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## SACRAMENTS

**BAPTISM:** Please contact the Parish Office

**RECONCILIATION:** Thursday: 7:30pm to 8pm

Saturday: 3pm to 3:45pm

Any time by appointment

**FIRST RECONCILIATION:** To be announced

**FIRST COMMUNION:** To be announced

**CONFIRMATION:** To be announced

**MARRIAGE:** By appointment only

Please call at least 6 months in advance

**SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** Call anytime

Please call the parish office to inform us of an illness or hospitalization of a parishioner or family member. Privacy laws prohibit hospitals from releasing information to clergy about hospitalized church members without the specific consent and request of the patient or their immediate family.

### ORDINARY MASS SCHEDULE:

**Saturday:** 4pm

**Sunday:** 11am

**Daily Mass:** Tue, Wed and Fri 8:30am

**Communion Services:** Mon and Thrs 8:30am

**Holy Days of Obligation:** Please see the bulletin

**Eucharistic Adoration:** Thursday 6pm to 8pm

**Communion Calls:** If you or someone you love is ill or homebound and would like to receive Communion, please call the parish office to make arrangements for regular visits.

**Office Hours:** Monday thru Friday 12:30pm to 5pm

Regular time to make appointments, registrations, etc.

**Regular bulletin deadline:**

Wednesday by 12pm



Welcome Fr. Thomas Theneth, CMI



**The Mission Statement of St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church**  
As disciples of Jesus Christ, we strive to grow in relationship with Him,  
live the Faith, and share His Good News with others.

***Fourteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Is 66:10-14c / Gal 6:14-18  
Lk 10:1-12,17-20***

Today's gospel offers a powerful and practical blueprint for mission, discipleship, and the nature of the Kingdom of God. Reflecting on this passage reveals several profound truths that are as relevant today as they were two millennia ago.

Firstly, Jesus' decision to send out seventy-two disciples (some manuscripts say seventy) in pairs highlights the collaborative and communal nature of ministry. This wasn't a solo endeavor. The act of sending them out two by two provided mutual support, encouragement, and accountability. It also demonstrated the principle that the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few, necessitating a broader participation in the mission beyond the twelve apostles. This underscores the call for every believer to be involved in spreading the Good News, not just a select few.

Secondly, the instructions given to the disciples are strikingly radical. They are to travel light, taking no purse, no bag, and no sandals. This deliberate vulnerability forces them to rely entirely on God's provision and the hospitality of those they encounter. It strips away self-reliance and fosters a deeper dependence on divine grace. This principle of detachment from material comforts and a willingness to embrace simplicity remains a challenge for us today, in a world often driven by accumulation and security.

Thirdly, the focus on peace is paramount. The disciples are to enter a house by first proclaiming, "Peace to this house!" This is not merely a polite greeting but an offer of shalom – holistic well-being, reconciliation, and God's blessing. The acceptance or rejection



tion of this peace dictates the subsequent actions. If accepted, they are to remain and share the message; if rejected, they are to move on, shaking the dust from their feet as a testimony. This teaches us the importance of discerning receptivity and not forcing the message on unwilling hearts. It also reminds us that while we are called to offer peace, not everyone will receive it, and we are not to be discouraged by rejection.

Fourthly, the passage emphasizes the power of healing and proclamation. The disciples are instructed to heal the sick and declare, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." This shows that the

Kingdom is not just a future hope but a present reality, breaking into the world through acts of compassion and the spoken word. Healing serves as a tangible sign of God's presence and power, authenticating the message of the Kingdom.

Finally, the severe warning against those who reject the message underscores the gravity of the disciples' mission and the consequences of rejecting God's invitation. It highlights the immense privilege and responsibility of hearing the Good News. This serves as a sober reminder that while God's love is abundant, there are real implications for how we respond to His grace.

In essence, today's gospel is a foundational text for understanding Christian mission. It calls us to communal endeavor, radical dependence on God, intentional offers of peace, tangible demonstrations of the Kingdom, and a sober recognition of the eternal significance of our message. It challenges us to step out in faith, trusting that God will provide for His work, and that the greatest need of humanity is to encounter the transformative power of His Kingdom.

