



31st Annual Great Lakes Catholic Men's Conference **Saturday, November 21, 2026**

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." ~ Matthew 11:28

Iron sharpens iron—but first, you have to show up. Discover why nearly a thousand Catholic men across all levels of faith attend the longest-running Catholic men's conference in the country. **Be inspired, be renewed, be changed!**

This year's [Conference speakers](#) include highly acclaimed Catholic speaker, author, and Relevant Radio Show Host, **Doug Hinderer**; the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Joliet, **Bishop Dennis Spies**; and renowned Catholic speaker, licensed psychologist, and author, **Dr. Matthew Breuninger**. The event will be emceed by the ever-popular National Anthem Singer for the Chicago Cubs, **Wayne Messmer**.

The **31st Annual Great Lakes Catholic Men's Conference** will be held at the Holmes Student Center at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, IL, on Saturday, November 21, 2026, from 8:50 AM to 4 PM. Registration includes lunch and parking. The cost is \$55 if purchased in advance by October 21, \$60 after October 21, \$65 at the door, only \$25 for college students or younger, and \$15 for deacons. For tickets and more information, visit the conference website at thetalk.org.