

CATHEDRAL OF ST. RAYMOND NONNATUS

DIOCESE OF JOLIET

2024 ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR



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Founded in faith. Called to witness. Sent forth to serve.

*Welcome to the 75th year
anniversary of the Diocese of Joliet!*

A calendar provides us with a unified way to arrange our days, months and years. During this chronological year, let us also remember that everything we do is according to God's time. God is the Creator and author of life. Through God's divine love and mercy, He sent us His only Son so that through His life, suffering, death and resurrection, we may be saved. It is though God's plan that we are approaching our 75th anniversary. And through the Holy Spirit, we ask that God continues to lead and guide us in this life until life eternal.

Our diocese was founded on December 11, 1948. This calendar provides us with an opportunity to commemorate and countdown throughout 2024. For an entire year, we will highlight my vision of catechesis, evangelization and faith into action by focusing on our anniversary theme, "Founded in faith. Called to witness. Sent forth to serve."

You will notice in this beautiful calendar that each month includes various photographs, dates and information regarding the history of the Diocese of Joliet. Also, significant events to celebrate the 75th anniversary throughout the seven counties are highlighted as an encouragement to attend and join in the various gatherings and activities.

I feel so blessed, happy and grateful to be your bishop. I pray for you daily and ask that you please do the same for me as we remember the past, celebrate the present and look forward with hope to the future. Also, please join me in praying for the wonderful Diocese of Joliet throughout this hallowed year as we ask God to bless us today, tomorrow and always.

Paz y bien,

+ Ronald A. Hicks

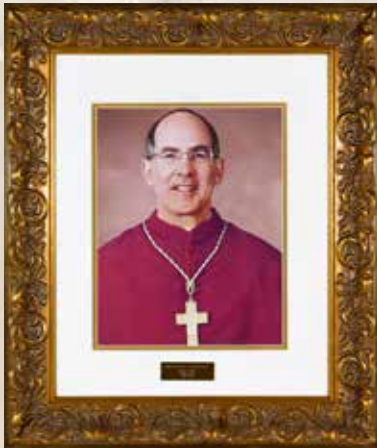
Bishop Ronald A. Hicks



BISHOP RONALD A. HICKS, 2020-



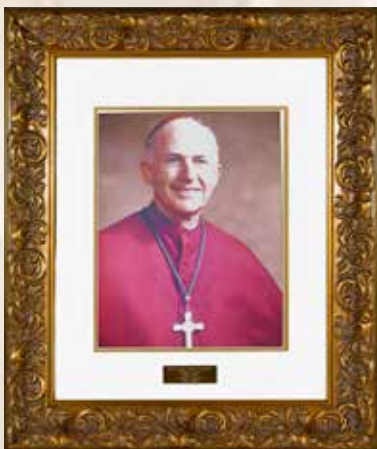
BISHOP R. DANIEL CONLON, 2011-2020



BISHOP J. PETER SARTAIN, 2006-2010



BISHOP JOSEPH L. IMESCH, 1979-2006



BISHOP ROMEO R. BLANCHETTE, 1966-1979



BISHOP MARTIN D. McNAMARA, 1948-1966

JANUARY 2024

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

DECEMBER 2023

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1 SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord
New Year's Day ★
W

2 STS. BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS AND DOCTORS OF THE CHURCH
W
***All the People of the Diocese**

3 CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY
The Most Holy Name of Jesus
W W
Priests

4 ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON, RELIGIOUS
W
St. Patrick, Yorkville

5 ST. JOHN NEUMANN, BISHOP
First Friday of the Month
W
St. Scholastica, Woodridge

6 CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY
St. André Bessette, Religious
W W

7 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
W

8 THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
W

9 FIRST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
G
Christ the Servant, Woodridge

10 G
Death of Bishop Romeo R. Blanchette, 1982

11 G

12 G
Holy Ghost, Wood Dale

13 St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
BVM
G W W

14 SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
G

15 *Martin Luther King Jr. Day* ★
G

16 G
St. John the Baptist, Winfield

17 ST. ANTHONY, ABBOT
W

18 G
St. Patrick, Wilton Center

19 G
Reverend Joseph M. Siegel Ordained Auxiliary Bishop, 2010

20 St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr
St. Sebastian, Martyr
BVM
G R R W

21 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
G

22 DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN
W or V

23 St. Vincent, Deacon and Martyr
St. Marianne Cope, Virgin
G R W

24 ST. FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
W
St. Rose, Wilmington

25 THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE
W

26 STS. TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS
W
St. Michael, Wheaton

27 St. Angela Merici, Virgin
BVM
G W W

28 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
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29 G
St. Mark, Wheaton

30 G

31 ST. JOHN BOSCO, PRIEST
W
St. Daniel the Prophet, Wheaton

Father Francis Clement Kelley founded Catholic Extension in 1905 to “awaken the missionary spirit in America.”

FEBRUARY

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Founded in Faith

On December 11, 1948, His Holiness Pope Pius XII established the Diocese of Joliet-in-Illinois. The foundations of our faith reach back to the French missionary explorers, Father Jacques Marquette and Louis Joliet, who shared the message of the Gospels, evangelizing as they moved from settlement to settlement. It was during their time with the Native American people called the Illinois, that our faith took root and matured.

