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St. Joseph Parish Business Center

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www.stjosephdgo.org

Weekend Masses: Saturday Evening: 5:00 pm

Sunday: 7:00, 9:00 am, 11:00 am, & 5:00 pm

Weekday Masses:

7:00 am (Monday-Friday)

8:00 am (Saturday)

Weekday Holy Days: Call for schedule

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession)

Saturday: 3:30—4:30 pm

Registration: We are happy to welcome new members to our community. Please contact Deacon Frank Kozar at 630.964.0216 x1107.

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St. Joseph Catholic Church • 4801 Main Street, Downers Grove

God's Call to Us

(The St. Joseph Parish Mission Statement)

St. Joseph Parish is a community chosen and called by God to be sent and directed by the Holy Spirit.

It exists to provide the People of God the pastoral care and spiritual nourishment they need to proclaim the good news of Christ in their lives and to the world.

Our Response to God's Call

(The St. Joseph Parish Vision Statement)

St. Joseph Parish is a community of God's People empowered by the Holy Spirit to promote God's reign in the world. Nourished by Word and Sacrament, we will grow together in faith, hope, and in a passionate love of God and neighbor.

In our families, we will teach and learn the love of Jesus Christ.

In our various occupations we will make decisions and set priorities in accordance with the values of the Gospel.

And in the world around us we will stand always for justice, compassion and peace.

Sacraments

Baptisms: We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism every Sunday. Parents are required to attend a Baptismal formation meeting. Baptisms are scheduled at this meeting. Please call the Parish Center for reservations and further information.

Marriages: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance to provide ample time for preparation of this sacrament. Please call the Parish Center for more information.

Sick or Homebound: If you or a member of your family is hospitalized or homebound and would like a priest to visit, please notify the Parish Center.

Parish Boundaries: North: Tollway; South: 59th St. East: Prospect Avenue and extensions north and south; West: Belmont Avenue

To Register Your Child at St. Joseph School

Email register@sjsdg.org and you will receive instructions how to register a new student or returning student online. Registrations accepted anytime throughout the school year. For school tours, please call the school office.

Construction Update – Groundbreaking



Over 125 enthusiastic and supportive parishioners braved the cold for the momentous ceremony that was officiated by Father John Phan along with Father Bill Cullen.



Hannah Baer
SJS Sixth Grader



Sarah Paul
School Board President



Campaign Chairs Steve and Cindy Jagielo, Duke and Nancy Petrovich and Burt and Christy Yeo, architect Bill Sturm, Principal Rita Stasi, and Fr. John Phan

Our Faith Our Family Our Future

Thanks to Your Generosity We met the \$100,000 Challenge!



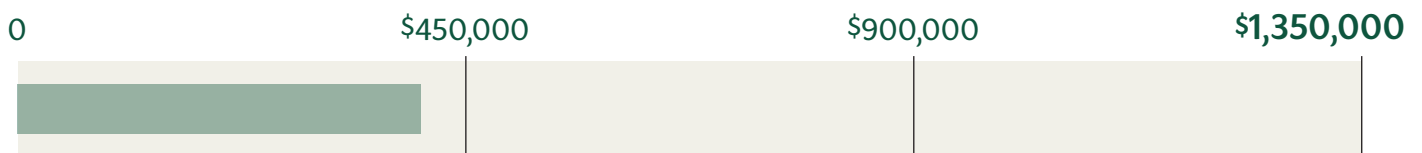
Capital Campaign

Our lead donors agreed to match \$100,000 in donations; however, they were so encouraged by your generosity and response that they are matching the total **\$135,000** raised.

Fr. John is humbled by the generosity of the St. Joseph Parish family. He is grateful for the parishioners who gave to the initial campaign; some of whom made a second pledge. He would like to extend a special note of gratitude to the many recent new donors. Together we reached and exceeded the challenge..

We have now made a large dent in the donations needed to complete our project. We are optimistic that continuing to work together we can bridge the remaining gap. We thank you in advance for any donation. Every gift, large or small, will make a difference.

Phase II Collected to Date: \$403,190



Letter of Intent



Dear Father John:

In support of St. Joseph Parish, I intend to contribute the sum of \$ _____
to the **“Our Faith, Our Family, Our Future”** capital campaign.

