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Great Lakes Catholic
Men's Conference
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"Walk the Talk"
**Great Lakes Catholic
Men's Conference**
Saturday, November 21, 2026
8:50 AM - 4 PM

31st Annual Great Lakes Catholic Men's Conference

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*"Come to me, all you who
labor and are burdened, and
I will give you rest."*

Matthew 11:28



Scan the QR Code or go to
thetalk.org to register online.
Early Bird Discount Available!

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 & Enjoy:

Dynamic Speakers
Uplifting Live Music
Fellowship
Lunch
Free Parking
Exhibits

Exposition of The
Blessed Sacrament
Mass
Sacrament of
Reconciliation
Adoration Chapel

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



**DOUG
HINDERER**

Doug Hinderer is a licensed marriage and family therapist in Illinois. He sees couples and individuals, and frequently speaks on a variety of marriage-related topics. He also hosts his own show, "Marriage Unhindered," on Relevant Radio. Doug recently published his first book, *Rekindled Hearts: A Spiritual Journey to Marital Healing*. Doug and his wife, Shirley, have been married for 46 years and have 9 children and 12 grandchildren.



**BISHOP
DENNIS SPIES**

Bishop Dennis Edward Spies was born in Clifton, Illinois. His previous assignments include parochial vicar at St. Walter in Roselle, pastor at St. Liborius in Steger, and director of the pre-theology and parish internship program at Mundelein Seminary. Since 2024, he has served as vicar for clergy for the Diocese of Joliet and currently serves as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Joliet.



**DR. MATTHEW
BREUNINGER**

Dr. Matthew Breuninger is a licensed psychologist, Catholic speaker & author. After 9 years at Franciscan Univ. of Steubenville, he founded Wellspring Counseling & Coaching, a Catholic-rooted practice. He speaks internationally on psychology & faith and is author of *Finding Freedom in Christ: Healing Life's Hurts*. He lives with his wife and six children on a family homestead.



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

\$55 Early Bird if purchased by Oct. 21

\$60 if purchased after Oct. 21

\$65 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 21, 2026**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone () _____

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Parish _____

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☐ Send me materials to promote the Conference in my parish.

Please list quantity of tickets on appropriate line

____ x \$55 Adult Early Bird (if mailed by 10/21)

____ x \$60 Regular Adult (*Early Bird Discount Available*)

____ x \$25 College students or younger

____ x \$15 Deacons

____ x \$0 Priests

Total enclosed \$ _____

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Great Lakes Catholic Fellowship, Inc.

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