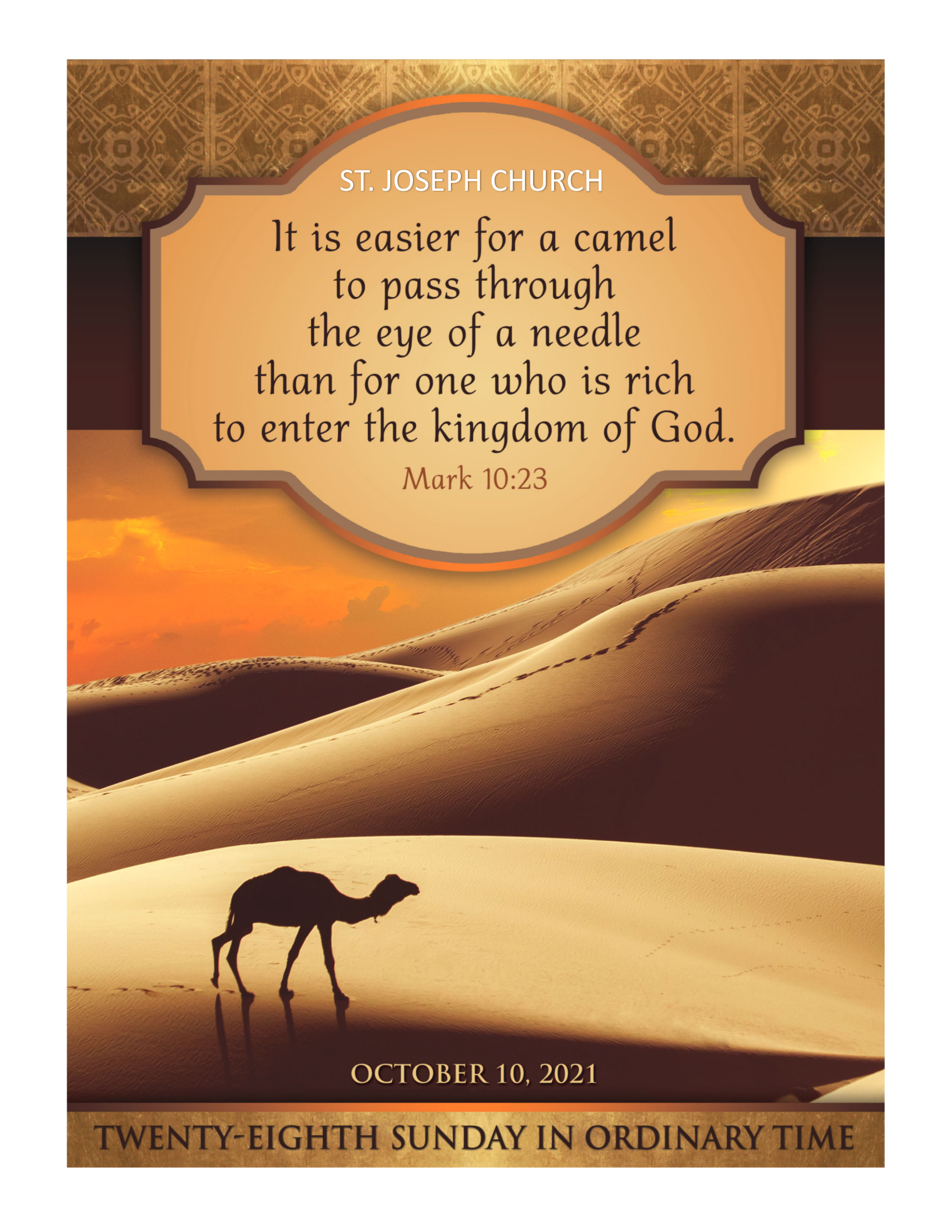


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ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

It is easier for a camel  
to pass through  
the eye of a needle  
than for one who is rich  
to enter the kingdom of God.

