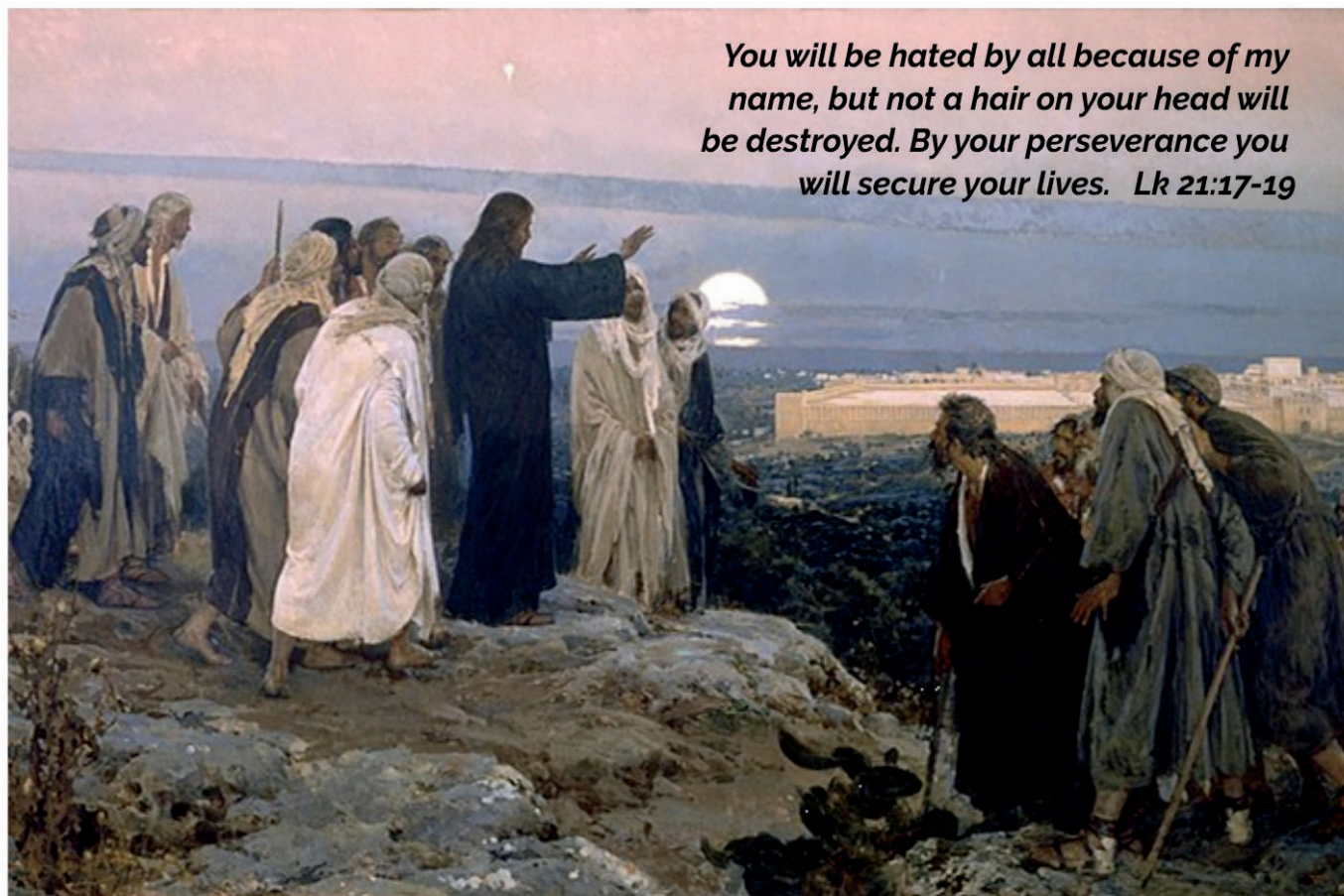




You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives. Lk 21:17-19

MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND

Saturday
4:30pm

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

CONFESSION

Saturday
3:30-4:00pm

WEEKDAY

Monday-Thursday
9:00am

ADORATION

Tuesdays
9:30am-10:30am

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

M- Thurs 8:00am-4:30pm
Friday 8:00am-1:00pm

NOVEMBER 16, 2025

**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

OUR MISSION

Holy Spirit Catholic Church exists to bring people into a heartfelt relationship with Jesus Christ.

