

SUMMER SAINTS

Several saints are associated with summer, each having unique connections to the season or specific activities enjoyed during that time. St. Medard, for example, is known for protecting against bad weather, making him a popular choice for prayers for sunshine. Other saints associated with summer include St. Lawrence, patron saint of cooks and barbecues, and St. Adjutor, who protects swimmers and boaters. Additionally, St. John the Baptist's feast day falls within the summer months.

Here's a more detailed look at some of these summer saints:

St. Medard: Also known as St. Medardus, he is the patron saint against bad weather and is depicted with an eagle protecting him from rain.

St. Lawrence: A martyr of the Roman Empire, he is associated with barbecues and is often called upon for protection during outdoor gatherings.

St. Adjutor: He is the patron saint of swimmers, boaters, and drowning victims.

St. John the Baptist: His solemnity falls on June 24th, a significant date in the liturgical calendar.

St. Thomas the Apostle: His feast day is on July 3rd.

St. Elizabeth of Portugal: Her feast day is on July 4th.

St. Anthony Zaccaria: His feast day is on July 5th.

St. Maria Goretti: Her feast day is on July 6th.

St. Maelruain: His feast day is on July 7th.

St. Benedict: His memorial is on July 11th.

St. Kateri Tekakwitha: Her memorial is on July 14th.

St. Mary Magdalene: Her feast day is on July 22nd.

Mark
your
Calendar

HABEMUS PAPAM!

LATIN WORD FOR "WE HAVE A POPE!"

The 267th Pope: First American Pope!

Real full name: Robert Francis Prevost

Birthdate: September 14, 1955

Born in: Chicago, Illinois, at Mercy Hospital

Grew up in: Dalton, Illinois

Elected Pope: May 8th, 2025

First words: "Peace be with all of you!"

Event: Sunday, May 18: 10 a.m., St. Peter's Square (Rome, Italy):
Mass for the Beginning of the Pontificate.

[Pray for Pope Leo XIV!](#)

POPE LEO XIV



Note from Bishop Ronald A. Hicks

Habemus Papam from Bishop Hicks!



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Habemus Papam!!!

Please join the Diocese of Joliet as we rejoice with the news of our new Holy Father, Leo XIV.

As we anticipated the name as the smoke turned white, we were filled with great joy and hope. We welcome Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, an American and a Chicago native, as our newly elected Pontiff.

We will learn more about him in the days to come. Meanwhile, join me in praying for Pope Leo XIV, the entire Church, and the World as we say thank you to God and come Holy Spirit.

I also encourage you to join your local parishes and pray for our new pope at Mass, thanking God for him and asking the Holy Spirit to lead and guide him as he begins his papacy.

The Memorial Mass will be live-streamed at: <https://youtube.com/live/Nac1laxyU3k?feature=share>

With best wishes, I remain –v
Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet



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BREAKING NEWS

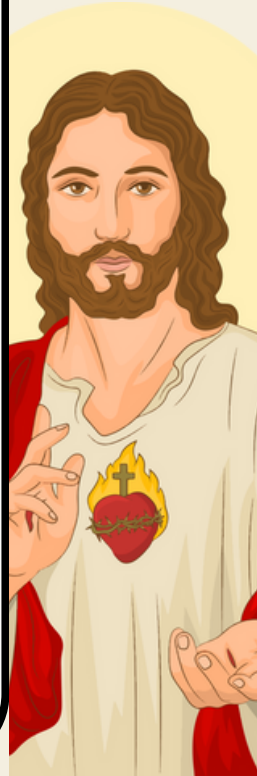
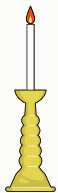
Fr. John Maria's New Parish!

On July 1, Fr. John Maria will be transferred to St. Raphael Catholic Church in Naperville, where he will have a new office. He will no longer be working at St. John the Baptist in Winfield, but he will continue to attend Blanchette Catholic Center (BCC) every Wednesday and Thursday. Fridays will be his day off. If you need to contact him, please email him at jabulag@rcdoj.org.

TRAINING TO BE AN ALTAR SERVER

During the mass, the priest has an altar server which is a distinguished honor and an opportunity to grow in faith and serve within the church community. It is a role that requires dedication, respect, and commitment to the sacred liturgy.

