

The background of the entire poster is a close-up photograph of several burlap sacks filled with mustard seeds. The seeds are a mix of light tan and dark brown colors. The lighting is warm and slightly blurred, creating a textured, organic feel.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FAITH

THE SIZE OF A MUSTARD SEED.

— LUKE 17:6 —

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

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Mass and Confession Times**REGULAR WEEKEND MASS TIMES****Assumption** - Saturday - 4:00 p.m. (*First Saturday of the Month - Additional Mass at 8:30 a.m.), Sunday - 7:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.**Sacred Heart, Kinsman** - Sunday - 9:00 a.m.**REGULAR WEEKDAY MASS TIMES****Assumption** - Tuesday - 6:30 p.m. (*First Tuesday of the Month Mass is followed by St. Peregrine Devotions & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.) Thursday & Friday - 8:30 a.m.**Sacred Heart, Kinsman** - Wednesday - 8:30 a.m.**ROSARY****Assumption** - Tuesday - 6:00 p.m., Thursday & Friday - 8:00 a.m.**CONFESSION TIMES (Different on Holy Days & Holidays)****Assumption** - Tuesday - 6:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m., Thursday & Friday - 8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m., Saturday - 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., First Sat. Only - 8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m.**Sacred Heart, Kinsman** - Wednesday - After 8:30 a.m. Mass, Sunday - After 9:00 a.m. Mass.**Eucharistic Adoration Chapel****Assumption** - The Adoration Chapel is open daily from 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.**Sacraments****ANOINTING OF THE SICK**

Please call the parish office.

BAPTISMS

Parents are required to attend a baptismal preparation meeting prior to the baptism. Please contact the parish secretary to register.

Assumption - Baptisms are ordinarily scheduled for the second and fourth Sundays of the month after 11:30 a.m. Mass.**FUNERALS**

Funeral liturgies are ordinarily celebrated at 10:00 a.m. The funeral director will contact the parish office regarding arrangements.

MARRIAGE

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. Marriage preparation classes are required to be completed before the Sacrament of Marriage can be celebrated. Please contact the parish office before making wedding arrangements.



Bishop Hicks' Column
October 2025



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.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY October 4	First Saturday
8:30 AM Mass (A) †Shirley Boero (John & Teri Jo Boylan)	
4:00 PM Mass (A) †Robert Dvorak (Vince & Marcie Funk) †Shirley Boero (Karen Grega & Kathleen Lestina) †Betty Onsen (Bob & Suzanne)	
SUNDAY October 5	Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Mass (A) Living Members of Antenore Quartaroli Family (Peter & Carm Collins) †John Hamerla (Ray & Ruth Dillon Family) †Shirley Boero (Ron & Dianne Marketti)	
9:00 AM Mass (SH) †Sandy O'Connell Rapp (Loisanne O'Connell)	
11:30 AM Mass (A) People of the Parish †Donna McClintock (Mark Matteson Family) †Sam Natyshok (Gloria Natyshok)	
TUESDAY October 7	St. Peregrine Devotions
6:30 PM Mass (A) Vocations to the Priesthood (Peter & Carm Collins) †Henry & Minnie Kessler (Family)	
WEDNESDAY October 8	
8:30 AM Mass (SH) †Paula Sheedy (Friends) †Mary Brockman (John T. Walsh & Dana Davis)	
THURSDAY October 9	
8:30 AM Mass (A) †Lucille Quayle (Kenny Jensen) †Chad Butterfield (Terry & Carol Halliday)	
FRIDAY October 10	
8:30 AM Mass (A) †Larry & Mary Ann Quartaroli (Peter & Carm Collins) †Ann Marketti (Ron & Dianne Marketti) †Charlie Gibbs (Lucy Gibbs)	
SATURDAY October 11	
4:00 PM Mass (A) People of the Parish †Theresa Kirn (Keith & Janet Mahlfeldt) †Frank & Alyce Cueller (Harold & Georgette)	
SUNDAY October 12	Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 AM Mass (A) †Linnea Buban (Barb Salato) †Anthony Rice (Peter & Carm Collins) †Shirley Boero (John & Teri Jo Boylan) †Lucille De Grush (Ron & Dianne Marketti)	
9:00 AM Mass (SH) †Kenneth Brockman (Rosemary Dix) †Pat Bartman (Mary Ann Finch)	
11:30 AM Mass (A) †Larry Ferrari (Bill & Nancy Endrst) †Shirley Boero (Gloria Natyshok) †Lois Reese (Joyce Ferrari)	

