



Religious Awards and Emblems Ceremony

St. Mary Immaculate

April 12, 2014

President

Bishop R. Daniel Conlon

Bishop of the Diocese of Joliet

**Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee
on Scouting**

**2014 JDCCS Religious Awards & Emblems Ceremony
to immediately follow Mass
on
April 12th, 2014**

At the conclusion of Mass all American Heritage Girls, Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and Venture Crew members who are receiving awards or emblems today, please assemble in the back of the church to be escorted by the Knights of Columbus to the alter.

Entrance Procession

America the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed his grace on thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for pilgrim feet
Whose stern impassioned stress
A thoroughfare of freedom beat
Across the wilderness!
America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!



Girl Scout Promise and Law

[Girl Scouts stand]

On my honor, I will try:
To serve God and my country,
To help people at all times,
And to live by the Girl Scout Law.

I will do my best to be:
Honest and fair,
Friendly and helpful,
Considerate and caring,
Courageous and strong, and
Responsible for what I say and do.

And to:
Respect myself and others,
Respect authority,
Use resources wisely,
Make the world a better place and
Be a sister to every Girl Scout.

Cub and Webelos Scout Promise

[Cub Scouts and Webelos stand]

I, (say your name), promise to do my best, to do my duty to God and my country; to help other people and to obey the Law of the Pack.



Boy Scout Oath and Law *[Boy Scouts stand]*

On my honor I will do my best
to do my duty to God and my country,
and to obey the Scout Law;
to help other people at all times;
to keep myself physically strong,
mentally awake, and morally straight.

A scout is trustworthy, loyal,
helpful, friendly, courteous, kind,
obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave,
clean, and reverent.

Venture Oath

[Venture Scouts stand]

As a Venturer, I promise to do
my duty to God
and help strengthen America,
to help others,
and to seek truth, fairness, and
adventure in our world.



**Prayer of
Commitment**

[All Scouts and leaders please stand]

Almighty Father of our Lord Jesus Christ we consecrate ourselves to you and we ask you to be our example and guide. We solemnly renew our promise as Scouts. Help us to keep our promise, oath and law. Aid us in every action and give us the grace to please you in all our thoughts, words and deeds, so that we may always be worthy to be called your children. Amen

Blessing of Medals

**Presentation of
Medals to Youth**

- † Family of God
- † Light of Christ
- † I Live My Faith
- † Parvuli Dei
- † Marian Medal
- † Ad Altare Dei
- † Spirit Alive
- † Pope Pius XII
- † Pillars of Faith

Adult Recognitions

- † St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Medal
- † Bronze Pelican
- † St. George Emblem

Closing Prayer

Closing Hymn

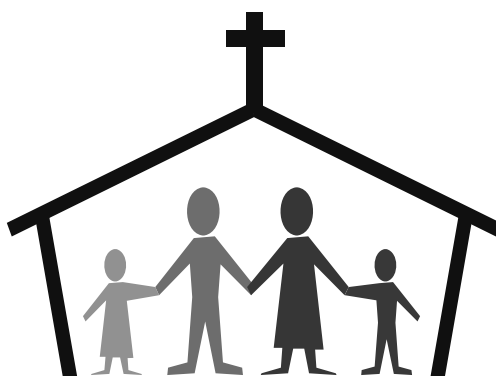
We are Called (#718)



Each Religious Emblem serves as a reminder to the Scout of his or her experience exploring and becoming more involved in the Catholic faith.

It becomes a symbol of commitment to their faith through prayer, service to others and responsible participation in their parish community.

All programs are designed to support and complement the catechetical efforts of Catholic parishes and schools.



Family of God

The Family of God program helps 2nd and 3rd grade Brownies discover the presence of God in their daily lives as members of their families and parish.

The medal is worn next to or below the membership



St. Isidore, Bloomington

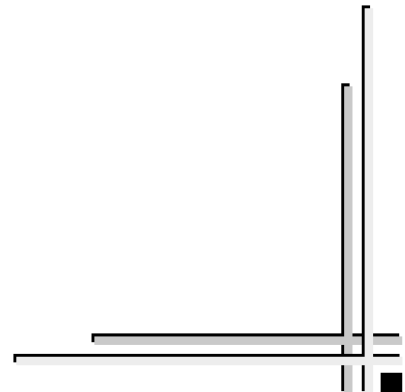
Grace Ahern
Amelia Arms
Katelyn Basel
Maggie Breyne
Athina DeLeon
Keely Graf
Hailey Marczak
Sofie Matonis
Julia Ryan
Haley Schoder
Samantha Szewczyk
Maggie Wiatr