If you are interested in attending training to become an altar server, please email Fr. John Maria Abulag at jabulag@rcdoj.org



NOTE

If your loved one dies and you need a sign language interpreter for a Catholic funeral mass, **as soon as possible**, contact Martha Torres at mtorres@dioceseofjoli.org or go online to register for one <https://catechesis.diojoli.org/interpreter-request>



INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

PRAY FOR DECEASED

POPE FRANCIS: DECEMBER 17, 1936 - APRIL 21, 2025

HEDIE MARIE IOVITO: SEPT. 30, 1949 - JAN 21, 2025

MARK J. KUBEY 1946-2025

PRAY FOR THE SICK

RENATA CICHOWICZ

PATRICIA FLANNERY-SLISZ

DIANA BONADURER-STALLINGS' PARENTS

If you would like to add or remove a name from the prayer list, please contact Justin Reyes, Director of Catechesis and Evangelization at jreyes@dioceseofjoli.org



Did you know that the phrase "Do not be afraid" appears 365 times in the Bible?

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SAVE THE DATES!!

**THE DEAF MINISTRY OF THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE
THAT THERE WILL BE TWO EVENTS THIS YEAR IN 2025, AND TWO EVENTS
NEXT YEAR IN 2026!**

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

**COMING
SOON!**

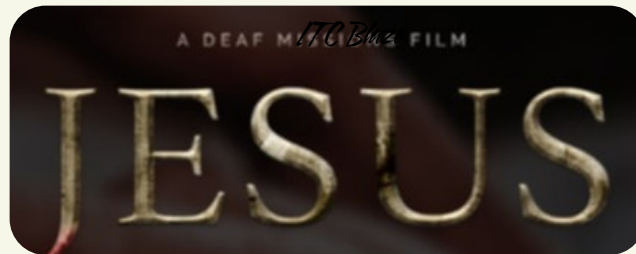
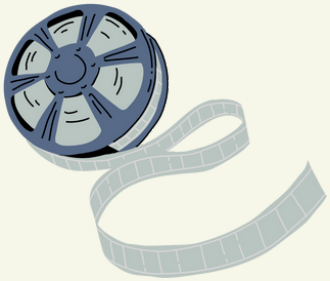
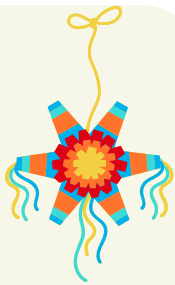


TWO EVENTS IN 2025:

JOIN US FOR A SUMMER FIESTA PICNIC ON JUNE 8, 2025!

SEE MORE DETAILS ON PAGE 5!

WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE!



*You do Not
want to
miss it!!*

JOIN US TO WATCH A FILM ON SEPT. 4, 2025

**"JESUS" IS PRESENTED AS A FEATURE FILM ENTIRELY
IN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE!!**

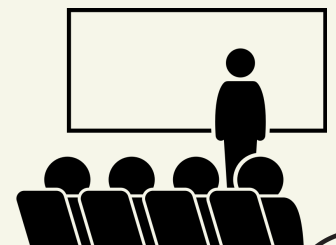
(ENGLISH SUBTITLES FOR HEARING PEOPLE)

SEE MORE DETAILS ON PAGE 6! YOU CAN'T MISS IT!

TWO EVENTS FOR 2026: Confirmed!

February 20-22, 2026, with Monsignor Nelson

October 3, 2026 with Fr. Michael Depcik



More details coming in the Fall 2025 Newsletter.

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JOIN US FOR A SUMMER FIESTA PICNIC!!

WHERE: SISTERS OF SERVANTS OF MARY
16949 S DRAUDEN RD,
PLAINFIELD, IL 60586

WHEN: SUNDAY, JUNE 8, 2025.

ADMISSION: \$5.00 PER PERSON INCLUDES FOOD (TACO BAR)
AND DRINKS (NON-ALCOHOLIC)

FAMILIES WELCOME; CHILDREN CAN ATTEND FREE
(PLEASE REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE: SEE THE LINK.)

THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS JUNE 5, 2025, AT NOON FOR THE
HEADCOUNT FOR FOOD.

SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS: 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (optional)

ARRIVE: 10:30 AM

MASS: 11:00 AM

LUNCH: 12:00 PM

GAMES: 1:00 PM

(CHOOSE FROM BINGO AND KAHOOT!)

Any questions or concerns:
mtorres@dioceseofjoliet.org

REGISTER HERE

<https://lp.constantcontactpage.com/ev/reg/vg73ggp>



MOVIE NIGHT !!

COME AND JOIN US
TO WATCH THE DEAF MISSION FILM IN ASL!!

ADMISSION: \$10.00 PER PERSON

AGES 18 AND UP

PIZZA, POPCORN, AND POP WILL BE SERVED.

RAFFLES!!!

REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE
DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 1, 2025

WHEN: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2025

TIME: 6:00 PM

WHERE: BLANCHETTE CATHOLIC CENTER

16555 WEBER RD.

CREST HILL, 60403

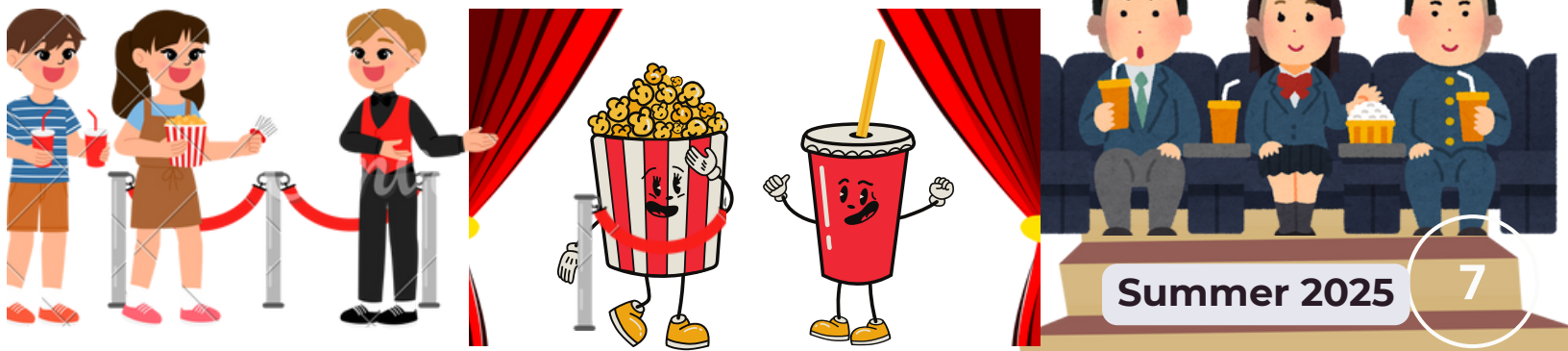
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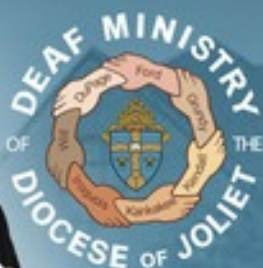
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Fr. John Maria Abulag



2025 Mass Schedule for the Deaf Community



Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus

604 North Raynor Avenue
Joliet, IL

<https://www.straymond.net/>



10:30 AM INTERPRETED MASS:

■ 2nd and 4th Sunday
of every month

■ **FAITH FORMATION &
VIGIL MASS**
(1st Saturdays)

1:30 PM: *Confessions*

2:15 PM: *Potluck/Faith Formation**

4 PM: *Hearing Mass*
w/ Fr. John Maria



St. Margaret Mary

1450 Green Trails Drive
Naperville, IL

<https://www.smmp.com/>



11:00 AM INTERPRETED MASS:

■ 1st, 2nd and 4th Sunday
of every month

■ **FAITH FORMATION &
DEAF MASS in ASL**
(3rd Sunday, in the basement)

9:30 AM: *Confessions*

10 AM: *DEAF MASS*
w/ Fr. John Maria

11 AM: *Faith Formation**

12 Noon: *Fellowship*



St. Isidore

427 W. Army Trail Rd.
Bloomington, IL

<http://www.stisidoreparish.org/>



10:00 AM INTERPRETED MASS:

■ Every Sunday
of every month

Please email Fr. John
Maria if you cannot
make it to the FF and/or
Deaf Mass.

Email:
frjohnmaria0722@gmail.com

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*Faith Formation: Mini-workshop / retreat, Bible Study or any religious activities conducted in American Sign Language (ASL)

<https://catechesis.diojoliet.org/doj-deaf-ministry>



ALL ARE WELCOME!

Click button below or scan QR code to register

REGISTER NOW



¡TODOS SON BIENVENIDOS!

Haga clic en el botón de abajo o escanee Código QR para registrarse

REGÍSTRESE AHORA

You are cordially invited to the Diocese of Joliet

Jubilee Mass for Persons with disABILITIES June 1, 2025 12:30 p.m.

Cathedral of St. Raymond
604 N. Raynor Ave.
Joliet, Illinois

The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Ronald Hicks; refreshments and fellowship to follow. Those with disABILITIES, and their caregivers, will receive a special blessing.

Están cordialmente invitadados a la Diócesis de Joliet

Misa Jubilar para Las Personas con disCAPACIDADES 1 de junio de 2025 12:30 p.m.

Catedral de San Raimundo
604 N. Raynor Ave.
Joliet, Illinois

La misa será celebrada por el obispo Ronald Hicks; refrescos y compañerismo a seguir. Aquellos con disCAPACIDADES, y sus cuidadores, recibirán una bendición especial.

Department of Catechesis and Evangelization
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Questions? ¿Preguntas?

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