Weekly Confession Times

TUESDAY (A) - 6:00 p.m. to 6:20 p.m.
WEDNESDAY (SH) - Following the 8:30 a.m. Mass
THURSDAY & FRIDAY (A) - 8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m.
SATURDAY (A) - 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
(First Saturday only - 8:00 a.m. to 8:20 a.m.)
SUNDAY (SH) - Following the 9:00 a.m. Mass
(Different on Holy Days & Holidays)



This Week's Events

A: Assumption **SH:** Sacred Heart

Sunday, October 5

10:00 am - Fellowship Committee Mtg. - Madonna Room
 12:30 pm - Confirmation Afternoon of Reflection - Church (A)
 6:30 pm - Evening Adult Bible Study - Madonna Room

Monday, October 6

4:30 pm - St. Vincent Meal - Immaculate Conception/Braidwood
 Coal Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288

Tuesday, October 7

No Events

Wednesday, October 8

No Events

Thursday, October 9

9:30 am - Bible Study - Madonna Room
 6:30 pm - Wedding Rehearsal - Assumption Church
 Coal Food Pantry Open - 815-216-3288

Friday, October 10

No Events

Saturday, October 11

1:00 pm - Wedding - Assumption Church
 Luminaria Memorials Available this Weekend - Narthex (A)

Sunday, October 12

9:45 am - Family Faith Formation - Berst Hall
 6:30 pm - Evening Adult Bible Study - Madonna Room

In your charity, please pray for the sick:

Nancy Armstrong & Family, Sharee Beeler, Paula Beshoar,
 Tom Buban, Denise Chally, Ryan Collins, Charlotte Curtis,
 Jan Dunn, Kay Francisco, Doris Giordano, Dolores Hertenstein,
 Jim Jacobek, Mary Jo Maland, Gloria Markl, Donna Meyer,
 Steven Miller, Dan Olson, Jean Peters, Larry Ried,
 Cecelia Schimandle, Fred & Wanda Singer, Jeff & Danita Stepanek,
 Helen Talty, Glenn VanDrie, Steve Varsolona, Jake Veronda,
 Liz Veronda, John T. Walsh, Annie Zigrossi
 Names will remain on the prayer list for six months. If you would like
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Please pray for those serving our country:

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BINGO!
SAT., OCT. 25



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Please join us on Tuesday, October 21 for the Knights of Columbus' Silver Rose Prayer Service, which will immediately follow our regular 6:30 p.m. Mass at Assumption Church.



Our parish is offering "take and make" **Lighted Memorial Luminarias** and **Personalized Memorial Candles** in memory of our beloved deceased to be displayed in front of Mary's Grotto at the **All Soul's Day Mass on November 1, 2025, at 4:00pm.** Each luminaria should be designed to memorialize ONE person/name or ONE COUPLE per memorial. A **\$5 donation** to Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Coal City is suggested per luminaria bag or memorial candle. Both memorials will be available in the narthex at the October 11/12, 18/19, and 25/26 weekend Masses. The last day to purchase will be Sunday, October 26, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. **After purchasing in October, please have your personalized luminaria bag(s) and or candle(s) returned to one of the above Masses and placed on the luminaria table located in the church narthex.**

On Saturday, November 1, we encourage you to either pick up your luminaria bag or candle immediately following the All Souls Day Mass or leave them in Mary's Grotto to continue to burn brightly through the night in memory of your beloved deceased. All memorials will be removed on Sunday, November 2, after the 11:30am Mass.

