



*Let the one among you who is without sin
be the first to throw a stone at her.*

John 8:7

April 6, 2025
5th Sunday of Lent

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Bishop Hicks' Column April 2025



From Teenager to Saint: The Roadmap of Carlo Acutis

The Catholic Church is about to name the first saint who was a "Millennial!" And he is making a big splash! In an era where young people are often seen as distant from faith, Carlo Acutis gives us an example of a new path to reality and holiness in this digital world. Born in 1991 and raised in Milan, Italy, he will be canonized on Sunday, April 27, 2025.

He grew up as a typical teenager, playing soccer, video games, and the saxophone. His young faith blossomed alongside his deep love for the Eucharist as he attended Mass daily, making it central to his life. Carlo's use of technology to spread the Gospel and document Eucharistic miracles worldwide shows how technology can be a powerful tool for good and for evangelization.

Carlo passed away from leukemia at the age of 15, inspiring multitudes of people with his courage and faith. As a celebrated role model for young people, Carlo showed that holiness is achievable at any age. One of his famous quotes is, "To always be close to Jesus!" His life and words continue to inspire us to cultivate a close relationship with Jesus through prayer, the Eucharist, Confession, visiting holy sites, and helping others in need.

Just recently, I received a letter from the pastor in Crest Hill. Last year, in Phase II of our Targeted Restructuring Process, the parishes of St. Ambrose and St. Anne were united to form one new parish. Since then, the parish has entered a process of unification and renaming. He shared with me how the parishioners actively submitted recommendations for a new name for their parish. Originally, 90 names were submitted. After discernment through listening sessions and small groups, the selection was narrowed down to the top three names. Then, those three possibilities were given to me for my final choice. All three names were strong and worthy. However, after a time of prayer and reflection, one name stood out clearly for me... Saint Carlo Acutis!

By naming the newly united parish after him, we are not just honoring his memory but also encouraging parishioners to emulate his example of living faith

boldly in today's world through the Eucharist. As we strive to pass on our faith to the next generations through catechesis, evangelization, and faith in action, this newly minted saint will hopefully inspire us, both now and into the future.

If you would like to learn more about Carlo Acutis, I encourage you to see the new film, "**Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality.**" For three days, April 27-29, 2025, it will be shown in 945 theaters across the United States. Once the first 5,000 tickets are sold, the film has been guaranteed an additional three days in theaters.

I saw clips of this film at a preview during the November meetings for the *United States Catholic Conference of Bishops*. I was fascinated by the life of Carlo Acutis and his impact on the youth of today. I also learned that all proceeds from this film will benefit causes for the youth, support the further spread of the Gospel, and help fund future National Eucharistic Congresses.

I invite you to consider seeing this movie as an individual, as a family, as a youth group, and/or as a parish outing. This is a great opportunity for us to learn more about a young saint and help evangelize others by inviting them to see it. You can purchase tickets through a pre-sale program. Locations and advance ticket sales are now available at www.carloacutisfilm.com. Even if you cannot see the movie right now, I urge you to visit this website, watch the trailer, and share it with others!

Before dying from leukemia, Carlo said, "Do not be afraid because with the Incarnation of Jesus, death becomes life, and there's no need to escape: in eternal life, something extraordinary awaits us." These saintly words highlight Carlo's deep faith in Jesus and encourage us on the way to holiness.

On Sunday, April 27, 2025, with fervent devotion and enthusiastic hope, please join me and the universal Catholic Church – no matter what your age – in exclaiming, "Saint Carlo Acutis, pray for us!"

**Please take Note-
Mass Time change for
Palm Sunday & Easter Masses**



Masses for Palm Sunday, April 13th
are at 8am, 10am and Noon.
(Saturday's Mass will remain at 4:30pm.)

The Easter Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday,
April 19th is at 7:00pm.



Masses for Easter Sunday, April 20th
are at 8am, 10am and Noon.

