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### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil | 4:00 P.M.  
Sunday | 9:00 A.M. AND 11:00 A.M.

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Monday - Friday Daily Mass | 8:00 A.M.

### HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

\*On the Holy Day | 8:00 A.M. AND 7:00 P.M.

### CONFESSIONS

Saturday | 3:00 - 3:45 P.M.

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

First Friday of the Month\* | 8:30 - 9:30 A.M.

\*UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

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Sunday, November 05, 2023 | The Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

# Bishop Hicks' Column



## CONTEMPLATING THE CONVOCAATION



View a convocation photo at [diojoliet.org](http://diojoliet.org)

BESIDES CELEBRATING MASS ON SUNDAYS, a question people frequently ask me is, "What do priests do during the week?" My initial response is that priesthood is so much more than a 9-to-5 job—it is more like a 24/7 vocation.

A priest is called to serve God and His people, and to assist his bishop by governing, teaching, and sanctifying. In modern times, it may seem like a priest is expected to be able to administer with an MBA, counsel with the spirituality of the saints, offer a love for the poor of Saint Mother Teresa, maintain the constant energy of a newly ordained priest, and resolve issues with the wisdom of a seasoned pastor.

While it is virtually impossible to embody all those expectations, leading a parish with a wide variety of ministries and missions in the Catholic Church has become more complicated and challenging. Therefore, there is a growing need to attend to the professional development and spiritual growth of priests. In the Diocese of Joliet, we are blessed to have a director of on-going formation for priests, Father Sunny Castillo, who currently also serves as pastor of Mary Queen of Heaven Parish in Elmhurst.

Besides coordinating a variety of programs for spiritual, educational, and professional growth, Father Sunny and a dedicated team of priests, staff, and volunteers also organize a bi-annual convocation. This September, the priests of the diocese all gathered at our four-day convocation to pray, grow in camaraderie, and learn from a series of talks presented by Sister Miriam James Heidland from the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity.

Sister Miriam's daily topics highlighted our theme, *The Journey of the Priestly Heart: Building a Eucharistic Legacy in the Priesthood*. At the very beginning, she said that one of the greatest dangers to priests is "a hardening of heart." Using a powerful example, she explained that after the child Jesus was found in the temple, the Gospel says that the Holy Family returned home, and Jesus *grew*.

She warned us, "Woe is the day you stop *growing* as priests." This stirring advice is good not only for priests, but also to anyone, especially when it comes to the spiritual life.

I wish space allowed me to share all her many other valuable teachings. Towards the end of the convocation, after Sister Miriam had departed, I pointed out to everyone that she has a true and deep respect for priests. I was moved to say, "I hope you love your priesthood as much as she does."

Besides listening to Sister Miriam's presentations, we also celebrated daily Mass, prayed the Liturgy of the Hours, and had the opportunity to pray a rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and daily holy hour with adoration and benediction. And between the prayers and talks, the priests shared with each other their struggles, their triumphs, and their leadership insights.

Evenings were spent enjoying rare social time with brother priests. At one dinner, we honored those marking a special jubilee year of their priesthood. The next evening, we celebrated our upcoming 75th anniversary as a diocese. Not only did we enjoy good food and conversation, but we competed in a friendly trivia game to see who knew the most about the history of the Diocese of Joliet. What a joy to learn more about the deep roots and richness of our diocese!

The last day of the convocation allowed me the opportunity to give a "state of the union" presentation in which I shared a good deal of information and issues, including a Q-and-A session and groupwide dialogue. Appropriately, before departing, we gathered for Mass one more time to thank God for all the blessings and fruits of the convocation.

I left the convocation with a smile on my face, deeply grateful to God for the time and space to renew our minds, bodies, and souls as a presbyterate. My gratitude bubbled over for our priests, and all the clergy, religious, and laity who make this Church so vibrant and wonderful.

May we all continue to *grow* in the knowledge, love, and service of the Lord and each other.

