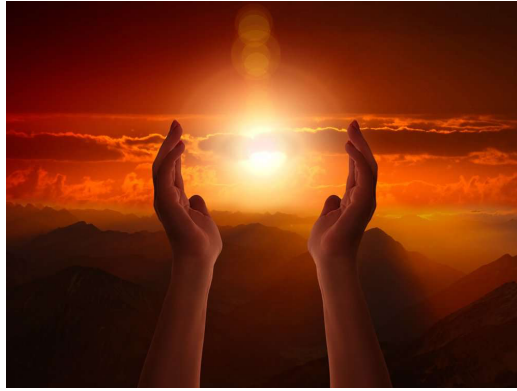


St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church



The Ascension of the Lord Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

2500 Arbeiter Rd., Joliet, IL 60431

Phone: (815) 609-8077 Email: office@sfxjoliet.org Website: sfxjoliet.org
Emergency Phone: (815) 669-7752 Pastor: Fr. Karl Langsdorf, frkarl@sfxjoliet.org

Weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil

4:30pm - Church / Live-streamed & Broadcasted in the Parking Lot

Sunday

8:30am - Church / Broadcasted in the Parking Lot

10:00am - Church / Broadcasted in the Parking Lot

Weekend Masses can be viewed on the parish's YouTube channel @SFXjoliet

<https://www.youtube.com/@SFXjoliet>

Weekday Masses

Monday: 9:15am Tuesday: 9:15am Wednesday: 6:30pm

Thursday: 9:15am Friday: 9:15am

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 6:00-6:30pm Thursday: 9:45-10:15am

Confession

Saturday: 3:30-4:15pm Wednesday: 6:00-6:30pm

After the 9:15am Mass on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday

By Appointment

Office Hours

Monday & Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm

A Message from Our Pastor



We celebrate the feast of Christ returning to the Father the Ascension. Jesus challenges his disciples and that includes us to go out and share the good news. They are not asked to be inactive and save the good news for themselves. They are asked to share it.

Many of the early missionaries left their homes and families never to return. They gave their lives to preaching and living out the gospel in strange and differing cultures. Some were tortured and killed or imprisoned. In prison most continued their ministry. Today we are challenged and it can be hard when there are scandals and sin, but the challenge is still there to proclaim and live the gospel. "And behold, I am with you always, even to end of the age." Matthew 28:20

Farewell Gathering for Penny Giunta

Many parishioners are aware that Penny Giunta is beginning a new chapter in her career after 10 wonderful years as our Religious Education Director here at St. Francis Xavier Parish.

The parish staff would like to invite our families to join us at a farewell gathering for Penny (& Joe) on **June 11th after the 10am mass**. There will be a light reception following the 10am mass to give everyone an opportunity to wish Penny & Joe all the best on their next adventure. If you are interested in helping with the reception in any way, please email Kristin: office@sfxjoliet.org or call the parish office: (815) 609-8077.



Please pray for ~

Lucas Arseneau
Mildred Balogh
Mary Bruce
Vince DiBartolomeo
Larry Formella
Pat Gierich
Darlene Janulis
Marion Kogut
Pamela Mazzone



Tara McDonald
Jim O'Brien
Mike Piwowar
Tom Sagenbrecht
Scott Schwartz
Chester Sobczak
James Talley
Jan Turrell
Pat Yuretich

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 20th

4:30pm Abbott & Dunne Families

Sunday, May 21st

8:30am Amy Leach

10:00am SFX Parishioners

Monday, May 22nd

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Tuesday, May 23rd

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Wednesday, May 24th

6:30pm Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, May 25th

9:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Friday, May 26th

9:15am Terry Cagney

Saturday, May 27th

4:30pm Eleanor Olsen

Sunday, May 28th

8:30am Kathleen Connell

10:00am SFX Parishioners

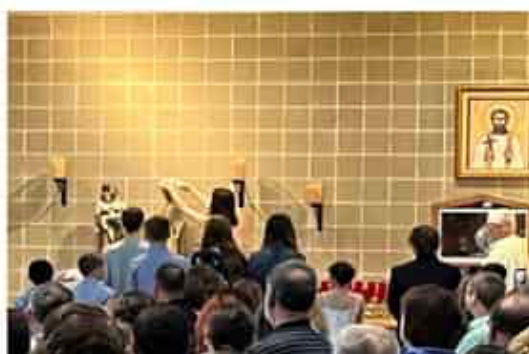


Parish May Crowning

May is the month that we observe a special devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. Last Sunday, our parish community held our May Crowning service after the 10:00 am Mass.

