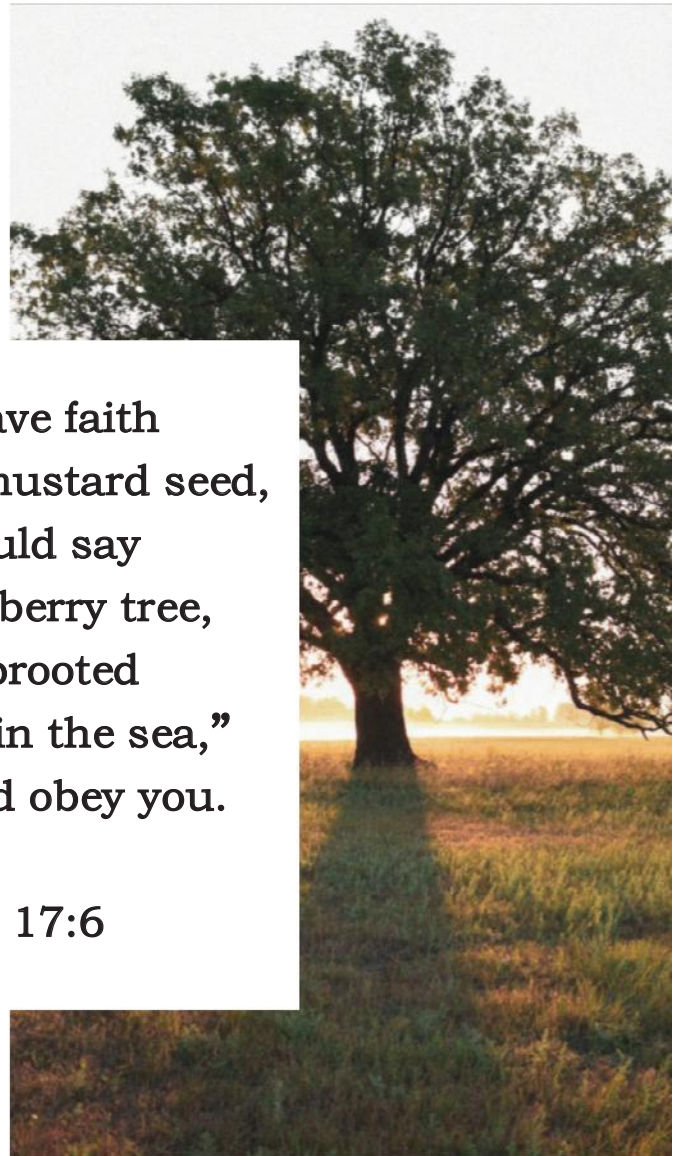
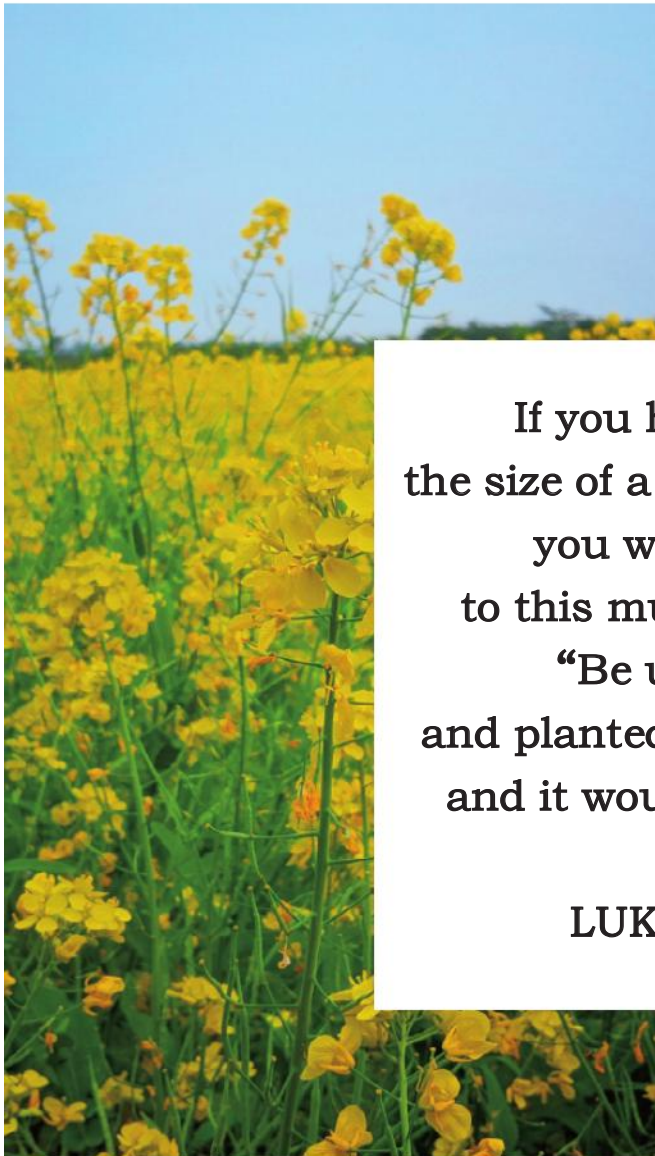




If you have faith
the size of a mustard seed,
you would say
to this mulberry tree,
“Be uprooted
and planted in the sea,”
and it would obey you.

