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Sunday: 7:00 am 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Weekday Masses:
7:00 am (Monday-Friday)
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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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.

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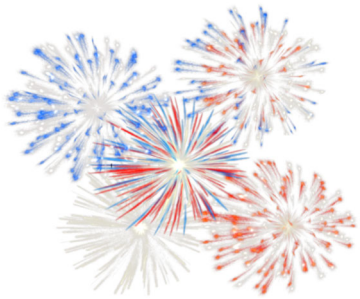

from the Pastor

CELEBRATING WHAT OUR NATION'S FOUNDERS CHERISHED

The Fourth of July simply would not be a day for celebration if we were to lose sight of the significance of this day. It is, as we all learned at school and home, our nation's birthday. Happy Birthday, America! Officially, and with good reason, it's also called Independence Day. Think about that. "The Fourth" is, after all, just a day of the month, it could just as easily have been any other day of any other month. But calling this day Independence Day says it all. Independence from what? Independence from unjust rule. Independence from being ruled by those who love their power over others more than they love others. Independence from the state that failed to recognize all the ways in which EVERY person, not just a select group, inherently longs for a personal freedom in keeping with the dignity given to all by our Creator. By Him, said the Founding Fathers, we are ALL endowed with the right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. They noted that these truths are indeed self-evident.

For two hundred forty-five years and counting, the United States has been a model to other nations. Consider the lengths to which her founding documents, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, sought to guarantee and defend, the rights and liberties of the individual, properly understood. It is that proper understanding of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness which has seemed more elusive than ever these past fifty years or so. Is the wisdom of the Founding Fathers, the signers of the Declaration of Independence, the framers of the Bill of Rights and the U.S. Constitution so time-bound as to be irrelevant to our nation today? The question that is at the heart of so much sharp debate is that of the foundational principles which produced our Constitution. Should they be left behind in favor of an always-evolving understanding of those principles? In practice, it has left little room for recognizing what these principles were to begin with. We've ended up with the judicial branch of government often usurping the role proper to the legislative branch. That's the branch that formulates, debates and ultimately passes laws. The legislative branch is that which should reflect the majority will of a well-informed, voting electorate on any and all issues brought before the legislative branch-nationally, the U.S. House of Representatives (Congress) and the U.S. Senate.

So often, however, the will of the majority has been thwarted, and the legislation impeded by a judicial imperialism the Founding Fathers did not foresee for us. They had clearly declared their independence from such tyranny. So, why are we so quick to accept it? Well, by way of example, it's the only way something as horrific as abortion, for any "reason" could be declared legal across the land. The voice of the people was ignored, the legislative process established by our own Founding Fathers was deliberately circumvented. For this great nation to have many more "Happy Fourth's of July" we must pray for America, and work to retrieve what has been lost by our abandonment of the principles which inspired and guided the framers of our U.S. Constitution.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Albert

STEWARDSHIP AUTOMATIC DEBIT AUTHORIZATION AGREEMENT

St. Joseph Parish

I (We) hereby authorize St. Joseph Parish and the financial institution named below to initiate entries to my checking/savings account. The authority will remain in effect until I notify St. Joseph Parish at 4824 Highland, Downers Grove, IL 60515 in writing to cancel the entries. I understand I can stop payment of any entry by notifying my financial institution three (3) business days before my account is charged.

I have attached a voided check to this form.

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May God Bless You for your Generosity and Stewardship!

Religious Education Update... Grades K-6...

We are pleased to announce that we will be offering two options of faith formation going forward. We will offer in-person classes beginning in September, as well as remote online learning for those not ready to return to the class environment. Both options will follow the Faith and Life curriculum we followed prior to the pandemic.

We are also offering a summer make-up class for first graders who did not participate in the remote class this year but wish to enter the second grade First Communion class in the fall.

For more information, and if you wish to register for classes, contact Mrs. Lackaff at jlackaff@sjpdg.org or at 630-964-0216 x1106.