Today our diocese is filled with people called to continue that first moment of evangelization and missionary discipleship. As we celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Diocese of Joliet, we give our upmost 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.


February 18: Rite of Election, 2 p.m.
Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, Joliet

FEBRUARY 2024

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

Catholic Extension works in solidarity with people to build up vibrant and transformative Catholic faith communities among the poor and in America's poorest regions.

1  *Catholic Charities

2 THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
First Friday of the Month


3 St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr
St. Ansgar, Bishop
BVM
   






4 FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



5 ST. AGATHA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR
 Persons with Disabilities

6 ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS


7  Holy Trinity, Westmont

8 St. Jerome Emiliani
St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin
  

9  St. Mary, West Chicago


10 ST. SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN


11 SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME


12  Resurrection, Wayne

13 

14 ASH WEDNESDAY
St. Valentine's Day
 

15 THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY
 St. Edmund, Watseka


16 FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY
  St. Irene, Warrenville

17 SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY
The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order


18 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT


19  Presidents' Day ★

20  St. John the Apostle, Villa Park

21 St. Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church



22 THE CHAIR OF ST. PETER THE APOSTLE
 St. Alexander, Villa Park

23 St. Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr
 

24 

25 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT


26  St. Liborius, Steger

27 St. Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church


28  Seminarians

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Called to Witness

Jesus said, “Go out therefore and make disciples of all nations.” We as Catholics are called to be witnesses to our faith through all forms of life in the Church, especially as we gather at the Eucharist.

As people of God, we bring the face of Jesus to others through our daily lives as disciples and proclaimers of the Gospel message of Jesus. At Baptism, we are called to be a witness to the life of Christ within us for the honor and glory of God, and to care for each other — especially the poor and the needy.

We witness our call to evangelize through our prayer life and being “the face of God” to all we encounter. Prayer is the center of our lives and reflects that God is present in our actions, words, and deeds.

All of this is reflective of the firm foundations given to each of us through our family and our religious heritage in the Church. As we celebrate our 75th Anniversary as a diocese, let us strengthen our resolve to truly be people of witness to our Baptismal call to holiness and service.

March 9: Transitional Deacon Ordination, 11 a.m.
Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, Joliet

March 25: Chrism Mass, 2 p.m.
Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, Joliet

MARCH 2024

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY



Last year Catholic Extension's financial impact in the poorest Catholic communities was more than \$100 million.

FEBRUARY

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1 First Friday of the Month
 


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3 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



4 St. Casimir

 *Married Couples

5  St. Anne, St. Anne

6 

7 Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

 Most Reverend Martin D. McNamara Ordained as First Bishop of the Diocese, 1949

8 St. John of God, Religious
 
 St. Lawrence, South Wilmington

9 St. Frances of Rome, Religious


10 FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
 Daylight Saving Time Begins
 or 

11  Holy Family, Shorewood

12 

13  St. Walter, Roselle

14 

15  
 St. Andrew the Apostle, Romeoville

16 

17 FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
 St. Patrick's Day


18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church



19 ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

 Reverend James E. Fitzgerald Ordained Auxiliary Bishop, 2002

20  Universities

21  St. Joseph, Rockdale


22  
 Immaculate Conception Mission, Roberts


23 St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop


24 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD


25 MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK


26 TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK


27 WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK


28 THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK (HOLY THURSDAY)


29 FRIDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD (GOOD FRIDAY)
 

30 HOLY SATURDAY


31 EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD


*Please pray for the dedicated intentions of people, parishes, and institutions on the specific day.

Sent Forth to Serve

Throughout our history we have responded to challenges by serving others because of our faith. There was the need to provide education for the immigrants, develop strong parishes, and build hospitals. War and depression complicated efforts. Service became the hallmark of the Diocese of Joliet, as seen not only in our organizations, but also in the lives of individuals and parishes. Our history shows there is no limit to how our faith propels each of us to be helpful to each other.

We could make a long list of the ways people of the diocese have served the needs of others, and still there would be more that could be said. Through the leadership in our diocese, parishes, institutions, and organizations, our faith has been challenged, strengthened, developed and fostered.

Now as we celebrate 75 years since the official establishment of our diocese, we are called to renew the formation of what it means to be of service to all people. We are called through Baptism with the example of all who have gone before us to be witnesses to our faith through prayer, words and deeds.



APRIL 2024

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2 TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
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3 WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
W
Reverend Romeo R. Blanchette, Ordained Auxiliary Bishop, 1965
Msgr. Raymond J. Vonesh Ordained Auxiliary Bishop, 1968

4 THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
W

5 FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
First Friday of the Month
W

6 SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
W

7 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)
W

8 THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
W
***Single Persons**

9 W St. Mary Mission, Reddick

10 W

11 ST. STANISLAUS, BISHOP AND MARTYR
R
St. Mary, Plano

12 W St. Mary Immaculate, Plainfield

13 St. Martin I, Pope and Martyr
WR

14 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
W

15 W St. Peter, Piper City

16 W

17 W St. Paul the Apostle, Peotone

18 W

19 W Hospitals

20 W

21 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
W

22 W

23 St. George, Martyr
St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
WR
St. Mary, Paxton

24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr
WR
St. Mary, Park Forest

25 ST. MARK, EVANGELIST
R

26 W St. Anne, Oswego

27 W

28 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
W

29 ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
W
Ascension of Our Lord, Oakbrook Terrace

30 St. Pius V, Pope
WW
St. Jude, New Lenox

In 1910 Pope St. Pius X made Catholic Extension a papal society to serve in the United States.