November 2025

Impact

Bring faith to life. Find life in faith.

BE OVERWHELMED

Have you ever been so grateful for something - time with a cherished friend, a special gift, remission of serious illness, a particularly beautiful day or moment in time - that you were completely overwhelmed?

FAITH AND GRATITUDE GO HAND IN HAND

Jesus healed ten lepers. Nine presumably did what Jewish law prescribed and what Jesus instructed them to do, presenting themselves to the priests who would witness their healing. Only one, a Samaritan outsider, was so overcome with gratitude that he rushed back to Jesus and fell at his feet, praising God for the incredible gift he had been given. Jesus' response assured him not only that his healing was real but that his faith had saved him. Faith and gratitude go hand in hand in this encounter with the Lord, as it should for us today.

SEE GRACE IN YOUR MIDST

Faithful and faith-filled living leads us to be aware of our blessings and to grow in gratitude for them, even in the darkest of times. Those who struggle with physical illness may be challenged to be grateful until they think about the skill their doctor or the companionship of a friend; recalling a special moment with a deceased parent or sibling may console us in grief; a time of loneliness may lead us to quiet prayer and new insight, for example. Living gratefully helps us to see God's hand in our lives.

EVEN WHEN IT IS HARD

Growing in gratitude is simple, but for most of us, it takes conscious effort at first. Each time we are tempted to whine, focus on what we want rather than what we may actually need, or look at all that is not the way we wish it were, we must turn our minds instead toward the many ways in which we have been blessed. Over time this gratefulness mindset becomes more natural.

STEWARDSHIP: GRACE IN ACTION

Like the leper who returned to give thanks, we are called to express our gratitude in words and actions. This grateful response is what stewardship is all about. A steward cares for, nurtures, and shares all that has been entrusted to him or her out of gratitude for the abundant gifts that have been given.

HOW WILL YOU BE A GOOD STEWARD?

For what are you thankful today? What gift or blessing, large or small, is a sign of the abundance of God's grace? How will you fall at Jesus' feet, proclaiming God's glory, and express your grateful response for this gift through words or actions, in caring or sharing?

Who is a Christian steward?
One who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord.

Stewardship
A Disciple's Response p. 9

In all
circumstances,
give thanks.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Saturday, November 15

4:30 pm + Bernard Kestel

Sunday, November 16– 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am + Kenneth and Judith Hougas

9:30 am People of Holy Spirit Catholic Church

11:00 am + Steven Zarebski

Monday, November 17– St. Elizabeth of Hungary

9:00 am + Joseph and Laura Skupien

Tuesday, November 18

9:00 am + Dan and Betty Ruttiger and

+ John Skrip

Wednesday, November 19

9:00 am + Ginger Cloonan

Thursday, November 20

9:00 am + Victor and Marie Gallo

As we continue to remember all of our Faithful Departed during the month of November, let us pray especially for those buried from Holy Spirit Catholic Church during the past year.

Thomas Aguilar

K.S. Anthony

Gregory Buciak

Wilfredo Carreon

Linda Casey

Simeon Comillas, Jr.

Herminia Curimao

Joanne DiCanio

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Susan Hammond

Alma Hernandez

Kathleen Holmes

Judith Hougas

Robert Kus

John Lane

Patrick Larkin

Patrick Lee

Donna Martens

Gerald Mastro

Jerry Mugnolo

Dotun Oyedijo

Socorro Pardo

Eileen Patka

Julieta Peterson

Mary Polvere

Joyce Skortz

John Skrip

Scott Slattery

Amalia Tamayo

David Tiedeman

Jonathan Trevino



COMING UP AT HOLY SPIRIT

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

5:30pm 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



Our High School Teens having "s'more" fun together!

Join us for our next event on Sunday, November 23rd at 12pm as we stuff Christmas stockings for the children of Hesed House.