We thank the youth members of the parish and First Communion students who participated in this Marian devotion of May Crowning. Thank you to:

Andrew Roemer, Katie Alwood, Matt Laszlo, Lucy Petrovic, Brayden Roemer, Jason Boulds, Patrick Ehrlinger, Andrew Petrovic, Christian Roemer, Isabel Ehrlinger, and to the Coordinators - Tricia Boese and Angie Alwood.



St. Francis Xavier Parish Survey

We would like to invite all adults and teens who have been confirmed to complete our brief parish survey. Please consider participating so your voice is heard! This survey will be available on paper in the church as well online by using the link or QR code. Please only take the survey once, either on paper or online. If you have any questions or concerns, please let Fr. Karl know.



Please use the link below or the QR code to access the online survey.

SUMMER FAITH CAMP



HEY KIDS!

Ask your parents to check the family calendar...

Join us for **SUMMER FAITH CAMP**

here at St. Francis Xavier,

JUNE 13, 14, & 15

(Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday)

9:00 am – Noon.

The theme of our Summer Camp is...

Faith, Hope & Love.

We welcome all youth from our parish in **Grades K – 8.**

Register through the parish office...815-609-8077.

(The camp is being provided at no cost to parishioners this year. Free-will donations will be accepted for future programs.)



Other dates to mark on your calendars...

SAVE THE DATES...

PARISH SUMMER PICNIC

Sunday, June 25

LOTS of fun for young and young at heart!

11:30 am – Sunset

Games, Food, Drink, Live music...

More details to come.

**Parish Summer Outing to
KANE COUNTY COUGARS**

Northwestern Medicine Field

Friday, July 14

6:30 pm.

Kane County Cougars vs. Sioux Falls Canaries

with fireworks to follow the Game!

We have reserved a suite and buffet treats for our guests.
Reserve your spot today because our reserve seating is limited.

Are You Celebrating a Milestone Anniversary in 2023?



Are you celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2023 (10, 25, or 50 & above years)? If so, please contact the parish office and let us know by May 19th!

The Diocese of Joliet would like to invite you to attend a mass celebrating anniversaries with Bishop Hicks.

Please call: (815) 609-8077

or email us: office@sfxjoliet.org



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Diocese of Joliet



MOBILE FOOD PANTRY

5/24/23

St. Mary Immaculate

15629 Rt.59

Plainfield, IL 60544

4:30-6p



The Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet Mobile Food Pantry delivers healthy food (meat, produce, and non perishable items) to people in need. **No identification or information will be required or collected. This event is open to anyone in-need of food!**

Mobile Food Pantries use a "drive thru" method to distribute food during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please clear space in your trunk or backseat so volunteers can load boxes of food directly into your vehicle.

Catholic Charities helps people of all faiths and beliefs.
Mobile Food Pantries take place rain or shine!

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES IS A FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATION
PROVIDING SERVICE TO PEOPLE IN NEED AND CALLING
OTHERS OF GOOD WILL TO DO THE SAME.**



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QUO VADIS DAYS

Sunday, July 30 – Wednesday, August 2, 2023
Mundelein Seminary, Mundelein, IL

Quo Vadis Days is a 4-day/3-night camp cosponsored by the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Diocese of Joliet and led by the seminarians.

The camp is filled with dynamic talks, small group discussion, prayer experiences, as well as plenty of fun – sports, canoeing, capture the flag, fires and s'mores, and much more.