... Is God Calling You ... Consider becoming a Catechist or Catechist Aide

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive
July 17 & 18

All of your donations go to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Shops where much of your donations are given away free to needy families in the community. Some are sold at reasonable prices at the thrift shops so that needy families can shop with dignity. "Proceeds" from the thrift shops go into a general assistance fund where St. Vincent de Paul Conferences at the churches helps families with rent, mortgage or utility assistance.

The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in the West church parking lot from 3:00-6:00 pm on Saturday, July 17 and 7:00 am—1:00 pm on Sunday, July 18.

God Bless You for Your Generosity!

Idleness

Idleness is the enemy of the soul. — *St. Benedict*

Patronize Our Bulletin Advertisers

The bulletin is provided to St. Joseph Church free of charge thanks to the businesses that advertise. Please consider those who advertise in the bulletin first when shopping for goods and services.

A Call to Stewardship
Fiscal Year Stewardship Information
Sunday, June 27

Year-to-Date Goal	$1,269,900.00
Actual Year-to-Date Gifts	$1,144,631.24
Amount Short of Needed Goal	$ 125,268.80
Weekly Sunday Goal	$ 24,900.00
Sunday Contributions	$ 11,163.00
Electronic Contributions	$ 4,875.89
Gifts from June 27	$ 16,038.89

Thanks for Giving First Fruits and Taking a Step!

Thank you for pledging a gift to the CMAA!

Monthly pledge payments should be made in the next few days. It is important these pledges be paid, so our parish will reach our goal. Once we have reached our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to our parish for our needs. Below is our progress:

Parish Goal: $111,400 **Amount Paid:** $99,065
Amount Pledged: $108,424 **Remaining Balance:** $9,359
Donor Count: 309

Drive-by Shootings Product Of Our Abortion Culture

There have been too many drive-by shootings recently in America—shootings claiming the lives of innocent people. No one human being has the right to take the life of another! We are upset by these killings! 'They must stop,' we say! The victims' lives were cut short before they could reach their full potential.

But what has society taught these killers? Maybe we are all to blame. After all, what example have we been giving our youth?

Our society has a law which says if someone is an inconvenience or is in the way or an unwelcome expense, then it's OK to kill that person. That law is called 'abortion.' The aborted babies are killed by their own mothers.

There is no one to mourn their death. Where is the public outcry against these killings? That law has been in effect for 48 years! Abortion, too, must stop!

Ruth Weber
Davenport, Iowa

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Saturday, July 31

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Questions?
Contact Christine Kania
630-532-7813 or
christine.kania@gmail.com

Word of Life

If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn what to do and say in "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion":

wwbit.ly/friend-had-abortion.

BIKING FOR BABIES

Join us for a family-friendly, nine-mile bike ride along the Illinois Prairie Path on **Saturday, July 10**. The ride begins at 10:00 am at **Hoffman Park in Wheaton** and turns around at Prairie Path Cycles in Winfield. Water and snacks will be provided. The bike shop has also offered to do minor repairs and adjustments for participating riders at no charge. T-shirts are available for donations of $25 or more.

All donations support Biking for Babies, a national organization that partners with local pregnancy centers to raise awareness and provide support for their efforts to help pregnant women and their families. Our local center is Waterleaf, a pregnancy medical clinic and education and resource center in Aurora.

Online registration: https://bikingforbabies.com/event/wheaton

For more information, please contact Christine Kania at christine.kania@gmail.com or 630-532-7813.

IS YOUR GOD TOO SMALL?

Franciscan Retreat Open to All

Dates/Times: Sunday, July 11 (5:30 dinner) to Friday, July 16 (Noon brunch)
Fee: $550 includes retreat, meals, private room or hermitage.
Commuter: $325 includes opening dinner, retreat, lunches, and closing.

Registration begins at 3:30 pm. Wednesday is a 'desert day' for quiet reflection. God is limitless and bound only by the confines of our perceptions and beliefs. What images of God are active in you? Is your God image all that you need and want? Are you minimized by failing to let his fullness into your life so that you are transformed in all that you do? How you see God is threaded in how you pray, in how you relate to others, in how you see yourself. Realizing and removing the limits you have placed on God can lead to a life of abundance and joy. Now is the time to pause and reflect on your relationship with God. The risk is realizing or remembering a God who loves you beyond what you could ever hope for at this important time.

