

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

November 9, 2025



Zeal for your house will consume me.
John 2:17



Bishop Hicks' Column November 2025



“I Have Loved You” — A Gift from the Holy Father

The wait is over! After just five months of being elected, Pope Leo XIV has speedily penned and shared with us his first Apostolic Exhortation, *Dilexi Te* (“I Have Loved You”). It radiates the heart of Jesus and reminds us that love for Christ and love for the poor are inseparable. The Holy Father teaches that when we draw close to those who are weak, forgotten, or struggling, we meet Christ himself. It is not only an invitation to charity; it is a call to conversion.

In last month’s column, I invited everyone to read my pastoral letter *MAKE!* which lays out our diocesan vision for evangelization. If you have not yet done so, I encourage you to take some quiet time to read and pray with it, and now to also read *Dilexi Te*. These two letters, the Holy Father’s and ours, speak to one another with one voice: a call to be a Church that listens, serves, and brings the love of Christ into action.

Some may think this theme of love for the poor is simply a continuation of Pope Francis and something that only Francis and Leo share in common. However, Pope Leo shows in a scholarly and deeply pastoral way that love for the poor has always been at the very heart of the Church. Throughout *Dilexi Te* he grounds this teaching in Scripture from the Old and New Testaments and draws upon the wisdom of the Early Church Fathers, the lives of the saints, and the witness of countless religious orders and popular movements. He even highlights how Saint John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI carried forward this same conviction in their own teaching. Far from being a new idea, Pope Leo reminds us that this is part of the Church’s unbroken tradition, one that the world urgently needs to hear again today.

Reading *Dilexi Te* moved me deeply. It reminded me that when we share life with the poor, they evangelize us. During my years serving in El

Salvador at a home for orphaned and abandoned children, I remember when a donation allowed us to buy doughnuts for all 525 children. We ran out before the adult staff could have any, including me. Then a little boy approached and offered me two thirds of his doughnut. I said, “That’s generous, but give me one third and keep two thirds.” He replied, “No, Padre, you’re bigger and probably hungrier, you get more.” That small act of love preached the Gospel better than any homily.

I was struck by Pope Leo’s reminder that poverty is not only material. There is also a spiritual poverty, an emptiness and isolation that affects many, especially in our own country. He warns that this kind of poverty can be even more dangerous because it hides behind comfort or distraction. This insight challenges us to see the poor not only as those who lack food or shelter but also as those who hunger for meaning, mercy, and belonging. Our call is to reach both kinds of poverty with the same love of Christ.

Not long ago, I visited a parish food pantry where volunteers gathered to pray before they served. It was not simply about groceries; it was catechesis, evangelization, and faith in action all at once. One volunteer said, “Bishop, we try to do more than give out donations. We are trying to share God’s love and see the face of Christ in everyone we serve.” That is *Dilexi Te* come to life. When love meets action, we encounter Christ, and transformation happens.

May *Dilexi Te* be a roadmap for a Church that truly believes what it proclaims: that Christ’s love is most visible when we serve, listen, and walk with the poor. In every act of mercy and every parish outreach, may we turn faith into action and reveal the love that Pope Leo describes so powerfully. And may we, as disciples here in the Diocese of Joliet, make that love visible in our words, our witness, and our works every single day.



PRAY WITH US

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, November 8

4:30 pm + Mary Jane Walz

**Sunday, November 9– The Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica**

8:00 am People of Holy Spirit Catholic Church

9:30 am + Scott Slattery

11:00 am + Michelle Lax

Monday, November 10– St. Leo the Great

9:00 am + Steven Zarebski

Tuesday, November 11– St. Martin of Tours

9:00 am + Toribia Fegalquin and + Carl Schmitt

Wednesday, November 12– St. Josaphat

9:00 am + James Peters

Thursday, November 13– St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

9:00 am + All the Faithful Departed

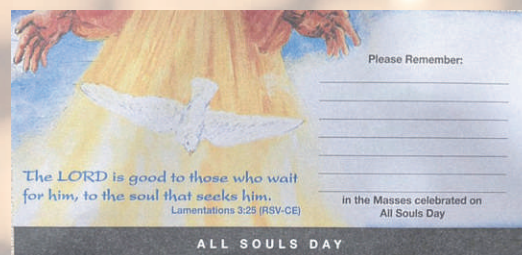


OUR PARISH MISSION

*Holy Spirit
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with Jesus Christ.*

November – The Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory



During the entire month of November, prayers will be offered for our dearly departed at all Masses. If you would like to include your loved ones, please use the envelopes available in the Narthex. Donations will be used to continue our work on beautifying the parish grounds.