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Vocations

The Second Vatican Council's *Lumen Gentium* makes it clear that there is a "universal call vocatio" — Latin meaning a calling, a summoning (#39) that is given to each person. Within this call are given the gifts and talents needed for the specific purpose each person is being called to live.

We perceive four vocations — married life, single life, ordained life, and vowed religious life — to which each person is called to live a life that reflects the love of God. The beginning of this calling is received when one is baptized, and it matures throughout one's life. As a person develops, discernment is made to the vocation God is making known to him or her. Most importantly this is done through prayer, which is having a personal conversation with God over a period, and in this time, listening for His quiet voice. Conversations with those already living the vocation one feels they are being called to are very beneficial. Finally, there is accepting God's call and living that vocation.

Throughout our diocese we find people living their vocation with a deep gratitude for witnessing this Gospel call to holiness and loving service to others. It is in this moment we are called to witness and are sent forth to serve.

Look around and you cannot help but see vocations lived out in yourself, your family, your friends, your relatives, your parishioners, and all the other people you encounter throughout your day. God is speaking to each of us and calling us daily to live our vocation — are we listening and responding with generous hearts?

May 12: Adult Confirmation, 2 p.m.
Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, Joliet

May 18: Priest Ordination, 11 a.m.
Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, Joliet




MAY 2024


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Catholic Extension funds approximately 1,500 projects each year in the United States and its territories.

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1 St. Joseph the Worker 

2 ST. ATHANASIUS, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH 
*St. Thomas the Apostle, Naperville


3 STS. PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES
First Friday of the Month 

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8 
St. Margaret Mary, Naperville

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10 St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church
St. Damien de Veuster, Priest 
St. Elizabeth Seton, Naperville

11 



15 St. Isidore 

16 
Holy Spirit, Naperville

17 
Immaculate Conception, Morris


18 St. John I, Pope and Martyr 



22 St. Rita of Cascia, Religious 
St. Patrick, Momence


23 
Death of Bishop Martin D. McNamara, 1966


24 

25 St. Bede the Venerable, Priest and Doctor of the Church
St. Gregory VII, Pope
St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, Virgin
BVM 



29 St. Paul VI, Pope 
St. Mary, Mokena

30 
Death of Archbishop Daniel W. Kucera, OSB, 2017

31 THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 
St. Mary, Minooka

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National Eucharistic Revival

"I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." – John 6:51

The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to the great mystery of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. The vision of the revival creates a movement of Catholics across the United States who are healed, converted, formed, and unified by an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist.

The grassroots movement reaches parishes and families embracing and learning from the rich intercultural Eucharistic traditions of our Church. It gives our community an opportunity to foster encounters with Jesus through Eucharistic devotion. The Revival allows us to contemplate and proclaim the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Through our daily celebration of the Eucharist, our lives are enhanced, enabling us to proclaim the presence of Christ and we bring Him into the world by means of our words and actions.

June 1: Steubenville Youth Day

June 2: Corpus Christi Mass and Procession, 12 p.m.
St. John Paul II, Kankakee

June 22: 75th Anniversary Regional Mass, 4 p.m.
Bishop McNamara High School, Kankakee

JUNE 2024

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One in five Catholics lives in areas supported by Catholic Extension.

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1 **R** ST. JUSTIN, MARTYR

2 THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)
W

3 ST. CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS
NINTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
R
***St. Joseph, Manteno**

4 **G**

5 ST. BONIFACE, BISHOP AND MARTYR
R
St. Joseph, Manhattan

6 St. Norbert, Bishop
G W
Deacons

7 THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
First Friday of the Month
W

8 THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
W

9 TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
G

10 **G**

11 ST. BARNABAS, APOSTLE
R
St. Pius X, Lombard

12 **G**
Sacred Heart, Lombard

13 ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
W

14 *Flag Day*
G
Divine Mercy, Lombard

15 BVM
G W

16 ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Father's Day
G

17 **G**
Christ the King, Lombard

18 **G**

19 St. Romuald, Abbot
Juneteenth ★
G W
St. Joseph Mission, Loda

20 **G**

21 ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, RELIGIOUS
W
St. Joseph, Lockport

22 St. Paulinus of Nola, Bishop
Sts. John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More, Martyrs
BVM
G W R W

23 TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
G

24 THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
W

25 **G**
St. John Vianney, Lockport

26 **G**
Reverend Roger L. Kaffer Ordained Auxiliary Bishop, 1985

27 St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
G W
Most Reverend J. Peter Sartain Installed as Fourth Bishop, 2006

28 ST. IRENAEUS, BISHOP AND MARTYR
R
St. Dennis, Lockport

29 STS. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES
R

30 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
G

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Living the Corporal Works of Mercy

The Corporal Works of Mercy instruct all people to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick and imprisoned, and bury the dead. These actions are central to the service that is given throughout our diocese by the workers in our service-centered programs and institutions.

