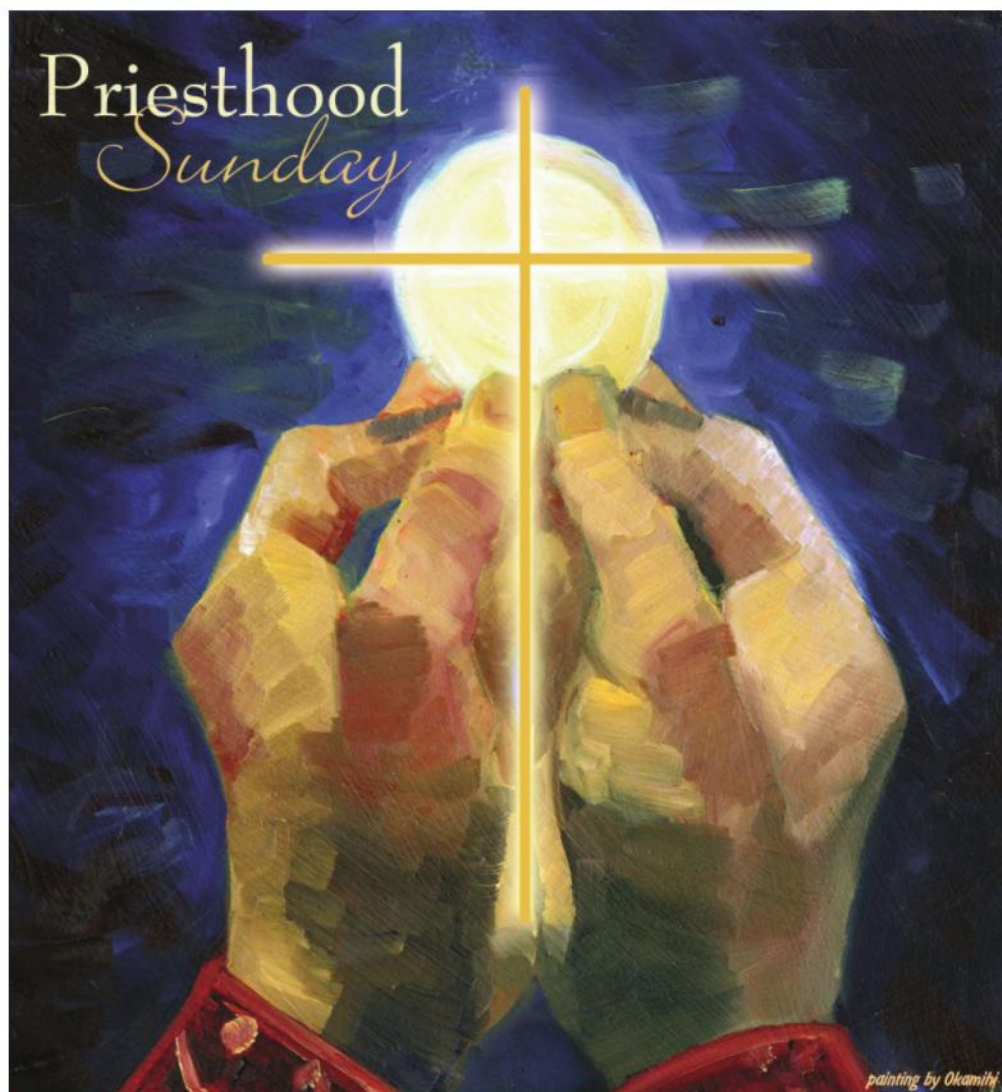




CATHEDRAL OF SAINT RAYMOND NONNATUS



How can I repay the Lord for all the good done for me?  
I will raise the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.  
I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.  
Lord, I am your servant.

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Psalm 116:12-14, 16a

**September 28, 2025**

Liturgical Schedule: Weekdays: Mon, Tues, Wed 6:30am | Thurs, Fri, Sat 8:00am  
Weekends: Sat. 4:00pm and Sunday 8:00 & 10:30am

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## CATHEDRAL OF SAINT RAYMOND NONNATUS

### Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 8:30am—4:30pm

Friday 8:30am—3:00pm

Saturday 9:00am - 12:00pm

### St. Raymond Grade School

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### Sacramental Information

#### Anointing of the Sick

To arrange a pastoral visit or for those that would like their name added to the bulletin please call the parish office.