Mark 10:23

OCTOBER 10, 2021

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Directory

### St. Joseph Parish Business Center

4824 Highland

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**Youth Ministry:** 630.964.0216 x1210

**St. Joseph School:** 630.969.4306

**www.stjosephdg.org**

**Weekend Masses:** Saturday Evening: 5:00 pm

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](mailto: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*



## KNOWLEDGE ALONE IS NOT ENOUGH

The bittersweet encounter between Jesus, the Good Teacher, and the rich young man could have had such a different, happy ending. A happiness that would have been everlasting, such as we are made for. Whenever I hear this story as told in St. Mark's Gospel (10:17-30) this Sunday, I get a feeling of disappointment, a feeling of "so close, yet so far." There he was, this young man, obviously eager to meet Jesus because, we are told, he runs up to Jesus and without any apparent concern for what others may think, he kneels before him asking: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" Clearly, this young man sensed that Jesus, more than anyone, could provide the definitive answer. His question also tells us that the young man still carried within him a sense that something more was needed. Consider the ensuing conversation his question inspires. Jesus lists the commandments. The man is honestly able to say, in turn: "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." But Jesus, looking at him with great love, said to him, "You are lacking in one thing."

This point in the Gospel account should cause us to stop and reflect on what we have heard so far. I've always been impressed with this young man's confident assurance that he has observed the commandments from his youth. Still more impressive is our Lord's concurrence in this self-assessment. But this is not enough. Not for the young man kneeling before Jesus nor for us. Here is where we need to see ourselves in this Gospel story.

I have long believed that many of us regular church goers are frequently at great risk of not even acknowledging to ourselves the need to raise the same questions as the young man does to Jesus. Lord, what (else) must I do to inherit eternal life? We take a tremendous risk if we settle into a complacent satisfaction that we've done well enough in this Christian life if we've avoided the "big sins". The young man's question for Jesus tells us he knew, despite his observance of the commandments, that there is always room for improvement. Jesus wants our total dedication if we are serious about following him. There is no room for finger pointing here. There is no question that it is a struggle to move forward from widely accepted but still largely self-imposed limits on just how much we're willing to surrender in order to answer the Lord's call upon our lives. Jesus invited the young man to follow him unencumbered by the obstructive attachment he had to his many possessions. "He went away sad," we are told, because of his greater love for passing things compared to his love for God in Jesus! His sadness, we must be clear, is at the thought of leaving his possessions. So, he leaves Jesus instead. Perhaps he continued his observance of the commandments, but to minimal benefit where love for God is continually in second or third place on ones list of "loves".

So it is that we can learn from today's Gospel the need to avoid the trap of thinking that our knowledge of God and his commandments is alone sufficient for eternal life. We must also *act* on what we know to be true because Christ and his Church are faithful teachers of these truths.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Fr. Albert

## STEWARDSHIP

### Third Sunday Food Collection

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

Items needed: Strawberry jelly, fruit snacks, instant oatmeal, juice boxes, stewed tomatoes, tomato paste, kidney beans, black beans in a bag, Jello, pudding, tea and paper towels.

Thank you for your continued generosity!



### "Winter Coats for Kids" Drive

Bishop James E. Fitzgerald Council 14649 Knights of Columbus are collecting Winter Coats for area children **(NEW COATS ONLY)**. Look for our **Coats for Kids** coat rack after Masses October 16/17, and choose a hanger. Each holds a tag indicating the size and gender of the child in need. The Knights will collect the new coats after all Masses November 20/21. Please attach the tag so each child will get the correct coat.



For questions, contact Dennis Arcaro, at [darcarokofc@gmail.com](mailto:darcarokofc@gmail.com), or any member of the Knights of Columbus.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

### A Call to Stewardship Fiscal Year Stewardship Information Sunday, October 3

|                             |              |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Year-to-Date Goal           | \$335,510.00 |
| Actual Year-to-Date Gifts   | \$316,766.91 |
| Amount Short of Needed Goal | \$ 18,743.09 |
| Weekly Sunday Goal          | \$ 23,965.00 |
| Sunday Contributions        | \$ 21,002.00 |
| Electronic Contributions    | \$ 12,318.00 |
| Gifts from October 3        | \$ 33,320.00 |

Thanks for Giving First Fruits and Taking a Step!