The Knights of Columbus Council 15037 cordially invites all parishioners to participate in a celebration honoring the Patroness of the Americas.

FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

FRIDAY,
December 12, 2025

Rosary at 6:30 P.M.
Mass at 7:00 P.M.

PRESENTATION
Our Lady will receive roses during the Mass.

PROCESSION
All participants will move to the Narthex for a final prayer and fellowship where we will share some refreshments and desserts.

Holy Spirit Catholic Church



GET INVOLVED

Be a light to our parish community
this Advent Season.

Please Scan the QR Code to volunteer to
light the Advent Wreath during Mass.



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.

"According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it." - 1 Corinthians 3:10



Help our High School Teens
collect Christmas Stocking
items for Hesed House.

Help us fill 100 stockings for
Hesed 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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKING ON THE MARGINS

November 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our diocese will soon take up the national collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). Your support for this collection November 15/16 brings change to communities across the country and empowers those living in poverty to transform their communities into reflections of the Kingdom of God. For more than 50 years, CCHD has helped low-income people address the root causes of poverty and injustice, not by giving “one-size-fits-all” handouts, but by funding local organizations that empower low-income people to make positive impacts in their own communities. This grassroots model allows people to use their experiences and knowledge of their communities to build coalitions of faith leaders, local businesses, and other neighbors who work together to find solutions that benefit everyone.

When you give to the CCHD collection, you make an impact nationally and at home, because 25% of your contribution stays within your own diocese. This way you help your own community build on this legacy of success while also helping communities across the country. Local grant recipients in our diocese include emergency assistance and food pantry supplies for St. Vincent De Paul chapters, vocational job training for adults with disabilities, and community outreach programming for at-risk youth and families. You can find more information on our local CCHD grants at <https://catechesis.diojoliet.org/cchd>.

Please prayerfully consider how you can help CCHD this year. If you would like more information about the national collection and the people it supports, visit www.usccb.org/cchd.

Thank you for joining us to work on the margins and break the cycle of poverty. With best wishes, I ask God to bless you always.

As I remain -

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet



Catholic Conference
of Illinois

ACTION ALERT

Please contact Governor Pritzker to VETO SB 1950– Legalizing Assisted Suicide

At 2:54am on October 31, the Illinois State Senate narrowly passed SB 1950. The State House narrowly passed the bill in the Spring. The bill is now on the Governor's desk. This is the last chance to stop assisted suicide from becoming law in Illinois.

In Canada, where assisted suicide has been legal since 2016, 1 in 20 deaths are now due to assisted suicide/euthanasia. Too many are giving up on life under this law.

PLEASE CALL GOVERNOR PRITZKER AND INFORM HIM:

- **People with disabilities, the poor and marginalized fear coercion and abuse under assisted suicide laws.**
- **Suicide rates increase in states where assisted suicide is legal, especially among veterans.**
- **There is a possible cost savings to insurance companies, as they can provide cheaper lethal drugs instead of lifesaving treatments.**

**Go to www.ilcatholic.org for email links,
or call the Governor's office directly at
312-814-2121.**



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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

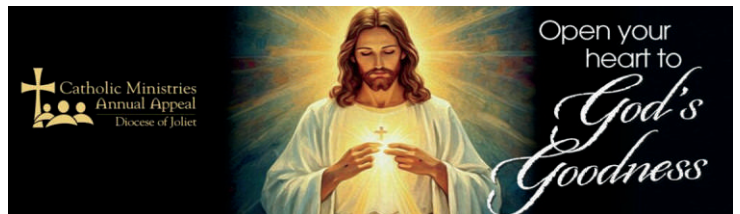
Consider Electronic Giving!

Scan the QR code to make a one time or reoccurring offering to Holy Spirit



"...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us." 2 Thessalonians 3:9

Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their words and actions, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and others desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others may have with our Catholic faith.



2025 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal

	As of 11/9/2025	Final 2024
Goal	\$98,200	\$99,000
Amount Pledged	\$145,091	\$141,589
Amount Paid	\$139,615	\$140,928
Balance Due	\$5,476	\$661
Donor Count	380	334
Rebate to HSCC	\$28,990	\$29,350

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