DIOCESE OF JOLIET



# The Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Gathering Hymn

We Gather Together



1. We gath - er to - geth - er to ask the Lord's bless - ing;  
2. Be - side us to guide us, our God with us join - ing,  
3. We all do ex - tol you our lead - er tri - um - phant,



He chas - tens and has - tens his will to make known;  
Whose king - dom calls all to the love which en - dures.  
And pray that you still our de - fend - er will be.



The wick - ed op - press - ing now cease from dis - tress - ing:  
So from the be - gin - ning the fight we were win - ning:  
Let your con - gre - ga - tion es - cape trib - u - la - tion:



Sing prais - es to his name; he for - gets not his own.  
You, Lord, were at our side; all glo - ry be yours!  
Your name be ev - er praised! O Lord, make us free!

Text: *Wilt heden nu treden*, Netherlands folk hymn; tr. by Theodore Baker, 1851–1934, alt.  
Tune: KREMSER, 12 11 12 11; *Nederlandsch Gedenck-clanck*, 1626; harm. by Edward Kremser, 1838–1914

## First Reading | Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10

A great King am I, says the LORD of hosts,  
and my name will be feared among the nations.

And now, O priests, this commandment is for you: If you do not listen, if you do not lay it to heart, to give glory to my name, says the LORD of hosts, I will send a curse upon you, and of your blessing I will make a curse.

You have turned aside from the way, and have caused many to falter by your instruction;  
you have made void the covenant of Levi, says the LORD of hosts.

I, therefore, have made you contemptible and base before all the people, since you do not keep my ways, but show partiality in your decisions.

Have we not all the one father?

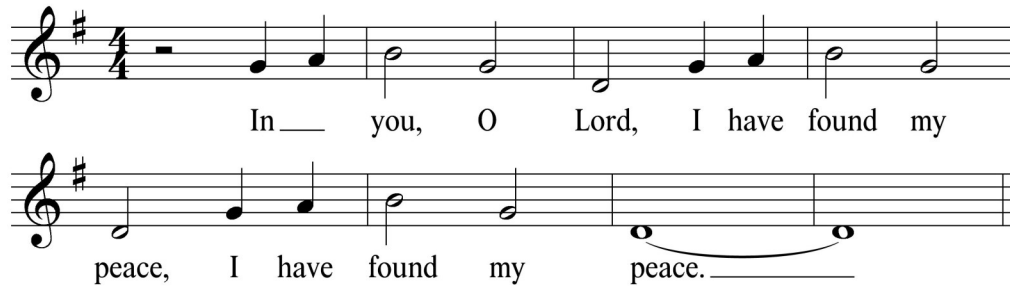
Has not the one God created us?

Why then do we break faith with one another, violating the covenant of our fathers?

The Word of the Lord: **Thanks Be to God!**

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 131: In You, O Lord



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## Second Reading | 1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13

Brothers and sisters:

We were gentle among you, as a nursing mother cares for her children.

With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well, so dearly beloved had you become to us.

You recall, brothers and sisters, our toil and drudgery. Working night and day in order not to burden any of you, we proclaimed to you the gospel of God.

And for this reason we too give thanks to God unceasingly, that, in receiving the word of God from hearing us, you received not a human word but, as it truly is, the word of God, which is now at work in you who believe.

The Word of the Lord: **Thanks Be to God!**

## Gospel | Matthew 23: 1-12

Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his disciples, saying, “The scribes and the Pharisees have taken their seat on the chair of Moses. Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they tell you, but do not follow their example.

For they preach but they do not practice. They tie up heavy burdens hard to carry and lay them on people’s shoulders, but they will not lift a finger to move them.

All their works are performed to be seen.

They widen their phylacteries and lengthen their tassels.

They love places of honor at banquets, seats of honor in synagogues, greetings in marketplaces, and the salutation ‘Rabbi.’

As for you, do not be called ‘Rabbi.’ You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers.

Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven.

Do not be called ‘Master’; you have but one master, the Christ.