Facilitator: Fr. Richard Kaley, OFM Conv. has served in a variety of ministries as a vocation director, campus minister, and pastor. He has preached a number of retreats, is a spiritual director and has served as a vicar provincial for seven years.

† Portiuncula Center for Prayer †

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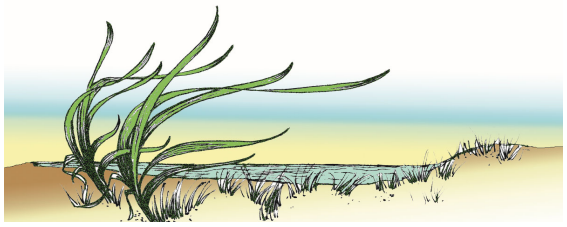
Register by calling 815.464.3880, email info@portforprayer.org, or on our website at www.portforprayer.org.



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 4, 2021

My grace is sufficient for you, for power
is made perfect in weakness.

- 2 Corinthians 12:9

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, July 4
7:00 AM Larry Wilson
9:00 AM People of the Parish
11:00 AM Jack Himpler
Bob LeMay

MONDAY, July 5
7:00 AM Lance Nogle

TUESDAY, July 6
7:00 AM Scott Wrobleski (L)
David Wrobleski

WEDNESDAY, July 7
7:00 AM Gene & Chris Binek
Carol Whipple

THURSDAY, July 8
7:00 AM Aidla Heller

FRIDAY, July 9
7:00 AM Marie Svec
John McEnroe

SATURDAY, July 10
5:00 PM Rosemary Mlinarich

SUNDAY, July 11
7:00 AM Kathleen O'Brien
9:00 AM Mothers' Spiritual Bouquet
11:00 AM People of the Parish
Elaine Delves

Scheduled Saturday 8:00 am Mass intentions will be fulfilled at the 7:00 am Friday Mass.

Scheduled Sunday 5:00 pm Mass intentions will be fulfilled at the 11:00 am Sunday Mass.

The 9:00 am Sunday Mass is LIVE-STREAMED. Visit www.stjosephdg.org and click on Livestream.

FEED YOUR SPIRIT

Forty-third Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass

The Diocese of Joliet will hold its Forty-third Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass in person and live-streamed on Sunday, August 29 at 2:00 pm at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. If you are celebrating either your 25th or 50th anniversary this year, please contact the parish office so that we may submit your name to the Diocese for a formal invitation. Those celebrating over 50 year anniversaries do not receive a formal invitation, but will be able to register to attend at a later date.

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Spiritual direction sessions are available at our offices located at Ascension Parish in Oakbrook Terrace. Visit our website today www.mayslakeministries.org for a complete listing of our spiritual directors and our services. Please call Dr. Mary Amore at 630-852-9000 to schedule your appointment.

Take God On Vacation

When making vacation plans, don't forget to take God along. While traveling in the US, log on to the catholicdirectory.com or discovermass.com for information on Catholic Masses anywhere in the 50 states.

Preview the Diocesan Bible School September 2021—May 2022

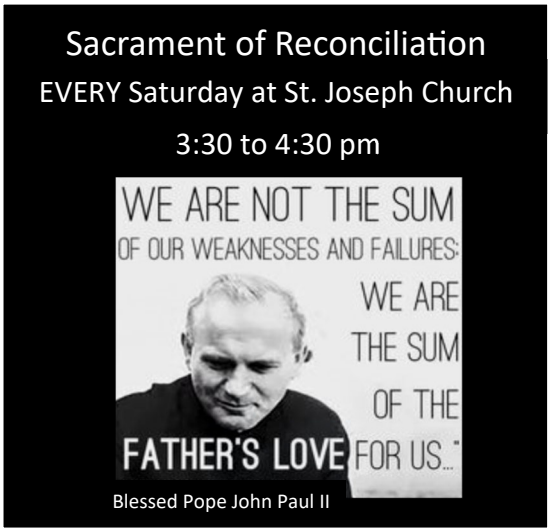
The acclaimed **Biblical Institute of the Diocese of Joliet** is registering students for Years One and Two this fall:

Live online classes for Year One on Thursdays from 7:00-9:00 pm and in person at Our Lady of Mercy Parish (Aurora) for Year Two classes on Saturdays from 9:00-11:00 am. If you want to learn the Bible from a Catholic perspective, come and see if this program is for you.