St. Joan of Arc, Lisle

Mariri Beranek
Briana Doublin
Julia Fitzgerald
Megan Fox
Mekenna Jedlicka
Kelly Getz
Maeve Glynn
Elizabeth Geist
Hannah Geist
Abigail Moore
Emily Schmidt
Sara Schmidt
Monica Szalek
Brooke Thompson
Lily Thompson
Ann Walz

Visitation, Elmhurst

Julia Beltran
Mary Braden
Abigail Conners
Lauren Hoffman
Kristen Keating
Carly Manchester
McKenzie Morris
Elizabeth Schneider
Katharine Svehla
Michaela Tully
Teagan Wede



Light of Christ

With the help of his parents, the Tiger or Wolf Cub Scout develops a personal relationship with Jesus to better understand and appreciate Christ's love and concern for him to see that Jesus is a real person and indeed his friend.



Holy Family, Plainfield

Aiden Griffin

Immaculate Conception Elmhurst

Charles Phillips

Immaculate Conception Morris

Jesse Breen

Our Lady of Mercy, Aurora

Alexander Chapas

Sacred Heart, Lombard

Finn Hughes
Benjamin Judd
Gavin Rickert
Jack Ryan
Nathan Schmidt
Kyle Shreffler
Aidan Walsh
Evan Werner

St. Alexander, Villa Park

Jack Bolakowski
Ethan Igelman
Evan Schneider
Michael Swastek
John Hoving
Sean Kling
Jack Krichbaum
Charles Schroeder

St. Ann, Channahon

James Huzl

St. Anne, Oswego

Benjamin Waguespack

St. Isidore, Bloomingdale

Thomas Lindgren
Lucas Shute

St. Joan of Arc, Lisle

Flynn Cadell
Charles Cassin
Joey Drda
Luke Fugiel
Aidan Grummer
Connor Gurgone
Nathan Harer
Nicholas Huesing
Thomas Kleich
Dennis Kohlmeyer
Nicholas Lombardi
Andrew Pecak
Charles Vescoso III
Benjamin Victor

St. John the Apostle Villa Park

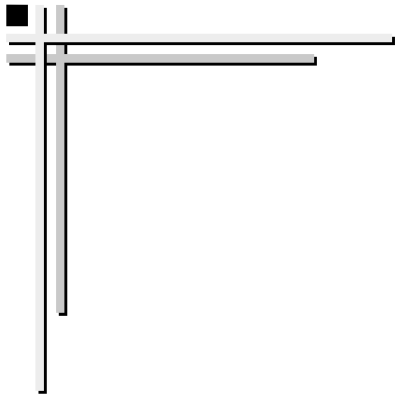
Oliver Cowsert

St. John the Baptist, Winfield

Jake Santini

St. John Vianney, Lockport

Joseph Kaufman



Light of Christ

St. Margaret Mary, Naperville

Luke Fernandez

St. Mary Immaculate, Plainfield

Adler Chlebana
Donald Clarkson
Tyler Huntington
Evan Klump
Ethan Kozirowski
Aidan Medina
Marek Pedziwater
Ben Schifo
Brayden Shaughnessy
David Stephen
Ryan Walsh

St. Mary of Gostyn, Downers Grove

Ian Dzambazi
William Elliot
Evan Henderson
Nolan Hicks
Matthew Meiers
Curtis Mysliwicz
Matthew Nelson
Rory O'Connor

St. Matthew, Glendale Heights

Ethan Nguyen
Brayden Tejada

St. Michael, Wheaton

Joseph Barna
Anthony Bertuca
Timmy Diamond
Michael Doerries
Charlie Fischesser
William Fitzpatrick
Hampton Grynowicz
Gavin Joyce
Griffin Kenning
Jack Kulawiak
Connor Laramie
Adam Schnersahl
Lucas Sherwin
Dylan Ston
Aidan Trapan

St. Patrick, Joliet

Logan Link

St. Paul, Joliet

Gavin Babcock

Sts. Peter and Paul, Naperville

Alexander Esser
James Keegan
Doug Knapp
Stephens Woodrough

St. Petronille, Glen Ellyn

James Boyd
John Boyd
Andrew Clark
Jack Pones
Gabriel Taylor

St. Pius X, Lombard

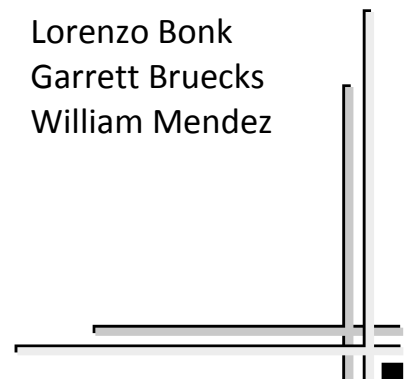
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Austin Gaspar