The camp is open to all 13–18 year old men that want to grow in their relationship with the Lord and learn more about the priesthood.

More information and registration is available at:
chicagopriest.com/events/quo-vadis-days.

Questions? Contact Katie Hazen at
khazen@archchicago.org



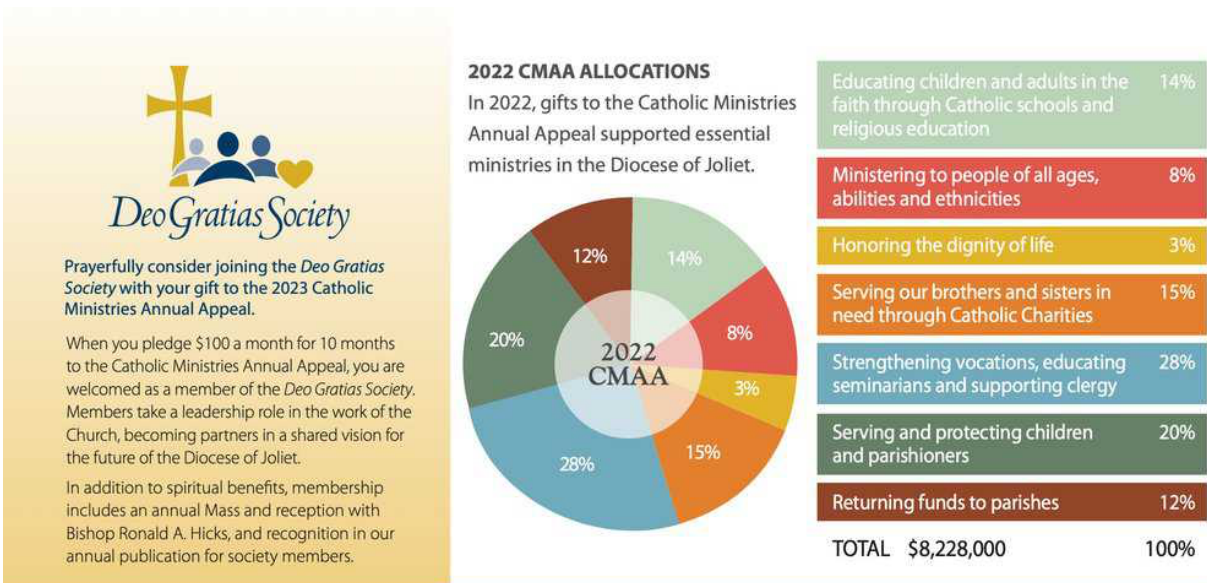
Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal 2023



If you have already pledged your support to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), thank you! If we all participate, we can meet our parish's CMAA goal of \$35,200. Each and every gift, large or small, makes a difference.

If you still need to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support the CMAA this year and ensure all in our diocese know that *we belong to God*. There are many options for giving, from pledging to monthly recurring gifts. Pledge envelopes are still available in the church, or you can return the pledge card you received in the mail from the diocese or make a gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org.

Remember, if we raise more than our goal, the diocese will return to us 70 percent of the amount over goal. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish.



