

What would God have you see on this walk?

Bicentennial Park

1832 - Joliet's first street - from here our city was built.

Consider the history - was a 19th century powerhouse

"Stone City" - limestone quarried here for many buildings including Chicago's Water Tower, and White House

City of Prisons - known to nation and for movie sets

famous for manufacturing steel, but became a rust belt town in the 1970's

Jefferson St. Bridge

In the 60's the bridges were raised to keep people apart

City of bridges (5 w/ one in the works) - let's lower the proverbial bridges

I & M canal runs through Joliet, which changed economics for America and thrust Chicago into a premiere city

City Hall

local leaders

police

Mayor Bob O'Dekirk

Will County Courthouse

justice issues

fair representation

new larger building needed

represents downtown renovation

Rialto (off the path to the north)

entertainment driven culture

Union Station Train Station

speed of advancement in our society

think of the country when looking at train station

Once the "Crossroads of America" - a major transportation hub

Joliet Slammers

sports stars are idols of our culture, mentors for our children
baseball and gambling helped the city economically in the last 20 years.

Joliet Central High School

education system
issues facing teens today - drugs, peer pressure, experimenting
~16% don't finish H.S.
Joliet Junior College - first public community college in country

Morning Star Mission (off the path to the south)

just off our path
represents some of the most needy in our area

business

economic issues, blight
rebuilding of downtown area
unemployment - 10% AA, ~5% all others
First Dairy Queen in 1940 (in a 1895 house - 501 N. Chicago)
Major employers: Amazon (3500), St. Joe, gov't, schools, & casinos
Lion Electric employs 1400 making 10,000 electric cars

Churches

notice all the steeples
covid repercussions
11am Sundays still most segregated hour of the week

Residential area

families, marriages, domestic issues

16.85% poverty rate in the city, majority of people of color
population plateaued starting 10 years ago
About 1/2 of homes represent traditional married families
30% non family, 20% singles
71% speak English, 24% Spanish

Route 66 Museum

both Route 66 (Chicago to LA) & Lincoln Hwy (NYC to SF) run through Joliet (cross at Cass & Chicago)

General

How has God moved your heart?