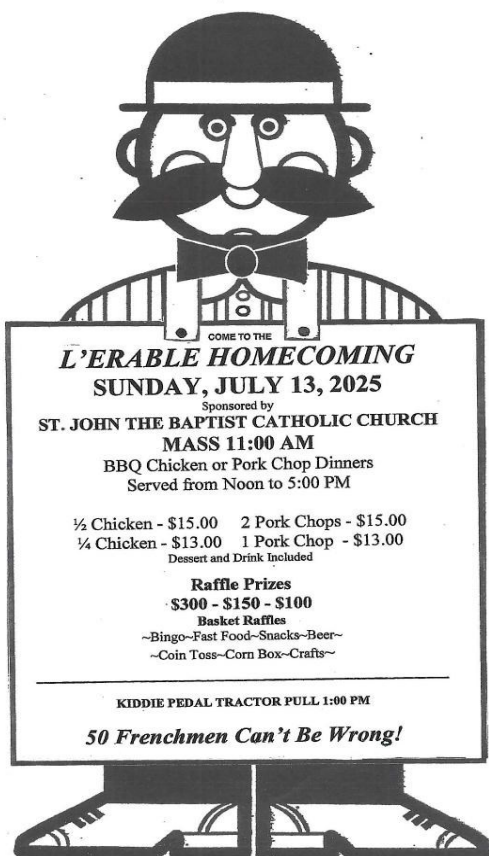
Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Thomas Theneth, CMI*

**COLLECTION SUMMARY: June 28—29, 2025:**

Sunday Offertory*	\$2,987.00
Budgeted	\$3,365.38
<b>Minus</b>	<b>\$ 378.38</b>
Envelopes used / distributed	74 / 531
<i>*Includes 7 Online Givers</i>	
Peter's Pence	\$1,261.00

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Michael Doyle, Mary Ellen Hanlon, Judy Strubin, Ashley Doody, Luke Payne, Barb Castaneda, Dave Castaneda, Greg Nalepka, Norman Andrews, Fr. Marty Gable, Fr. Richard Prodehl, Kathleen Callahan, Deacon Mark Otten, Jeff Furtek, Charles Claxton, Tina Butler, Mary Jane Szewka, Elaine Doyle, Karen Haa-ve, Joyce Svatos, Dorothy Simikowski, Deacon Milt Leppert, Joe Ladislav, Scott Rosenberg, Arline Clark, Mary Jo Fry, Gerald Adcock, Laura Valenti, Samantha Digiacomo, Julie Szudarski, Owen Ruhbeck, Sharon Andrews, Sue Gomez, CJ Ogalla-Arebalo, Aris Tomac, Bob Johnson, Pete Henrisey, Claudia Merri-field, Harry & Pam Carpenter, Ray Romito, Francesca Librera Biondo, Mike Wilczynski, Fran Rewers, Geri Mokry, Pastor Richard Young, Jeanne Vinezeano, Frances Librera, the Adamsick Family, Cassidy Novak, Lavergne Sigrist, Charlie Kooy, Rita Hall, Rose Bailey, Julie Hayes, Emily Klamkin, Lorianne Mihelic, the Robert Polacek family, Rich Harms, TJ Stefanski, Linda Galica and those that go unnamed.



*Please note that only names given with permission of the person or family member will be added to the list.*

**NEW SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE TUESDAY, JULY 1, 2025:**

<b><u>Weekday Masses</u></b>	Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday	8:30am
<b><u>Communion Services</u></b>	Monday and Thursday	8:30am
<b><u>Eucharistic Adoration</u></b>	Thursday	6pm—8pm
<b><u>Confession</u></b>	Thursday	7:30pm—8pm
	Saturday	3pm—3:45pm
<b><u>Weekend Masses</u></b>	Saturday (Vigil Mass)	4:00pm
	Sunday	11:00am

Thank you for your generous support in last week's Peter's Pence Collection! As a parish, we collected **\$1,261**. Our contributions join those from our brothers and sisters worldwide to help Pope Francis in his ministry to the Universal Church, including relief to people in need and support for the Holy See. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give.

Please visit [www.usccb.org/peters-pence](http://www.usccb.org/peters-pence).



Our St. Paul Council of Catholic Women will once again be supporting the **"Catholic Charities Back to School Fair"** by having a monetary collection after all the Masses next weekend July 12-13, 2025. It is our privilege to help those less fortunate. If you are writing a check, please make it out to **Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet** and write **Back to School Fair** on the memo line.

Thank you for your continued support!

