

April 6, 2025
5th Sunday of Lent





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 II: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:OOpm

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 Ilpm 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

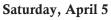
Holy Saturday, April 19 Blessing of Easter Baskets, 10:00am Easter Vigil Mass, 7:00pm

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

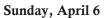




Mass Intentions



4:30 pm + Jonathan Trevino



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



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.hscc.us

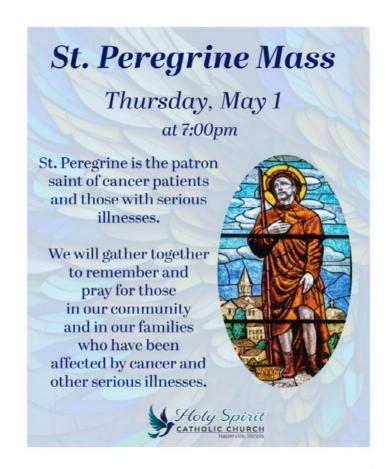














Parish Stewardship

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Monthly Offering	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			It is with grateful hearts that we thank you for your continued support	
Building & Maintenance Fund \$8,157		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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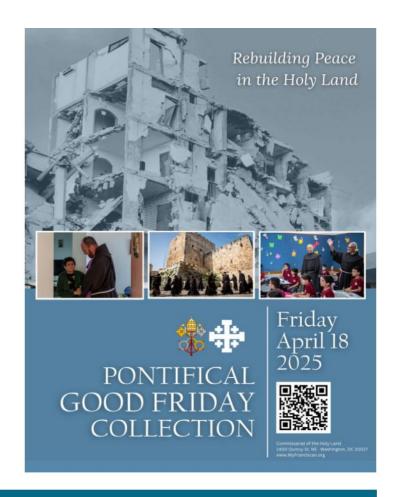
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Saturday, May 17

7:30 AM - 12:45 PM

The Great Hall

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Monday - Thursday

8:00 am to 4:30 pm (closed 12noon-1pm)

Friday 8am to 1pm

Sacraments

Reconciliation

Saturday, 3:30pm -4:00pm

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

Weddings

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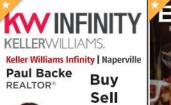


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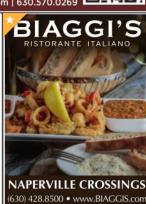




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