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# 30th Annual Great Lakes Catholic Men's Conference Saturday, November 22



**"Hope Does Not Disappoint"**  
*Romans 5:5*



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**thetalk.org** to register online.  
**Early Bird Discount Available!**

**"Walk the Talk"**  
**Great Lakes Catholic  
Men's Conference**  
Saturday, November 22, 2025  
8:50 AM - 4 PM

## Why have over 20,000 men attended?

We asked previous attendees. One attendee, Chris, said, "Always very uplifting." Dave said it is, "powerful", and "challenging." And Michael said, "I was in spiritual crisis...(the conference) helped to lift me out of darkness." Don't just take these men's words for it.

*Come discover for yourself!*

### Don't miss this opportunity to:

- Energize and deepen your faith
- Gain insight into authentic masculinity and heroic virtue
- Be inspired by others to live courageously for Christ
- Feel a renewed sense of hope and purpose



### Come and enjoy:

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|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Dynamic Speakers     | Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament |
| Uplifting Live Music | Mass                                |
| Fellowship           | Sacrament of Reconciliation         |
| Lunch                | Adoration Chapel                    |
| Free Parking         |                                     |
| Exhibits             |                                     |

**Holmes Student Center**  
Northern Illinois University  
340 Carroll Ave | DeKalb, IL 60115

From I-88, exit Annie Glidden Rd. north to IL Rt. 38. east. Then head north on Normal Rd. A parking garage is available south of the Student Center on Normal Rd.; and open air parking lots are available on Carroll Ave., SW of the Student Center and one block north of the Student Center off of Normal Rd. at the Newman Center and across from the Newman Center.

## FEATURED SPEAKERS



**STEVE  
RAY**

**Steve Ray** and his wife, Janet, are converts to the Catholic Church from the Baptist Tradition. They are the writers, hosts and producers of the Catholic DVD series *The Footprints of God: The Story of Salvation from Abraham to the Apostolic Fathers*. Steve is the best-selling author of numerous books including *Crossing the Tiber*, the story of his conversion to the Catholic Church. Steve & Janet have been to the Holy Land over 200 times and have guided thousands of Pilgrims!



**TIM  
GRAY**

**Tim Gray**, is the President of the Augustine Institute, a Catholic speaker and author. Under Dr. Gray's leadership, the Augustine Institute has become the largest Catholic graduate school of theology in the United States, a leading purveyor of premium Catholic content, and now a locus for Catholic conferences and retreats.



**REV. FRANCIS  
"ROCKY"  
HOFFMAN**

**Rev. Francis J. Hoffman, JCD (Fr. Rocky)** is Executive Director of Relevant Radio. Ordained as a priest for Opus Dei in 1992 by Pope Saint John Paul II, he holds a doctorate in Canon Law from the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, an MBA from the University of Notre Dame, and a BA in History from Northwestern University.



**Wayne Messmer**, *Master of Ceremonies*  
Wayne is affectionately known for singing the National Anthem at Chicago Cubs and Chicago Wolves games.



**Bishop David J. Malloy**, *Mass Celebrant*  
Bishop Malloy is the ninth Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Rockford.

## Registration Information

**\$50 Early Bird if purchased by Oct. 22**

**\$55 if purchased after Oct. 22**

**\$60 at the door**

**\$25 for college students and younger**

**\$15 for deacons**

**Purchase your ticket on our website or fill out the attached registration form.**

**Parking and lunch are included.  
For best seats, arrive early.**

**Doors open and music begins at 8 AM**

**Activities from 8:50 AM to 4 PM**

*Special seating available for the physically impaired.*

**No one will be turned away because of inability to pay. We want you to come!**

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To register with a credit card please go to our website, **thetalk.org**, and click on the registration button.

## Registration Form

- Purchase your tickets through your Parish Captain or your pastor (Many parishes pre-purchase blocks of tickets, so watch your bulletin) OR mail in this form OR register online
- For groups, return all registration forms in one envelope if possible

Tickets will be mailed to you prior to the Conference.

**SORRY, NO REFUNDS.**

**CONFERENCE DATE IS SATURDAY,  
NOVEMBER 22, 2025**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_

Send me materials to promote the Conference in my parish.

Please list quantity of tickets on appropriate line

\_\_\_\_ x \$50 Adult Early Bird (if mailed by 10/22)

\_\_\_\_ x \$55 Regular Adult (*Early Bird Discount Available*)

\_\_\_\_ x \$25 College students or younger

\_\_\_\_ x \$15 Deacons

\_\_\_\_ x \$0 Priests

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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