

St. James the Apostle Catholic Church

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NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

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 19, 2023 | The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

A Note from Fr. Keith, Our Pastor

We will celebrate Thanksgiving on Thursday. This secular holiday has religious origins. For example, the Pilgrims would offer days of fasting to thank God for the blessings of harvests and safe ship landings. These were observed with Church services and communal meals. The first Thanksgiving between the Pilgrims and Natives took place in October, 1621. The scene of unity between the brave Colonists, themselves survivors of the Mayflower journey, and the Wampanoag Tribe endures in American history.

Although observed on and off since 1789, Thanksgiving Day was formally proclaimed by President Lincoln in 1863 as a day of remembrance and gratitude during the Civil War. As people of faith, Thanksgiving is an invitation to thank God for the many blessings we have received throughout the year. Among all the blessings of this year, I am thankful for the following:

- Serving our country in uniform during my deployment and a safe homecoming
- The prayerful support and patience of our staff and parishioners
- The generosity of our many priest celebrants, especially Fr. Bill Cullen
- Bishop Hicks allowing me to recall to active duty as a reservist
- Hiring Dr. Marc Brunelle after Pat's unexpected and untimely resignation
- Divine Providence allowing delays to happen with my discharge process giving me much needed decompression time
- The generous response to both our 53rd Sunday Collection and the Hymnal Project
- Sandy Menger and We Pave repairing and sealing our parking lots
- Mr. Kirk's leadership at our parochial school increasing enrollment to 211 students PK-8

Again, this is a civic holiday but we can commemorate it with religious observance. The word thanksgiving itself points to the Eucharist. The Greek verb eucharistein means "to give thanks" because receiving Holy Communion is an act of thanksgiving to God. The Eucharistic Sacrifice of Jesus is the most generous gift ever given. Our gratitude is the only appropriate way to respond.

Our attention is focused on the Eucharist during this second year of the three year National Eucharistic Revival. So, as we gather with our family and friends this Thanksgiving for a turkey dinner, let us remember an even more spiritually nourishing feast—the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

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.

To inquire about offering Flames of Faith in honor of a loved one's intentions or in their memory, please stop by or contact Rubi at the Ministry Center, rubi@stjamesge.org

November 20 - 26, 2023

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

In memory of Carolyn Cullen

Offered by: *The Staff of St. James the Apostle Parish*



We Give Thanks!

On Thursday, November 23rd, all are invited to start their holiday celebration at our 9:00 A.M. Mass. Our offertory collection on Thanksgiving will assist in the outreach done by our St. James the Apostle St. Vincent de Paul Society. Any donations of non-perishable food may be left in the Coat Room where it will be picked up and delivered to the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry.

Our Ministry Center offices will be closed beginning Wednesday, November 22nd and will reopen on Monday, November 27th. Please note that on Friday, November 24th, our entire facility will be closed and there will be no Mass in the morning.

The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please Note: All musical selections for this weekend may be found in the separate *Worship Aid* available in the narthex.

First Reading | Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

When one finds a worthy wife, her value is far beyond pearls.
Her husband, entrusting his heart to her, has an unfailing prize.
She brings him good, and not evil, all the days of her life.
She obtains wool and flax and works with loving hands.
She puts her hands to the distaff, and her fingers ply the spindle.
She reaches out her hands to the poor, and extends her arms to the needy.
Charm is deceptive and beauty fleeting; the woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
Give her a reward for her labors, and let her works praise her at the city gates.

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

Second Reading | 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Concerning times and seasons, brothers and sisters, you have no need for anything to be written to you.
For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night.
When people are saying, "Peace and security," then sudden disaster comes upon them, like labor pains upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.
But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to overtake you like a thief.
For all of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness.
Therefore, let us not sleep as the rest do, but let us stay alert and sober.

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

Gospel | Matthew 25: 14-30

Jesus told his disciples this parable:

"A man going on a journey called in his servants and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents; to another, two; to a third, one—to each according to his ability. Then he went away.

Immediately the one who received five talents went and traded with them, and made another five. Likewise, the one who received two made another two. But the man who received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and buried his master's money.

"After a long time the master of those servants came back and settled accounts with them. The one who had received five talents came forward bringing the additional five.

He said, 'Master, you gave me five talents. See, I have made five more.'