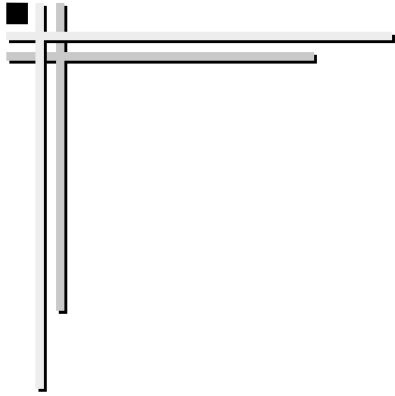
St. Raphael, Naperville

Owen Simkins

St. Raymond, Joliet

Lorenzo Bonk
Garrett Bruecks
William Mendez





Light of Christ

St. Teresa, Kankakee

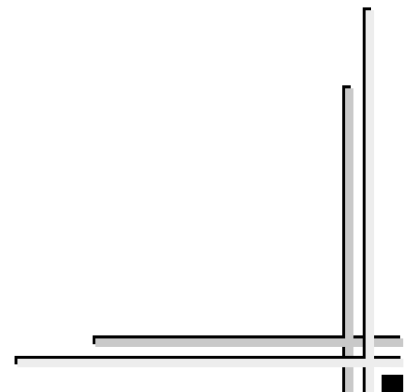
Joe Verill
Samuel Verill

St. Walter, Roselle

Dominick Agostino Jr
Trevor Balla
Jacob Braun
Frankie Chiappetta
Peter Nowakowski
Alan Schabelski
Matthew Tavalacci

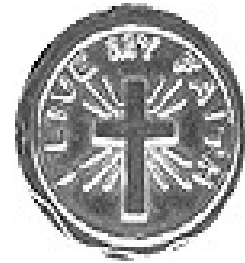
Visitation, Elmhurst

Jack Carroll
Ryan Felice
Sean Fitzgerald
Jimmy Gracey
Luke Hemmersmeier
David Izzo
Daniel O'Shaughnessy
Michael Rowland



I Live My Faith

For this medal, Junior Girl Scouts develop an awareness of their potential as a growing person, friend, family member, citizen and participant in the community of faith. The medal is worn next to or below the membership stars.

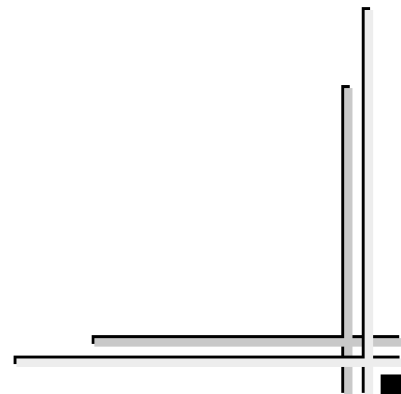


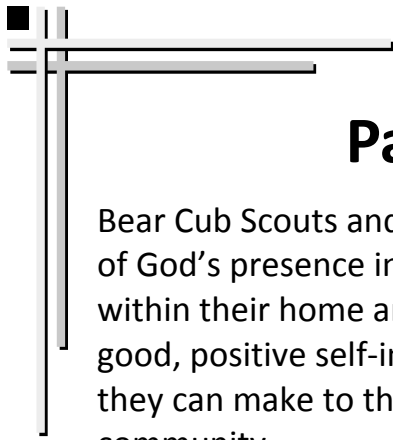
St. Leonard, Berwyn

Angelina Angulo
Alyssa Bennett
Elysa Garcia
Lucia Gonzalez
Karla Kalingo
Katie Kerrigan
Nancy Martinez
Angelica Rivera
Isabella Rivera
Kayla Romero
Karen Sanchez

St. Mary, Mokena

Isabella Alcazar
Mary Block
Mary Kate Caul
Maggie Caul
Grace Christopher
Megan Duzansky
Maddie Flinn
Katherine Freyne
McKenzie Gardiner
Courtney Godbout
Kailey Hadley
Hayley Hitterman
Kiera Kalinowski
Rachel Kolodziej
Erin Marnell
Claire McGuire
Maddie Rea
Lauren Sullivan
Grace Wasicki





Parvuli Dei

Bear Cub Scouts and Webelos become more aware of God's presence in their daily lives, especially within their home and community. They develop a good, positive self-image through the contributions they can make to their Scouting family and community.