My Investment will be made as Follows:

<input type="checkbox"/> Monthly	Start Date	2019	2020	2021	Amount \$ _____
	Over the Course of	1	2	3 years (circle one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly	Start Date	2019	2020	2021	Amount \$ _____
	Over the Course of	1	2	3 years (circle one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> Annually	Start Date	2019	2020	2021	Amount \$ _____
	Over the Course of	1	2	3 years (circle one)	
<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Gift	Date _____				Amount \$ _____

Payment Options

☐ **We will make our investment by check.**

☐ **We will make our investment through automatic withdrawal.**

I authorize the Parish to withdraw automatically the amount indicated from the bank or credit account checked below:

Bank Account - attach a voided check to this form

Credit/Debit Card* (circle one) Visa MasterCard Discover

*Add 6% to cover credit card

Card# _____

Expiration _____ **CVC#** _____

Monthly and quarterly pledge offerings will be withdrawn on the 15th of the month. Please notify the Parish Office one week prior if you need to make a change.

Please indicate if you plan to have your gift matched by your or your spouse's employer

Potential Matching Gift Amount \$ _____ Matching Gift Company _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Please Print Name(s) as you would like to be acknowledged _____

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

Stewardship

Help Needed for PADS Meals (Public Action to Deliver Shelter)

Each Monday evening during the month of March, St. Joseph Parish will be providing a meal for PADS (shelter is located in the lower level of the First Congregational Church, directly across the street from the Downers Grove Library). Local homeless families are served dinner, provided with a safe nights sleep, breakfast the following morning and a brown bag lunch.

Help is needed to prepare specific food items for the dinner meal, purchase bulk breakfast foods for the following morning, and bulk items for brown bag lunches. Adult volunteers are also needed to plate-up food, serve and clean-up.

If you are willing to help, please reach out to the coordinator assigned for each meal. We will be looking for entrees, salads, vegetables and desserts at dinner; bulk eggs, bacon, cereal, milk and juice for each breakfast; and bulk bag lunch items. As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated!

For any of these meals, you can sign-up online simply by going to PerfectPotluck.com! To log in, please enter the specific Coordinator's last name and the password: pads.

March 18 • Turkey

Coordinator: Channing Hesse
630-888-8983 or via channing24@gmail.com

March 25 • Lasagna

Coordinator: Margaret Wittman at
630-532-7815 or via mcwittman@comcast.net

Third Sunday Food Collection

Next weekend there will be a food collection for our St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry.

Items needed:

All paper products including bathroom tissue, paper towels, napkins, and facial tissue. All personal products including shower, personal hygiene, dental, shaving, and miscellaneous items. Food and child hygiene items including juice boxes, child tooth brushes, individual fruit cups, and any items for lunches or daily snacks (not requiring refrigeration).

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Eagle Scout Project Youth Room Coffee House



Hello, my name is John Provenzale. I am a SJS alum and a current senior at Benet Academy. I am trying to achieve my Eagle Scout and have chosen to create a coffee house at the Parish Center for my youth group as an Eagle Project!

The following items are needed to help make a great environment for teens to gather in faith:

cleaning supplies, paint and equipment, decorations, lighting, and other miscellaneous items. Any monetary donations would be greatly appreciated. Small tables and chairs are needed as well.

If you would like to help, please contact me at jacprovo@sbcglobal.net. Thank you for your generosity!

A Call to Stewardship Fiscal Year Stewardship Information Sunday, March 3

Year-to-Date Goal	\$ 986,580.00
Actual Year-to-Date Gifts	\$ 914,989.55
Amount Short of Needed Goal	\$ 71,590.45
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$ 27,405.00
Sunday Contributions	\$ 30,567.00
Electronic Contributions	\$ 13,703.00
Gifts from March 3	\$ 44,270.00

Thanks for Giving First Fruits and Taking a Step!

