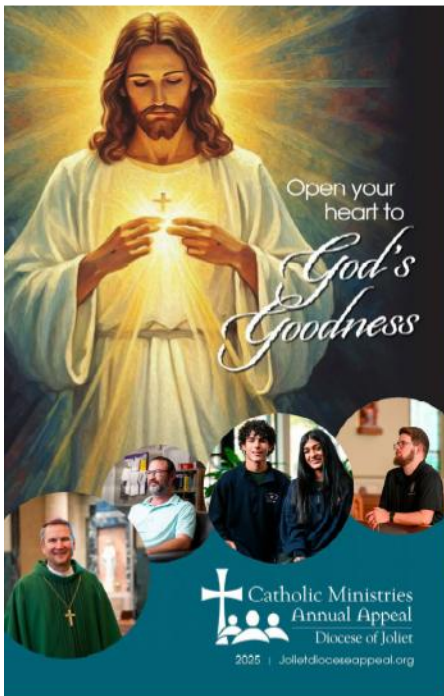
- Automatic Debit/Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)
- WeShare Online Giving
- Donating Stock
- QR Code (one time or reoccurring offering)



Stewardship Reflection

*“He said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.’”
- LUKE 13:7*

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have, or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous; we are called to develop and nurture our gifts; and return them with increase. We are called to be generous with all of gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.



PLEDGE YOUR GIFT TO THE CMAA

If you have already pledged your support to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we sincerely thank you! Let's join together to meet our parish's goal of **\$98,200**. Each and every gift, regardless of size, truly makes a difference.

If you still plan on making your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how best you can *Open your heart to God's goodness* in support of those in need throughout our diocese. Pledge envelopes are still available in the church, or you can use the envelope you received in the mail from the diocese. We also welcome online gifts at jolietdioceseappeal.org.

Remember, if we raise more than our goal, the diocese will return 70% of the amount over our goal to us to reinvest in our own parish. This is an incredible opportunity and blessing!





**This Lent do something different...
do something life changing...**



God is already part of your marriage. Learn how to better experience the grace of His presence in your relationship. Consider attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

April 25-27, 2025
Holiday Inn, Rockford, IL

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www.wwme.org



March 5 - April 13
40 DAYS FOR LIFE

HELP SAVE LIVES IN Aurora, IL!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

Over **25,000** saved babies
More than **150** closed facilities
More than **250** converted workers

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

Vigil location:
Waterleaf Women's Center,
3055 E. New York Ave. Aurora, IL.
Park behind AutoZone

Vigil hours:
8 am to 4 pm Mon - Sat

Local contact:
Pat Burke, 630-470-1507,
pburke14@live.com

Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

40daysforlife.com/en/Aurora for **English**

40daysforlife.com/es/Aurora for **Espanola**

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Friday 8am to 1pm

Sacraments

Reconciliation
Saturday, 3:30pm -4:00pm

Baptisms

12:45pm on the 1st and 2nd Sunday of each month. For more information, please visit hsc.us/baptism.

Weddings

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