# Mass Intentions For The Week

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Sat	7/5	4:00 pm—	+ <u><b>Tony &amp; Mae Johnson</b></u> req by Family and <u><b>People of the Parish</b></u>
Sun	7/6	11:00 am—	+ <u><b>Mike Koomar</b></u> req by Family & Friends
Mon	7/7	8:30 am—	<u><b>COMMUNION SERVICE</b></u>
Tue	7/8	8:30 am—	+ <u><b>Sophie Janas</b></u> req by Arnie & Julie Szudarski
Wed	7/9	8:30 am—	+ <u><b>Paul Mackowiak</b></u> req by St. Paul the Apostle
Thr	7/10	8:30 am—	<u><b>COMMUNION SERVICE</b></u>
		6:00 pm—	<u><b>ADORATION</b></u>
		7:30 pm—	<u><b>CONFESSION</b></u>
Fri	7/11	8:30 am—	+ <u><b>Mike Koomar</b></u> req by St. Paul the Apostle
Sat	7/12	4:00 pm—	+ <u><b>Pat Hanlon</b></u> req by Elaine Doyle
Sun	7/13	11:00 am—	+ <u><b>John Pirog</b></u> req by Family and <u><b>People of the Parish</b></u>

*If you are attending a Mass that you requested an intention to be said for, please sign the gift bearer book in the rear of the church and let an usher know you are here if you wish to bring up the gifts.*

## SAVE THE DATE

The Celebration of the conclusion of the National Eucharistic Revival will take place at the **Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet** on **Sunday July 13** beginning with the **10:30 am Mass**.

After the Mass Bishop Hicks will lead a Eucharistic Procession around the Cathedral grounds ending in the Cathedral with Benediction.



Mark your calendar and make plans to attend this Mass and Eucharistic Procession.

Are you a Catholic man 18 or older? Do you want to volunteer for your church and community? Are you ready to put your Faith into Action? Come learn about the Knights of Columbus! You can obtain information by contacting Membership Coordinator Dan Mott at 708 277-7086 or [mottd@rushenterprises.com](mailto:mottd@rushenterprises.com); contacting Grand Knight Patrick Frencl, visiting with any current member of the Knights or visiting our website at [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org).



## Choir News:

Thank you to all who participated in the choir last Sunday. You did a nice job! I appreciate you taking time out of your schedules to be a part of the music ministry.

Although choir is not formally meeting during the summer, I will look forward to hearing your voices in the pews during mass. Look for future plans of choir in August. Meanwhile... keep singing!

If you have interest in being a **cantor**, please let me know. We are always looking for new people. Sue (815) 370-6287

## POPE LEO'S INTENTIONS for JULY 2025:

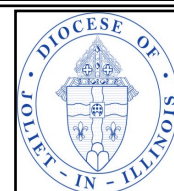
### For formation in discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.



Will you be traveling? You can find a Mass at [www.MassTimes.org](http://www.MassTimes.org). For your convenience, copies of previous **St. Paul bulletins** are available in both lobbies.

Please visit [www.diojoliet.org/offices/careers](http://www.diojoliet.org/offices/careers) for up-to-date information on employment in parishes, schools and diocese offices.







## Bishop Hicks' Column July 2025 A Revival on the Road



"Please don't let this be a one and done!" That was the heartfelt plea voiced by many who attended the [National Eucharistic Congress](#) in Indianapolis last summer. For five days, more than 60,000 Catholics from across the country gathered to adore Jesus in the Eucharist, to receive His Word, to be nourished by His grace, and to be sent out on mission. It was not simply a conference; it was a mountaintop moment—a deeply spiritual encounter that ignited hearts with a renewed love for Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

Since that unforgettable gathering, we have already begun to see fruits. Across the nation, more people are returning to the sacraments, seeking reconciliation, and encountering the Lord in new ways. Here in the Diocese of Joliet, we saw the number of individuals preparing to enter the Church more than double at this year's Rite of Election, and I believe it is a direct fruit of this [National Eucharistic Revival](#).

To ensure the momentum continues, the organizers of the Congress initiated a profound follow-up, including a Eucharistic pilgrimage across the country. Our diocese had the great honor of being the first to welcome the procession on its [journey from Indianapolis toward Los Angeles](#).

I had the privilege of receiving the Eucharistic Lord in the monstrance, along with many faithful of all ages, at [St. Mary Parish in Paxton](#), Illinois. After a beautiful Holy Hour, I accompanied the Blessed Sacrament to [Immaculate Conception](#) in Gilman, where more faithful were waiting in adoration. From there, the journey continued to [St. John Paul II Parish](#) in Kankakee for overnight adoration.