Holy Family, Plainfield

Jacob Swanson

Immaculate Conception Elmhurst

Eric Moskal
Reece Richardson

Mary Queen of Heaven

Nate Rechlin

Maternity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Bourbonnais

Andrew Papineau

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Darien

Alexander Edwards

St. Ambrose, Crest Hill

Kevin Stapleton

St. Ann, Channahon

Jacob Conroy
Nicholas Devier

St. Anne, Oswego

Nicholas Vernald

St. Daniel the Prophet, Wheaton

Alex Gazarek
Jack Jordan

St. Dennis, Lockport

Kyle Ehrerhaft

St. Elizabeth Seton, Naperville

Jackson Mize
Joshua Mize

St John the Apostle, Villa Park

Henry Consent

St. Joseph, Downers Grove

Emmett Flannery
Christopher Kuper
Conor Yosick

St. Joseph, Manteno

Alex Vandergriff

St. Joseph, Lockport

Alessandro Cabrera

St. Jude, New Lenox

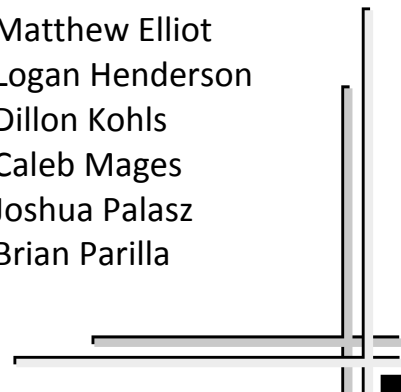
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Brendan Hawkins
Luke Szymanek

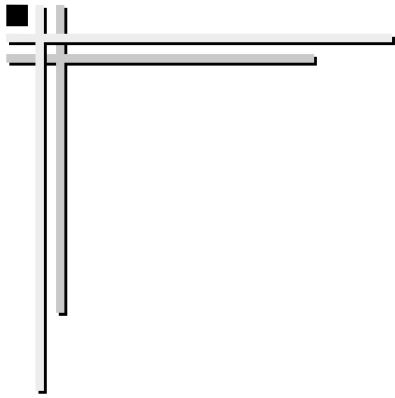
St. Mary Immaculate, Plainfield

Andrew White
Jack Wright

St. Mary of Gostyn, Downers Grove

Matthew Drover
Matthew Elliot
Logan Henderson
Dillon Kohls
Caleb Mages
Joshua Palasz
Brian Parilla





Parvuli Dei

St. Mary, Mokeena

Jacob Esquivel
Zach Nyman

St. Mary Immaculate, Plainfield

Oliver Burns
Michael Janis
Niko Lighthiser
Scott Pasch
Luis Rivera
Ron Zielenski

St. Matthew, Glendale Heights

Fynn MacShane

St. Michael, Wheaton

Jamuel Chaffin
Thomas Dey
Fred Harrington
Antonio Joseph Kier
Gavin McBeth
Joshua Pinski
Nolan Shanahan
Matthew Sommerdyke
Kyle Ston
James Valentin

St. Paul the Apostle, Joliet

Alex Babcock

Sts. Peter and Paul, Naperville

Jackson Ciganek
Peter Constant
Drew Knapp
Matthew McCabe
Michael Suppan
Adam Tsouchlos

St. Petronille, Glen Ellyn

Ben Andringa
Christian Clark
Matthew Kenny

St. Pius X, Lombard

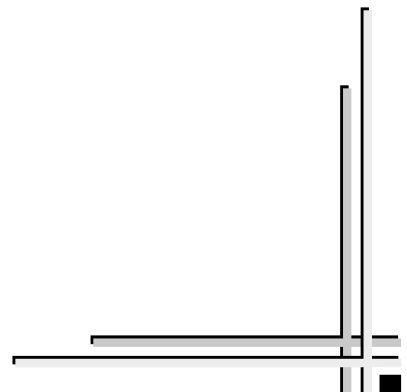
Devin Arnos-Cullerton
Saverio D'Alessandro
Zachary Fox
Justin Gergen
Kyle Gonzales
Connor Rhyce
Giovanni Vicari