Almsgiving, Prayer, Fasting, and Temptation

As we begin our season of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, the reading from Deuteronomy reminds us of our duty of almsgiving, that we "set [our offerings] before the Lord, [our] God, [and] shall bow down in [God's] presence" (Deuteronomy 26:10). The reading from Romans refers us to our prayer, reminding us that "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart . . . For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Romans 10:8, 13). These are comforting words, and encourage us to ask God for what we need and to aid us in our prayer. Finally, the Gospel of Luke shows us a fasting Jesus, who was tempted as we are, and who knows what it means to be human. Someone once said that temptation arises when you're tired and weary, and the devil comes along and makes a perfectly reasonable suggestion. Jesus shows us that, with his help, we too can overcome our temptations, reasonable as they may sound. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Parish Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Christ's Passion
St. John, Indiana
Tuesday, April 9, 2019
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Join us for a day-long pilgrimage to the *Shrine of Christ's Passion* in Saint John, Indiana. The Shrine is set on thirty acres and contains forty life-size bronze sculptures within gardens that have been created to resemble the Holy Land. Scenes of the Last Supper, the Way of the Cross, the Empty Tomb, and Christ's Ascension, are part of the overall experience. A new addition is a scene with Moses at Mount Sinai. This portion of the shrine has its own path, music, lighting, and voice and sound effects. Overall, the Shrine is a multi-media experience set within the beauty of the landscape. For those unable to walk the entire property, we can reserve club cars with a tour guide (\$5.00 additional fee per person).



This pilgrimage will be a profound way to prepare for Holy Week, which includes the celebrations of Palm Sunday and The Sacred Triduum (the three days encompassing Holy Thursday sunset to Easter Sunday sunset). Bring your Bible, prayer book, or rosary; or simply allow yourself to become immersed in the beauty of this devotional pilgrimage site.

Explore more of the beauty of the Shrine of Christ's Passion at <http://shrineofchristspassion.org>.

The day will begin with departure from our parish parking lot at 8:00 a.m. The day will include a video about the history of the Shrine, a formal guided tour allowing you to truly appreciate the scope of this devotional space and property. Pilgrims will also be able to spend time on their own exploring the various paths in order to pray privately. There is also a gift shop on site.

We need 24 people in order to reserve a bus to make the pilgrimage.

The \$50.00 fee includes the cost of the bus and a boxed lunch with beverage.

Registration and payment MUST BE RECEIVED BY TUESDAY, APRIL 2nd! NO EXCEPTIONS.

Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Christ's Passion

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

Registration and payment must be received by Tuesday, April 2!

Checks for \$50.00 made payable to St. Joseph Church OR to register and pay online go to: stjosephdg.org/pilgrimage

NAME _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

I also wish to reserve a club car for an additional \$5.00 _____ (Total cost would be \$55.00)

*For more information contact Bob Valle,
Director of Music and Liturgy, Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation
630-964-0216, ext. 1209 or bvalle@sjpdg.org*



Can't believe that the abortion bills in Illinois are all that bad? You're sure that it's just hype, and everything will be fine? Read the HB2495 bill for yourself at <http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/101/HB/10100HB2495lv.htm>. Then see if you don't agree with this summary: *All restrictions on abortion are removed. Only the "pregnant individual" (they removed "mother" and "woman" from the definitions!) can decide (at any age--parental notification is revoked), all abortion statistics are now secret (no FOIA requests), doctors can't be disciplined for abortions on women who aren't even pregnant, and coroners can't investigate deaths at abortion clinics (women or children).*

Here are more details **directly from the bill**:

- D. The state shall not "(2) prosecute ... any individual ... for any act or failure to act during the individual's own pregnancy, if the predominant basis for such prosecution ... is the potential, actual, or perceived impact on the pregnancy or its outcomes" (page 5, lines 2-13) **This means that women can no longer be punished willfully or negligently harming their baby by doing drugs, abusing alcohol, or other behavior while pregnant.**
- E. "(a) A health care professional may provide abortion ..." (page 6, lines 3-5). Note that a "health care professional" is defined as "including, but not limited to, a physician, advanced practice registered nurse, physician assistant, **or person acting under the supervision of one of the above.**" (page 3, lines 1-4). **That means that an abortion can be performed by someone WITH NO TRAINING AT ALL!**
- G. "(735 ILCS 5/11-107.1 rep.) Section 905-25. The Code of Civil Procedure is amended by repealing Section 11-107.1." (page 8, lines 11-13). **This removes a husband's right to any say in aborting his child.**
- H. "(745 ILCS 30/Act rep.) Section 905-30. The Abortion Performance Refusal Act is repealed." (page 8, lines 14-16) **Doctors and hospitals—even Catholic ones!—can be sued for not providing or referring for abortions.**
- J. "Section 910-20. The Counties Code is amended by changing Section 3-3013 as follows:" (page 49, lines 6-7; page 49, 21-22) **Removes the section that says county coroners must investigate "(b) A maternal or fetal death due to abortion..." This means that coroners won't investigate if a woman dies during an abortion--in essence, giving the abortionist final say in what caused the death!!**

More to come about the extreme abortion laws in next weeks bulletin.