The next day, [Bishop McNamara High School](#), with [Bishop Spies](#), hosted a devout celebration with students, teachers, and community members gathered for Eucharistic adoration and praise. Bishop Spies then accompanied the Lord from Kankakee to [Immaculate Conception](#) in Morris, Illinois, where we processed and concluded with a beautiful Holy Hour.

I was so proud of our people—not only for organizing these processions and liturgies, but also for the outpouring of thousands of participants of every age and language.

One of the most touching moments for me was driving in the van that carried the Eucharistic Lord and 12 young adult pilgrims from Indianapolis to Los Angeles. As we traveled from Morris to Seneca, the pilgrims prayed a "Eucharistic Rosary of Gratitude." On each of the 50 beads, they took turns expressing a unique prayer of

thanksgiving to God for the gifts and blessings they experienced while in the Diocese of Joliet. Among their heartfelt prayers, one of them expressed gratitude for the simple joy of a delicious homemade breakfast burrito received earlier in Kankakee. That small moment was a powerful reminder: the Eucharist draws us into deep reverence while also opening our eyes to the sacred in the ordinary. Gratitude, born from the Eucharist, transforms how we see the world.

As we made our way west, I handed the monstrance to [Bishop Lou Tylka](#) in Seneca, Illinois, and the pilgrimage continued its sacred path across the country. Eventually, the procession reached [Los Angeles on the Solemnity of Corpus Christi](#). This massive, coast-to-coast movement is more than a symbolic gesture; it is a literal and spiritual journey of our Lord passing through cities, towns, farmland, and neighborhoods, blessing the land and sanctifying His people.

And the journey isn't over. Indeed, the [National Eucharistic Revival](#) is blossoming into a long-term spiritual renewal. In addition to the pilgrimages, organizers have laid out a bold and inspiring vision for what comes next, including the formation of Eucharistic Missionaries—lay leaders who commit to daily prayer, frequent reception of the Eucharist, and intentional accompaniment of others on the journey of faith. Parish and diocesan initiatives are taking root all over the country, fostering ongoing prayer, Eucharistic formation, and local missionary outreach. And the [2029 National Eucharistic Congress](#) is already on the horizon!

But for this revival to bear lasting fruit, it must reach into the very fabric of our daily lives. We are each called to respond with renewed fervor: to make the Eucharist the source and summit of our lives, to witness to the Real Presence of Jesus with joy and confidence, and to put our faith into action by carrying His love to the peripheries—wherever people are hurting, lonely, or searching.

So, thankfully, this [Eucharistic Renewal](#) is not a one and done! May this movement continue in our diocesan parishes, in our schools, in Eucharistic adoration chapels, whenever the priest elevates the Host at Mass, and every time we receive this extraordinary gift of Christ's true Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity.

To learn more about how to keep the fires of the Eucharistic Revival burning at your parish, visit [www.dioceseofjoliet.org/national-eucharistic-revival](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/national-eucharistic-revival) or email us at [dojcatevang@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:dojcatevang@dioceseofjoliet.org).





## Columna del Obispo Hicks Julio 2025 Un avivamiento en el camino



"¡Por favor, no deje que esto sea una sola vez!" Esa fue la súplica sincera expresada por muchos de los que asistieron al [Congreso Eucarístico Nacional](#) en Indianápolis el verano pasado. Durante cinco días, más de 60,000 católicos de todo el país se reunieron para adorar a Jesús en la Eucaristía, para recibir su Palabra, para ser alimentados por su gracia y para ser enviados a la misión. No se trataba simplemente de una conferencia; fue un momento en la cima de la montaña, un encuentro profundamente espiritual que encendió los corazones con un amor renovado por Jesús, verdaderamente presente en el Santísimo Sacramento.

Desde aquel inolvidable encuentro, ya hemos empezado a ver frutos. En todo el país, más personas están regresando a los sacramentos, buscando la reconciliación y encontrando al Señor de nuevas maneras. Aquí en la Diócesis de Joliet, vimos que el número de personas que se preparaban para entrar en la Iglesia se duplicó con creces en el Rito de Elección de este año, y creo que es un fruto directo de este [Avivamiento Eucarístico Nacional](#).

Para garantizar que el impulso continúe, los organizadores del Congreso iniciaron un seguimiento profundo, que incluyó una peregrinación eucarística por todo el país. Nuestra diócesis tuvo el gran honor de ser la primera en dar la bienvenida a la procesión en su [viaje desde Indianápolis hacia Los Ángeles](#).