### Patronize Our Bulletin Advertisers

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### Sobriety

Be sober, as God's athlete. The prize is incorruption and life eternal. - St. Ignatius of Antioch

## Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time † October 10, 2021

The word of God is living and effective, sharper than any two-edged sword. —Hebrews 4:12a

### MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

#### SUNDAY, October 10

7:00 AM Virginia Valle &  
People of the Parish  
9:00 AM Francesca Opre  
11:00 AM Ozzie Krasovskis  
Valerie Swailes

#### MONDAY, October 11

7:00 AM John and Mary Helen Cox

#### TUESDAY, October 12

7:00 AM Barbara Cummane  
Stella Morgan Crilly  
8:15 AM Karen Biro

#### WEDNESDAY, October 13

7:00 AM Alfredo Punzalan, Sr.

#### THURSDAY, October 14

7:00 AM Ed and Rosemary Cox (L)

#### FRIDAY, October 15

7:00 AM Kerry and J.R. Scanlon (L)

#### SATURDAY, October 16

5:00 PM Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet

#### SUNDAY, October 17

7:00 AM Barbara Cummane  
9:00 AM People of the Parish  
11:00 AM Lucy Ong  
Valentina Herrera

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](http://www.stjosephdg.org) and click on Livestream.

# World Priest Day 2021



October 24 is World Priest Day,  
where we thank our Priests  
and Pray for the Priestly Vocation.



Fr. Al Heidecke

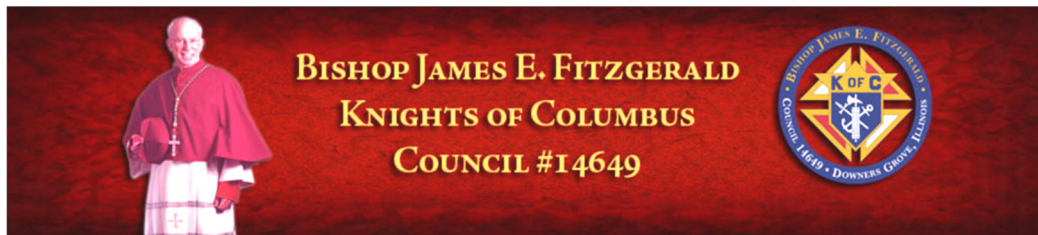
## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Write a note of Thanks and/or Prayer to our Priests  
Write it at home, or there will also be paper and pens  
available on October 24 to write your thoughts.

Place your note in the basket provided  
in the narthex on October 24.



Fr. Leslaw Prebendowski



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**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 27 † 6:30—8:00 pm**

**NOTRE DAME PARISH**

64 Norfolk Avenue, Clarendon Hills, IL

- Informal dinner with Fr. Steven Borello along with other priests from the Joliet Diocese
- Question & Answer time
- Opportunity to meet other young men interested in knowing more about the priesthood
- Dads are welcome to join their sons for the evening

Register online at Diocese of Joliet  
Vocation Office / 815.221.6171

REGISTRATION DEADLINE  
OCTOBER 21, 2021



## FEED YOUR SPIRIT

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

EVERY Saturday St. Joseph Church Chapel  
3:30 to 4:30 pm

There is more mercy in God... than there are sins in us.  
Confess your sins at once, whatever they may be.

— St. Tikhon of Zadonsk



**Be a Prayer Advocate for One  
of Our St. Joseph Parish  
2022 CONFIRMATION STUDENTS**

You will be assigned an 8th grade Confirmation candidate. All we ask is that you pray for that student as he/she prepares to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation Spring of 2022!

To be included in this Prayer Ministry, email Michele Geraghty at [michelegeraghty62@gmail.com](mailto:michelegeraghty62@gmail.com) or contact Cindy Jagielo at 630-964-0216 x1201.

Questions? Contact Michele, Cindy or Marta Spiezio at [mspziezio@sjpdg.org](mailto:mspziezio@sjpdg.org) or 630-964-0216 x1210.

### REFLECT Weekend Retreat

Mid-life Singles (mid-30s to 50s): Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose and belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT Weekend Retreat at the Joseph & Mary Retreat House (formerly Cardinal Stritch Retreat House) in Mundelein, Illinois (northern suburbs), on November 12-14. Take a chance and get involved...you won't regret it! Cost is \$215 for meals and a single room.