Building upon the witnessing of a life reflective of the Corporal Works of Mercy, our diocese serves the needs of all. By active participation in programs that lift up people in need of services, we enable them to further their own life situations, which has become a hallmark of our diocesan church.

Through the many people who answer this call to particular services, the people in our diocese have their needs fulfilled and their lives given hope and meaning.


It is with gratitude that as a diocesan church we thank all who provide services to those mentioned in the Corporal Works of Mercy. We offer to all who come to our service-centered programs and institutions a ready hand and an outstretched arm to assist them with their needs.


**July 17 through 21: 10th National Eucharistic Congress
Indianapolis, IN**

JULY 2024

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1 St. Junípero Serra, Priest

***Our Lady of Korean Martyrs Mission, Lockport**



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3 ST. THOMAS, APOSTLE


St. Joan of Arc, Lisle



4 *Independence Day* ★



5 St. Anthony Zaccaria, Priest
 St. Elizabeth of Portugal
 First Friday of the Month


6 St. Maria Goretti, Virgin and Martyr
 BVM


7 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



8 




9 St. Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

St. John the Baptist, L'Erable

10 

11 ST. BENEDICT, ABBOT


Sacred Heart, Kinsman

12 
St. Patrick, Kankakee

13 St. Henry
 BVM



14 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon Installed as Fifth Bishop, 2011

15 ST. BONAVENTURE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

St. John Paul II, Kankakee

16 Our Lady of Mount Carmel




Nursing Homes, Retirement Centers, Special Needs Care Facilities


17 

18 St. Camillus de Lellis, Priest



St. Paul the Apostle, Joliet

19 


20 St. Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr
 BVM



21 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Right Reverend Daniel W. Kucera, OSB Ordained Auxiliary Bishop, 1977



22 ST. MARY MAGDALENE



23 St. Bridget, Religious

St. Patrick, Joliet

24 St. Sharbel Makhlūf, Priest


25 ST. JAMES, APOSTLE

St. Mary Nativity, Joliet



26 STS. JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

St. Mary Magdalene, Joliet


27 BVM


28 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME


29 STS. MARTHA, MARY, AND LAZARUS

St. Jude, Joliet

30 St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church


31 ST. IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST

St. Joseph, Joliet

In its history, Catholic Extension has supported projects in every state. Last year Catholic Extension supported projects in 40 states and territories.

AUGUST						
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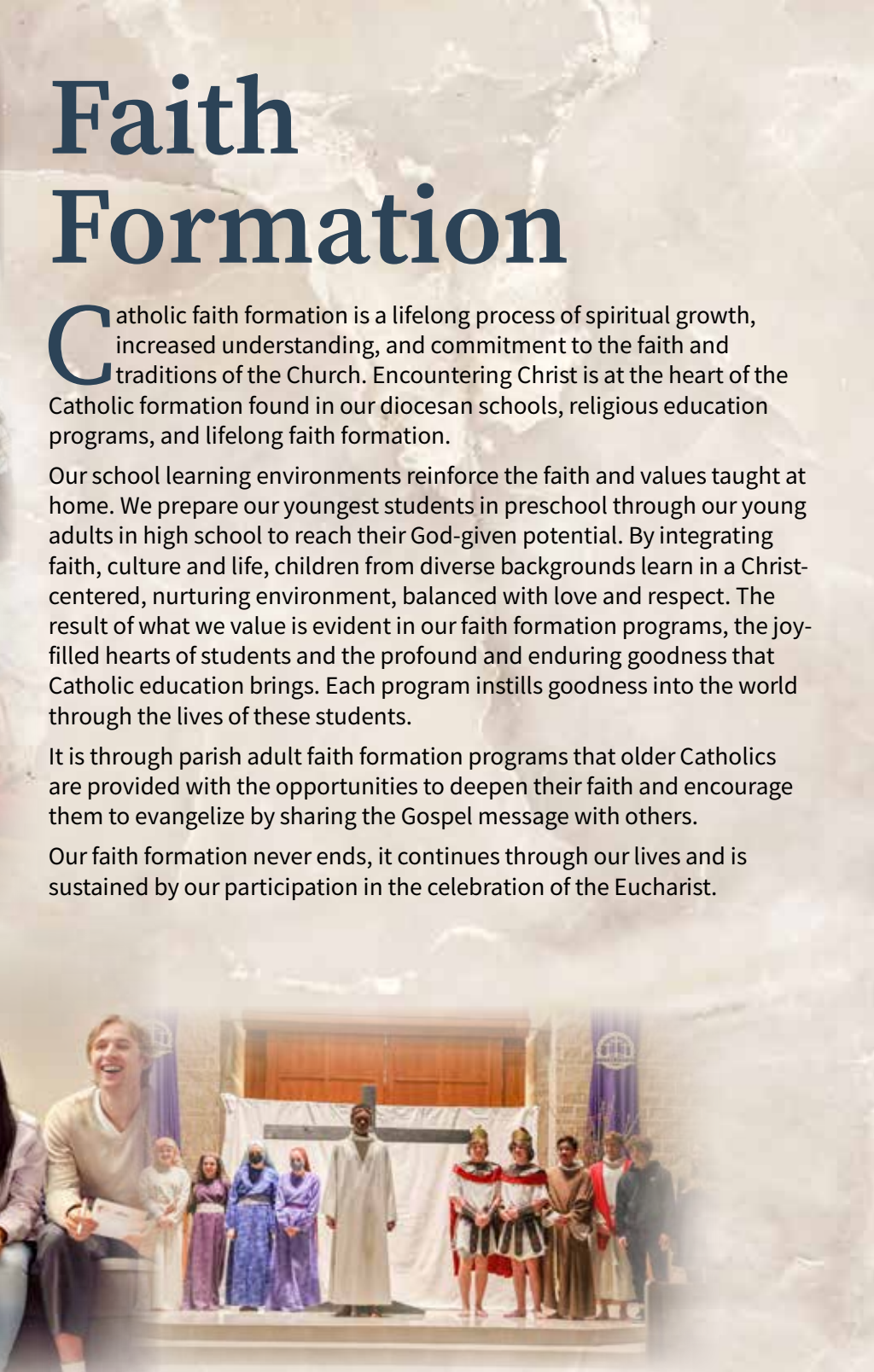
Faith Formation