--Thank you and God bless you!

****O Sweet Mother Mary, please intercede for these precious souls that your loving son Jesus may grant them eternal rest in heaven.****



Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The rash one has no integrity;
but the just one, because of his faith, shall live. (Hb 2:4)

Psalm:

If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts. (Ps 95)

Second Reading:

For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice
but rather of power and love and self-control. (2 Tm 1:7)

Gospel:

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed,
you would say to this mulberry tree,
'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,'
and it would obey you." (Lk 17:6)

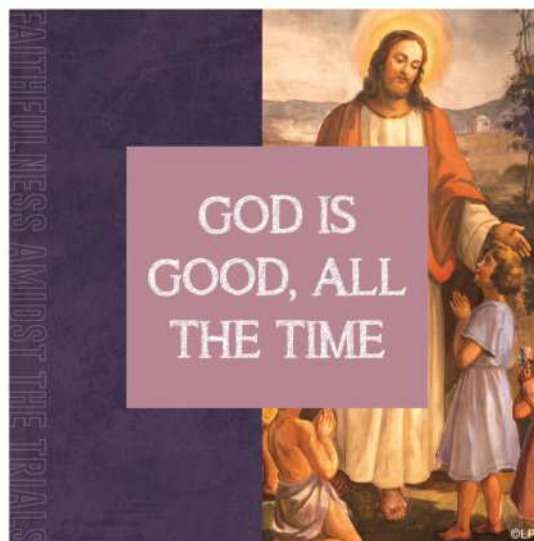
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Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The Apostles beg Jesus for increased faith, but they don't really want faith. They want a magical feeling of certainty that requires no effort. Real faith must grow and sprout roots in fertile soil. Real faith requires attention and work. Are we willing to work?

Observances for the week of October 5, 2025

- Sunday:** 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time;
Respect Life Sunday
- Monday:** St. Bruno, Priest; Bl. Marie Rose Durocher,
Virgin
- Tuesday:** Our Lady of the Rosary
- Thursday:** St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs;
St. John Leonardi, Priest
- Saturday:** St. John XXIII, Pope
- Next Sunday:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Devotions, Explained!

This popular phrase is an affirmation of God's faithfulness amidst the trials of life, a theme that is presented again and again in Scripture: come what may, God will be with us.

Prayer to Respect Life

Dear God,
Help us to hear Your voice,
especially when You speak on
behalf of the voiceless,
the overlooked, and the forgotten.
Keep our ears attuned, and work
through us in a way that loves,
blesses, assures, supports, and
strengthens LIFE.
Amen.

Worship & Meditation

Readings for the week of October 5, 2025

Sunday:

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/
2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Monday:

Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday:

Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8/
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday:

Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10/Lk 11:1-4

Thursday:

Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/
Lk 11:5-13

Friday:

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9/
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday:

Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday:

2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/
2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19



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Gospel Meditation

Encourage Deeper Understanding of Scripture

A priest friend of mine received a call from a family whose elderly mother was dying. Within thirty minutes, he was at her bedside, offering the consolation of the sacraments, anointing her with the oil of the sick, and commending her soul to God. She passed not long after, and for months, her family spoke of their deep gratitude for his presence. When I phoned him to commend his faithful ministry, he simply said, "I was just doing my job."

His words brought to mind Jesus' teaching this week in Luke 17:10: **"So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'"** In a world that often seeks recognition and applause, the Lord invites us into a different mindset — one of humble service. The priest did not see his response as extraordinary; he saw it as a grace to fulfill his vocation.

How tempting it is to seek affirmation for doing what I ought to do! Yet Jesus reminds us that true discipleship is not about grandstanding but about quiet faithfulness. It is enough to have served. It is enough to have loved. It is enough to be grateful that we were given the chance to do our duty in the first place. Whether in priesthood, parenthood, or any vocation, what peace-soaked freedom there is in simply doing what is asked of us. No more, no less. Jesus, that is how you quietly love us.

