

Diocese of Joliet Catholic Scouting News

Quarterly Newsletter

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Ros-a-Ree is On! For One Day Only!

For the past eight years, Catholic Scouts have looked forward to the JDCCS Ros-a-Ree—that weekend of Catholic scouting camaraderie, worship, and fun the second weekend in August. It broke our heart to cancel the 2020 event, but it was the right thing to do.

You can expect the usual fun and games of the Ros-a-Ree as well as engaging inspirational speakers, the traditional living rosary, and time for adoration. Unfortunately, because of the shortened schedule, we will not be holding the Ad Altare Dei workshop this year.



This year, the decision wasn't clear cut. COVID restrictions are lifting, but unfortunately, they are not entirely gone. So Crew 3:16, the tireless, optimistic Scouts who plan and run the event, worked through the obstacles as they came up with the theme. This year it is "Mystery," and for a while, it was a mystery whether the event would go forward! But an informal email poll told us people still wanted to attend the Ros-a-Ree, even in an abbreviated form.

Cost to cover the event is \$50 by August 1 or take advantage of the Early Bird Price of \$35 if registered by July 15!

There is also a registration contest that can help you earn the opportunity to attend for FREE! All registrants by June 30 will be entered into a drawing. First prize is your registration fee refunded, and second prize is being called first for meals! There is also another prize for the scout who refers the most first-year attendees to the event on their registration form. The winner gets their registration refunded!

Thus, through hard work and prayer, we're proud to announce that we have navigated all venue requirements and food service restrictions to be able to hold a one-day event:

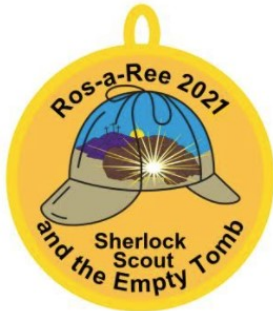
2021 Ros-a-Ree
Sherlock Scout and the Empty Tomb
August 14
9am – 7:15pm
(or when the fun stops!)
Corpus Christi Catholic Church
Carol Stream

Everything you need to know, including the registration packet, rules, packing list, t-shirt order, etc. is on the Ros-a-Ree page on the JDCCS webpage, [here](#).

The event will focus on becoming missionary disciples and is open to any scout sixth grade or older from the American Heritage Girls, Cub Scouts, Camp Fire Youth, Girl Scouts of the USA, Scouts BSA and Venture crew.

The kids have worked hard to put together the event this year, and we are limited to the first 100 attendees because of the pandemic. That means early registration is a must! We hope you'll spread the word and get out to the Ros-a-Ree 2021. See you there!

Upcoming Events



Ros-a-Ree

August 14, 2021

Day of Recollection

February 26, 2022

2022 Annual

Recognitions Mass

April 24, 2022

Contact us!

Website: www.dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting

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Annual Mass Cancelled, but Certificates Mailed



The first Sunday after Easter is typically when the JDCCS holds the Annual Religious Recognition Ceremony and mass. It's a time for Scouts

who have earned a religious recognition in the last year for their achievement with a presentation of a certificate.

Since the 2020 mass had to be cancelled, we decided to mail the certificates instead. 120 certificates went out! Many proud leaders submitted photos of those who earned awards and we featured them on our JDCCS Facebook page. If you have one to share, please message us there with your photo and details, or send to us at jolietcatholicscouts@gmail.com.

This Issue's Featured Adult Recognition:

The Bronze Pelican

In every issue, we feature a religious recognition that ADULTS can earn! This month we feature the *Bronze Pelican*.

The Bronze Pelican is a diocesan recognition given to adults who have made a significant and outstanding contribution to the spiritual development of Catholic youth in any Scouting program. It may be presented to any adult, Scouter or non-Scouter, a member of the laity or religious, or a member of another faith in recognition of consistent support of the Scouting program. Recipients must be exemplary adults and members in good standing in their respective positions in Scouting and in their faith communities and have the approval of their pastor before the recognition is given.

[Click here](#) for more information on nominating someone for the Bronze Pelican in the Joliet Diocese.