St. Joseph Catholics for Life: Promoting the Culture of Life through Prayer, Education, & Action

For more information or to be added to our mailing list, email SJC.ProLife@gmail.com, or call Bob LeMay at 630.464.5344.

St. Joseph Parish Events • Week of March 10

Abbreviations	Sunday, March 10			Wednesday, March 13		
	Time	Event	Location	Time	Event	Location
AFF Adult Faith Form	10:00 am	Rel. Education	Sch/Sh	4:00 pm	Rel. Education	Sch/Sh
Chu Church	10:00 am	RCIA	PCL	6:30 pm	Legion of Mary	Sm Conf. Rm
Ch Church Hall	10:00 am	Discovery Team Mtg	PC All Rms	6:30 pm	SAFE	Lrg Conf. Rm
DR Dining Room	12:30 pm	Baptisms	Chu	7:00 pm	Handbells	Ch2/3
HR Handbell Rm	Monday, March 11			8:30 pm	Rosary	YR
MR Music Room	9:00 am	Fitness Group	Ch3	Thursday, March 14		
NX Narthex	6:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration	Chapel	4:00 pm	Rel. Education	Sch/Sh
PC Parish Center	7:00 pm	Charismatic Prayer Grp	PC Chapel	Friday, March 15		
PCL Parish Ctr Library	7:00 pm	Lenten Bible Study	Ch1/2	9:00 am	Fitness Group	Ch3
PL Parking Lot	7:30 pm	Parish Council	DR	7:30 pm	Stations of the Cross	Chu
Sch School	Tuesday, March 12			Saturday, March 16		
Sh School Hall	9:30 am	Acts of the Apostles	Ch3	8:30 am	Confirmation Class	PCL
YR Youth Room	4:00 pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal	Chu	9:00 am	Worship Commission	
	5:30 pm	Knights of Columbus	Ch2/3		Breakfast	DR
	7:00 pm	Confirmation Rehearsal	Chu	3:30 pm	Confession	Chapel
	Wednesday, March 13			5:00 pm	Pauline Books & Media Sale	NX
	9:00 am	Fitness Group	Ch3			
	1:00 pm	Contemplative Prayer Group	PCL			

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Saint Isaac Jogues Parish
306 W. Fourth Street, Hinsdale, IL

Mass and Sacramental Anointing for Seniors
and ALL who desire God's Mercy and Healing

March 13

11:00 am - 1:30 pm

Mass & Anointing of the Sick
Lunch & Presentation



Sr. Marie Isaac, OP

The Joy of Our Lady—A Lenten Reflection

Sister Marie Isaac is a member of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia in Nashville, TN. She taught 5th grade in Greenville, SC before moving to the Chicagoland area. She currently is serving as principal at St. Dominic School in Bolingbrook, IL. Sister Marie Isaac has a background in science, loves to share her devotion to Our Lady and lives in community at St. Jude Parish in Joliet, IL. No cost for the afternoon, but reservations are required.

Contact jane@sijhinsdale.com, 630.655.5918, by March 6.

NO GREATER LOVE A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH CHRIST'S PASSION

*Thousands sought Jesus during his life.
Only a few followed him to Calvary.
What will you do?*

Mondays: March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8

7:00 - 8:30 pm

St. Joseph Church - Fitzgerald Hall

Registration: Parish Center 630.964.0216

Cost: Student Workbook Fee \$30

For more information, contact
Gil Francisco at 630.414.3474 or
stjoseph.biblestudy@outlook.com

Lenten Reflections 2019: Digging Deeper into the Rituals of the Triduum

Tuesday, March 12 (7:00 - 8:30 pm) or

Saturday, March 16 (9:00 - 10:30 am)

Sister Mary Bratrsovsky, presenter

Sacred Heart Monastery

1910 Maple Ave, Lisle

Chapter Room, Second floor

The statue of the Sacred Heart is at our Monastery entrance.

Updates will be posted on our website

www.shmlisle.org and our Facebook page *Benedictine Sisters of the Sacred Heart* or call 630.725.6000.

A freewill donation is appreciated to support our programs.