LUKE 17:6

TWENTY-SEVENTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

October 5, 2025



Bishop Hicks' Column October 2025



MAKE

When I arrived as your bishop five years ago, I laid out a vision of catechesis, evangelization, and faith into action, emphasizing that a thriving Church is one where we truly know, love, and serve God. The big question remains: how do we actually do that? How do we move from just having a vision to putting it into real practice?

This is why I wrote the pastoral letter *MAKE! and launched it just this month*. It builds on Bishop Conlon's 2018 pastoral letter *GO!*, which draws on the Great Commission in Matthew's Gospel (Matthew 28): "Go and make disciples." *MAKE!* vulnerably reflects my heart. I love Jesus, and I want you to love Him too. It expresses my desire to give everyone a practical, loving roadmap to becoming disciples and making disciples, with a hands-on guide for passing our faith from one generation to the next.

Right before publishing it, I have to admit that I was filled with some self-doubt. I wondered, "There are so many other issues I could be writing about: the Eucharist, Pro-Life concerns, Vocations, Care of Creation, Immigration, Violence, and more. Is making disciples really the best topic?"

The Holy Spirit answered that question for me last month during a meeting at the headquarters of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in Washington, D.C. Our committee was presented with the results of a large national survey of thousands of priests across the country. One question asked, "Out of all the issues in the world, which one most needs to be addressed by our Church?" The number one response from priests nationwide was clear: passing the faith on to the next generation.

The statistician went on to explain that this does not mean priests consider the other issues unimportant. Rather, they recognize that if we do not have people in the pews, if this generation and

the next are not alive in their faith and participating in the life of the Church, then all of those other issues will eventually lose their voice in the Church. We first need to form disciples who are rooted in Christ, so that they in turn can carry the mission forward and address these other urgent concerns with faith and courage.

This is why *MAKE!* is so important. It is not just another document, and it is certainly not meant to sit on a shelf and collect dust. It is a living invitation to every Catholic in our diocese to move from simply managing decline to boldly embracing mission. We all want to belong to a Church that is alive, thriving, and centered on the salvation of souls. That future depends on how seriously we take this call to be made into disciples so that we can go out and make disciples.

The letter offers a clear path: conversion, confession, communion, commission, all held together by prayer. These are not abstract concepts but real, concrete steps that anyone can begin today. I both invite and urge you to read the letter. And then read it again. Pray over it, discuss it with your family, your friends, or a group in your parish. Choose one small action and begin.

If each of us takes this seriously, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Diocese of Joliet can become a Church on fire with love for Jesus. Boldly, I want our diocese to be the most evangelizing diocese in the country, not out of competition, but because I love Jesus, and I want you to love Him and be saved through Him too. This is our time, and this is our mission. Let us first be disciples, men and women of all ages who know, love, and serve Jesus, so that together we can go out with joy and courage to *MAKE* disciples, starting now.

To learn more about my pastoral letter and how to make disciples for Jesus, visit make.diojoliet.org.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, October 4

4:30 pm + Jonathan Trevino

Sunday, October 5– Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am People of Holy Spirit Catholic Church

9:30 am + Gilbert Barrette

11:00 am + Joyce Skortz

Monday, October 6– St. Bruno; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher

9:00 am + Dorothy Sitko

Tuesday, October 7– Our Lady of the Rosary

9:00 am + Steven Curin

Wednesday, October 8

9:00 am + Marianna Seen

Thursday, October 9– St. Denis & Co., St. John Leonardi

9:00 am + Charlie Kirk and Family

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



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Veterans Day Mass
Sunday, November 9th at 11:00am

We are looking for a few veterans to help plan and organize our Mass. After all, who knows how to celebrate Veterans Day better than veterans do. Thank you for your service!

Please contact Master Sergeant
Franklin Newson, Retired
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fptopnewson@gmail.com

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Download and read Bishop
Hicks' new pastoral letter,
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and your loved ones can live as
disciples and help make other
disciples in your community.



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A Pastoral Letter for the People
of the **Diocese of Joliet**



2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

	As of 9/21/2025	Final 2024
Goal	\$98,200	\$99,000
Amount Pledged	\$136,589	\$141,589
Amount Paid	\$127,254	\$140,928
Balance Due	\$9,335	\$661
Donor Count	374	334
Rebate to HSCC	\$20,338	\$29,350



COMING UP AT HOLY SPIRIT

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Monday, October 6

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

Tuesday, October 7

12:30pm Parish Leadership Team, Gathering Place

1:00pm Seasons of Hope, Multipurpose Room

Thursday, October 9

10:00am Gathered in Prayer, Multipurpose Room

Saturday, October 11

7:00am Men's Ministry, Multipurpose Room

7:00am That Man Is You, Gathering Place

Faithful Explorers

ALL SAINTS DAY TOUR

Saturday, November 1, 2025

Depart from Holy Spirit 9:45am
Return approximately 6:30pm

Round trip transportation via coach bus included.