****Additional Diocesan Events & Information can be found further down in the bulletin.****

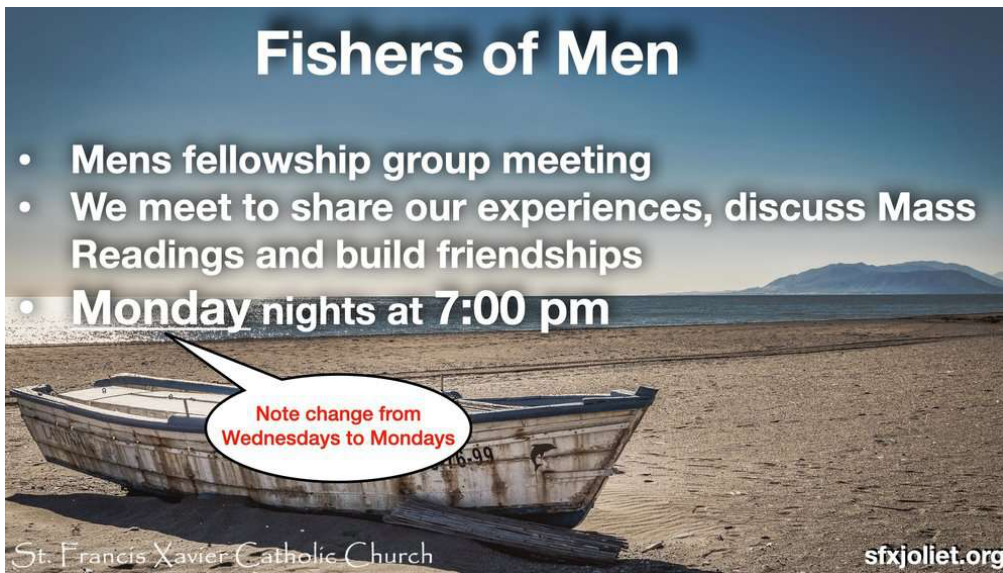
Sacrament of Baptism for Infants and Young Children

We welcome all families who are seeking the Sacrament of Baptism for their children.

Families must be registered at the parish at least 3 months prior to the Baptism and must be actively supporting members. A Sacramental Preparation Session is required for first time parents to attend.

There is no fee to register at the parish nor is there any fee for the Sacramental Prep. materials, nor the Baptism, but a free will donation on the day of the Baptism is customary and greatly appreciated.

Baptisms are scheduled on most Sundays, immediately following the 10:00 am Mass. For further information or to schedule a Baptism, contact Pastoral Associate, Sandra Book, at 815-474-4896 or Sbook810@aol.com.



Fishers of Men

- Mens fellowship group meeting
- We meet to share our experiences, discuss Mass Readings and build friendships
- **Monday nights at 7:00 pm**

Note change from Wednesdays to Mondays

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church sfxjoliet.org

Daybreak Signup

Every fourth Friday of the month St Francis Xavier provides dinner to the Daybreak homeless shelter in Joliet.

The following items are needed:

4 trays of Lasagna or another Italian entree

3 or 4 loafs of French or Italian style bread (cut into slices)

2 large trays of salad & salad dressing

Dessert for 40 people: cookies or some kind of pastries

3 half gallons of juice (Hi-C type juice)

3 gallons of Milk (whole or 2%, please)



There is a signup sheet on the St Francis Xavier website. Here is how to access it...Go to the St Francis Xavier website: www.sfxjoliet.org.

Hit the Navigation drop down menu. Then, select "Getting Involved". Select "Serve at Daybreak".

Then click button saying info and volunteer for Daybreak.

You can scroll down that form and volunteer for whatever food product that is still available.

Please bring your food to the Church parking lot at 5:00 pm.

Thank you and God Bless.

THIS WEEK ON FORMED

Week of May 21, 2023



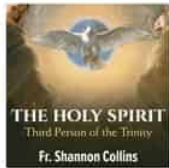
Pentecost | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp to enhance your prayer and expand your knowledge of sacred art. In this episode, they discuss Jean Restout's depiction of Pentecost.



The Holy Spirit in Light of Pentecost

This week we celebrate the Solemnity of Pentecost, often referred to as the birthday of the Church. Join Dr. Tim Gray and Dr. Ben Akers as they discuss Christ's sending of the Holy Spirit in this monumental event. After watching, you'll recognize the meaning of Pentecost for our lives today.



The Holy Spirit: Third Person of the Trinity by Fr. Shannon Collins

In this captivating presentation, Fr. Shannon Collins discusses the essential character of the Holy Spirit and his role in salvation history. Drawing upon Scripture and Tradition, Fr. Collins explains the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit and how he works in the lives of believers. Listeners are sure to come to a better appreciation of this "sweet guest of our soul" who seeks to bring us closer to divine life.