Visit: www.dioceseofjoliet.org/bidj for a preview.

Meet an instructor, talk to current students, see the books, get a feel for a typical class.

For more information call 815-221-6147.



Self-Care Through Change: A Morning of Reflection for the Divorced

Self-Care Through Change: A Morning of Reflection for the Divorced will take place on August 7 from 10:00 am—12:00 pm ONLINE via Zoom. Dr. Valerie Maty, the Associate Director of Family Ministry will lead our morning which will provide opportunities for participants to share how they have been changed during the pandemic and beyond, will highlight the importance of self-care, and the gift of God's care during transitions. Pre-registration will be required.

For more information, please call the Office of Family Ministry at 815-838-5334 or email: familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org.

Today's Readings

First Reading — They shall know that a prophet has been among them (Ezekiel 2:2-5).
Psalm — Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy (Psalm 123).
Second Reading — I am content with weaknesses and hardships for the sake of Christ (2 Corinthians 12:7-10).
Gospel — "Where did this man get all this? Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary?" (Mark 6:1-6a).

Readings for the Week

Monday:	Gn 28:10-22a; Ps 91:1-4, 14-15ab; Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday:	Gn 32:23-33; Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab, 8b, 15; Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday:	Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Ps 33:2-3, 10-11, 18-19; Mt 10:1-7
Thursday:	Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 10:7-15
Friday:	Gn 46:1-7, 28-30; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mt 10:16-23
Saturday:	Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Ps 105:1-4, 6-7; Mt 10:24-33
Sunday:	Am 7:12-15; Ps 85:9-14; Eph 1:3-14 [1:3-10]; Mk 6:7-13

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday:	Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time; Independence Day
Monday:	St. Anthony Zaccaria; St. Elizabeth of Portugal
Tuesday:	St. Maria Goretti
Friday:	St. Augustine Zhao Rong and Companions
Saturday:	Blessed Virgin Mary

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Joseph Church

Our Lord Invites Us All to Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays from 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Rosary 7:30 pm
Benediction 8:20 pm

Stop in the church for a few minutes of Adoration or however much time you wish to spend with Our Lord. He is waiting for you!

The Shape of Things

We cannot help conforming ourselves to what we love.

- St. Francis de Sales

July 11 † Gospel of Mark 6:7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts. They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave. Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them." So they went off and preached repentance. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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.

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Cpt Thomas Correll
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Lt. Bruce Penny
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Vincent Wrobleski

To include/remove a name, contact Julie Visher at 630.964.0216 ext. 1202 or jvisher@sjpdg.org.

Sick List

Francine Byrnes, Lorraine and Lou Duller, Brian Frank, Alma and Amanda Grenier, Helen McAlpine, and Keith Venard

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.

Hot Line to Heaven!

Don't forget...if you need extra prayers said for your special intention, St. Joseph's Prayer "Hot Line" can help. Call Bernadette Borgard at 630.969.3467 or email her at bernmatt@borgard.us with your prayer intention, or if you'd like to join the Prayer Hot Line!

NEW UPDATE!

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to the

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from the Cathedral of St. Raymond

ALL ARE WELCOME!

DATE: July 25, 2021

TIME: 2:00 PM

Pre-registration is required by July 15, 2021. Please call The Office of Family Ministry at 815-838-5334, Email: familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org or register online at **https://bit.ly/3pEvX28.**

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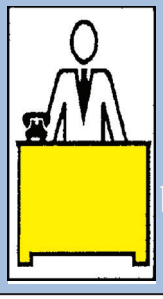
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