#### Baptism of Children

Please call the parish office to make arrangements or visit our website to complete a Baptism Request Form. First time parents will need to attend a Baptism Preparation Workshop. In order to serve as a Catholic Godparent, one must be a practicing Catholic who has been confirmed.

#### Marriage

Couples requesting a wedding must be registered for a minimum of six months before the date can be reserved. Please contact the parish office a year in advance.

#### OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Contact us for further information regarding the instruction for those discerning whether to become members of our Catholic community and how to begin the process.

### Join Us For Prayer!

#### St. Peregrine Devotion

Join us in praying for those who suffer with cancer or incurable disease or condition **Monday, October 20 at 7:00pm** or every third Monday for St. Peregrine Devotion in the Cathedral.

#### Prayer Connection

Have a special need for prayer? The Cathedral Prayer connection will assist by praying for your intention. Please call Yvonne Callans 815-723-4495 with your requests or your desire to join the prayer ministry.

### HOURS FOR PRAYER

#### Monday

6:30am—4:30pm

#### Tuesday

6:30am—4:30pm

#### Wednesday

6:30am—2:30pm

#### Thursday

8:00am—7:00pm

#### Friday

8:00am—4:30pm

#### Saturday

8:00am—5:00pm

#### Sunday

7:30am—11:30am

### CONFESSION

#### Thursday

Starting at 6:00pm  
(during Adoration)

#### Saturday

Starting at 3:00pm

*Holidays and  
special events  
may affect  
these times.*

### ADORATION



#### Thursday

6:00—7:00pm

#### Saturday

8:30—9:30am

**Welcome!** We are truly blessed by your presence with us today. *United by baptism, our parish family gathers together for worship and support. Empowered by the spirit of God's Love, we will preach, teach and live the Good News of Jesus Christ.* If you are new to the parish, we invite you to register by calling us at 815-722-6653 or visiting our website [straymond.net](http://straymond.net).

**Sign up for our weekly Flocknote** email blast for information about upcoming events within our parish community and ministries by texting CSRN to 845-76 from your smartphone or visit [csrn.flocknote.com](http://csrn.flocknote.com) to subscribe.

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**Download Our Parish App** text APP to phone number 55321 or visit [myparishapp.com](http://myparishapp.com) to download.

**Explore our Parish Website [straymond.net](http://straymond.net)** for sacramental preparation, ministry opportunities and contact information.

**Parish Directory** Our online password-protected directory can be accessed anytime, anywhere; upload or change your information within minutes. To access you will need to create a login using your email address on file. <https://members.instantchurchdirectory.com/signup>



- Sept 27 Adoration—Cathedral—8:30am  
Wedding—Cathedral—1:30pm  
SVDP New Member Commissioning @ 4:00pm Mass  
SVDP Donation Truck—North Parking Lot—Before & After Mass
- Sept 28 CSRN @ Daybreak—5:00am  
SVDP Donation Truck—North Parking Lot—Before & After Masses  
Religious Education Confirmation Retreat—Commons—9:00am  
Religious Education Classes—School—9:00-10:15am  
Be Formed—Tower—9:15am  
Baptisms—Cathedral—11:30am  
OCIA / AC—Tower—6:00pm
- Sept. 30 Alpha Night—Commons A—6:00pm
- Oct. 1 Youth Choir Rehearsal—Cathedral—3:15pm  
Adult Choir Rehearsal—Cathedral—6:30pm
- Oct. 2 Youth Choir @ 8:00am GS Mass  
DOJ REP Deanery Mtg.—Commons A—9:00am  
Behold Adoration / Confession—Cathedral—6:00pm
- Oct. 4 Adoration—Cathedral—8:30am  
Feast of St. Frances Assisi Pet Blessing  
Cathedral Plaza (Raynor Ave) —9:45am  
Diocese of Joliet Grandparents Mass—Cathedral—11:00am
- Oct. 5 1st Communion/Reconciliation Parent Information Meeting—  
Cathedral & Commons C – 9:00am  
Religious Education Classes—School—9:00-10:15am  
Be Formed—Tower—9:15am  
Family Mass / Youth Choir @ 10:30am Mass  
Youth Group—Gym - 11:30am  
Sundays After mass—Keep Praying—Cathedral—12:00pm  
OCIA / AC—Tower—6:00pm