Chairman's Corner



Hello everyone. My name is Karen Dix and I am the new chairman of the Joliet Diocese Catholic Committee on Scouting! (JDCCS) I'm a mother of four beautiful kids and proud mom of two Eagle Scouts from Scouts BSA Troop 510 at St. Raphael's parish in Naperville.

I'm stepping into the huge, hard-to-fill shoes of Bill and Donna Doody, the dynamic duo who have served the committee faithfully for more than 10 years. If you like the Ros-a-Ree you have the Doodys to thank. They created it! Thanks Bill and Donna for all you have done!

As we move forward, the committee appreciates your administrative patience as the committee adjusts to me in the hotseat.

I'm not really sure how I got to be chairman! I came to the committee a few years ago

in search of guidance on how to conduct meetings with Scouts working on their Ad Altare Dei medals. I stayed because of the dedicated people on the committee who shared my passion for seeing young people, especially Scouts, deepen their Catholic faith through the programs available to Scouts. I'm more of a catechist than a scout, having taught youth about their Catholic faith for nearly 15 years. I'm now happy to offer my time and talent in youth ministry to the Scouts.

A few years ago, the Catholic church put together the "Welcome Home" campaign to get people to return to the church. I would like to "Welcome In" all of you Catholic leaders, parents and Scouts to become part of the mission of the JDCCS. Whatever your talent, we could use you on our committee (a monthly commitment), teaching a religious emblem class (at your convenience), or just helping out at one of our events (1-3 times a year).

If you believe like I do that faith formation strengthens our young people for life's rocky road ahead and would like to encourage Catholic scouting, I invite you to reach out to me personally to find out how you can help further. I'll be waiting to hear from you!

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Scouts BSA *Scouting in the Catholic Church* Conference at Philmont

Your new JDCCS chairman just finished the virtual version of the incredible training called “Scouting in the Catholic Church” from the National Catholic Committee on Scouting (NCCS). She guarantees you will leave the conference brimming with ideas to take back to your troops and parishes to help bring your scouts closer to Christ.

The in-person training will be held at the Philmont Training Center near Cimarron, NM, from July 18-24, 2021. All Scout chaplains, clergy, diocesan and parish youth ministers and council, diocesan, regional and national Catholic committee leadership and members are invited to attend.

The conference is designed for any adult interested in using Scouting to help support Catholic youth ministry. The goals of the conference are to help participants understand how Scouting is Catholic youth ministry, gain knowledge about Catholic Scouting resources and use the information in the course to promote Catholic Scouting in their home dioceses and councils. All this happens in a context of learning, fellowship and fun!

Family members are welcome to accompany course participants. The Philmont Training Center has programs for participants of all ages for a reasonable additional charge. The facilities are clean and include bunks with mattresses and electricity. All participants will have time to explore Philmont and the surrounding area in the evenings and Wednesday afternoon.

Please spread the word about Scouting in the Catholic Church and encourage others to seize this opportunity for an inspirational fun filled week in "God's Country." Click the [link here](#) for more information.

JDCCS Needs You!

We're looking to grow our team! Do you want to grow Catholic Scouting in the Joliet Diocese? Are you involved with GSUSA, BSA, Campfire, or American Heritage Girls? Please join us! We meet on the third Tuesday of every month. Our next meeting is August 16 at 7:00 PM. Currently, we are meeting in-person and online. Email jolietcatholicscouts@gmail.com to be sent an invitation.



This Issue's Featured Religious Recognition:

Mary, the First Disciple

Mary, the First Disciple is designed for all Scouts in grades 7-12. The program helps them learn more about Mary, and more about themselves. Girls will meet Mary in Scripture as a young teenager, follow her journeys, and watch her grow into the woman known as the Mother of God. Through interviews, role-plays, service projects, reflection questions, and prayer, the program will help girls learn more about themselves.

The program includes a workbook that must be completed with an adult advisor. Upon completion of all program requirements, there is an application in the back of the workbook for the parent/ guardian and participant to sign. The application

must also be signed by the adult advisor, and lastly, by the Parish Designate.