The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, but whoever humbles himself will be exalted.”

The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## Flames of Faith at St. James the Apostle

The red Sanctuary Lamp by the tabernacle burns to remind us of the sacramental presence of Jesus Christ. It is a mark of honor to remind the faithful of the presence of Christ, and is a profession of their love and affection.

### November 6 - 12, 2023

This week our St. James Flames of Faith are offered:

*In memory of Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Council #9806 and Their Families*

Offered by: *Grand Knight Vinnie Romano*

## Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the  
Father;

through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

*At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin  
Mary, all bow.*

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the  
Virgin Mary, and became man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius

Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of  
life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and  
glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic  
Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Preparation Hymn

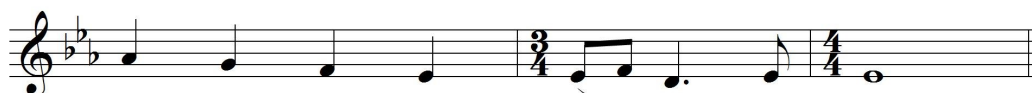
*The Servant Song*



6., 1. Will you let me be your ser - vant, Let me be as  
2. We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, We are trav - 'lers  
3. I will hold the Christ-light for you In the night-time  
4. I will weep when you are weep - ing; When you laugh I'll  
5. When we sing to God in heav - en We shall find such



Christ to you; Pray that I may have the grace to  
on the road; We are here to help each oth - er  
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
har - mo - ny, Born of all we've known to - geth - er



Let you be my ser - vant too.  
Walk the mile and bear the load.  
Speak the peace you long to hear.  
'till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
Of Christ's love and ag - o - ny

Text: Richard Gillard, b. 1953


Tune: Richard Gillard, b. 1953

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## Communion Hymn

When Two or Three Are Gathered

Liam Lawton  
Arr. Paul A. Tate



Here in the bread that is bro - ken, here in the cup that is  
poured, here in the word that is spo - ken: Je - sus Christ is  
Lord! Here where the poor find their treas - ure,  
here where the great - est are least, come find a love be - yond  
meas - ure in this heav'n - ly feast.

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## We Offer Our Prayers

Grace Stasi  
Mary Anne Capron  
Rajja Carey  
John Cassidy  
Chris Danly  
LaVerne DuMond  
Joann Honites  
Baby Penelope James  
Carole Kaczmar  
Edward Kane  
Jean Keating  
Raymond Keevins  
Kayla Kenny  
Sharon Kestlar  
Patricia Klein  
Gretchen Laska  
Gail Lewellyan Johnson

Rick Lewellyan  
Bob Maurer  
Mae Maurer  
Marite Maurer  
James Pelletiere  
Samantha Pelletiere  
Tino Pere  
Kathleen Pervan  
Kevin Potyen  
Raymond Prosperi  
Danny Riley  
Jack Rudnick  
Carol Sandowski  
Dorothy Sledz  
Billy Southwell  
Danny Tapia  
Milan Urban

### Please Note:

#### **The Bulletin Prayer List Has Been Updated**

In the interest of keeping our Parish Prayer List up to date, beginning with the November 5th edition of the bulletin, all names, except those added in recent weeks (printed above in bold) were removed from the current prayer list.

If you would like to add a name on this list, please EMAIL Rubi at: [rubi@stjamesge.org](mailto:rubi@stjamesge.org) and provide her with the name. Thank you!