A Beautiful Day of Faith, Culture, and Community

Join us for an unforgettable All Saints Day trip to the historic and culturally rich Catholic Churches of Chicago's Pilsen neighborhood. This guided trip features tours of three stunning churches: St. Paul, St. Procopius, and St. Pius V.



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\$90 Optional Mexican buffet lunch

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For questions, please contact
Heather Heller at helleret@gmail.com
or Roberta Balsewicz at rbalsewicz@hsc.org

Highlights include:

- Guided tour of 3 churches
- All Saints Day Mass
- Dominican Shrine of St. Jude Thaddeus
- Special Adoration Chapel Visit
- Guest appearance from a Missionaries of Charity sister
- Día de los Muertos cultural celebration- outdoor festival
- Optional Mexican Buffet



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Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, October 12th
Gathering Place
After ALL Masses

Free-will donations will benefit Waterleaf Women's Center




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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.

TUESDAYS
Starting October 7, 2025
In the Multi-Purpose Room from 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Please RSVP by September 26th

THE 7 INTENTIONS OF MOURNING
A Guided Pathway to Healing & Hope

PRAYER: the soul of the Christian Life

REMEMBERING & HONORING: treasuring the gifts they left us

ACCEPTANCE: coming to terms with what has happened

YIELD TO THE PAIN: facing our suffering

ENDURING CONNECTION: death ends a life, not a relationship

REBUILD & REDEFINE: building a new relationship with the world

SUPPORT: receiving and giving

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Put Christmas in Your Front Yard

In today's society, the true meaning of the Christmas season has been diminished or dismissed altogether. Join us in bringing back outdoor Nativity scenes! Our hope is that the Nativity scenes will serve to brighten up our neighborhoods and remind our children of the importance of the Holy Family in the Christmas season.

Sets are on sale from the Knights of Columbus now through October 12th. Funds will go to purchase new clergy vestments for special occasions.

For more information, contact Frank Reveles at 630-918-1067 or freveleskoc@gmail.com.

Use the QR code to order your Nativity scene or visit hscc.us/ministries-knights-columbus



A colorful poster for the 'Knights of Columbus Annual Coat Drive'. At the top is the 'COATS for Kids' logo with a red coat icon. Below it are three photos of people wearing coats. A green coat icon is also present. The title 'Knights of Columbus Annual Coat Drive' is in large yellow letters. Below the title, it says 'We are collecting new coats, as well as monetary donations to purchase coats for children in need.' and 'Coats will be donated to Hesed House, St. Ethelreda's, Exchange Club of Naperville and Morning Star Mission.' A pink coat icon is on the left. The dates 'October 4/5 & 11/12' and 'IN THE NARTHEX' are in the center. On the right is a QR code with a 'DONATE' button below it. At the bottom right is the 'Holy Spirit CATHOLIC CHURCH' logo with 'Naperville, Illinois' underneath.



Please bring food donations to Holy Spirit by Noon on Tuesday, October 7th.



Volunteers Needed

Dinner,
Wednesday
October 8th
through
Breakfast,
Thursday
October 9th

SIGN UP ONLINE AT
hscc.us/ministries-hesed-house



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

TRUNK OR TREAT

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24

FROM 4PM-6PM AT HOLY SPIRIT!

SCAN THIS QR CODE
REGISTER TO ATTEND



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40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

The Fall Campaign for 40 DAYS FOR LIFE is taking place through November 2, 2025. During this time, Christians from around the world will join together for the most powerful PRO-LIFE effort the world has experienced.

Vigils will be from 8 AM to 5 PM Monday through Saturday at Waterleaf Woman's Center at 3055 E. New York St. Aurora, IL, directly across from Aurora Planned Parenthood.

Please join in prayer at Waterleaf anytime between 8 AM and 5 PM. To sign up, please go to 40daysforlife.com/en/aurorail. If you are unable to attend, please offer a ROSARY FOR LIFE to save a baby at risk of abortion. You can show your love and commitment through prayer and fasting.



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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass

Monday - Thursday 9:00am (No Mass on Friday)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays following the 9:00am Mass until 10:30am

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:30pm

Sunday 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am

Reconciliation

Saturday, 3:30-4:00pm

PARISH STEWARDSHIP

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

Monthly Offering	#of Donors	August 2025
WeShare Online Giving	143	\$12,898
Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT)	160	\$17,233
Envelopes & Loose Cash	175	\$55,855
Total August Collection	478	\$85,986
Year-to-Date July 1, 2025 - August 31, 2025		
Sunday Offering Thru 8/31/25		\$167,352
Fiscal Year Budget Thru 8/31/25		\$185,400
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Special Offerings - August 2025		
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