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Our Sunday Offering
Contributions Received 4/24/23 - 4/30/23

Mass Collection

Sunday Offering \$6,335.00
Blue Envelope \$1,210.40
Easter \$20.00
Catholic Home Missions \$40.00
Ascension \$45.00
Religious Retirement \$5.00
Immaculate Conception \$5.00
Christmas \$5.00
Christmas Flowers \$5.00

Online Giving

Sunday Offering \$3,567.00
Blue Envelope \$435.00
Diocesan Priests Care & Support \$50.00
Ascension \$25.00

Thank you for your generosity!

For your heart will always be where your riches are.

Matthew



If you are interested in giving to our parish through our parish online giving website, go to:
<https://osvhub.com/st-francis-xavier/funds>

**Donations to second collections can also be made through
the online giving website.**

If you have any questions about the online giving process, please call the parish office or send an email
to finance@sfxjoliet.org.

RaiseRight Gift Card Program Earnings (7/1/22-4/16/23): \$1,321.33

2023 CMAA Donations Received by the Parish: \$26,068.00

2023 CMAA Rebate Received by the Parish: \$0.00

Veterans' Coming Home Retreat



May 21, 2023
8:00am - 6:30pm

BELLARMINE
Jesuit Retreat House



Day of Reflection for Men & Women

This program is free to attend.

JesuitRetreat.org | 847-381-1261



Glazin' the Trail: 5K Family Run/Walk

Supporting the programs and services of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet
Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 9:00 AM
Kankakee Community College



Support the programs and services of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet while you enjoy a festive donut-themed 5k.



Saturday, May 20, 2023 at 9:00am
100 College Drive, Kankakee

On the beautiful campus of Kankakee Community College

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEACONS
AS THEY PREPARE FOR THEIR
ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD
ON MAY 20, 2023
AT THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. RAYMOND



DEACON
JEREMY LEGANSKI



DEACON
ALEXANDER LORANG



DEACON
FRANK PUSATERI



DEACON
JARED RUTNICKI

The ordination will be livestreamed at 11:00 am at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SMD9myDELXA>

CORPUS CHRISTI EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

THURSDAY JUNE 8TH

BEGINNING WITH 6:30 PM MASS

FROM NOTRE DAME TO ST. ISAACS



Be a part of our 10th annual Eucharistic Procession between Notre Dame and St. Isaac Jogues on **Thursday June 8th, on the Feast of Corpus Christi**. If you've never been, it's just like Eucharistic Adoration, except with music, priests, nuns, seminarians, our bishop, and nearly a thousand others, oh and it's outside on a spring evening, all while walking, singing, and praying. Okay maybe it's more like a giant, joyful religious parade, or a musical pilgrimage full of pomp and pageantry. Regardless, it is a chance to get outside and literally follow Christ, marching shoulder to shoulder with fellow Catholics and Jesus Himself out in the public square, in a reverent, musical, mile long procession of praise and worship – and don't we and the world really need that these days.

More information can be found on the parish website <http://www.sij.net/>. It all begins with **6:30 pm Mass at Notre Dame, where immediately following, we process with Jesus to St. Isaac Jogues** for a moving, musical, outdoor Benediction, followed by Christian fellowship. Bring your family and friends to what is likely the largest, most joyful Eucharistic Procession in the area and experience the graces and blessings for yourself - you'll be grateful you did. If you can't make the walk, we've got trolleys along the route, and to get you back to your cars when it's over.

Come and be a part of the best public display of the Faith this side of martyrdom!



Honor life milestones through an estate plan

Spring is a time when we celebrate significant life milestones like graduations, weddings, and Mother's Day. One simple way you embrace these milestones and look to new chapters of life with peace of mind is by creating a will. Using FreeWill, you can create your will for free and make a plan that provides for your loved ones, stewards your assets, and honors your faith and values.

Visit FreeWill.com/DioceseOfJoliet to learn more and get started.

Honor life's milestones with an estate plan



WHY DO I NEED A WILL?