Catholic faith formation is a lifelong process of spiritual growth, increased understanding, and commitment to the faith and traditions of the Church. Encountering Christ is at the heart of the Catholic formation found in our diocesan schools, religious education programs, and lifelong faith formation.

Our school learning environments reinforce the faith and values taught at home. We prepare our youngest students in preschool through our young adults in high school to reach their God-given potential. By integrating faith, culture and life, children from diverse backgrounds learn in a Christ-centered, nurturing environment, balanced with love and respect. The result of what we value is evident in our faith formation programs, the joy-filled hearts of students and the profound and enduring goodness that Catholic education brings. Each program instills goodness into the world through the lives of these students.

It is through parish adult faith formation programs that older Catholics are provided with the opportunities to deepen their faith and encourage them to evangelize by sharing the Gospel message with others.

Our faith formation never ends, it continues through our lives and is sustained by our participation in the celebration of the Eucharist.



AUGUST 2024

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Each year Catholic Extension subsidizes the amazing work of hundreds of priests and women religious serving the poor living on the margins.

JULY

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1 ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
W

2 St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop
St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest
First Friday of the Month
G W W
***Religious Education and Faith Formation Programs**

3 BVM
G W

4 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
G

5 The Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major
G W
St. John the Baptist, Joliet

6 THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
W

7 St. Sixtus II, Pope, and Companions, Martyrs
St. Cajetan, Priest
G R W
St. Francis Xavier, Joliet

8 ST. DOMINIC, PRIEST
W

9 St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin and Martyr
G R
St. Bernard, Joliet

10 ST. LAWRENCE, DEACON AND MARTYR
R

11 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
G

12 St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
G W

13 Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
G R
St. Anthony, Joliet

14 ST. MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, PRIEST AND MARTYR
R
Preschools and Elementary Schools

15 THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
W

16 St. Stephen of Hungary
G W
Death of Bishop Raymond J. Vonesh, 1991

17 BVM
G W

18 TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
G

19 St. John Eudes, Priest
G W
Sacred Heart, Joliet

20 ST. BERNARD, ABBOT AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
W
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Joliet

21 ST. PIUS X, POPE
W

22 THE QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
W
Holy Cross, Joliet

23 St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
G W
Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, Joliet

24 ST. BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE
R

25 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
G

26 G
St. Peter the Apostle, Itasca

27 ST. MONICA
W

28 ST. AUGUSTINE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
W
Most Reverend Joseph L. Imesch Installed as Third Bishop, 1979

29 THE PASSION OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST
R

30 G
St. Andrew Kim, Itasca

31 BVM
G W
Most Reverend Romeo R. Blanchette Installed as Second Bishop, 1966

*Please pray for the dedicated intentions of people, parishes, and institutions on the specific day.



Gratitude and Inclusivity

The story of our faith in the Joliet Diocese reaches back to 1672, when the French missionaries — explorers Father Jacques Marquette and Louis Joliet — journeyed through the Illinois and Des Plaines Rivers to Lake Michigan during their return to Quebec.

From our early days, we have been a people of many cultures and traditions. Many different Native American cultures were encountered in the area. Father Marquette and Joliet found the Illinois peoples to be open to the one gift they had to offer — the proclamation of the Gospel. With no resident pastors, the faith was celebrated in chapels and homes. Visiting missionaries nourished the sacramental life of the people.

Our Church is a community in which all people experience an unconditional reflection of God's love. In 1673 the area was claimed for France and today the French culture remains, especially in portions of Kankakee County. The diversity of our culture and traditions remains a tenet of our diocese today, with Masses celebrated in six languages.

Our Catholic faith celebrates the inherent dignity of each and every person. It requires welcoming participation from everyone in order for changes to be lasting and transformative. We are committed to fostering a culture of inclusion across all areas of our diocese and within all our ministries.