His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy.'

Then the one who had received two talents also came forward and said, 'Master, you gave me two talents. See,

I have made two more.’

His master said to him, ‘Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master’s joy.’

Then the one who had received the one talent came forward and said, ‘Master, I knew you were a demanding person, harvesting where you did not plant and gathering where you did not scatter; so out of fear I went off and buried your talent in the ground. Here it is back.’

His master said to him in reply, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I did not plant and gather where I did not scatter? Should you not then have put my money in the bank so that I could have got it back with interest on my return? Now then! Take the talent from him and give it to the one with ten.’

For to everyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And throw this useless servant into the darkness outside, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.”

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

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.**

Welcome Ministers & Adult Servers Needed

Have you ever considered serving the Lord and your parish community? Do you enjoy experiencing a liturgy that is well executed and welcoming? If so, we need your help. We are seeking men, women, or families, who would like to serve as welcome ministers. This important ministry is crucial to maintaining our welcoming and hospitable atmosphere. A very flexible schedule is available and training is provided.

With the struggle to maintain our roster of Altar Servers who are available to serve at Mass, we are putting out a call to any adult—male or female—who might want to serve on the weekends and at funerals and weddings. This is a great opportunity to serve the Lord and this parish community at our liturgies.

If you are interested in either position or would like more information, please email Dr. Marc Brunelle, Director of Sacred Liturgy at mbrunelle@stjamesge.org, or call 630-469-7540, ext. 207.

We Offer Our Prayers



Tom Altomere	Jeffrey T. Jamrok
Jacob Baker	Jason Jung
Ensign Andrew Barr	Matthew Kulpa
Michael Brosnan	Justin T. Lewandowski
Pvt 2 John Buckley	David Marlow
1 st Lt. Robt. F. Conti, USMC	Jesse Meyer
Major Jonathan W. Craig	Pfc Simon Mstowski
Capt. Brad Crosson	Adam Novak
Michael Dahlke	Joe O'Brien
Ryan Davis	LCPC Connor Pope
Chaplain Capt. Chris Doering	Drew Price
Patrick Fischer	Andrew Root
Michael Ford	Lt. Zachary Salb
Lt. Jane Fox	Patrick Schrauth
Capt. Thomas Fox	Alison Slucas
Tech Sgt. Allen J. Gould	Michael Spake
CPL. Anthony Greenwell	David Weir
Major Jason Hendrix	Lt. Keith Wolfe CHC
Joseph Jachim	Captain Christine Zens

If you would like us to remember a current member of the military in our prayers and added to the above list, please EMAIL Rubi at: rubi@stjamesge.org and provide her with the name. Thank you!

Grace Stasi	Bob Maurer
Jennifer Baker	Mae Maurer
Ali Barton	Marite Maurer
Brent Benedict	James Pelletiere
John Benedict	Samantha Pelletiere
Jeff Brown	Tino Pere
Mary Anne Capron	Kathleen Pervan
Raija Carey	Kevin Potyen
John Cassidy	Raymond Prosperi
Chris Danly	Yvonne Reno
LaVerne DuMond	Jordan Richards
Joann Honites	Danny Riley
Baby Penelope James	Roseanne
Carole Kaczmar	Jack Rudnick
Edward Kane	Carol Sandowski
Jean Keating	Katherine Sanford
Raymond Keevins	Nibbs Scully
Kayla Kenny	Dorothy Sledz
Sharon Kestlar	Cindy Smetana
Patricia Klein	Margo Smetana
Scott Landies	Billy Southwell
Gretchen Laska	Danny Tapia
Julianne Loboeki	Milan Urban
Gail Lewellyan Johnson	Laurie Valdez
Rick Lewellyan	

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 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 and provide her with the name. Thank you!

We Make House Calls!

—Communion for the Homebound—

If you or a loved one are temporarily or permanently homebound and unable to attend Mass, the St. James Ministry of Care can bring Holy Communion to your home on a regular basis.

To have a qualified and trained St. James lay parishioner bring Communion to YOUR home, please EMAIL Rubi at the St. James Ministry Center: rubi@stjamesge.org

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/

–OR–

email Dan Sledz, our Business Manager at 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 20 - 26, 2023

NOVEMBER 20/MONDAY

8:00 A.M.

