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The country's longest-running Catholic men's conference celebrates its 30th year on Saturday, November 22, 2025! The annual Great Lakes Catholic Men's Conference promises to be a day full of inspiration and hope, drawing close to a thousand men.

Men will explore what it means to offer praise to God and how to be a person of hope and joy, leading their families and friends closer to God. This Jubilee Year's conference takes its theme from Romans 5, 'Hope does not disappoint.'

This year's [Conference speakers](#) include Catholic convert, best-selling author, and host, writer, and producer of a Catholic DVD series featured on EWTN and FORMED, **Steve Ray**; President of the Augustine Institute, Catholic speaker and author **Tim Gray**; and Chairman and Executive Director of Relevant Radio®, **Rev. Francis J. Hoffman "Fr. Rocky"**. The event will be emceed by the ever-popular National Anthem Singer for the Chicago Cubs, **Wayne Messmer**.

The Conference will be held on Saturday, November 22, 2025, at the Holmes Student Center on the campus of Northern Illinois University in DeKalb, IL.

In addition to speakers, the program includes music, reflection time, confession, Mass, and lunch. It is open to married, single, and divorced men, including fathers, teenage sons, and grandfathers, whatever their level of faith.

The cost is \$55 if purchased in advance, \$60 at the door, only \$25 for college students or younger, and \$15 for deacons, with lunch and parking included. Conference officials state that no one will be turned away because of an inability to pay. Doors open and music begins at 8:00 AM, with the formal program starting at 8:50 AM. Many area Catholic parishes have tickets for sale. For more information or to register with a credit card, visit the Conference website at thetalk.org.

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