September 8: Grandparents and Elderly Day Mass, 2 p.m.
Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, Joliet

September 14: 75th Anniversary Regional Mass, 4 p.m.
Montini Catholic High School, Lombard

September 28: 75th Anniversary Regional Mass, 4 p.m.
Lewis University, Romeoville

September 29: Persons with Disabilities Mass, 2 p.m.
St. Mary Immaculate Parish, Plainfield

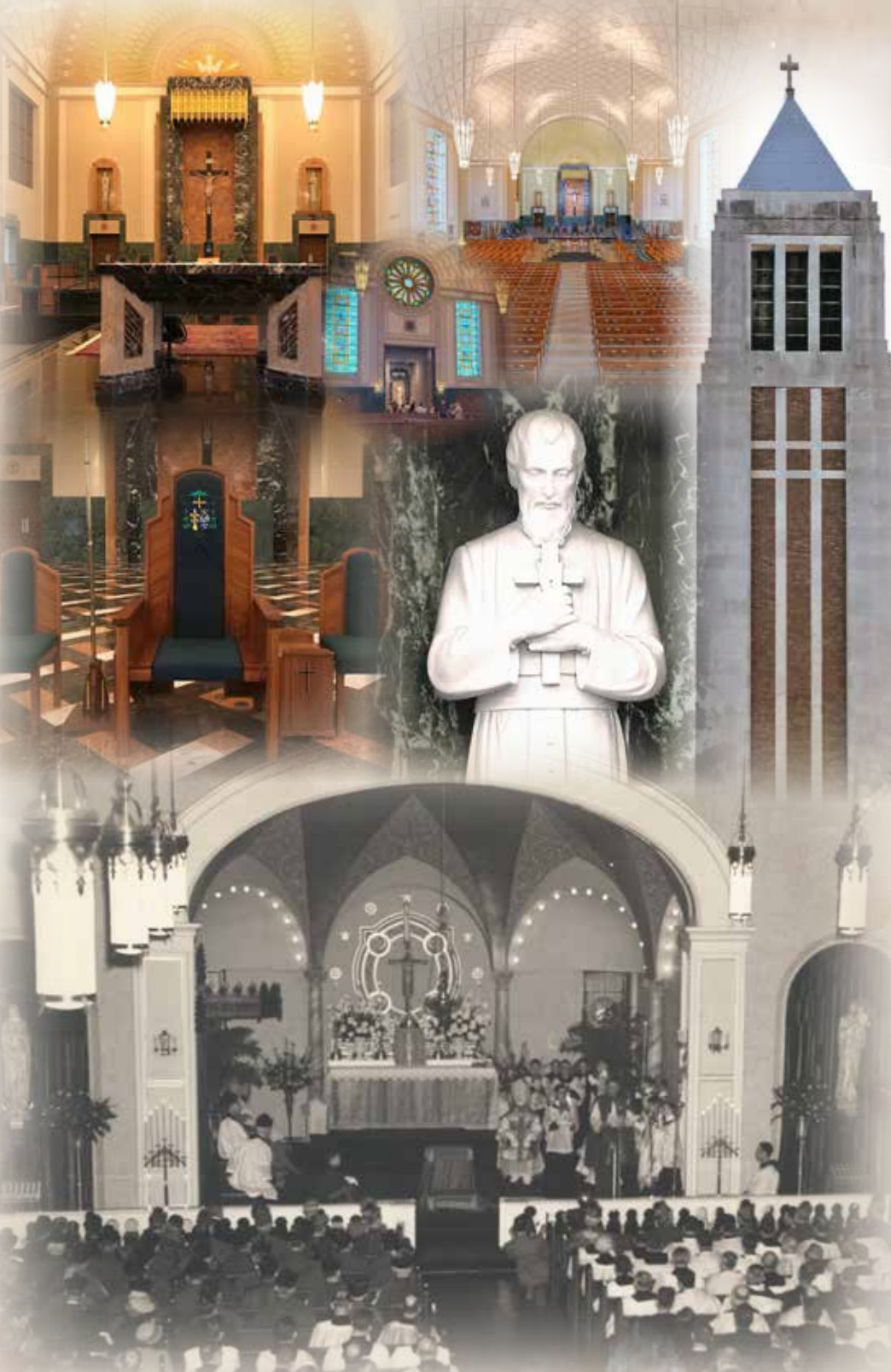
SEPTEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME G	2 Labor Day ★ G	3 ST. GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH W *Retreat Centers and Houses of Prayer	4 G St. James the Apostle, Irwin	5 St. Teresa of Calcutta, Virgin G	6 First Friday of the Month G Sacred Heart Mission, Hopkins Park	7 BVM G W
8 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME G	9 ST. PETER CLAVER, PRIEST W St. Bernard, Homer Glen	10 G	11 G Death of Bishop James E. Fitzgerald, 2003	12 The Most Holy Name of Mary G W Our Mother of Good Counsel, Homer Glen	13 ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH W St. Isaac Jogues, Hinsdale	14 THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS R
15 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME G	16 STS. CORNELIUS, POPE, AND CYPRIAN, BISHOP, MARTYRS R St. Margaret Mary, Herscher	17 St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church G W W	18 G Sacred Heart, Goodrich	19 St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr G R	20 STS. ANDREW KIM TAE-GŪN, PRIEST, AND PAUL CHŪNG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS R Diocesan & Parish Organizations	21 ST. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST R
22 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME G	23 ST. PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST W	24 G St. Matthew, Glendale Heights	25 G	26 Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs G R St. Petronille, Glen Ellyn	27 ST. VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST W St. James the Apostle, Glen Ellyn	28 St. Wenceslaus, Martyr St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs BVM G R R W
29 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME G Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks Installed as the Sixth Bishop, 2020	30 ST. JEROME, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH W Reverend Daniel L. Ryan Ordained Auxiliary Bishop, 1981					

Catholic Extension supports vibrant campus ministry programs serving about 125,000 university students each year.

