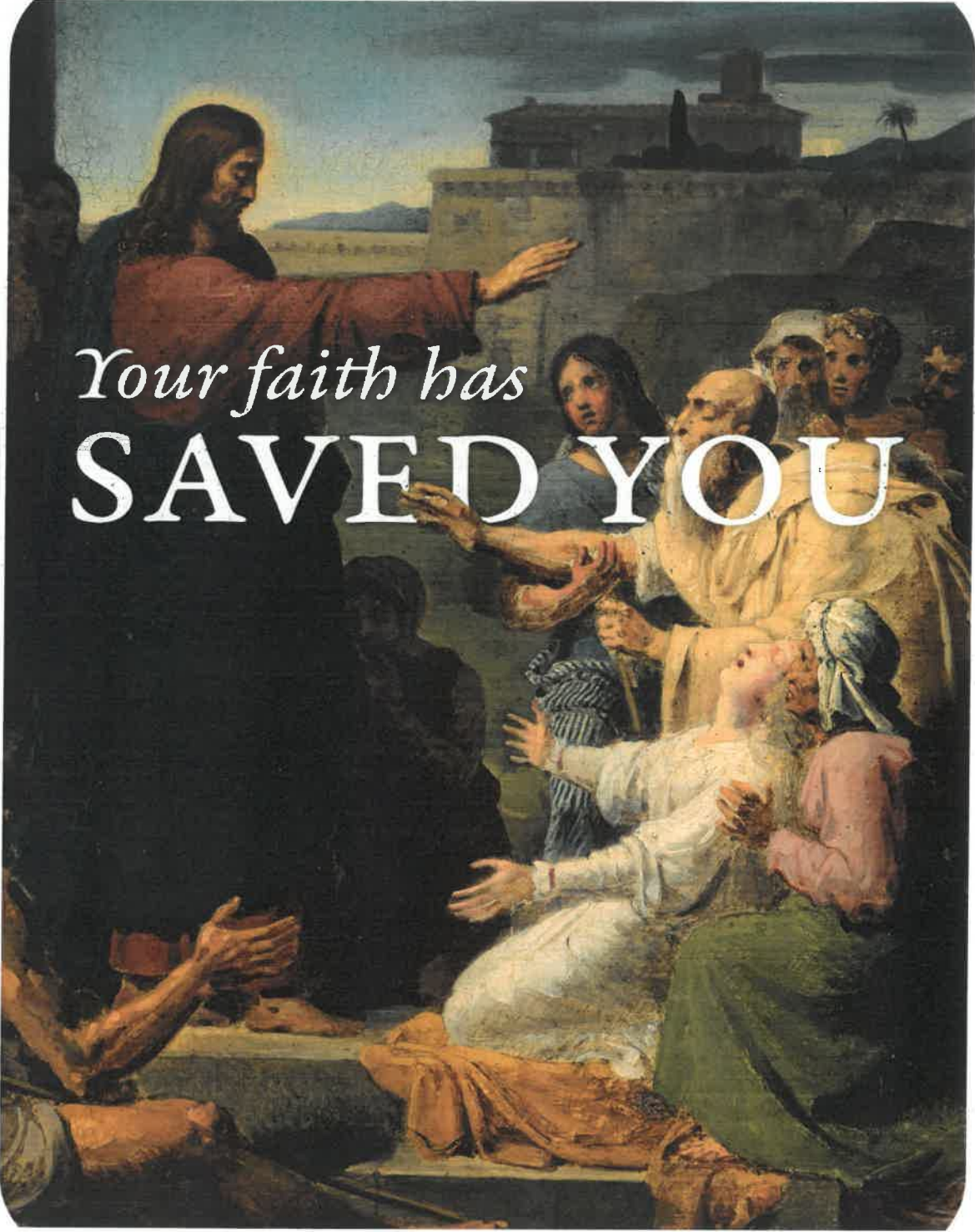




Your faith has
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ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
14936 W. Wilmington - Peotone Rd.
Manhattan, Illinois 60442
28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
October 12, 2025

Most Revered Bishop Dennis Spies
Administrator

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MASS INTENTIONS

Mass is celebrated on Saturday evening only

Oct. 11	5:45pm	+Gladys Meyer req. by The Family +Jim & + Rita Phelan req. by The Phelan Family Parish Family of St. Patrick
Oct. 18	5:45pm	+Gladys Meyer req. by The Family +Jerome Arseneau req. by The Family Parish Family of St. Patrick
Oct. 25	5:45pm	+Gladys Meyer req. by The Family Poor Souls in Purgatory req. by Ed & Judy Phelan +Jerome Arseneau req. by The Family Parish Family
Nov. 1	5:45pm	+Gladys Meyer req. by The Family Parish Family of St. Patrick

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Minister</u>
Oct. 11	Linda Cakora	Kinsella
Oct. 18	Sherrie Ashley	S. Nugent
Oct. 25	Mark May	L. Cakora

SERVERS & USHERS

Please volunteer at the Mass you are
attending

WEEKLY OFFERING FOR
10/5/2025

\$899.00

Maintenance \$160.00

Our weekly budget goal is \$1,211.54
THANK YOU For your faith - filled support

Scripture Readings
For the Week of October 12, 2025

Sunday Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 5:14-17; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 2 Tm 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