This year there will be a “Book of the Deceased” in the sanctuary. The names of all parishioners who have had their funeral Mass celebrated at Holy Spirit, have been inscribed.

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*



We are collecting donations for
The Midwest Shelter For
Homeless Veterans.

Items needed are:

Toilet paper

Paper towels

Body wash

Donations can be placed in the
receptacle in the Narthex now
through November 16th.

Forming Building and Grounds Committee

Holy Spirit Catholic Church is blessed with a beautiful 22-year-old church building and parking lot on ten (10) acres of wonderfully landscaped grounds that serve as a place of worship, fellowship, and community. As good stewards of the gifts God has entrusted to us, we are forming a Building and Grounds Committee to help oversee the care, maintenance, improvement and future development of our parish property.

We are seeking parishioners who have experience or interest in areas such as:

- Facilities management or building maintenance;
- Landscaping or grounds care;
- Construction, engineering, or architecture;
- Budgeting, project planning, or fundraising;
- A willingness to help and a heart for stewardship!

The committee will meet periodically to assess needs, prioritize projects, and make recommendations to the pastor, parish leadership team and the finance committee.

If you are interested in serving or would like more information, please contact the parish office at 630-922-0081.

Together, let us care for our parish home so it may continue to welcome and serve all who enter.

"Let all things be done decently and in order." – 1 Corinthians 14:40



YOUTH CHOIR

Let's make a joyful noise! We would love to have your young musician(s) ages 1st - 12th grade join the Christmas Eve edition of the Youth Choir of Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Our first Christmas rehearsal is Wednesday, November 12, from 5:30 - 6:30 pm in the Multipurpose Room. Please come check us out!

Here is the schedule if you are interested in having your children sing for Christmas Eve. All rehearsals will take place at Holy Spirit:

- Wednesday, November 12, 5:30 - 6:30 pm in the multipurpose room
- Wednesday, November 19, 5:30 - 6:30 pm in the church
- Wednesday, December 3, 5:30 - 6:30 pm in the church
- Wednesday, December 10, **5:00** - 6:30 pm in the church (*note earlier start time*)
- Wednesday, December 17, **5:00** - 6:30 pm in the church (*note earlier start time*)
- Tuesday, December 24, 1:45 pm in the church before 3pm Mass

BUT WAIT! THERE'S MORE! We had success with this last year, so we are doing it again! We are encouraging parents and older siblings to sing with your children on Christmas Eve as part of a **Family Christmas Choir!** The "Family Choir" will **not** attend any extra rehearsals. We only ask that you attend the 1:45 pm rehearsal before the Christmas Eve Mass begins. The Youth Choir will have featured songs that they will sing on their own. And the Family Choir will be there to support your singer and sing along with familiar Christmas carols!

Please complete the form found at hsc.us/ministries-choir to indicate your interest in the Christmas Youth Choir and Family Christmas Choir.

If you have any questions, please contact Youth Choir Director Sadie Wynne at swynne@hsc.us.