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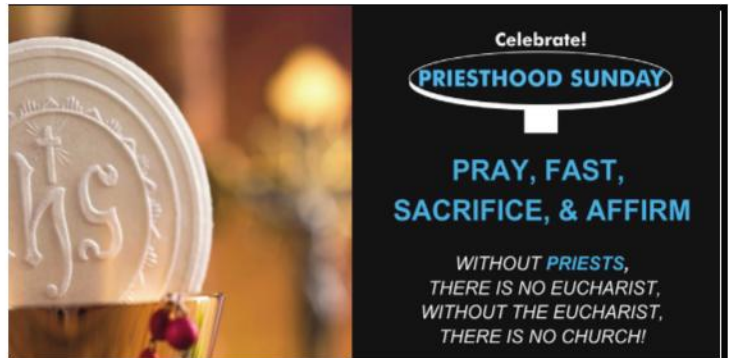
# KEEP PRAYING



Prayer is communication with God. An active prayer life is essential, not only as an act of obedience but as a means of transformation, comfort, guidance, and praise. Prayer can feel elusive, repetitive, or even daunting. How does one approach prayer with both reverence and authenticity? What methods can sustain a vibrant prayer life, and what pitfalls might hinder its growth? Here, we'll explore a few approaches to prayer, common stumbling blocks, and creative ideas for deepening one's communion with the Divine.

**October 5, 2025**  
**Noon in the Church**  
**St. Joseph Transcept**

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Celebrate!  
**PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY**

**PRAY, FAST,  
 SACRIFICE, & AFFIRM**

*WITHOUT PRIESTS,  
 THERE IS NO EUCHARIST,  
 WITHOUT THE EUCHARIST,  
 THERE IS NO CHURCH!*

Whenever you interact with a priest, do you see them as human and frail like the rest of humanity? Or do we see them as supermen, able to withstand all the stresses and strains of being human? The hope is that you see your priest as very human. Quite possibly, even more human than most of us. Why?

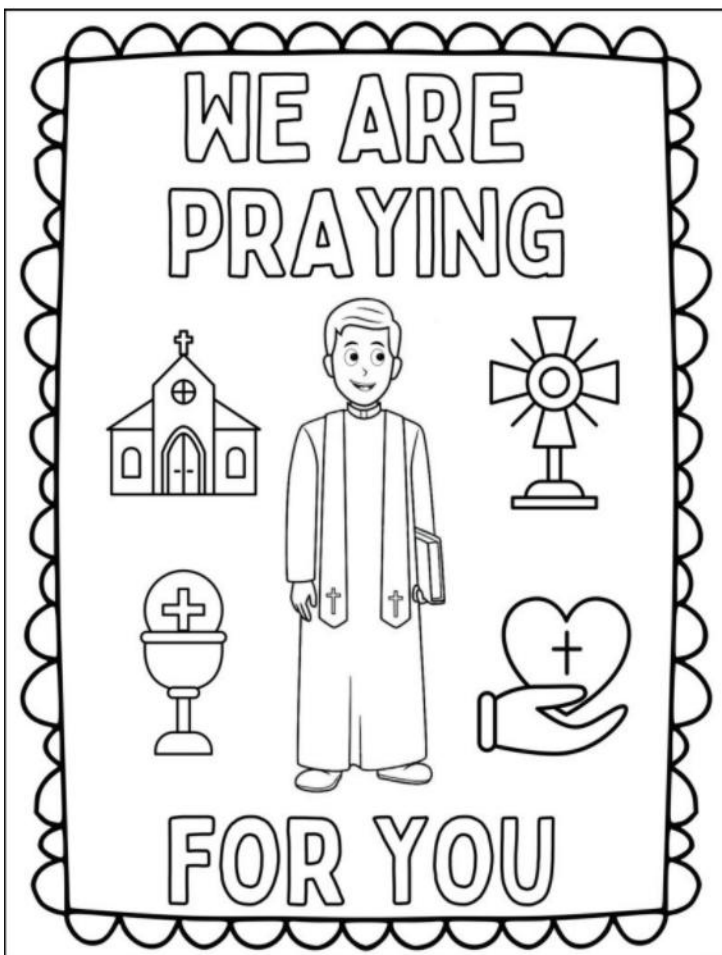
Because they not only have their own struggles being human, but they accompany us in our humanness too. Therefore, this Priesthood Sunday, turn the tables. Attempt to be the listener to the human side of your priest. Do not automatically tell him your troubles; begin by asking him what is going on in his life. Thank him warmly for giving up so much to spend his life in service to others. Try it. You might be surprised to find out your priest is just like you!