Visit [www.ReflectRetreat.com](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com),  
call 630-222-8303 or email  
[reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com](mailto:reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com) for details.

### Pilgrim Virgin

Our beautiful Pilgrim Virgin is seeking a temporary home. If you would like to give Mary a place in your home for a couple of weeks, stop by the tables outside of church Saturday, October 23 or Sunday, October 24 and sign-up!



## The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation

In The Bible Timeline: The Story of Salvation, presenter Jeff Cavins will show you how fourteen of the Bible's narrative books tell the biblical story from beginning to end. Using a unique color-coded chart, you will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and discover how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith. The Bible Timeline will teach you how to read and understand the Bible and introduce you to the wonderful narrative of the Bible in a way that will transform your life.



Wednesdays, beginning October 20  
9:30—11:00 am via Zoom

You may order materials online from Ascension Press at:  
<https://ascensionpress.com/collections/the-bible-timeline-the-story-of-salvation>

Participants will view online materials prior to each session in addition to the written materials.

Register online at [stjosephdg.org/timeline](http://stjosephdg.org/timeline)

For more information, contact Annette Zulawski 847-331-0827 or [Annette.zulawski@gmail.com](mailto:Annette.zulawski@gmail.com).





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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021 | 7PM  
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Office of Young Adult  
& Campus Ministry  
Diocese of Joliet



**Friday, October 15**

**7:00 pm**

**St. Joseph Church**

## **Ignatian Spirituality Project Benefit Concert in Memory of Lance Nogle**

Please join violinist, Amanda Fenton and Belford Hernandez, pianist, for a benefit concert presented in honor and memory of Lance Nogle, a dear St. Joseph Parishioner, who passed away on October 27, 2020, and was actively involved with the Ignatian Spirituality Project.

Christine Curran, ISP's Executive Director, along with former program participant, will speak about the mission and work of ISP, and how it impacts the lives of those recovering from homelessness and addiction.

**No tickets required**

**A freewill offering will be accepted.**

This concert will be livestreamed on our website:  
<https://stjosephdg.org/livestream>

## **Anointing of the Sick at all Sunday Liturgies October 23 and 24**

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is intended for those whose health is seriously impaired by illness or old age. Those preparing for serious surgery or the chronically ill may also be anointed. We, as members of the Church baptized into the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ, support the sick in their struggle against illness and we continue Christ's own mission of healing.



If you, a member of your family, or a friend should receive the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, please come to one of the Sunday liturgies on October 23 & 24.

We will pray as a community knowing that when one of us suffers, we all suffer. We will share in a *prayer of faith* asking God's help for those who are ill. During the *laying on of hands*, the sick will know that they are the focus of our prayer. Through the *anointing with oil*, we will know that the Spirit's healing, strengthening presence is in this person and in this community.

May the touch of Christ be present for all who are in need of healing.

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# HOLY DARKNESS

## A Play in Two Acts

Written and Directed by:  
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November 13 at 7pm  
November 14 at 11am

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<https://our.show/holydarkness>

*What I tell you in the dark, utter in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim upon the housetops.*  
— Matthew 10:27

Diocese of Joliet



### Virtual Mental Health First Aid: CPR for the Brain

Wednesday, October 20 • 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

#### What is Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)?

You are more likely to encounter someone—friend, family member, or neighbor—in an emotional crisis than someone having a heart attack. Just as CPR teaches you how to respond to someone in a medical crisis, MHFA prepares participants to assist someone experiencing a mental health crisis. You will learn situational skills to intervene and help someone experiencing a mental health problem.

#### You will learn:

- ♦ Signs and symptoms of mental illness
- ♦ Risk and safety assessment
- ♦ Intervention strategies

#### How Virtual MHFA Works:

Two hours of online self-paced coursework followed by a six hour interactive instructor-led class (via Zoom). All participants need is a smart phone or computer.

Cost \$23.95

Register: <https://vmhfa102021.eventbrite.com>

**Ticket sales ends October 13 at 11:30 pm.**

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## PRO-LIFE CORNER

### Save the Parental Notice of Abortion Law!

State lawmakers are meeting on October 19 and they are considering repealing the Parental Notice of Abortion Act. We must act to prevent this!