Raymond and Nadine Prosperi

REQ. BY CINDY ADAMS

Adrienne McCormick

REQ. BY MARYANN OBLAK

NOVEMBER 21/TUESDAY

8:00 A.M.

Marg Dunn

REQ. BY O'CONNOR FAMILY

NOVEMBER 22/WEDNESDAY

8:00 A.M.

Janie Froncek

REQ. BY JOAN FRONCEK

Nancy Spahn

REQ. BY ELLEN JOHNSTON

NOVEMBER 23/THANKSGIVING

9:00 A.M.

Fidel Vale

REQ. BY MODESTA BANAL

NOVEMBER 24/FRIDAY

NO MASS TODAY

NOVEMBER 25/SATURDAY

4:00 P.M.

Alfred Desparrois

REQ. BY GERI DESPARROIS

NOVEMBER 26/SUNDAY

9:00 A.M.

Bill Weirath

REQ. BY WEIRATH FAMILY

11:00 A.M.

People of the Parish

THIS WEEK@ST. JAMES

20/MONDAY

Gym Closed

6 A.M. | GYM

Daily Mass

8 A.M. | CHURCH

DuPage WW

General Meeting

7 P.M. | SJH/K

A.A. Meeting

8 P.M. | FL

21/TUESDAY

Gym Closed

6 A.M. | GYM

Daily Mass

8 A.M. | CHURCH

A & E Water Plants

8:30 A.M. | CHURCH

Boy Scout Mtg.

7:10 P.M. | SJH

22/WEDNESDAY

Gym Closed

6 A.M. | GYM

Daily Mass

8 A.M. | CH

Choir Rehearsal

7 P.M. | SJH

Evening Rosary

7 P.M. | CH

23/THURSDAY

Gym Closed

6 A.M. | GYM

Thanksgiving Day

Mass

9 A.M. | CH/ALL

Choir Sings at Mass

9 A.M. | CH

24/FRIDAY

Gym Closed

6 A.M. | GYM

Setup for CBP/

Crusader Cash

1 P.M. | NARTHEX

25/SATURDAY

Gym Closed

6 A.M. | GYM

Cursillo Mtg

7 A.M. | SJH2/3

Blood Drive

7:30 A.M. | SJH/CN

A & E Water

Plants/Christ the

King Setup

9 A.M. | CHURCH

Reconciliations

3 P.M. | CH/ALL

CBP Family

Selection/CC

3:30 P.M. | CN

Mass

4 P.M. | CH/ALL

26/SUNDAY

Gym Closed

6 A.M. | GYM

Mass

9 A.M. | CH/ALL

11 A.M. | CH/ALL

CBP Family

Selection/CC

10 A.M. | CN

12 P.M. | CN

Choir Sings at Mass

11 A.M. | CH

Senior High YM

6 P.M. | MC ALL

Worship Ministries and Events

Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday:	2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday:	2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/ Lk 19:11-28
Thursday:	1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/ Lk 19:41-44
Friday:	1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48
Saturday:	1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/ Lk 20:27-40
Sunday:	Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/ 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Saints and Special Observances

Tuesday:	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Wednesday:	St. Cecilia
Thursday:	Thanksgiving Day; St. Clement; St. Columban; Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro
Friday:	St. Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions
Saturday:	St. Catherine of Alexandria
Sunday:	Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



The Miracle at *Every* Mass

Jesus makes a miracle happen at every Mass so he can be close to me. What can kids do at Mass? *So much!*



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1. GETTING READY

The Church is Jesus' house, and Jesus is my King. When I get ready for Mass, it's nice to dress up because it is so special to be in the King's house. I make sure I am clean and neat when I go to Mass. I especially make sure I brush my teeth!

2. LISTENING

During the first part of the Mass, we read from the Bible. I ask God what he wants to tell me today, and listen to the stories. God likes to talk to us through his Word. Maybe he has a message for me!



3. MY GIFT FOR JESUS

After the readings, we pass around a basket to collect gifts for the Church and the poor. Grown-ups usually give money, but Jesus wants something even more special from kids. I think of something I can offer Jesus in my heart and imagine my gift going up to the altar with the bread and wine. God is about to do something really amazing with our gifts.



