

Welcome to the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese of Joliet!



OUR DIOCESE WAS FOUNDED ON DECEMBER 11, 1948. For an entire year, we will highlight the great accomplishments of our past and how we were founded in faith, while being called to witness now and in the future, and continue to be sent forth to serve.

As we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Diocese of Joliet, we give our utmost gratitude to God for all the abundant blessings that He has bestowed on every person from the time of the first missionaries until today. We acknowledge and celebrate all peoples, living and deceased, who make our diocese strong in faith and compassion, with a heart of service for all people.



Regional Liturgies

Uniting the faithful of the diocese in the celebration of Mass, these special liturgies serve as personal encounters with Christ and other Catholics as we worship, pray, and give thanks to God. Attendance at the opening and closing Masses is limited, but all in the diocese are invited and encouraged to attend the regional liturgies.

OPENING LITURGY—DECEMBER 11, 2023
6 p.m. at St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet

REGIONAL LITURGY—JUNE 22, 2024
4 p.m. at Bishop McNamara High School in Kankakee (Ford, Grundy, Iroquois and Kankakee Counties)

REGIONAL LITURGY—SEPTEMBER 14, 2024
4 p.m. at Montini Catholic High School in Lombard (DuPage County)

REGIONAL LITURGY—SEPTEMBER 28, 2024
4 p.m. at Lewis University in Romeoville (Will and Kendall Counties)

CLOSING LITURGY—DECEMBER 8, 2024
4 p.m. at St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet

Novena of Grace

From **November 25 through December 3, 2023**, members of our diocese will have the opportunity to participate in a novena of prayer to St. Francis Xavier, our patron saint.

The full novena, as well as daily prayers, are available online.



Blessing of St. Francis Xavier Statue

DECEMBER 3, 2023 AT 1 P.M.

Blanchette Catholic Center
16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, IL 60403

On the Feast of St. Francis Xavier, and the final day of the novena, a statue of the saint will be blessed at the Blanchette Catholic Center. The statue will serve as a constant reminder of the patron saint of our diocese, since its founding in 1948. Bishop Hicks will bless the statue at 1 p.m. that day, in an open ceremony so that all may witness this moving event.



From podcasts and youth events to service and prayer cards, scan the QR code or visit diojoliet.org/75th for the full list of events and activities surrounding the 75th anniversary.

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