St. Thomas the Apostle, Naperville

Ethan Davila

St. Walter, Roselle

Nathan Kot
Peter Sheffer
Connor Spoczynski

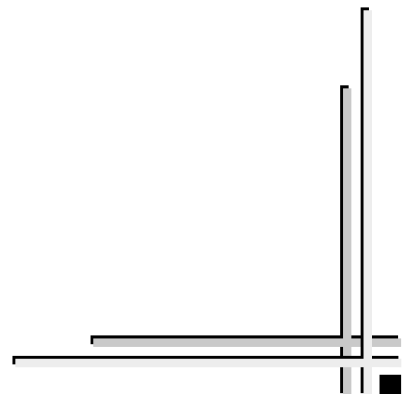


Marian Medal

Cadettes and Senior Girl Scouts (grades 7-10) grow in appreciation of Mary and in understanding themselves. They meet Mary in Scripture as a young teenager and follow her journey as she becomes a woman and the Mother of God.



There are no recipients this year.



Ad Altare Dei

7th and 8th grade Boy Scouts earning the Ad Altare Dei emblem develop a fully Christian way of life in the faith community. The Scouts work with a religious emblems counselor and complete activities covering the seven Sacraments.



Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Downers Grove

Jack Janus

St. Mary, Minooka

Alex Knoppe
Jack Murphy

Our Lady of Peace

Carlos Mendez

St. Mary of Gostyn, Downers Grove

Maximilin O'Meara

St. Anthony, Frankfort

Matthew Ketchen
Matthew Mills
Nicholas Pozza
Nathan Schutzus
Nathan Steinke
John Tijerina

St. Paul the Apostle, Joliet

Bradley Hinkleman

St. Issac Joe

Nicholas Alfano
Joe Luciccione
Nicholas Luciccione
Dennis McCann
Aidan Perndergast

Sts. Peter and Paul, Naperville

Peter Buettner
Will Buettner
Nathan Hu
Daniel Parker

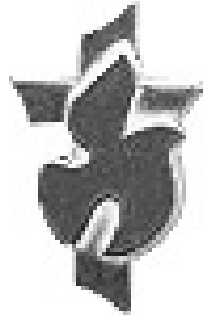
St. Jude, Joliet

Steven Widlowski

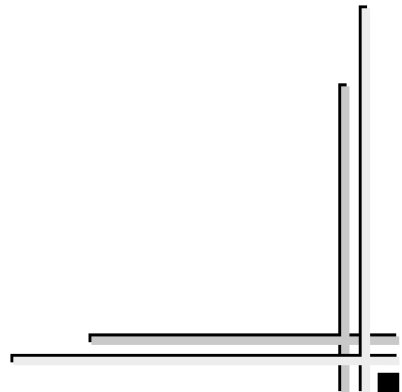


Spirit Alive

Through the Spirit Alive program Senior and Ambassador Girl Scouts (grades 9-12) discover how the Holy Spirit moves in their lives, calling them to greater participation in the church's ministry.



There are no recipients this year.



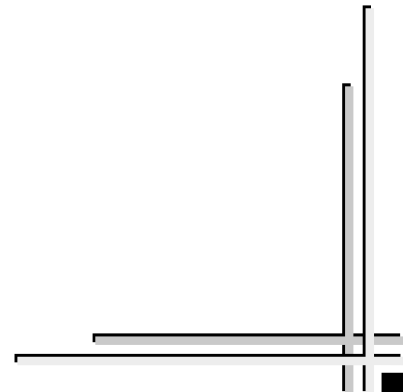
Pope Pius XII

9th grade and older Boy Scouts explore units to examine how being a Christian affects daily life in a real world. The units which the Scouts discuss include: We as Christians, Today's Vocation, Awareness of Responsibility to Self and Society, Citizenship-Home and Community, and Our Response to Faith. This program is run by the candidates and facilitated by an adult.



St. Anthony, Frankfort

Robert Kall
Alex Steinke



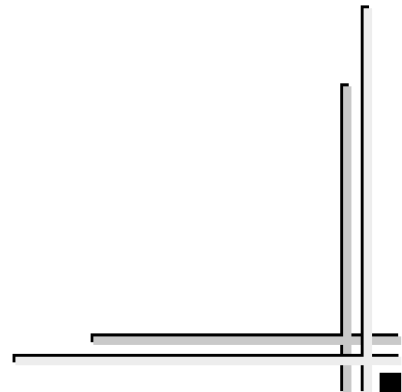
Pillars of Faith-Service To God

The Diocese of Joliet Catholic Committee on Scouting has adopted the Pillars of Faith award program to recognize Scouts who demonstrate noteworthy achievement in the Catholic Religious

Awards program. The Pillars of Faith-Service to God Award can be earned by Catholic Girls who have earned ALL four of the Catholic Religious Emblems: Family of God, I Live My Faith, Marian Medal, and Spirit Alive. Eligible Youth should complete the award application and forward it to the Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting.