4. THE MIRACLE

When I hear Jesus' words, "This is my body," a miracle happens! God changes the bread and wine into the real Body and Blood of Jesus. The host still looks like bread, but Jesus is there in disguise.



5. JESUS COMES INTO MY HEART

I fold my hands reverently in the Communion line. When I receive Jesus, I thank him for visiting me in this amazing way. While I wait for everyone else to receive communion, this is the perfect time to have a private conversation with Jesus in my heart.

Administration Ministries

[STEWARDSHIP NOTE FOR TODAY]

The “worthy wife” described in today’s first reading is a perfect example of active stewardship: reaching out her hands to the poor and extending her arms to the needy.

November 11/12

Sunday Collection with EFT: \$12,437

Preserving Our Father’s House with EFT: \$440

Our weekly budget is \$15,192; our shortfall is \$2,755

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. The response has been beyond generous! 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: 322

Amount Pledged: \$126,670

Amount Paid to the Diocese: \$122,090

Balance Due: \$4,580

2023 Rebate to Parish: \$27,223

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



Our Youth Ministry is so thankful for all of our teens & St James families!! Thanks also to our amazing adult volunteers that help us out week after week! May God's blessings remain with you in abundance!

Christian Education Ministries

Congratulations!

Congratulations to all those that received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. You shine like the sun with reconciliation from God!! Pictured below are some of our Religious Education students after First Reconciliation:



Christian Service Ministries

A Sincere Thank You from the St. Vincent de Paul Society at St. James

We want to thank all the people who have donated to St. Vincent de Paul whether in the Thanksgiving Offertory Collection, the Poor Box or in Memorials.

We realize some people are not aware of what we do and just associate St. Vincent de Paul with the biannual Clothing Drives. Our main purpose is to help people in our parish boundaries with their immediate needs.

Our fiscal year ends in September and this is a breakdown of how we have spent your donation money to help people in our parish boundaries, this past fiscal year:

Rent.....	\$31,688.14
Utilities	\$4,258.84
Jewel & Aldi	\$6,375.00
Target & Walmart.....	\$2,875.00
Car Repair & Transportation.....	\$4,531.42



Wishing you blessings for your generosity. The members of St. Vincent de Paul thank you.



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

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Thank you! Your generosity to the Glen Ellyn Food Pantry continues to make a substantial impact on those experiencing hunger in our village, especially in these challenging months. And as we approach the holidays, the need for food is even more pronounced. During this month you will notice envelopes attached to posters in the narthex requesting a Thanksgiving donation. Please be generous! The Pantry continues to serve well over 5,500 neighbors at risk of hunger annually, and with your contributions we hope to fulfill their needs.

St. James the Apostle Parish has truly made a difference in support of families in need. Please thoughtfully give to Make Hunger History!

Additionally, as December approaches, there will be an Advent Calendar of Giving printed in the Sunday Bulletin. It will highlight specific items to 'gift' to our neighbors in need. This calendar is also a wonderful opportunity to involve our young parishioners in 'the spirit of giving'.

In closing, I offer sincere gratitude for your acts of kindness and Thanksgiving blessings,

Christine Bollettino

Parishioner and Glen Ellyn Pantry Board Member

St. James the Apostle Parish Glen Ellyn

Christmas Basket Program



We 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

People need people

GIVE BLOOD

Schedule an appointment today

**Saturday
NOVEMBER**

25

7:30 AM – 12:30 PM

**Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy
meal and drink plenty of
water before donating.**

PHOTO ID IS REQUIRED.

**Call (630) 723-2589 with
eligibility questions.**

**PLEASE SIGN UP TO DONATE AT OUR
NOVEMBER BLOOD DRIVE!**

**BLOOD DRIVE WILL TAKE PLACE IN SAINT JAMES
HALL IN THE CHURCH AT 480 S. PARK BLVD.,
GLEN ELLYN**

To sign up, call Kurt at 630-561-3155, visit
www.versiti.org/IL, scan the QR Code >>>>>>
or call/text Camille from Versiti at
847-305-9998.