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Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus

Every diocese has a “Mother Church,” a cathedral church, which is the official seat of the bishop. The word *cathedral* comes from the Latin word *cathedra* which means “chair.” The bishop’s chair is a symbol of his teaching office and pastoral authority in the diocese, and a sign also of the unity of believers in the faith that the Bishop proclaims as the shepherd of the Lord’s flock.

When the diocese was formed in 1948, Bishop McNamara toured the various churches in Joliet to consider which one of them would become the new cathedral. One of his first objectives was to provide the diocese with a permanent, principal church as a cathedral. The needs for the various liturgical celebrations that occur in a cathedral required adequate spatial considerations meaning it can accommodate a large number of people to gather from throughout the diocese.

After thoughtful consideration and various tours, it was decided that St. Raymond’s Church would become the new cathedral for the diocese. With its location on the near west side of Joliet, along with property that would be available for the building of a new cathedral, it was decided that this was the best choice. Within a short time, plans were made for the building of a new cathedral. Between 1952 and 1954, the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus was constructed. The first Mass was celebrated on December 8, 1954. Then from 1991 to 1992 an extensive renovation of the cathedral took place.

For more information on the Cathedral building itself, go to the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus parish website and click on *About—History and Windows*.

Make a Difference Day: Saturdays throughout the month

OCTOBER 2024

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

Since 1905, Catholic Extension has made a significant impact on the physical presence of the Church by building or repairing 12,700 church buildings throughout America.

1 ST. THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
 *Queenship of Mary, Glen Ellyn

2 THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS
Immaculate Conception, Gilman

3 **G**

4 ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI
 First Friday of the Month
Our Lady of Lourdes, Gibson City

5 St. Faustina Kowalska, Virgin
 Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest
 BVM
G W W W W

6 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
G

7 OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY
High Schools

8 **G**
St. Anthony, Frankfort

9 St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs
 St. John Leonardi, Priest
G R W

10 **G**
Visitation, Elmhurst

11 St. John XXIII, Pope
G W

12 BVM
G W

13 TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
G

14 St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
 Columbus Day ★
G R

15 ST. TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
Mary Queen of Heaven, Elmhurst

16 St. Hedwig, Religious
 St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin
G W W

17 ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP AND MARTYR
R
Immaculate Conception, Elmhurst

18 **R**
St. Mary of Gostyn, Downers Grove

19 STS. JOHN DE BRÉBEUF AND ISAAC JOGUES, PRIESTS, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS
R

20 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
G

21 **G**
St. Joseph, Downers Grove

22 St. John Paul II, Pope
G W

23 St. John of Capistrano, Priest
G W
Divine Savior, Downers Grove

24 St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
G W
Deaf Community

25 **G**
Our Lady of Peace, Darien

26 BVM
G W

27 THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
G

28 STS. SIMON AND JUDE, APOSTLES
R
Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Darien

29 **G**
St. Anne, Crest Hill

30 **G**
St. Ambrose, Crest Hill

31 **G**

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All Saints and All Souls

As we celebrate the Solemnity of All Saints and the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day), we pause to remember those who proclaimed their faith through living holy lives and who have died.

We look to our patron saint to be a model for how we can live faith-filled lives. We also look to all the other saints for more examples of how we can witness to the Gospel message of Jesus and become missionary disciples.

We remember all who have died and gone before us to live in the blessedness of life eternal. On these days throughout our diocese, parishioners will gather in their parish churches for cultural celebrations to mark the lives of the saints and all the faithful departed. Many parishioners also will gather at our diocesan and parish cemeteries to pray at the graves of their loved ones and others who had an impact on their faith life.

Our belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ leads us to these sacred grounds, as within these cemeteries we proclaim to all people the sacredness of human life and the care that is given to each person at the time of their burial. It is within our diocesan and parish cemeteries where we the living can find places of great peace, prayers can be said, and those we have loved in this life can be remembered.

November 3: Call to Continuing Conversion, 2 p.m.
Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus

November 24 through December 3: Novena to St. Francis Xavier, Principal Patron of the Diocese

NOVEMBER 2024

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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1 ALL SAINTS
First Friday of the Month
W

2 THE COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)
V or W or B



8 St. Peter, Clifton

9 THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA
W



15 St. Albert the Great, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
G W
St. Ann, Channahon

16 St. Margaret of Scotland
St. Gertrude, Virgin BVM
G W W W



22 ST. CECILIA, VIRGIN AND MARTYR
R

23 St. Clement I, Pope
St. Columban, Abbot
Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest and Martyr
BVM
G R W R W



29 G

30 ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE
R

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3 THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Daylight Saving Time Ends
G

4 ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO, BISHOP
W
*Diocesan and Parish Cemeteries

5 G
St. Joseph Mission, Crescent City

6 G
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Coal City

7 G

10 THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
G

11 ST. MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP
Veterans Day ★
W

12 ST. JOSAPHAT, BISHOP AND MARTYR
R
Notre Dame, Clarendon Hills

13 ST. FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI, VIRGIN
W
Saints Mary and Joseph, Chebanse

14 G

17 THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
G

18 The Dedication of the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin
G W W
St. Luke, Carol Stream

19 G
Corpus Christi, Carol Stream

20 G

21 THE PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
W
Immaculate Conception, Braidwood

24 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
W

25 THIRTY-FOURTH OR LAST WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME
St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
G R
St. Joseph, Bradley

26 G
St. George, Bourbonnais

27 G
Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Bourbonnais

28 Thanksgiving Day ★
G W

Saint Francis Xavier

Born in Spain, Francis Xavier lived a comfortable life and was an academic of the 16th century. Influenced by his friend, Saint Ignatius of Loyola, he joined the Society of Jesus, a newly established religious community, today known as the Jesuits.