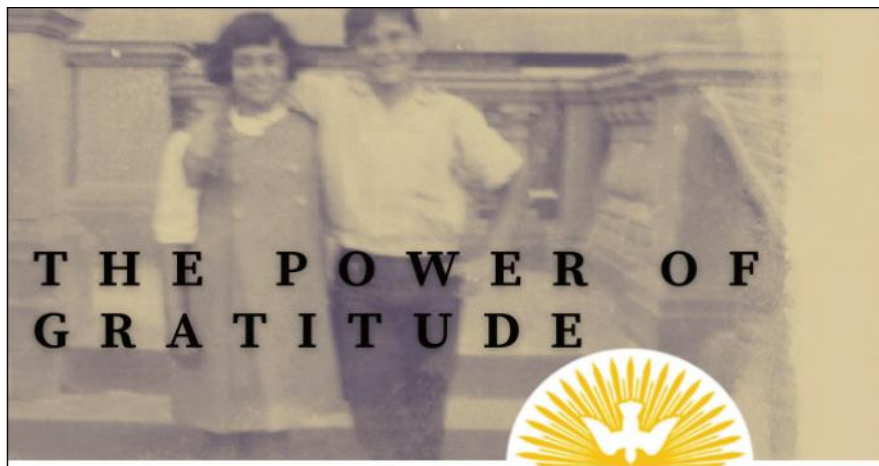
This Sunday is Priesthood Sunday. A special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. Priesthood Sunday offers an opportunity to express our support and appreciation for our priests in their service to the Church and, in particular, St. Raymond Parish!

Prayers and kind words of appreciation are always great ways to express your support to Fr. Bill and Fr. Michael. Or maybe drop them a note, send them an email or take a moment to say "Thanks for being an important part of my life."

This Sunday, let us pray together for the priests who serve St. Raymond and the Diocese of Joliet as well as our seminarians studying to become priests.

**Thank you Fr. Bill and Fr. Michael for giving generously of yourselves and for being truly amazing priests to the parishioners of St. Raymond!**





# THE POWER OF GRATITUDE

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**Thursday, October 9, 2025 - 7pm**

Abandoned by his father and removed from his mother's custody, Sal di Leo and three of his eleven siblings lived as orphans for several years at the Guardian Angel Home here in Joliet.

Sal is an alum of the **Cathedral of St. Raymond Grade school**, class of 1968. He will share his story, one of facing significant difficulties several times throughout his life, but overcoming them *because of God, good people and gratitude.*



[straymond.net/dileo](http://straymond.net/dileo) [kevin@straymond.net](mailto:kevin@straymond.net) 815 722-6653

## Cathedral Senior Club

All are welcome

Join us

**Thursday, October 16**

**12:00 NOON**

**Clarion Hotel Joliet**

**Posh Banquet & Events**

**411 S Larkin Avenue, Joliet, IL 60436**

### Menu

House Salad with  
Ranch and Italian Vinaigrette Dressings.

Chicken Vesuvius boneless chicken breast  
lightly floured and sautéed then seasoned with  
rosemary, garlic and white wine.

Mashed potatoes (no garlic).

Sautéed Green Beans.

Traditional rolls and butter.

Coffee and lemonade at beverage table;  
water at the table.

Cupcakes for dessert.

\$18.00 per person

### RESERVATIONS

Reservations due by Sunday, October 12, 2025  
(Please adhere to deadline  
since it is at a restaurant)

### Entertainment

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Please place reservations in the Sunday collection  
basket, mail to Parish office or register on line at  
<http://www.straymond.net/senior-club>

Bingo with prizes | Split the Pot | Door Prizes

Membership Dues of \$10.00  
will be collected at the door unless pre-paid.  
(Membership dues help to offset the  
cost of raffle prizes,  
entertainment, water, party supplies...)

Questions please call or email Glenda Gumina  
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**SCAN THE QR CODE FOR SCHEDULE AND SIGN UP OR CONTACT STACY SIENKO**

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# ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

In Honor of  
St. Francis  
of Assisi

(Feast Day October 4)

Saturday,  
October 4  
9:45am  
in the  
Cathedral  
Plaza

(Raynor Ave.)

For the safety  
of others,  
please have  
your pets on  
a leash or in  
a carrier.



## OKTOBERFEST SILENT AUCTION

Our Oktoberfest committee is excitedly preparing for a wonderful celebration on October 25!

To make this event a success and support our parish, we're asking parishioners to consider donating items for the silent auction.