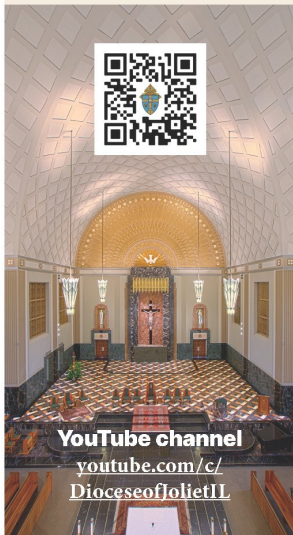
Appointments encouraged; walk-ins welcome!

**Giving warms the heart! Donate and keep warm this
winter with a limited-edition Versiti beanie, while
supplies last.**



Opening Liturgy Livestream

Watch the Opening Liturgy from the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus at 6 p.m. on Monday, December 11, 2023.



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The 75th Anniversary podcast series launched in November; new episodes will be released the first Monday of each month. Watch on YouTube or listen on your favorite podcast platform (search "Faith Into Action"):



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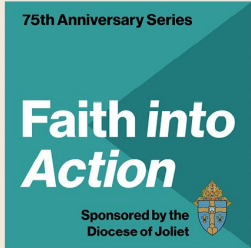
COMMEMORATING 75 YEARS OF CATECHESIS, EVANGELIZATION AND SERVICE

75th Anniversary Timeline

Visit diojoliet.org/75th for the full list of events and activities surrounding the 75th anniversary



DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	DETAILS	
November 6, 2023	Episode 1 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	Guests: Bishop Hicks and Fr. Tom Paul	
November 25–December 3, 2023	Novena of Grace	diojoliet.org/75th	Featuring excerpts from St. Francis Xavier letters and daily prayers/reflections	
December 3, 2023 1 p.m.	Blessing and dedication of St. Francis Xavier statue	Blanchette Catholic Center, Crest Hill	The statue will serve as a constant reminder of the patron saint of our diocese, since its founding in 1948	
December 4, 2023	Episode 2 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	Facts about St. Francis Xavier	
December 11, 2023 6 p.m.	Opening Liturgy	St. Raymond Nonnatus	Representatives from all parishes and religious institutions	
January 1, 2024	Episode 3 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	<p>The St. Francis Xavier statue that will be dedicated on December 3 is modeled after the patron of the diocese in the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus</p> 	
February 5, 2024	Episode 4 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)		
March 4, 2024	Episode 5 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)		
April 1, 2024	Episode 6 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)		
April 18, 2024	Theology on Tap	TBD		
May 6, 2024	Episode 7 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)		
June 1, 2024	Stuebenville Youth Event	Lewis University Register: https://bit.ly/3N44OTB		
June 3, 2024	Episode 8 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)		
June 13, 2024	Theology on Tap	Blanchette Catholic Center, Crest Hill		Featuring three newly ordained priests (Fr. Alex, Fr. Jared and Fr. Jeremy)
June 22, 2024 4 p.m.	Regional liturgy	Bishop McNamara High School, Kankakee		For parishioners in Ford, Grundy, Iroquois and Kankakee Counties
July 1, 2024	Episode 9 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)		
August 5, 2024	Episode 10 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)		
September 2, 2024	Episode 11 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)		
September 14, 2024 4 p.m.	Regional liturgy	Montini Catholic High School, Lombard	For parishioners in DuPage County	
September 28, 2024 4 p.m.	Regional liturgy	Lewis University, Romeoville	For parishioners in Will and Kendall Counties	
October 2024	Service Day	All parishes and various religious entities will be asked to celebrate a day of service		
October 7, 2024	Episode 12 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)		
October 24, 2024	Theology on Tap	TBD	Featuring Bishop Hicks	
November 4, 2024	Episode 13 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)		
December 2, 2024	Episode 14 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)		
December 8, 2024 4 p.m.	Closing Liturgy	St. Raymond Nonnatus	Representatives from all parishes and religious institutions	



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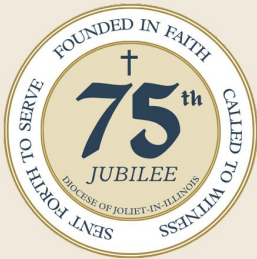
The first episode of the 75th Anniversary podcast series will launch November 6, 2023. Episodes will be released the first Monday of each month. Watch on YouTube or listen on your favorite podcast platform:



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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.

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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

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for the full novena, which
includes excerpts from the
letters of St. Francis Xavier