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

Stations of the Cross

Friday, April 11 at 7:00pm

Good Friday, April 18 at 3:00pm

Easter & Holy Week Schedule

Saturday, April 12
Palm Sunday Anticipatory Mass, 4:30 pm

Palm Sunday, April 13
Masses 8:00am, 10:00am, 12 Noon

Monday, April 14
Weekday Mass, 9:00am

Tuesday, April 15
Weekday Mass, 9:00am
Adoration following until 12 Noon
Tenebrae Service, 7:00pm

Wednesday, April 16
Weekday Mass, 9:00am

Holy Thursday, April 17
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:00pm
Adoration following until 11pm in Narthex

Good Friday, April 18
Stations of the Cross, 3:00pm
Celebration of the Lord's Passion and
Veneration of the Cross, 7:00pm

Holy Saturday, April 19
Blessing of Easter Baskets, 10:00am
Easter Vigil Mass, 7:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 20
Masses, 8:00am, 10:00am, 12 Noon



**VENERATE THE
RELIC OF NEWLY
CANONIZED
SAINT CARLO
ACUTIS**

**SUNDAY
APRIL 27, 2025**

**FOLLOWING
11:00AM MASS
UNTIL 1:00PM**

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Mass Intentions



Saturday, April 5

4:30 pm + Jonathan Trevino

Sunday, April 6

8:00 am + Tony and Susie Juliano
9:30 am People of Holy Spirit Catholic Church
11:00 am + Jonathan Trevino

Monday, April 7

9:00 am + Bernard Kestel

Tuesday, April 8

9:00 am + Ronald P. Formento

Wednesday, April 9

9:00 am + Thomas Talaga

**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 PENANCE SERVICE

Sunday, April 6th after 11:00 am Mass

Multiple confessors will be available



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Volunteers Needed

Please bring in food donations through the rear door marked 2003 by 4:00pm on Mon, April 7.

Dinner, Wednesday
April 9th
through
Breakfast, Thursday
April 10th

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April 2025



For Information:
Contact Danielle Plotke
via text at 630-877-7951
or
Email dplotke@gmail.com

Safety and Security Meeting

Sunday, April 27th
12:15 pm – 1:30pm
Multi Purpose Room



The Parish Leadership Team (PLT) is forming a Safety and Security Team. We invite Holy Spirit parishioners with experience or interest to attend a meeting to discuss ways to enhance the safety and security of the parish community.

Your insights are valuable in creating a secure environment for all.

For more information, please contact Michael Anthony at (630) 294-0021.

The Parish Leadership Team (PLT) appreciates your support and looks forward to your participation!

This Week's Events

Monday, April 7

6:00pm K of C Officers Mtg., Multipurpose Room

Wednesday, April 9

9:30am Bible Study, Gathering Place

Thursday, April 10

10:00am Gathered in Prayer, Chapel

2:00pm Parish Leadership Team, Multipurpose Room

Friday, April 11

7:00pm Fish Fry, Gathering Place

7:00pm Stations of the Cross, Church

Saturday, April 12

7:00am Men's Ministry, Multipurpose Room

7:00am That Man Is You, Gathering Place

Sunday, April 13

9:30am OCIA, Multipurpose Room

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



The CHOSEN

Season 4

Holy Spirit Adult Faith Formation

Spring 2025

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



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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)



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.

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Seasons of Hope

A Grief Support Group

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

Please join us:

TUESDAYS
 April 29 - June 3, 2025
 In the Multi-Purpose Room
 1:00 - 2:30 pm



Spring Series
GRIEVING WITH GREAT HOPE
 6 PART SERIES

- April 29 Companions on the Journey
- May 6 Bumps Along the Way
- May 13 Entering the Valley
- May 20 The Journey Through - Part 1
- May 27 The Journey Through - Part 2
- June 3 Seeking Healing and Consolation

Register by April 15, 2025

Contact
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 beyerbh@gmail.com

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 rbalsewicz@hsc.us
 630-922-0081 x7

TRUE NORTH VBS

JUNE 16-20 9:30AM-12PM

**HEY KIDS!
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TO GO ON A
WILD ADVENTURE
THIS SUMMER?**



**SCAN THE QR CODE FOR
MORE INFORMATION AND
TO REGISTER!**





St. Peregrine Mass

Thursday, May 1 at 7:00pm

St. Peregrine is the patron saint of cancer patients and those with serious illnesses.

We will gather together to remember and pray for those in our community and in our families who have been affected by cancer and other serious illnesses.

Parish Stewardship

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

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Stewardship Reflection

“...For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ...”
(PHILIPPIANS 3:8)

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts - our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works, and our treasure to support the Church helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us from becoming a slave to our possessions. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for the glory of ourselves.





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The Great Hall
\$25 Per Couple

IMET: Inter-Parish Marriage Enrichment Team
Info: call Mark & Sue Bonucchi
630-936-3296

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(closed 12noon-1pm)
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 hssc.us/baptism.

Weddings

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