*“Whoever believes in me,  
even if they die, will live.”*

Lois Caulfield

Cecilia Orgo,  
mother of Tom Orgo

Louise Spinasanto  
wife of Gerald Spinasanto



## Closing Hymn

### Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service



1. Lord, whose love in hum - ble serv - ice  
2. Still the chil - dren wan - der home - less,  
3. As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion,  
4. Called from wor - ship in - to serv - ice,



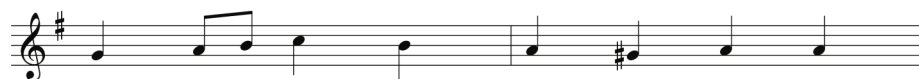
Bore the weight of hu - man need,  
Still the hun - gry cry for bread.  
Till your love's re - veal - ing light  
Forth in your great name we go



Who up - on the cross, for - sak - en,  
Still the cap - tives long for free - dom,  
In its height and depth and great - ness  
To the child, the youth, the a - ged,



Of - fered mer - cy's per - fect deed:  
Still in grief we mourn our dead.  
Dawns up - on our hu - man sight,  
Love in liv - ing deeds to show.



We, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship  
As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion,  
Mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens  
Hope and health, good - will and com - fort,



Not of voice a - lone, but heart,  
Healed the sick and freed the soul,  
Your com - pas - sion bids us bear,  
Coun - sel, aid, and peace we give



Con - se - crat - ing to your pur - pose  
Use the love your Spir - it kin - dles  
Stir - ring us to faith - ful serv - ice,  
That your chil - dren, Lord, in free - dom,



Ev - 'ry gift that you im - part.  
Still to save and make us whole.  
Your a - bun - dant life to share.  
May your mer - cy know, and live.

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# An Introduction to the **NEW HYMNAL PROJECT** *at St. James the Apostle*



OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2023

## THE WHY 🌿

Our parish staff has identified that the time has come for Saint James the Apostle Parish to purchase new hymnals. We have not used hymnals for nearly two decades!

We have made do until now by printing worship aids at great cost per year. This is unsustainable as we seek to be good stewards of the temporal goods of the parish.

The bishops have invited us to be more reverent in our worship at Mass as a part of the National Eucharistic Revival. The time has come to add some exciting new music to our parish repertoire and restore the place of Sacred Music during our liturgies.

## THE WHEN 🌿

To accomplish this, we hope to raise the money and purchase our new hymnals (*with the Sunday Readings included*) by this coming Christmas season. Saint James the Apostle is in need of your help and

support. We are in need of 400 hymnals for our pews along with 40 choir books and various accompaniment editions.

## THE DETAILS 🌿

We are asking parishioners to donate \$30 per hymnal. You may donate as many hymnals as you like. You may also dedicate each hymnal you donate to the memory of a loved one, in commemoration of a favorite saint, or in honor of your family or friends. There will be a label placed inside the cover to commemorate these dedications.

Your generosity and commitment to Saint James is vital to our success and anything you can give toward the purchase of our new hymnals will be greatly appreciated.

## THE DEDICATION 🌿

At a festive hymnal celebration at the beginning of Advent, we will introduce our new hymnals. Each parishioner who donates new

hymnals will be asked to place their dedicated hymnals in the hymnal racks in the Narthex.

We will follow the placement, dedication, and blessing of our new hymnals with a Sacred Music fest where we will sing with joyful voices from our new worship resource!

## THE HOW 🌿

To make a donation online visit our website: [stjamesge.org/](http://stjamesge.org/)

–OR–

email Dan Sledz, our Business Manager at [dansledzcpa@gmail.com](mailto:dansledzcpa@gmail.com)

–OR–

Contact Rubi Garfias, our Parish Secretary at 630.469.7540, ext. 201.



*All donations to the New Hymnal Project are tax-deductible and will appear on the end of year statement for those who request one.*