Monday Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 11:37-41

**Wednesday Memorial of Saint Teresa of Jesus,
Virgin and Doctor of the Church**

Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Lk 11:47-54

**Friday Memorial of Saint Ignatius of Antioch,
Bishop and Martyr**

Rom 4:1-8 Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday Feast of Saint Luke, Evangelist

2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9

Sunday Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8



Please Remember our sick;

especially: Jim Kreske, Ann Marie & Tori Jasinski, Lisa Price, Marshall & Duncan Lorenzen, Barbara Schriver, Leslie Lund, Joe & Carol Price, Beth Oniel, Bernice & Dominick Marino, Tom Lane, Peggy Schiesow, Haley Donzella, Ken Smith, Laura 'Hanson, Steve Niemiec, Nancee Long, Shay Phelan, Lisa Bernard. Joe Hanson



*Welcome to the
Parish Family
JACKSON JAMES NICHOLS
Infant son of
Steven Nichols &
Alissa Foster
Who was Baptized
Saturday, October 4, 2025*

**POPE'S INTENTION FOR
OCTOBER**

Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.



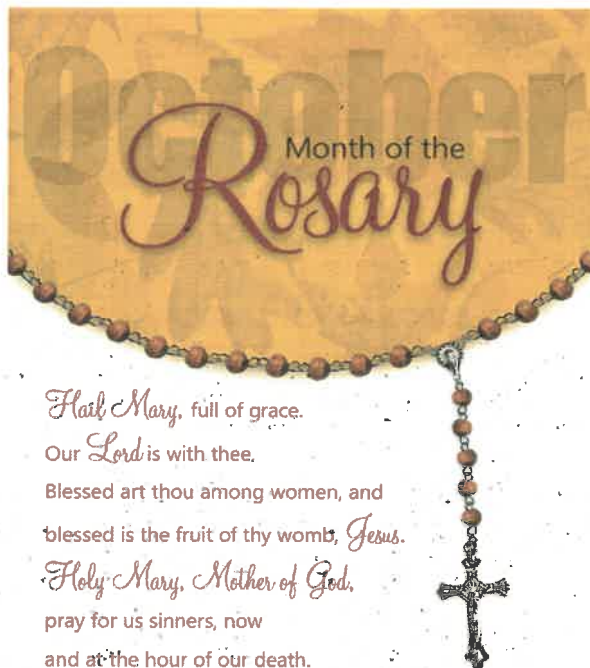
**Our Blessed Mother Candle
Is burning for
+JOY BLOGG
Req. by
Sue & Don Nugent**



**Our St. Joseph Candle
Is Burning for
THE PARISH FAMILY
OF ST. PATRICK**

Reminder

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR FOR
OUR HARVEST
SOCIAL
CARD PARTY
OCTOBER 29, 2025
11:30AM TO 3PM
PICK UP YOUR
TICKET PACKET IN THE
VESTIBULE THIS
WEEKEND OR NEXT



*Hail Mary, full of grace.
Our Lord is with thee.
Blessed art thou among women, and
blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners, now
and at the hour of our death.*

Amen

Keeping Catholic Education Strong

Since 1996, the Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) has secured the future of Catholic schools in our diocese. Through generous donors, more than 50,000 students at 40+ schools across five counties have re-



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FOUNDATION**

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Join us! Visit CEFJoliet.org
to learn more or use this
QR Code to give today.



Please respond generously to Seminarian Formation.

The Diocese of Joliet currently has been blessed with 27 men discerning vocations to the priesthood through seminary formation. Gifts to the foundation are being invested in an endowed fund to ensure the diocese can balance the cost of seminarian education — \$53,900 a seminarian per year — with other ministries essential to the Church's mission.



Please show your gratitude for those who have answered the Lord's call and prayerfully reflect on how you can best help support their formation with a gift. You may place your gift in an envelope and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish office. Thank you for your generosity. To learn more about this campaign or make a gift online, scan this QR code

Sunday, October 19, 2025



World Mission Sunday is a day set aside for the Catholic Church throughout the world to publicly renew its commitment to the missionary movements, coordinated by the Pontifical Mission Societies, who are also known as Missio. It is celebrated on the penultimate Sunday of October every year.

Are you widowed and still hurting? Please join us.

What: Attend a Joyful Again! 2 day Workshop & Spiritual Retreat

When: Oct 15th & 16th 2025

Where: St. Mary's Retreat House, Lemont IL. Overnight Accommodations available

For further information, call: 708-354-7211.

e-mail us at info@joyfulagain.org

website: www.joyfulagain.org

SAINT TERESA OF JESUS (1515-1582)