Everyone should have an estate plan to support their future and protect what they love. Creating a will is one of the best ways to:

- Protect the people, pets, and communities you love
- Save your family stress and complications by giving exact instructions on how to handle your estate
- Provide lasting support to the ministries you love

HOW DOES FREEWILL HELP?

FreeWill's self-help solutions for common estate planning needs help you create a legal will completely free of charge, and make it easy to create other important estate planning documents so you are prepared for your future. FreeWill can also be paired with an attorney for more complex needs.

If you choose to create a legacy gift in your plans, you can easily add the necessary language in your will to memorialize your gift intentions.

\$7.6B+

Amount of money committed to charities through FreeWill

20 mins

Average time it takes a user to complete their plan

770K+

Number of people who have created estate plans through FreeWill



Scan the QR code or visit FreeWill.com/DioceseOfJoliet to get started.

FREEWILL



River of Healing Love



July 28-30, 2023

**Ignatian, Silent
Weekend Retreat for Adults**

A Retreat for the Charismatic Community

Come bathe your heart and soul in the healing waters of Jesus' love. Refresh your spirit as we gather as a charismatic community to pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us, our city, our country, our Church, and our world.



Retreat Leaders: Fr. Michael Sparough, SJ and a talented team of other gifted speakers and inspiring musicians to be announced



Scan the QR Code to register!



847-381-1261 | JesuitRetreat.org

**2023
A SWING
AND A PRAYER**
A DAY OF GOLF TO SUPPORT
CATHOLIC CHARITIES, DIOCESE OF JOLIET

**THURSDAY
AUGUST 24, 2023**

**COG HILL
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EARLY BIRD PRICING

\$250 / Golfer

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18 holes of golf with cart
grab and go lunch
drinks on the course
cocktail hour
buffet dinner
on-course contests with prizes!

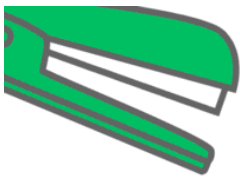
To register by phone:

815-724-1140

or visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org

Reserve your spot





HELP SAVE THE INVEST IN KIDS ACT

State lawmakers are considering ending the tax credit scholarship program referred to as "Invest in Kids." This program has provided nearly 40,000 scholarships to help families send their child to a school of their choice.

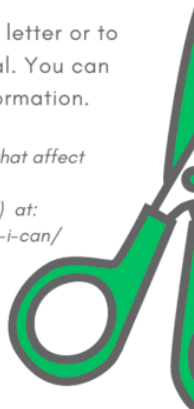
Invest in Kids has been an educational success with 61% of Illinois voters supporting it.

DO NOT LET THIS PROGRAM END!

Please act now and contact your state representative and state senator. Send them a strong message respectfully asking them to continue this valuable program.

Visit www.ilcatholic.org to read the bishop's letter or to find out how to contact your elected official. You can also call 217-528-9200 for additional information.

To stay informed and engaged on policy issues that affect Catholics in Illinois, join our Illinois Catholic Advocacy Network (I-CAN) at: <https://www.ilcatholic.org/take-action/join-i-can/>



Do you support abortion restrictions?

There are plans underway to amend our Illinois Constitution to make abortion a constitutional right by securing voter approval on the 2024 general election ballot. Pro-life residents are working to combat this constitutional change and to counter it with a referendum of our own, calling for key abortion limitations—which the majority of Illinoisans support.

Respect Life Petition Drive

To show your support for abortion restrictions in Illinois, scan the QR code to support a referendum:

1. To re-instate parental/guardian notification and consent for a minor (all those under the age of 18) to have an abortion in the State of Illinois.
2. To ban Illinois tax-payer funded abortions, so those morally and religiously opposed to abortion are not forced to fund this objectionable act.



qrco.de/respectlife



Let your opinions be known today!

Available Positions Throughout the Diocese

[Financial Analyst & Consultant - Diocese of Joliet, Crest Hill](#)
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[Manager of Development Communications - Diocese of Joliet, Crest Hill](#)

For additional information, please click on this [Diocese of Joliet Employment Opportunities webpage](#).