### HERE ARE SOME POPULAR IDEAS:

#### Gift Baskets

Coffee lovers, chocolate treats, family movie night, spa-at-home, or seasonal themes.

#### Experiences

Tickets to sporting events, concerts, theatre, or family activities.

#### Gift Cards

Local restaurants, shops, salons, or services.

#### Handmade Treasures

Artwork, woodworking, home décor, or jewelry.

#### "Time & Talent" Gifts

A few hours of skilled help from a carpenter, gardener, tech helper, or handyman.

#### New Items

Appliances, tools, toys, games, or anything you'd be excited to bid on yourself!

**Please bring donations by October 13, 2025,** so we can prepare everything for the auction. Every contribution, big or small, helps bring our parish family together and supports the mission of our church.

If you or your business would like to donate items for the auction, please contact us.

Thank you for your generosity!



**Contact Us**

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For many years, **Sr. Lorraine Crawford** was a beloved presence at the Cathedral, remembered fondly for her grace and kindness, particularly towards her formation candidates. Recently, she celebrated her 93rd birthday in March. A number of her former formation candidates are seeking photographs of Sr. Lorraine from the years 1986 to 2003, specifically those who participated in adult formation during that time. If you have a photo of yourself or someone you know who went through OCIA (formerly RCIA) and are willing to share, please email it to [info@straymond.net](mailto:info@straymond.net) or include a copy in the Sunday collection. A group of Sr. Lorraine's friends is working on a special project to surprise her with a photo album featuring some of her past "students." Thank you for your assistance in making this surprise possible.



Did you know that new underwear and socks are the most-requested, but least donated, items at Catholic Charities? These basic items (new underwear, warm socks, a fresh diaper) are truly treasures to those who are living in poverty.



St. Raymond Parish is helping Catholic Charities and the individuals and families they serve by collecting **NEW** items for children and adults living in low-income households. Collection bins will be located at the church entrances **October 1—19**.

Donation item-ideas (Items should be **NEW**) Diapers, children's underwear, Pull-ups, pajamas, socks, T-shirts...



Cash donations are also appreciated. Please make checks payable to Catholic Charities and drop your donation in the Sunday collection.

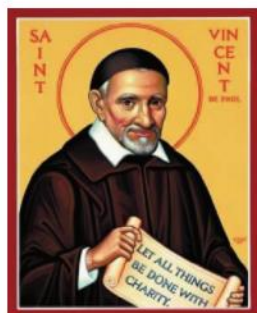
Thank you for making a difference in the lives of the poor and vulnerable in our community!

**GRADES 6-8** **YOUTH MINISTRY** **SIGN UP**

HOUSES  
CHALLENGES  
TEAMWORK  
COMPETITION  
FAITH IN ACTION

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup> \* 9-10:15AM**  
**Cathedral of St. Raymond Gym**  
**Enter through Door 1**

**Bishop Hicks** warmly extends his invitation to you to attend his final Jubilee Mass of the 2025 Jubilee Year! It is the **"Jubilee Mass for Catechists."** This special invitation goes to all parishes and their members who have responded to the Lord's call to be a "catechist" to others, including those who serve children and youth in parish faith formation programs, those who do so in a homeschool setting, and those who instruct individuals and families in the Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA). **Because many attendees are expected, all groups or individuals who plan to come need to register by October 10 using the QR code below.** The Mass will be followed by an opportunity for fellowship and light refreshments. All who share in this special ministry are welcome!



**The Society of Saint Vincent DePaul** is a worldwide organization who helps to serve those in need. The St. Raymond conference consists of 14 active members, 11 associate members and **YOU!**

We cannot carry out this ministry without you! Your contributions have allowed us to help hundreds of families in need in our community, through rental or utility emergencies, and miscellaneous needs such as food, clothing, shelter and transportation.

Our conference is always looking for dedicated members to assist us in serving our community. We typically meet the 2nd Wednesday, of the month in the evenings. If you are interested in joining the group or simply have questions please call the parish office.

Please donate by placing a specially marked envelope in the Sunday collection, by using your provided monthly envelope or online at [straymond.net](http://straymond.net).

In need of assistance, or know someone who is, please call SVDP at 815.773.4167. A St. Vincent DePaul volunteer will return your call within 24 hours. For security purposes, return calls are made from a "private/blocked" line not recognized by caller ID's.