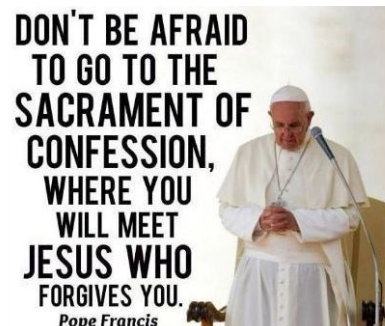
Unforgettable Memories Community Adult Day Center

The Community Adult Day Center (501c) has served seniors with cognitive and physical disabilities living in Chicago's western suburbs for over 30 years. The annual fundraiser, "Unforgettable Memories," - a storytelling event that will feature folks telling TRUE stories from their lives—some funny—some poignant—will take place Wednesday, March 27 from 6:00 to 9:30 pm. Refreshments will be part of the program as well as a chance to bid on some great silent auction items like Bears/Cubs tickets as well as numerous other goodies.

To reserve your tickets for "Unforgettable Memories," please go to communityaduldaycenter.org or call 630.968.1060.

During these 40 days of Lent, let us pray that we as individuals and as a nation may acknowledge, name and resolve to defeat the evils that confront us.

Bishop Thomas J. Paprocki, Column – We Must Recognize, Name and Resolve to Overcome Evil, 03-08-2015, Reprint by permission of Diocese of Springfield, IL 2.38



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Catholic Book & Media Fair

March 16 & 17

St. Joseph Church Narthex

The Daughters of St. Paul from downtown Chicago will be here before and after all the Masses beginning with the Saturday Vigil. See what a great selection of Bibles, books on prayer, Lives of the Saints, spiritual reading, etc. for all ages, as well as music CDs and DVD movies are being offered. These items will be available for purchase by cash, credit or debit. Pauline Books & Media is a Ministry of the Sisters, whose Mission in the Church is Evangelization through all forms of the Communications Media.

Find out more about the life and mission of the Daughters of St. Paul at www.pauline.org.

Each of us knows the times when we have chosen sin—have chosen our will over God's will. This is why Lent should begin with the Sacrament of Penance—with a good confession.

Bishop James Conley, Lincoln, NE
Create in us Clean Hearts 02-28-2014

St. John Council #3738
Knights of Columbus
Fish Fry
March 8 to April 19
5:00—8:00 pm
Knights of Columbus Hall
25 N. Cass Avenue, Westmont



Past and Future

There is no saint without a past—and no sinner without a future. — *Anonymous*



In a previous moment in life, I was a high school counselor. Much of my time was spent with young people who were discerning their vocation and possible career opportunities, and selecting colleges or post-graduation programs to continue their education. At times, however, I found myself with a teen who was experiencing difficulty, personally or academically. Not always a crisis, but certainly a time of challenge for the young person. Like all of us, these young people sometimes got stuck — they could not see beyond the present, and everything they experienced was influenced and filtered through the difficulty they faced. As a counselor, I had to help

them reframe their perception — to see the world and their experience differently in order to overcome the obstacles they experienced.

As stewards, we also must reframe our experience at times — we must look for blessing when it feels like there is nothing to celebrate and pay attention differently in order to see and respond to God's grace in our lives. This is one of the key shifts that take place as we commit ourselves to living as disciples and growing as good stewards. Jesus tells us that the kingdom of God is at hand, near to us, here and now. It is easy to miss the grace, the assurance of God's presence, in the

hurried pace of our lives. Yet, as stewards, we learn to take note, to pay attention, and to live accordingly.

During Lent, we are called to metanoia, to essential and radical conversion. We are called to turn away from sin — the failure to see and respond to God's grace — and to turn toward God and God's ways with our lives. We commit ourselves again to deny the selfish, self-centered tendencies within us, take up our crosses, and follow Jesus. What experience do you need to reframe in order to see the blessings and grace in your life? What are you called to deny? What cross must you take up? How will your observance of Lent help you to grow as a disciple and live as a steward now and in the future?

Make a Turn Toward God this Lenten Season

by Leisa Anslinger, author and co-founder of Catholic Strengths and Engagement

KEEPING A HOLY LENT

The Season of Lent 2019

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays, March 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12
7:30 p.m.

NO GREATER LOVE: A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH CHRIST'S PASSION

Mondays: March 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8
7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Wednesday, April 3, 7:00 p.m.