# Mass Intentions & This Week @ St. James > November 6 - 12, 2023

## NOVEMBER 06/MONDAY

**8:00 A.M.**

*Joseph Kuebel*

REQ. BY JIM FINN

*Donald Pankros*

REQ. BY THE PUGLIESE FAMILY

## NOVEMBER 07/TUESDAY

**8:00 A.M.**

*Mary Felder*

REQ. BY DAN AND CAROL WRIGHT

## NOVEMBER 08/WEDNESDAY

**8:00 A.M.**

*Mary Murray*

REQ. BY HENSELER FAMILY

*Marie Sobecki*

REQ. BY JOSEPH SOBECKI

## NOVEMBER 09/THURSDAY

**8:00 A.M.**

*Ethel Zindrick*

REQ. BY THE PADERA FAMILY

## NOVEMBER 10/FRIDAY

**8:00 A.M.**

*John Leen*

REQ. BY FRAN LEEN

## NOVEMBER 11/SATURDAY

**4:00 P.M.**

*People of the Parish*

## NOVEMBER 12/SUNDAY

**9:00 A.M.**

*Raymond and Nadine Prospero*

REQ. BY CINDY ADAMS

**11:00 A.M.**

*Frank Nerkowski*

REQ. BY LEONARD & LAURA

## THIS WEEK@ST. JAMES

### 06/MONDAY

*Daily Mass*

8 A.M. | CHURCH

*Lunch*

11:30 A.M. | SJH1/k

*Kids Klub*

3 P.M. | GYM/A/M RM

*OCIA Meeting*

6:30 P.M. | MGYM

*Reverence for Life*

7 P.M. | MCDR/K

*DuPage WW Mtg*

7 P.M. | SJH2/3/k

*A.A. Meeting*

8 P.M. | FL

### 07/TUESDAY

*Daily Mass*

8 A.M. | CHURCH

*A & E Water Plants*

8:30 A.M. | CHURCH

*Student Lector Reh*

11:30 A.M. | CH

*Lunch*

11:30 A.M. | SJH1/k

*Student Cantor Reh*

11:30 A.M. | CH

*Kids Klub*

3 P.M. | GYM/A/M RM

*Re Classes*

4:30 P.M. | RE/RMS/SJH23

*1st Reconciliation/*

*Reconciliations*

5 P.M. | CH ALL

*Athletic Board Mtg*

6:30 P.M. | A/M

*Boy Scout Mtg.*

7:10 P.M. | SJH1

### 08/WEDNESDAY

*Daily Mass*

8 A.M. | CH

*Lunch*

11:30 A.M. | SJH1/k

*Faculty Meeting*

3 P.M. | CIC

*Kids Klub*

3 P.M. | GYM/A/M RM

*Re Classes*

4:30 P.M. | RE/RMS/SJH23

*1st Reconciliation/*

*Reconciliations*

5 P.M. | CH ALL

*Choir Rehearsal*

7 P.M. | SJH1

*Evening Rosary*

7 P.M. | CH

### 09/THURSDAY

*Daily*

8 A.M. | CH

*Lunch*

11:30 A.M. | SJH1/k

*Staff Meeting*

12:30 P.M. | MCDR

*Kids Klub*

3 P.M. | GYM/A/M RM

*Drama Club*

3 P.M. | SJH1

*Serra Club Mass*

6 P.M. | CH

*Serra Club Meeting*

6:30 P.M. | SJH1/k

*School Board Mtg*

6:30 P.M. | MCDR/K

### 10/FRIDAY

*Daily Mass*

8 A.M. | CH

*A & E Water Plants*

8:30 A.M. | CHURCH

*Lunch*

11:30 A.M. | SJH1/k

*Setup for CBP/*

*Crusader Cash*

1 P.M. | NARTHEX

*Setup for Blood*

*Drive Sign-Up*

1 P.M. | NARTHEX

*Kids Klub*

3 P.M. | GYM/A/M RM

### 11/SATURDAY

*Cursillo Mtg*

7 A.M. | SJH2/3

*School Turkey Trot*

9 A.M. | OFFSITE

*Reconciliations*

3 P.M. | CH/ALL

*CBP Family*

*Selection/CC*

3:30 P.M. | CN

*Blood Drive SignUp*

3:30 P.M. | CN

*Mass*

4 P.M. | CH/ALL

### 12/SUNDAY

*Mass*

9 A.M. | CH/ALL

11 A.M. | CH/ALL

*CBP Family*

*Selection/CC*

10 A.M. | CN

12 P.M. | CN

*Blood Drive SignUp*

10 A.M. | CN

12 P.M. | CN

*Choir Sings at Mass*

11 A.M. | CH

*Service Sunday*

12 P.M. | SJH123

*Adult Rec. BBall*

7:30 P.M. | GYM

## Worship Ministries and Events

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/  
Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/  
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11  
Lk 16:9-15