Tuve el privilegio de recibir al Señor Eucarístico en la custodia, junto con muchos fieles de todas las edades, en la parroquia de [Santa María en Paxton](#), Illinois. Después de una hermosa Hora Santa, acompañé al Santísimo Sacramento a la [Inmaculada Concepción](#) en Gilman, donde más fieles esperaban en adoración. Desde allí, el viaje continuó hasta la parroquia de [San Juan Pablo II](#) en Kankakee para la adoración nocturna.

Al día siguiente, [la Escuela Secundaria Bishop McNamara](#), con [el Obispo Spies](#), organizó una celebración devota con estudiantes, maestros y miembros de la comunidad reunidos para la adoración eucarística y la alabanza. Luego, el Obispo Spies acompañó al Señor desde Kankakee hasta la [Inmaculada Concepción](#) en Morris, Illinois, donde procesamos y concluimos con una hermosa Hora Santa.

Me sentí muy orgulloso de nuestro pueblo, no solo por organizar estas procesiones y liturgias, sino también por la efusión de miles de participantes de todas las edades e idiomas.

Uno de los momentos más conmovedores para mí fue conducir la camioneta que transportaba al Señor Eucarístico y a 12 jóvenes peregrinos adultos de Indianápolis a Los Ángeles. Mientras viajábamos de Morris a Séneca, los peregrinos rezaron un "Rosario Eucarístico de Gratitud". En cada una de las 50 cuentas, se turnaron para expresar una oración única de acción de gracias a Dios por los dones y bendiciones que experimentaron mientras estaban en la Diócesis de Joliet.

Entre sus sinceras oraciones, uno de ellos expresó su gratitud por la simple alegría de un delicioso burrito de desayuno casero recibido anteriormente en Kankakee. Ese pequeño momento fue un poderoso recordatorio: la Eucaristía nos lleva a una profunda reverencia al mismo tiempo que nos abre los ojos a lo sagrado en lo ordinario. La gratitud, nacida de la Eucaristía, transforma nuestra forma de ver el mundo.

Mientras nos dirigíamos hacia el oeste, entregué la custodia al [Obispo Lou Tylka](#) en Seneca, Illinois, y la peregrinación continuó su camino sagrado a través del país. Finalmente, la procesión llegó a [Los Ángeles en la solemnidad del Corpus Cristi](#). Este movimiento masivo de costa a costa es más que un gesto simbólico; es un viaje literal y espiritual de nuestro Señor pasando por ciudades, pueblos, tierras de cultivo y vecindarios, bendiciendo la tierra y santificando a su pueblo.

Y el viaje no ha terminado. De hecho, el [Avivamiento Eucarístico Nacional](#) está floreciendo en una renovación espiritual a largo plazo. Además de las peregrinaciones, los organizadores han presentado una visión audaz e inspiradora para lo que viene a continuación, incluida la formación de misioneros eucarísticos, líderes laicos que se comprometen con la oración diaria, la recepción frecuente de la Eucaristía y el acompañamiento intencional de otros en el camino de la fe. Las iniciativas parroquiales y diocesanas están echando raíces en todo el país, fomentando la oración continua, la formación eucarística y el alcance misionero local. ¡Y el [Congreso Eucarístico Nacional 2029](#) ya está en el horizonte!

Pero para que este avivamiento dé frutos duraderos, debe llegar a la estructura misma de nuestra vida diaria. Cada uno de nosotros está llamado a responder con renovado fervor: a hacer de la Eucaristía la fuente y la cumbre de nuestras vidas, a dar testimonio de la Presencia Real de Jesús con alegría y confianza, y a poner nuestra fe en acción llevando su amor a las periferias, dondequiera que las personas estén sufriendo, solas o buscando.

Así que, afortunadamente, ¡esta [Renovación Eucarística](#) no es una sola vez! Que este movimiento continúe en nuestras parroquias diocesanas, en nuestras escuelas, en las capillas de adoración eucarística, cada vez que el sacerdote eleva la Hostia en la Misa, y cada vez que recibimos este don extraordinario del verdadero Cuerpo, Sangre, Alma y Divinidad de Cristo.

Para obtener más información sobre cómo mantener encendidos los fuegos del Avivamiento Eucarístico en su parroquia, visite [www.dioceseofjoliet.org/national-eucharistic-revival](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/national-eucharistic-revival) o envíenos un correo electrónico a [dojcatevang@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:dojcatevang@dioceseofjoliet.org).