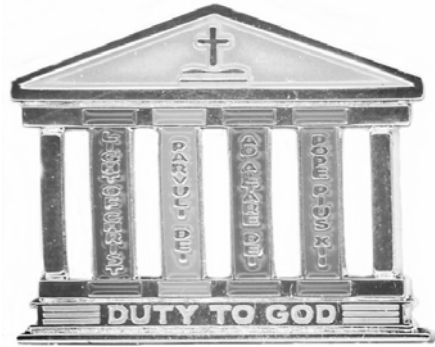


There are no recipients this year.



Pillars of Faith-Duty To God

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St. Anne

Thomas Doody
William Doody
Thomas Schramek

St. Mary, Plano

Sean Nadeau

St. Paul the Apostle

Scott Simpson

Boy Scout Catholic Quality Unit Award, Pope Paul VI

In 1972, the Boy Scout National Catholic Committee on Scouting developed a unit recognition for Scout units chartered by a parish or the Knights of Columbus. During the course of a year the Unit must meet specific requirements in the areas of adult leadership, service, and program which encompass religious, vocational and educational aspects of scouting.

For further information about this recognition, please contact our Committee.



The Joliet Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting wishes to express our gratitude

to Bishop Conlon for sharing in this special day and reinforcing the importance of Catholic Scouts deepening their relationship with Christ and living their faith.

to the parishioners and staff of St. Mary Immaculate for the generous use of their facilities.

to all the facilitators, priests, deacons, parents, and others who helped encourage and prepare the Scouts for our celebration today.

Adult Recognitions

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Medal

This recognition was established to recognize adults whose dedicated work help youth develop their spiritual lives within the Girl Scouts or Camp Fire programs.



Saint Anne Medal

This is the highest national recognition for adults who serve Catholic youth through Girl Scouts and Camp Fire. The purpose of this recognition is to honor outstanding service of adults who contribute to the spiritual development of Catholic young people, and to further Catholic adult leadership in youth ministry through Girl Scouts and Camp Fire.



Bronze Pelican

This is a Diocesan award is given to individuals who have given outstanding service to Catholic Scouting and/or the diocesan scouting efforts.



St. George Emblem

This medal is a national award given in recognition of an individual's outstanding service and contributions to the spiritual development of Catholic youth through Scouting.



If you know of someone deserving of recognition please take the time to honor them!

Contact our Committee for more information.



2014 Bronze Pelican Recipient Burrel Elmore



Burrel is an active member of his parish who is committed to Catholic teaching. He is a member of The Legion of Mary, Our Lady of Grace and has served as president for three years. He volunteers as a parish lector and Eucharist minister at St. Ambrose.

Burrel has been a Cub Scout leader for tigers to Webelos for the past six years and is a merit badge counselor for Troop 18. He has held sessions of the NCCS Rosary Patch series and the International Catholic Awareness program while teaching scouts about heritage and citizenship. He has served as the Catholic coordinator for religious awards for Pack 18 and Troop 18.

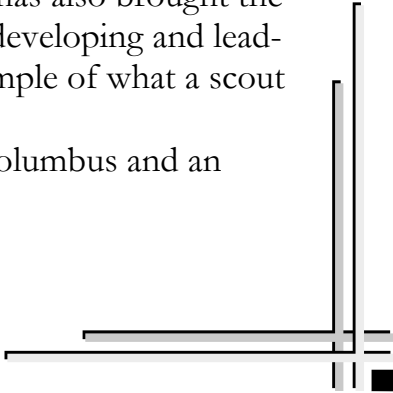
2014 St. George Emblem Recipient Robert Lighthiser



Bob has single-handedly developed the religious award program for his parish of St. Mary Immaculate. His efforts were exemplified last year when five Cub Scouts from his pack and twelve scouts from neighboring packs earned their Catholic religious awards. Bob continues to reach out to all the surrounding packs to provide an avenue for all Catholic Cub Scouts to achieve their awards. Bob also raises awareness and coordinates Scout Sunday for all parish scouts.