INDIVIDUAL RECONCILIATION

Saturdays, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT OF THE TAIZÉ

COMMUNITY WITH PRAYER

AROUND THE CROSS

Sunday, March 17
7:00 p.m.

CONTEMPLATIVE PRAYER GROUP

MEDITATION IN THE CHRISTIAN TRADITION

Wednesdays at the Parish Center Library
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

SAINT JOSEPH TABLE

Tuesday, March 19 ~ 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Fasting is Good for Christian Stewards

Many who are serious about using the season of Lent for spiritual preparation find that the discipline of fasting helps them in a number of ways. Three reasons to fast during Lent come quickly to mind:

Fasting increases our sense of gratitude.

We celebrate the blessing of food as coming from the Lord. Our denial of food for a time serves to keep us all the more aware of this essential gift. Moreover, how can we not be grateful when we end our fast? Tasting food again serves to celebrate our discipline, persistence and commitment to prayer during a fast.

Fasting speeds up our journey to self-discovery.

We are creatures of habit, and eating is a habit. When we fast, it jostles our daily routine. It messes up our schedule. This becomes a perfect time to reflect on our routines and how we want our lives to move forward in a positive manner. Take time ordinarily spent on eating to write a reflection, meditate or engage in some other form of reflection.

Fasting helps condition us to meet our spiritual goals.

How many times do we set goals and fail to meet them? The habit of fasting will help us set a goal and exercise control over a habit in order to meet that goal. The discipline of fasting encourages us to see that we can attain our goals and helps condition us to succeed at the next goal we set. Catholics are called to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and during the Fridays in Lent. Additionally, we are asked to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting consists of one full meatless meal and other limited meatless meals as required to maintain strength. The young, the elderly and those with health issues are not required to fast. The discipline of fasting and abstinence should always be approached in a spirit of prayer and with the goal of making a sacrifice in order to draw closer to the Lord.



Looking for a “Good Read” during Lent?

Perhaps you’re interested in church history, bible studies, spirituality, the lives of the saints? Would you like to incorporate more devotional readings into your daily meditations during Lent?

Come visit the St. Joseph Library located on the second floor of the Parish Center. Feel free to browse “the stacks”. The library is open during the day and some evenings and will be managed by the “honor system”.

Praying from Sunday to Sunday

Today's Readings

First Reading — God brought us into this land flowing with milk and honey (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

Psalm — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

Second Reading — The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart (Romans 10:8-13).

Gospel — Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus was led into the desert for forty days (Luke 4:1-13).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Mt 7:7-12

Friday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14;
Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: First Sunday of Lent; Rite of Election;
Rite of Calling the Candidates to
Continuing Conversion; Rite of Sending;
Daylight Saving Time begins;
Girl Scouting Sunday

Monday: Julian Calendar Lent begins

Friday: Abstinence

Funeral Mass Notifications

If you would like to be notified of funerals at St. Joe's, please contact Marge Dunn, 630.960.0426 or email mahdu630@gmail.com.



Eucharistic Adoration

Our Lord Invites Us All to
Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays from 6:00 to 9:00 pm
St. Joseph Church Chapel

Holy Rosary at 7:30 pm

24 Reasons for Spending Time Before the Blessed Sacrament: <http://www.tiny.cc/adorechrist>

Gospel of Luke 9:28B-36

March 17, 2019

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen.

St. Joseph Parish Community would like to recognize and remember in prayer, all active duty military personnel serving our country here and throughout the world.



Julia M. Anderson
Emily C. Behrel
Matt Dickey
Lynnea K. Jensen

Kevin J. Levesque
Justin T. Lewandowski
Ian A. Nogle
Bruce Penny
Brandon Skenandore

If someone in your family is a member of the military and you would like to include their name on the bulletin board in the narthex and in the Sunday bulletin, please call the Parish Center or email: hnogle@sjpdg.org.

Please inform the Parish Center when your soldier returns home. Thank you!

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Information is also available by calling
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Pray for the Sick

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First Sunday of Lent
March 10, 2019

The word is near you, in your mouth
and in your heart.