Living as a simple servant of the Gospel, Francis chose to live among the poor, caring for the sick and dying, while preaching the Gospel and sharing his faith.

This Missionary disciple lived a faith-filled life that is an example for each of us today. As the patron saint of our diocese, each of us is called to follow the example of this servant, sharing the Gospel message of Jesus, through our words and our actions, helping to bring about a faith-filled world.

When Pope Pius XII established the Diocese of Joliet in 1948, Bishop Martin D. McNamara chose Saint Francis Xavier as the principal patron of the diocese. At this time, he was pastor of Saint Francis Xavier Parish in Wilmette. It was the example of his missionary spirit and the preaching of the Gospel message that made St. Francis Xavier a perfect choice as patron for the diocese. As the bishop of this new diocese, Bishop McNamara saw the important role that the life of this saintly missionary would have on the forming of the Diocese of Joliet. It may have seemed to some that his coming from Wilmette to Joliet at that time was like his going to work in the missions, however, it was his desire under the patronage of St. Francis Xavier, to faithfully lead, teach and serve the faith-filled people of this new diocese.

December 8: Closing Mass for the 75th Diocesan Anniversary of the Establishment, 4 p.m.
Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus



Scan the QR code or visit the diocese YouTube page to watch the livestream of the closing liturgy.

DECEMBER 2024

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

1 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 V

2 V
 *St. Francis of Assisi, Bolingbrook

3 ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, PRIEST
 W
 St. Francis Xavier, Principal Patron of the Diocese

4 St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 V W

5 V
 St. Dominic, Bolingbrook

6 St. Nicholas, Bishop
 First Friday of the Month
 V W
 St. Isidore, Bloomingdale

7 ST. AMBROSE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
 W

8 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 V
 First Mass celebrated in the new Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, 1954

9 THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
 W

10 Our Lady of Loreto
 V W
 St. Alexis, Bensenville

11 St. Damasus I, Pope
 V W
 Pope Pius XII establishes the Diocese of Joliet-in-Illinois, 1948

12 OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
 W

13 ST. LUCY, VIRGIN AND MARTYR
 R
 St. Mary, Beaverville

14 ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
 W

15 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 V or R

16 V
 Our Lady of Mercy, Aurora

17 V
 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Ashkum

18 V

19 V
 St. Philip, Addison

20 V
 St. Joseph, Addison

21 St. Peter Canisius, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 V

22 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
 V
 Death of Bishop Joseph Imesch, 2015

23 St. John of Kanty, Priest
 V

24 V

25 THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD (CHRISTMAS)
 W

26 ST. STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR
 R

27 ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST
 Most Reverend Richard E. Pates Installed as Apostolic Administrator 2019
 W

28 THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS
 R

29 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH
 W

30 SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
 W

31 SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
 St. Sylvester I, Pope
 W
 Death of Bishop Daniel L. Ryan, 2015

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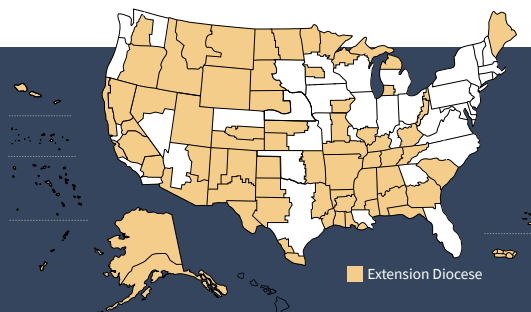
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| 3 Ordinary Time | 6 Penitential Day |

Holy Days of Obligation are red and uppercase:

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Solemnities, feasts and obligatory memorials are uppercase:

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON

Optional memorials in regular lettercase:

St. Hilary

National holidays appear in italic:

Mother's Day

Federal holidays appear in italic with a star:

Thanksgiving Day ★

Vestment colors are noted last, with abbreviations:

B = BLACK	R = RED	V = VIOLET
G = GREEN	RO = ROSE	W = WHITE

Lunar phases are observed in Coordinated Universal Time (UTC).

ABSTINENCE

Abstinence is a penitential practice consisting of refraining from the consumption of meat and is to be observed by all Catholics who are 14 years of age and older. Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and the Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. Pastors and parents are encouraged to see that children who are not bound by the obligation to fast and abstain are led to appreciate an authentic sense of penance.

FAST & ABSTINENCE

In addition to abstinence, fasting is to be observed by all Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 years (inclusive). On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, one full meal is allowed. Two smaller meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed. Note: Those who are unable to observe the above regulations due to ill health or other serious reasons are urged to practice other forms of self-denial that are suitable to their condition.