— Father John Muir



Ministry Schedule October 11 & 12



If you are interested in assisting us at our weekend Masses, please sign up through the volunteer link on our website, which contains the most up-to-date schedule, or call or email Laura at the parish office. Confirmed volunteers for our upcoming services are below:

Saturday, October 11 - 4:00 p.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - **Two volunteers needed**

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

Server - **Volunteer needed**

Ushers - Ron Henke, Bob Jacovec, Doug Letterly, Bob Schmitt, Fran Schmitt

Sunday, October 12 - 7:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - **Two volunteers needed**

Lector - **Volunteer needed**

Servers - Pete Collins, Ron Marketti, Ken Bonomo

Sunday, October 12 - 9:00 a.m. (Sacred Heart, Kinsman)

Extraordinary Minister - Lee Miller

Lector - Pam Siedentop

Servers - Jace Jensen & Kenley Kruger

Sunday, October 12 - 11:30 a.m.

Extraordinary Ministers - **Two volunteers needed**

Lector - Hannah Krull

Server - **Volunteer needed**

Thank you for sharing your time and talents with us!



2025 CMAA Report (as of Sept., 28, 2025)

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Amount Pledged: \$42,274

Amount Paid: \$37,647

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A Pastoral Letter for the People
of the Diocese of Joliet

Assumption Weekly Offering + E-Giving

Annual Offering Budget (7/1/2025 - 6/30/2026)	\$326,141
YTD Offering Budget	\$81,536
YTD Actual Offering	\$101,498
Last Week's Mass Offering	\$5,809
Last Week's E-Giving Offering	\$1,433
Last Week's Total Offering	\$7,242
Weekly Goal	\$6,272

Sacred Heart, Kinsman Weekly Offering

9/21/25 Sunday Collection	\$1,246
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Mission for the Week

I will remind others that God will help them.

Sharing the Gospel

God wants you to have faith and trust him completely. Jesus said, "If your faith is as small as a mustard seed, you can tell a tree to grow in the ocean, and it will." A mustard seed is smaller than a freckle. You trust your school bus will go to your school. You have faith that clowns will make you laugh. You just need a little bit of faith and God will be there for you.

Now color
the picture!



What letter **begins** each picture name? Circle the beginning letter. Then color the pictures.



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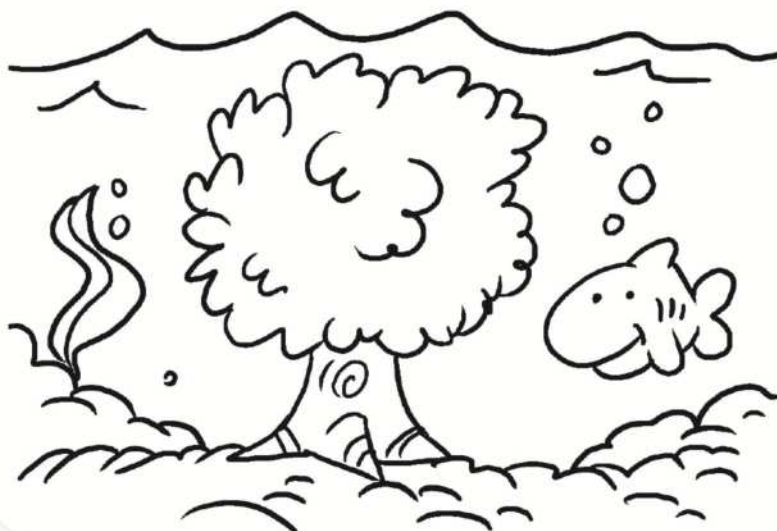


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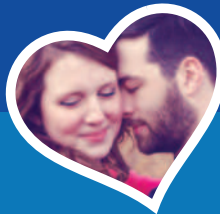
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