- Romans 10:8

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, March 10

7:00 AM Lonnie Hensley
9:00 AM Billy Mellvish
11:00 AM Fathers' Spiritual Bouquet
5:00 PM Marie Spiezio

MONDAY, March 11

6:45 AM Donald Wing

TUESDAY, March 12

6:45 AM Estanislao Cabrera
8:15 AM Intention of the Presider

WEDNESDAY, March 13

6:45 AM Lorraine Porod

THURSDAY, March 14

6:45 AM Rogelia Rivera

FRIDAY, March 15

6:45 AM Abigail O'Connor

SATURDAY, March 16

8:00 AM Francis and Mariellyn Calmeyn
5:00 PM John Zumpano

SUNDAY, March 17

7:00 AM People of the Parish
9:00 AM Francesca Opre
11:00 AM Kimber Family
5:00 PM For the deceased members &
benefactors of the
St. Vincent de Paul Society

Ministry Schedule for Saturday, March 16 & Sunday, March 17

Mass Times	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers	Greeters
SATURDAY 5:00 PM	J. Barbosa L. Ballweber	C. Maduzia, L. Maduzia, J. More, L. Rovens, R. Smith, T. Wasilowski	G. Gozdziaik T. McNulty A. Poquette	
SUNDAY 7:00 AM	C.C. Bertram M. Bertram	D. Androvich, C. Cavanaugh, J. Menard, M. Menard, E. Wengren, C. Whipple, G. Wroblewski	J. Congdon E. Fosket M. Newman	R. Zygodlo
SUNDAY 9:00 AM	T. Okwuosa S. Van Anne	V. Barrett, M. Pacis, M. Rapach, T. Rapach, T. Rapach, R. Zaloudek	S. Lampsas C. Van Anne A. Eschenbach	K. Conness
SUNDAY 11:00 AM	B. LeMay J. Lenzo	G. Francisco, J. Holcer, M. Kubaczyk, P. Nielsen, J. Zitnik, L. Zitnik	J. Tyrrell E. Canty J. Rambke	D. Arcaro
SUNDAY 5:00 PM	S. Poetzel M. Taylor	S. Jaworski, M. Kennedy, M. Morrison, M. Pattanayak, S. Poetzel, A. Sima, M. Travers	B. Boyer K. Hurley A. Hurley	R. Tandaric

Come One! Come All!

Let us celebrate the Patron Saint of our Parish!

Tuesday, March 19 ~ The Feast Day of St. Joseph
5:30-7:30 pm

Blessing of the St. Joseph Table will take place at 5:45 pm.

**Meal to follow blessing. Bring your dish to share to Fitzgerald Hall
(lower level of the church)**

St. Joseph, the earthly father of Christ and husband of Mary, keeps under his beneficent watch fathers and families, workers and craftsmen, immigrants and travelers. The humble carpenter of Nazareth aids and protects expectant mothers and doubting souls. He is the champion of social justice, and the guardian of a happy death. He holds the exalted position of patron of the universal church.

HISTORY OF ST. JOSEPH ALTAR

Sicily, the largest and most populous of the Mediterranean Islands, because of its location in the north central Mediterranean Sea, has often been used as a "stepping stone" to and from the European continent.

In the ninth century, agriculture and commerce flourished by cultivating mountainous land. Grapes, olives, wheat, and citrus were the main crops and chief exports. For too long there had been no rain to nourish the crops that sustained life for the Island. The dried out crops cracked beneath the feet of the poor farmers as they walked through their barren fields. Only a sea of dust and withered vines remained from what had once been row upon row of brightly colored fruits, vegetables, and wheat. And so the people prayed to their patron, St. Joseph, for relief from the terrible famine that gripped the Island. At last the skies opened, sending down the life-giving water, and the people rejoiced.

For their gratitude, they prepared tables of an assortment of foods they had harvested. After paying honor to St. Joseph, they celebrated together and also distributed food to the less fortunate.



Whether a St. Joseph Altar is displayed at an elegant church or a humble table, it is a reflection of deep devotion to St. Joseph, the patron of those in need ~ workers, the poor, the aged, the dying.

PLEASE join in helping us honor our Patron Saint on March 19. Our St. Joseph Altar and Table is sponsored by the St. Joseph Knights of Columbus and St. Joseph Youth Apostolate. ***The tradition is that all who come contribute a food item for the table. Please bring something to share for our St. Joseph feast.*** St. Joseph

Table fare is meatless and includes many pasta dishes, a variety of homemade breads and cakes. Bring your dish to share to Fitzgerald Hall (lower level of the church) at 5:30 pm.

If you have questions or need more information, call the Parish Center 630.964.0216 and contact either Frank Kozar (ext. 1107) or Marta Spiezio (ext. 1210).



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