After receiving all the signatures on the form, order the



religious emblem off the JDCCS website, [here](#). Instructions are on the Order Form as to where and how to send in all that is needed to be recognized at the Diocese Annual Recognition Mass.

Become a Religious Emblem Advisor!

Why don't Scouts earn the religious recognitions for their grade or age? Unfortunately, it's often due to the Scout not being able to find a counselor in their area! How do we fix this? It starts with YOU! Have you ever considered training to become a Religious Recognition Counselor? It's easier than ever with our online training system. Everything you need to get started is online!

Through our online training, you can learn how to be an Advisor for the *God is Love, Family of God, I Live My Faith, Mary the First Disciple, The Spirit Alive*, or *Missio* for GSUSA and other programs or a Counselor for *Ad Altare De*, and *Pope Pius XII* emblems for Scouts BSA. Click here to start your training: [Become a Trained Counselor](#).

This Issue's Featured:

Faith Series: Corporal Works of Mercy



The word “corporal” translates to “having to do with the body.” The corporal works of mer-

cy are physical acts of kindness that one person does for another person in need. This activity patch teaches you how to put these works into practice.

Scouts of all ages can earn this patch, even adults! Different ages have different requirements. Some of the activities include participation in a Scouting for Food event and locating area service organizations that practice the corporal

works of mercy and volunteering at that organization. Click [here](#) to view the requirements to complete the activity patch. After completing the requirements, the participants can order the patch [here](#).

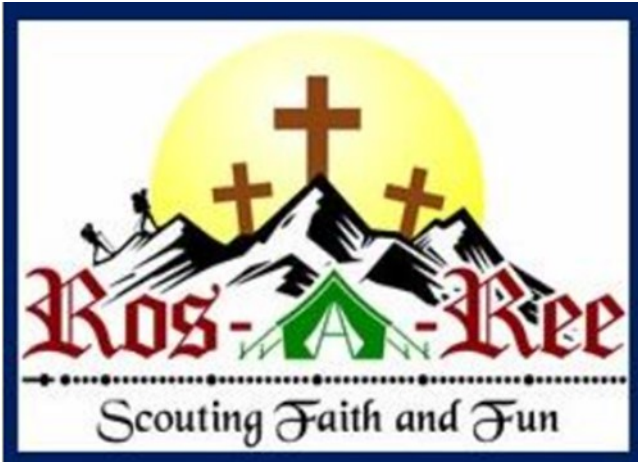
Corporal Works of Mercy

- ◆ **Feed the hungry.**
- ◆ **Give drink to the thirsty.**
- ◆ **Shelter the homeless.**
- ◆ **Clothe the naked.**
- ◆ **Comfort the sick.**
- ◆ **Visit the imprisoned.**
- ◆ **Bury the dead.**

Do you have a Catholic Unit?

Is your unit chartered by a Catholic institution? Would you like help planning a faith-filled and authentically Catholic year of programming for your unit? If so, please consider pursuing the National Catholic Unit Excellence Award. Click [here](#) to learn more and download the application.





Pictured: Ros-A-Ree participants of years past





Ros-a-Ree Scouting Retreat



“Mystery!”

Sherlock Scout and the Empty Tomb - A *Missionary Discipleship* Themed Retreat
August 14, 2021 - One Day Only This Year

Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Carol Stream • 8th Annual Event
Retreat is Designed & Led by Scouts for Scouts!

Who Can Attend? All American Heritage Girls, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Youth, Girl Scouts, Scouts BSA, & Venturers Who Will be Entering the 6th Grade (or higher) in the Fall

Retreat Includes:

ESCAPE ROOM • Adoration • Lunch & **PIZZA** Dinner • **ICE CREAM** Patch • Fun & Games • Living Rosary • T-Shirt • Phenomenal Speakers!



Early Bird Pricing (Before 7/15) is Only \$35

After 7/15 the Regular Price is \$50 - Register Now!

To Register - Go To: www.dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting

Navigate to the 'A-Z' Directory and Click on **Ros-a-Ree Retreat**



Save The Date!

2022 JDCCS Day of Recollection

February 26, 2022

Location TBD