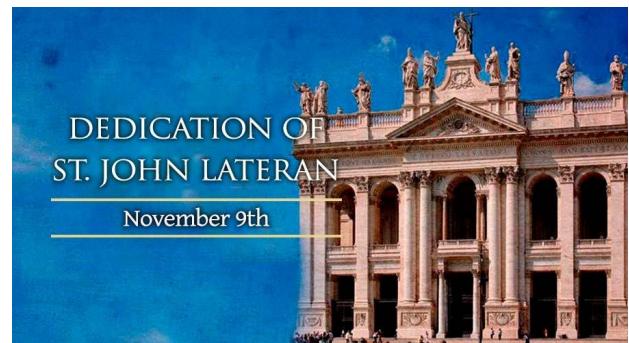
Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/  
1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

### Saints and Special Observances

Thursday: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Friday: St. Leo the Great

Saturday: St. Martin of Tours; Veteran's Day



## Administration Ministries

### [ STEWARDSHIP NOTE FOR TODAY ]

Dying to our sins is the only way we can experience resurrection. Are we willing to die to selfishness and anything else that might interfere with our being good stewards?

October 28/29, 2023

Sunday Collection with EFT: \$12,356

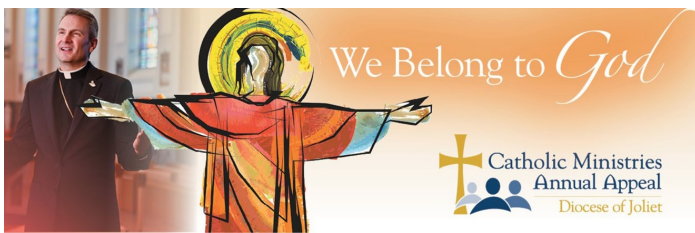
Preserving Our Father's House with EFT: \$230

Our weekly budget is \$15,192; our shortfall is \$2,836

Your generosity it is needed and deeply appreciated! Thanks!

### Thank You from Fr. Keith

Fr. Keith would like to thank all of those who have donated to the New Hymnal Project thus far. To date a total of 300 hymnals of our goal of 400 have already been purchased. Please see page 8 of this bulletin for more information as to how you may participate.



### CMAA: Your Gift Makes a Difference!

The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal helps our parish and the Diocese of Joliet to provide countless ministries, programs and services to support our friends and neighbors in immeasurable ways.

### An Update on Our Parish Progress

Our Parish Goal is \$83,200

Donor Count: 320

Amount Pledged: \$125,750

Amount Paid to the Diocese: \$120,325

Balance Due: \$5,425

2023 Rebate to Parish: \$25,987

If you have not yet made a gift to the CMAA, please reflect on God's gifts to you and prayerfully consider doing so. A gift to the CMAA, no matter the amount, will make a difference! Together, we can continue to spread the Gospel message in our Diocese through our ministries and help God hold us in his hands. Thank you for your support.

## Youth Ministry



Remember to sign your teen up to serve Christ by serving others next weekend. Donation boxes for both SJA school and Religious Ed have been ready since October. Next week our goal is to fully pack 100 shoeboxes full of gifts that will be sent to children all over the WORLD!! We also need some families to deliver the shoeboxes to the drop off sites. Please contact Gina THIS week to become part of this BIG service!

## Christian Education Ministries

### Let Your Faith Be Bigger Than Your Fear!



It was all treats at RE! We aren't scared with God on our side!



# Save My Scholarship

State lawmakers are considering ending the tax credit scholarship program referred to as “Invest in Kids.” This program has provided nearly 40,000 scholarships to help families send their children to a school of their choice.