October 15

Let nothing disturb you; let nothing frighten you. Gifted with a passionate spirit, young Teresa dreamed of converting Muslims and becoming a martyr. *All things are passing; God never changes.* But her mother's death when Teresa was fourteen inspired lifelong devotion to Our Lady, and Teresa entered the Carmelites, Mary's order, despite her father's objections and her own fragile health. *Patience gains everything.* Initially, she enjoyed her lax convent's sociability and "busyness," but mystical prayer and John of the Cross' collaboration inspired her to reform the Carmelites. *Whoever has God, lacks nothing.* When her ideals encountered resistance and brought suffering, she maintained her peace—and humor. Discovered devouring leftovers, she told her mildly scandalized nuns, "When I fast, I fast! When I eat, I eat!" To nuns demanding less work and more prayer in the convent schedule, she retorted: "What we really need around here are fewer starry eyes and more strong arms!" *God alone is enough!* The italicized sentences here are her "Breviary Bookmark," the simple, profound prayer of Teresa, the first woman Doctor of the Church. —Peter Scagnelli



MAKE

When I arrived as your bishop five years ago, I laid out a vision of catechesis, evangelization, and faith into action, emphasizing that a thriving Church is one where we truly know, love, and serve God. The big question remains: how do we actually do that? How do we move from just having a vision to putting it into real practice?

This is why I wrote the pastoral letter *MAKE!* and launched it just this month. It builds on Bishop Conlon's 2018 pastoral letter GO!, which draws on the Great Commission in Matthew's Gospel (Matthew 28): "Go and make disciples." *MAKE!* vulnerably reflects my heart. I love Jesus, and I want you to love Him too. It expresses my desire to give everyone a practical, loving roadmap to becoming disciples and making disciples, with a hands-on guide for passing our faith from one generation to the next.

Right before publishing it, I have to admit that I was filled with some self-doubt. I wondered, "There are so many other issues I could be writing about: the Eucharist, Pro-Life concerns, Vocations, Care of Creation, Immigration, Violence, and more. Is making disciples really the best topic?"

The Holy Spirit answered that question for me last month during a meeting at the headquarters of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in Washington, D.C. Our committee was presented with the results of a large national survey of thousands of priests across the country. One question asked, "Out of all the issues in the world, which one most needs to be addressed by our Church?" The number one response from priests nationwide was clear: passing the faith on to the next generation.

The statistician went on to explain that this does not mean priests consider the other issues unimportant. Rather, they recognize that if we do not have people in the pews, if this generation and the next are not alive in their faith and participating in the life of the Church, then all of those other issues will

eventually lose their voice in the Church. We first need to form disciples who are rooted in Christ, so that they in turn can carry the mission forward and address these other urgent concerns with faith and courage.

This is why *MAKE!* is so important. It is not just another document, and it is certainly not meant to sit on a shelf and collect dust. It is a living invitation to every Catholic in our diocese to move from simply managing decline to boldly embracing mission. We all want to belong to a Church that is alive, thriving, and centered on the salvation of souls. That future depends on how seriously we take this call to be made into disciples so that we can go out and make disciples.

The letter offers a clear path: conversion, confession, communion, commission, all held together by prayer. These are not abstract concepts but real, concrete steps that anyone can begin today. I both invite and urge you to read the letter. And then read it again. Pray over it, discuss it with your family, your friends, or a group in your parish. Choose one small action and begin.

If each of us takes this seriously, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Diocese of Joliet can become a Church on fire with love for Jesus. Boldly, I want our diocese to be the most evangelizing diocese in the country, not out of competition, but because I love Jesus, and I want you to love Him and be saved through Him too. This is our time, and this is our mission. Let us first be disciples, men and women of all ages who know, love, and serve Jesus, so that together we can go out with joy and courage to *MAKE* disciples, starting now.

To learn more about my pastoral letter and how to make disciples for Jesus, visit make.diojoliet.org.

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Miracles of Faith

Besides being cured, what do Nathan (first reading) and the leper who thanked Jesus (Gospel) have in common? Both of them began to believe. Nathan proclaims Israel's God to be the only God; he even wants to worship the Lord in his own country. The only leper who returned to thank Jesus was "glorifying God in a loud voice" (Luke 17:15). It makes me wonder, what miracles do we see that help us grow in faith?

For an answer, we can look at a second thing they had in common: they both asked for help. Sometimes we get caught up in self-sufficiency mode, thinking we have to handle all our problems by ourselves. We may miss out on good solutions by not asking for help. Help often comes from someone who shows us a way through our problems, without solving them for us. Perhaps if we talk about the problem with another person, the solution will become obvious to us. If you think asking for help is a sign of weakness, you may be missing a chance for God to act through one of your friends and give you support. And, of course, you can ask God for help in prayer, giving God the chance to speak to your heart with the answer or the encouragement you need.

Miracles don't just happen to other people. We may have friends who help us in times of need or inspire us with their faith, but we have to decide to make a leap of faith ourselves. The third thing that Nathan and the leper did in common was express their faith. You can spend your whole life thinking that you are a Christian, but if you never express that faith, it will be no more than a theory. Scientists work with theories all the time, but until they write out the math or do the experiments, the theory is never proven. St. Paul in the second reading, for example, was suffering in prison, but he didn't mind because his suffering demonstrated the importance of Jesus' message to him. So he wrote from prison in the hope that other Christians would be encouraged in their faith. Perhaps you know of someone who inspired you with their faithfulness and dedication. Having a friend who helps us grow in faith can be a very nice miracle indeed.