Bob serves as committee chair for Pack 19 and has brought organization and stability to the pack. As the liaison between Pack 19 and St. Mary Immaculate he spearheads the numerous service projects with the church and church organizations. Bob has also brought the importance of faith into the Pack camp outs by developing and leading outdoor worship services. He is a living example of what a scout leader should be.

Finally, Bob is a 4th degree Knight of Columbus and an active parent in St. Mary Immaculate School.





2014 St. George Emblem Recipient Bill Mammosser



Bill is an active member of the Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting. He has organized and taught Light of Christ, Parvuli Dei, Ad Alteri Dei, and Pope Pius XII classes in the greater Joliet Area. He has reached out to many packs in the Joliet Area to encourage religious emblem activity. He is a member of Rainbow Council Advancement Committee representing religious emblems. He also co-chaired this years JDCCS scout retreat with Fr. Steven.

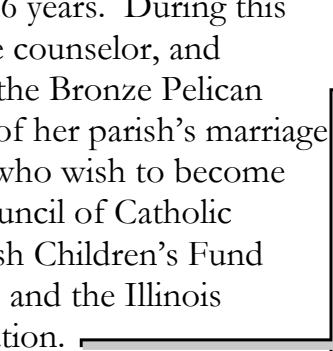
As a Boy Scout leader Bill has served as Committee Chairman, Scoutmaster, Pack Committee Member, and Campmaster. At his parish of St. Raymond's Bill is a lector, usher, religious education teacher, and annually organizes the Scout Sunday Service. He is also a 38 year member of the Lion's Club and has served as secretary, treasurer, vice president and president.

2014 St. George Emblem Recipient Kathy Briick



For the last five years Kathy has annually taught classes in Ad Alteri Dei and Pope Pius XII. These classes have resulted in many scouts from the greater Joliet Area receiving their religious emblems. She has also sponsored the Scout Sunday Mass at St. Paul's for many years. She annually spearheads two service projects at St. Paul for her troop. During one of the service projects the troop changes the missals for the parish. For the second service project the troop sponsors a needy parish family for the Christmas season.

Kathy has been active in scouting for 16 years. During this time she has served as a den leader, merit badge counselor, and treasurer for Troop 15. Kathy is a recipient of the Bronze Pelican Award. She is a Eucharistic Minister, member of her parish's marriage prep team, and sponsor for a family and a boy who wish to become Catholic. Finally, Kathy is a member of the Council of Catholic Women, Governor's State Reading Council, Irish Children's Fund Sponsor, Professional Development Facilitator, and the Illinois Association of Administrators of Special Education.



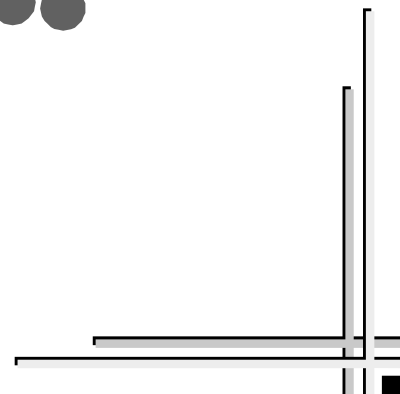
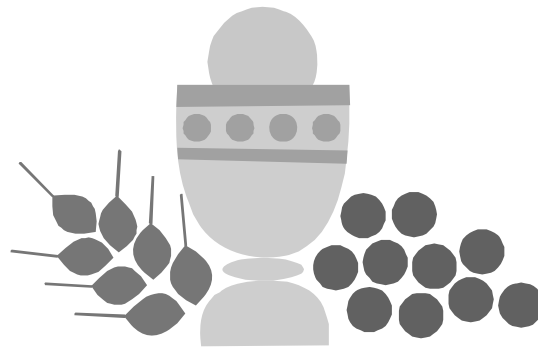


2014 St. George Emblem Recipient William Doody



Bill Doody is an active member of the Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting. He has worked as a counselor and facilitator for Ad Altare Dei and Pope Pius XII in the Oswego, Yorkville, and Plano area since 2010. At his parish of St Anne he has served as an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist since 2004. He also serves as a parish usher and is an active member of the Knights of Columbus.

Bill is currently working as the committee chair of a new group of volunteers representing Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and American Heritage Girls to create a new two-night retreat experience for Catholic youth. As a Boy Scout leader Bill has served as a Troop Committee Member, Popcorn Kernel, Assistant Cubmaster, Cubmaster, Summer Camp Troop Leader, Assistant Scoutmaster, Patrol Advisor, District Commissioner, Unit Commissioner, Merit Badge Counselor, Cubicle Volunteer, Vigil member of the Order of the Arrow Lowaneu Allanque Lodge 41. Finally, Bill has been a t-ball, baseball, basketball, and soccer coach for Oswegoland Park District.