COMING UP AT HOLY SPIRIT

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Monday, November 10

7:00pm Poland Pilgrimage Mtg., Gathering Place

Tuesday, November 11

12:30pm Parish Leadership Team, Gathering Place

1:00pm Seasons of Hope, Multipurpose Room

Wednesday, November 12

9:30am Bible Study, Gathering Place

5:00pm Youth Choir Rehearsal, Multipurpose Room

Thursday, November 13

9:45am Gathered in Prayer, Multipurpose Room

Friday, November 14

6:00pm K of C Beer Tasting Event, Gathering Place

Saturday, November 15

7:00am Men's Ministry, Multipurpose Room

7:00am That Man Is You, Gathering Place

9:30am Safety & Security Mtg., Gathering Place

Saturday, November 16

9:00am OCIA, Multipurpose Room

Monday, November 17

6:00pm K of C Council Mtg., Gathering Place

Tuesday, November 18

12:30pm Parish Leadership Team, Gathering Place

1:00pm Seasons of Hope, Multipurpose Room

Wednesday, November 19

9:30am Bible Study, Gathering Place

5:00pm Youth Choir Rehearsal, Church

7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church

Thursday, November 20

9:45am Gathered in Prayer, Multipurpose Room

Saturday, November 22

7:00am Men's Ministry, Multipurpose Room

7:00am That Man Is You, Gathering Place

Sunday, November 23

9:00am OCIA, Multipurpose Room

Monday, November 24

5:00pm Minister of Care Training, Multipurpose Room

Wednesday, November 26

7:00pm Adult Choir Rehearsal, Church

Thursday, November 27

9:00am Thanksgiving Day Mass, Church

Saturday, November 29

7:00am Men's Ministry, Multipurpose Room

7:00am That Man Is You, Gathering Place

Sunday, November 30

12:00pm Rosary, Church



HESSED HOUSE
BECAUSE EVERYONE DESERVES DIGNITY

Holy Spirit is collecting Christmas Stocking items for Hesed House.

Help us fill 100 stockings for Hessed House for children ages 5-18!

- Christmas stockings
- Stocking stuffers such as small novelty gifts and candy

Donations can be brought to the Narthex now through November 21.

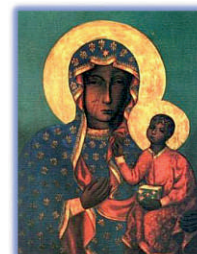
Thank you for your support!

For questions, contact Kim Kroeze at kkroeze@hsc.us or 630-922-0081 x62

Gdansk, Warsaw, Czestochowa, Krakow – The Treasures of Poland

September 22 to October 3, 2026

Hosted by Fr. Richard Smith and Fr. John Sponder



We are planning a pilgrimage of faith and journey of discovery to all the pearls of Poland.

There will be an informational meeting with Fr. Smith, Fr. Sponder and Laurie deVillers from Trans World Travel on Monday, November 10th at 7:00 PM at Holy Spirit Church, 2003 Hassert Blvd, Naperville.

For additional information and online brochure, please contact: Trans World Travel Inc. at 847-432-2400.



COMING UP AT HOLY SPIRIT

Please save the date

Thanksgiving Day Mass

Thursday,
November 27
9:00am

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Beer Tasting

SAMPLE A VARIETY OF CRAFT BEERS WHILE SUPPORTING THE AMERICAN WHEELCHAIR MISSION!



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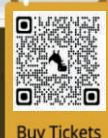
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2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

	As of 11/2/2025	Final 2024
Goal	\$98,200	\$99,000
Amount Pledged	\$144,871	\$141,589
Amount Paid	\$139,205	\$140,928
Balance Due	\$5,666	\$661
Donor Count	379	334
Rebate to HSCC	\$28,703	\$29,350

DONUT SUNDAY THIS WEEK, NOVEMBER 9

Please join us after all Sunday Masses for a sweet treat!



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First Saturday & Sunday before and after each Mass

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	Oct. 2025
WeShare Online Giving:	155	\$13,635
Electronic Funds Transfer:	161	\$17,553
Envelopes & Loose Cash:	193	\$44,759
Total October Collection:	509	\$75,947

Year-to-Date July 1, 2025 - October 31, 2025

Sunday Offering Thru 10/31/25:	\$320,255
Fiscal Year Budget Thru 10/31/25:	\$350,200
Surplus (Deficit):	(\$29,945)

Special Offerings - October 2025

Building & Maintenance Fund:	\$1,534
World Mission Sunday:	\$1,045

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