Join us for the  
Diocese of Joliet  
**JUBILEE MASS FOR CATECHISTS**  
*Pilgrims of Hope*  
**Sunday, October 19, 2025**  
**2:00 PM**  
**Cathedral of St. Raymond**  
604 N Raynor Ave, Joliet, IL

RSVP by QR code  
or link below  
<https://forms.office.com/r/2eVCMtTVi>

Questions? Call Deacon Tony Clissem 815-221-6134



# Mass Intentions

## Monday, September 29, 2025

6:30 AM Richard Tessiatore (anv.), req. Family

## Tuesday, September 30, 2025

6:30 AM Deceased Members of Francis and Ann Heenan Family, req. Children  
Dennis and Lois Alcamo

## Wednesday, October 1, 2025

6:30 AM Marian Leaman, req. Visitation and Aid Society

## Thursday, October 2, 2025

8:00 AM George Voitik, req. Family

## Friday, October 3, 2025

8:00 AM Ida Keegan Meixler

## Saturday, October 4, 2025

8:00 AM Dave Callans, req. Callans Family

4:00 PM Deceased Members of Maurice Ardaugh Family, req. Ardaugh Family  
Fr. Jay Comerford O.Carm., req. Friends

## Sunday, October 5, 2025

8:00 AM MaryAnn Ballak, req. Futter Family  
St. Raymond Parish Family

10:30 AM Gabriella D'Amico Mistdarffer, req. Anna and Agustino D'Amico

## Please Pray For...

### WE PRAY FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTIZED

Santiago Cejudo	Blake Francis Filotto
Beau Henry Louis	Cora Juliet Louis
Nazareth Valle	Isaac Jakov Valle
Lylah Theresa Tully	

### WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Megan Arnold	Edward Gannon	Lillianna Peylo
Silvie Belue	Robert Greenly	Bonnie Salamon
Dorothy A Brown	Ernest Hankins	Ruth Smego
Patricia Buchwald	Aurelie Hagstrom	Joseph Spiech
Tyler Centorbi	David Hampton	Katherine Spiech
Colleen Cler	Ross Karraker	Bernie Spieler
Mari Condon	Ann Marie Linko	Chuck Sroka
Judy Delaney	Maria Masterson	Tom & Kathy Wise
Sharon DelRose	Patricia McShaffrey	Patricia Wisniewski
Patrocino Fernandez	Lydia O'Donnell	

### WE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

2LT Nicholas Zelehovitis PFC	PFC Ryan Vander Tuuk
CAPT Faith C.E. Moore D.O.	COL David Conner
Brandon Vasquez, PFC	LTC Donald Erickson
Ryan Grill, SSG	Danielle M. Wyatt
2nd Lieutenant Isabel Izquierdo	Midshipman Leo Anastopoulos
Midshipman Victor Izquierdo	
Adrianna Soltis SPC	

**Reporting Sexual Abuse:** Anyone with reason to believe that a child has been abused or is being abused should report their suspicions to civil authorities. Contact: Illinois Department of Children and Family Services: 1-800-25ABUSE or local police. The Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator is available to help victims/survivors of child sexual abuse by a cleric, employee or volunteer of the Catholic Church. The Victim Assistance Coordinator will report to Bishop Hicks and coordinate efforts of pastoral support and outreach to assist in the healing process. The Victim Assistance coordinator can also assist in making a report to civil authorities. Contact the Diocese of Joliet Victim Assistance Coordinator at 1-815-263-6467.

# Liturgical Ministers of the Mass

## Saturday, October 4 • 4:00pm

**Lectors:** Mary Lawson

**EM's:** Diane Dow, Larry Ryan, Jan Kopman, Pat McShane

**Servers:** TBD

## Sunday, October 5 • 8:00am

**Lectors:** Sandra Franzen

**EM's:** Marilyn Skelly, Rhonda Callans, Katie Choudhary, TBD

**Servers:** TBD

## Sunday, October 5 • 10:30am

**Lectors:** Youth Ministry

**EM's:** Youth Ministry

**Servers:** TBD



## Stewardship



Date	9/21	YTD
Collection Offering	\$ 20,320	\$ 239,813
Budgeted	\$ 20,098	\$ 241,376
Overage / Shortage \$	\$ 222	(\$1,563)
Overage / Shortage %	1.1%	(.6%)
Annual Budget	\$ 1,025,000	

## Meet Our Staff

**Most Rev. Ronald A. Hicks,**  
Bishop of Joliet  
**Most Rev. Dennis E Spies**  
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