Recent Adult Recognition Recipients

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Medal

Debbie Butler (2010)
Maura Martinello (2010)
Colleen Cory (2012)

St. Anne Medal

Jeanne Gensler (2009)

Bronze Pelican

Chuck Keskel (2010)
Kathleen Briik (2011)
Mary Puccini (2011)
Tanya Anderson (2012)
Marianne Deffenbaugh (2012)
Ken Kasper (2012)
Bill Mammosser (2012)
Barbara Nadeau (2012)

St. George Emblem

Deacon Dennis Stolarz (2009)
William Charles Sugars (2009)
Jean Tyrell (2009)
Deacon Paul Brachle (2010)
Scott Butler (2010)
Fr. Herb Essig (2010)
Deacon Don Berkey (2011)
Rosemarie Courtney (2011)
Jane Doyle (2011)
David Douglas Spesia (2011)
Chuck Keskel (2012)
Rod Lechwar (2012)
Joseph Neily (2012)
Rich Solner (2012)
Jim Thuot (2012)

The Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting

Father Stephen Eickhoff, Diocesan Scout Chaplain

Jim Thuot, Chair

Tanya Anderson
Ed Bajda
Lauren Beranek
Deacon Don Berkey
Jerry Bevignani
Don Cameron
Terry Colclasure
Rosemarie & Tom Courtney
Donna and Bill Doody
Jane Doyle
Larry Gallagher

Ned Hesser
Chuck Keskel
Frank Klock
Bill Mammosser
Barb Nadeau
Jim O'Brien
John Picchiatti

Paul Mach, ex officio
Director of Youth Ministry



Upcoming Events

Religious Emblem/Medal Counselor Training

Saturday, May 17, 2014

8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

At Blanchette Catholic Center (16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill)

Catholic Scout Campout/Retreat Weekend

Friday, August 15 through Sunday, August 17, 2014

St. Mary's Catholic Parish

901 N Center St, Plano, IL

Details Coming Before Summer!

The Joliet Diocesan Catholic Committee on Scouting meets monthly from August to May on the third Wednesday evening. If you are interested in learning more about our work, we encourage you to contact a member for information.

We maintain a website at www.dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting. Here you will find information about the Catholic awards available for youth and adults in Scouting; how to obtain medals; contact information for questions about the awards programs; as well as a calendar of upcoming trainings, ceremonies and retreats.





The JDCCS is looking for scouts who would like to be considered for the 2015 St. George Trek

The Saint George Trek is The National Catholic Committee on Scouting's high adventure Catholic leadership program for older Catholic Boy Scouts and Venture Crew members at Philmont Scout Ranch. The program brings Catholic high school youth from around the country together with selected priests, religious and seminarians for eleven days of backpacking in the context of a vocation retreat.

The 2015 Saint George Trek begins on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where the participants meet, get to know one another, train, have fun and pray. Then it's off to Philmont Scout Ranch where they will hike the Sangre de Cristo Range of the Rocky Mountains. While hiking, they will experience a program that is designed to encourage the integration of morality, values, spirituality, faith, scripture and vocation in their lives as young Catholic Men and Women. Before returning home on Thursday, July 23, 2015, they will be asked to commit their own continued discernment as well as bringing their experiences home to their respective dioceses, so they can become effective peer leaders and role models for their fellow scouts.

Selection of participants will be made by the JDCCS this Spring and will be made on the basis of demonstrated maturity, physical ability, leadership potential, an interest in the life of the Church and an openness to the discernment of vocation. The earning of Scouting's Religious Emblems and involvement in church, school and scouting activities will be given consideration. Candidates should be emotionally mature adolescents who will be fifteen years of age on or before July 1, 2015, in High School in the fall of 2015 and committed to assist their Catholic Committee when they return home. They must also have the physical health and stamina to backpack on the mountain trails of Philmont. **NO exceptions can be made to these expectations and requirements.** A female crew is planned pending sufficient female registration. The Saint George Trek is a one-time only experience for youth. Previous youth participants are not eligible. The JDCCS is hoping to be able to help offset some of the cost associated with attending this special event. For more information please go to

<http://www.nccsbsa.org/ScoutUnits/StGeorgeTrek.php>

If you are a scout who is interested in applying for the St. George Trek please contact a member of the JDCCS right away to apply.