## **DO NOT LET THIS PROGRAM END!**

Please act now and contact your state senator and state representative. Send them a strong message respectfully asking them to continue this valuable program.

You can do so by using the QR code below, by calling us at the Catholic Conference of Illinois at 217.528.9200, or visit our website at [www.ilcatholic.org](http://www.ilcatholic.org)



To remain engaged on policy issues that affect Catholics in Illinois, join our Illinois Catholic Advocacy Network go to [www.ilcatholic.org/take-action/join-i-can](http://www.ilcatholic.org/take-action/join-i-can)



St. James the Apostle Parish Glen Ellyn

# Christmas Basket Program



**W**e are thrilled to announce this is the 59th year of the St. James the Apostle Christmas Basket Program benefitting our DuPage County neighbors who are served by Catholic Charities, as well as by our St. James St. Vincent DePaul Society!

It is our hope you will consider adopting a family for Christmas. Our goal is to serve over 200 families again for Christmas of 2023. Family selection will begin the first weekend of November, and will continue throughout that month until all families are claimed.

We invite you to get creative this year and think about possibilities outside the box. Have you even considered joining with members of your book club, scouting troop, workplace or extended family to adopt a large family together? 2023 may be the right year to begin this kind of wonderful new tradition to bless others in our local community!

## QUESTIONS?

Call Mike Progar  
at 630-740-3025  
or visit us at the  
Christmas Basket  
Program Table after  
weekend Masses  
beginning  
November 4th & 5th



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Gifts are due on Friday, December 1st

# Love Life!

## Reverence for Life Meeting on Monday

Come and join us on Monday evening, November 6, for our Reverence for Life Ministry meeting at 7:00 P.M. in the Ministry Center. We keep our meetings to one hour. There is so much going on in our state—come learn what you can do about it. All are very welcome to join us!

## Finding the Sacred in Scrapbooking

If you are interested in once-a-month Zoom Scrapbooking on Friday nights for yourself, for family history, or to pay tribute to a loved one for sacraments, please contact [rgitchell@aol.com](mailto:rgitchell@aol.com) to sign up to receive an invitation for our monthly Find the Sacred in Scrapbooking online gathering.



## Glen Ellyn Food Pantry Top Needs

The Glen Ellyn Food Pantry has published their top needs for the week ahead. Please keep them in mind when you do your grocery shopping. Non-perishable donations may be brought to the Coat Room of the church before or after daily and weekend Masses, or dropped off at the pantry during their normal hours of operation. For more information, visit the website: [glenellynfoodpantry.org](http://glenellynfoodpantry.org)

## Community Ministries and Events



### SERRA CLUB of Dupage County

*Fostering and Promoting Vocations  
to the Priesthood and Religious Life.*



**Mark Your Calendar**  
**Guests are welcome**

RSVP by **Nov. 6th** to: [D. Thurman d21thurman@gmail.com](mailto:D.Thurman@d21thurman@gmail.com) or 630-642-2618

Please Denote any **Special Dietary Requirements** when RSPVing to D. Thurman above.

**Speaker:** **Fr. Steven Borello**, Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Joliet



### DINNER MEETING DETAILS

Thursday, November 9, 2023

**St. James the Apostle Catholic Church**

480 S Park Blvd, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

### Evening Program

6:00 pm - Rosary

6:20 pm - Mass

7:00 pm - Fellowship in the Social Hall

7:20 pm - Dinner and Welcome

7:30 pm - Start of both in person & Zoom Meeting

8:00 pm - Guest speaker

75th Anniversary Series

# Faith into Action

Sponsored by the Diocese of Joliet

## Podcast

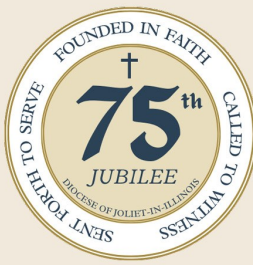
The first episode of the 75th Anniversary podcast series will launch November 6, 2023. Episodes will be released the first Monday of each month. Watch on YouTube or listen on your favorite podcast platform:



Faith into Action YouTube (video)



Faith into Action Podcast (audio)



## Blessing of St. Francis Xavier Statue

**DECEMBER 3, 2023 1 P.M.**  
Blanchette Catholic Center  
16555 Weber Rd., Crest Hill

On the Feast of St. Francis Xavier, and the final day of the Novena of Grace, a statue of the saint will be blessed at the BCC. The statue will serve as a constant reminder of the patron saint of our diocese. Bishop Hicks will bless the statue at 1 p.m. that day, in an open ceremony so that all may witness this moving event.

COMMEMORATING 75 YEARS OF CATECHESIS, EVANGELIZATION AND SERVICE

# Novena of Grace with St. Francis Xavier

From November 25 through December 3, 2023, members of our diocese will have the opportunity to participate in a nine-day novena of prayer to St. Francis Xavier, the patron of the Diocese of Joliet.

### DAY 1 NOVEMBER 25

Lord, each day you give me new life, new graces, new opportunities to feel your presence. Give me the gift of attentiveness to notice you in the people and your creation which surround my life; that I may grow in faith, and hope, and love. Amen.

### DAY 2 NOVEMBER 26

Father, each day you show me the love of a parent for its child: watchful of my every step, eager for me to thrive; you delight in my happiness and console me in my sadness. May the constant love in which you enfold me give me the confidence to show that same love to friend and foe, family and stranger, alike. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### DAY 3 NOVEMBER 27

Father, you speak to me in the silence and in the empty spaces of my life. Give me ears to hear your voice in stillness and in the gentle breeze; eyes to see your presence in things that seem so insignificant at the time. Free me from the relentless whirl of activity, from the obsessions which limit me and snatch away my freedom to answer your call. Like St Francis, may I too become a pilgrim, called to walk the path you set before me, wherever it may lead but always safe in the knowledge that Christ walks beside me unseen. Amen.

### DAY 4 NOVEMBER 28

Lord, before I ever came into being you knew me and loved me. You have knit me together the way I am, and given me life and laughter, friends and the faces of kind strangers, and a world of wonder and new discovery. Grant me the freedom and the courage to discover you anew each day in the people I meet, in the places I go, in the sounds I hear and the things I see. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### DAY 5 NOVEMBER 29

Lord Jesus, it is so easy to be tempted as you were tempted in the desert; to make poor decisions for quick gains and satisfaction; to turn the wonderful gifts of your generosity towards unworthy and selfish ends. Give me, day by day, the same Spirit of strength with which you faced down those desert temptations of power, wealth and honour; that my desires and motives, my words and actions, may always be for the greater glory of God, my Lord. Amen.

### DAY 6 NOVEMBER 30

Father, as I look back on this day, there are so many teeming thoughts, such a babble of words, and such a blur of activity, that it is difficult to see your gentle and faithful presence amid it all. Show yourself to me today, and every day. Amen.

### DAY 7 DECEMBER 1

God our Father, praise to you! I am surrounded by so many good people, if only I take the time to notice: people who speak your word of compassion and kindness; people who act to give reality to your justice and reconciliation; people whose lives are good seed growing in rich soil. Give me, too, the grace to live in your Spirit, and to be your presence for those I meet as I go about the business of my day. Amen.

### DAY 8 DECEMBER 2

Father, you are entire goodness and you are goodness for me. Creator of all things, who hold all things in being for me, give me faith in you and in myself, your creation. Amen.

### DAY 9 DECEMBER 3

God our Father, as St Francis Xavier travelled to the ends of the earth, impelled by love of Christ and afire with his good news, give me the trust and the grace to base all that I do entirely on you, safe in the knowledge that you raise up the lowly and fill them with good things. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Praying with Saint Francis Xavier  
The Novena of Grace

Visit [diojoliet.org/75th](http://diojoliet.org/75th) for the full novena, which includes excerpts from the letters of St. Francis Xavier