72% of all Illinois voters agree that parents or an adult guardian should be informed if their child is seeking an abortion, yet the Illinois General Assembly continues to threaten the repeal of Illinois' Parental Notice of Abortion Law.

Please join us in contacting your state legislators to support our God-given right to support and protect our children. Go to [www.ilcatholic.org](http://www.ilcatholic.org) to read the Illinois bishops letter and to find out how to contact your state legislator to defeat this bill. And, please ask another family member or friend to help join the effort to defeat this bill.



### Pray to END Legal Abortion in America

Relevant Radio and Napa Institute have teamed up to pray and promote the daily rosary during the month of October for "the end to legal abortion in America and an outpouring of support for expectant mothers." With the Supreme Court of the United States taking up the Dobbs case in December that could lead to overturning Roe v Wade, the Justices will need the grace of wisdom and courage to confront the issues honestly. We hope many other Catholic organizations will join this effort by praying and promoting the daily Rosary in October for this intention, and thus mobilize millions of Americans in prayer. For more information, visit [EWTN.com](http://EWTN.com), [RelevantRadio.com](http://RelevantRadio.com) and [NapaInstitute.org](http://NapaInstitute.org).

Join us at Relevant Radio every night for the Family Rosary Across America at 7:00 pm CT now through October 31 to unite in prayer for this important intention. Our Lady of the Rosary, pray for us!

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### Today's Readings

First Reading — I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. All good things together came to me in her company (Wisdom 7:7-11).

Psalm — Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy! (Psalm 90).

Second Reading — Indeed the word of God is living and effective (Hebrews 4:12-13).

Gospel — It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God (Mark 10:17-30 [17-27]).

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-5; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-6ab; Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12

Sunday: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]

### Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. John XXIII; Columbus Day

Thursday: St. Callistus I

Friday: St. Teresa of Jesus;

Saturday: St. Hedwig; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque; Blessed Virgin Mary

### 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 [bernematt@borgard.us](mailto:bernematt@borgard.us) with your prayer intention, or if you'd like to join the Prayer Hot Line!

### www.vocations.com

The Joliet Diocese Vocation Office web pages are a confidential way to learn more about priesthood and religious life vocations.

### Rest In Peace

Margaret LaLonde

Margaret Stava-Hroza



### Gospel of Mark 10:42-45 † Sunday, October 17

Jesus summoned the twelve and said to them, "You know that those who are recognized as rulers over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones make their authority over them felt. But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many."



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.

Lt. Julia M. Anderson

P.O. 1 Emily C. Behrel

Cpt. Ian Correll

Sailor Steven Derdzinski

Matt Dickey

Lynnea K. Jensen

Austin Kus, US Navy

Sheila Perazal Kus, Air Force

Jack McGuire, US Navy

Maeve McGuire, US Navy

S Sgt Ian A. Nogle

Lt. Bruce Penny

Pvt Brandon Skenandore

Shaun D. Vlk

Vincent Wroblewski

To include/remove a name, contact Julie Visher at 630.964.0216 ext. 1202 or [jvisher@sjpdg.org](mailto:jvisher@sjpdg.org).

### Sick List

Elaine and Stella Ballas, Fr. Tom Botheroyd, Francine Byrnes, Lorraine and Lou Duller, Brian Frank, Alma, Amanda and Ellen Grenier, Donna Hesik, Diane Jacoby, Dominick Strom, and Keith Venard

### Eucharistic Adoration



#### Our Lord Invites Us All to Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays from  
7:00 to 8:30 pm

#### St. Joseph Church

7:30 pm Holy Rosary  
8:20 pm Benediction

Stop in the church any time between 7:00 and 8:30 pm for a few minutes or however much time you wish to spend with Our Lord. He is waiting for you!

## ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL NEWS

A little rain didn't stop the Crusaders from having a great time during Friday Night Lights held at Gilbert Park. The Fall Sports Jamboree had a little bit of everything happening including a football scrimmage, a flag football game and pizza for grades one –four. Thanks to all who came out and participated!







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