

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

DOWNERS GROVE, IL

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2023

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

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www.stjosephdg.org

Weekend Masses: Saturday 8:00 am and 5:00 pm Sunday: 7:00 am 9:00 am 11:00 am and 5:00 pm

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.

For 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

Visit **www.stjosephdg.com/admission** for registration information. Registration accepted throughout the school year. For school tours, please call the school office at 630-969-4306.

Your Gift to the CMAA Makes a Difference

If you have already pledged your support to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), thank you! If we all participate, we can meet our parish's CMAA goal of \$119,000. Each and every gift, large or small, makes a difference.

If you still need to make your gift, please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support the CMAA this year and ensure all in our diocese know that we belong to God. There are many options for giving, from pledging to

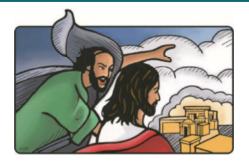
monthly recurring gifts. Pledge envelopes are still available in the church, or you can return the pledge card you received in the mail from the diocese or make a gift online at jolietdioceseappeal.org.

Remember, if we raise more than our goal, the diocese will return to us 70 percent of the amount over goal. This is an amazing opportunity for our parish.





As Catholics, we are called to plan ahead and share the blessings of our lives with our loved ones and future generations. To help you be a steward of everything God has entrusted to your care, the Diocese of Joliet is sharing a free, online will-writing tool. It is cost-free and takes 20 minutes or less to protect your family and your assets, and create a gift to pass the Catholic faith onto future generations. Get started at **FreeWill.com/DioceseofJoliet**



First Sunday of Lent

February 26, 2023

Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan!"

(Mt 4:8-10a)

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, February 26

7:00 AM People of the Parish
9:00 AM Georgiana Binder Struble
11:00 AM Tom & Beth Hicks (L) and
Raymond Labuda
5:00 PM The Souls in Purgatory

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

Monday, February 27

7:00 AM Jack Himpler and Jim Himpler

Tuesday, February 28

7:00 AM Nelly Punzalan and Fred & Mary Hoadley

Wednesday, March 1

7:00 AM Ed & Rosemary Cox and Nelly Punzalan

Thursday, March 2

7:00 AM Tovi Parayno

Friday, March 3

7:00 AM Steven & Marie Kapes and Carmen Caliendo

Saturday, March 4

8:00 AM Herbert & Helen Kritzler and Jimmy Madappat (L)

5:00 PM Sam Haas

Sunday, March 5

7:00 AM Michael Taylor
9:00 AM People of the Parish and Margaret Leabru
11:00 AM Mitchell G. Gurick and Raymond LaBuda

5:00 PM The Souls in Purgatory

Praying From Sunday to Sunday

Today's Readings

First Reading: The man and the woman ate the fruit of the one tree that God had told them to avoid, and their shame overtook them (Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7).

Psalm — Have mercy on us sinners, O Lord (Psalm 51). **Second Reading** — Death reigned from Adam to Moses, but now grace and life abound in Christ Jesus (Romans 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]).

Gospel — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and there he fasted for forty days and forty nights (Matthew 4:1-11).

Readings for the Week

Sunday: 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: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48 Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Saints and Special Observances

First Sunday of Lent

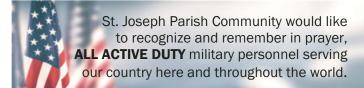
Monday: St. Gregory of Narek; Julian Calendar Lent begins

Friday: St. Katharine Drexel; Abstinence;

First Friday; World Day of Prayer Saturday: St. Casimir; First Saturday

Please note that there will be no 5 pm Mass on Sunday March 12 Thank You





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



Lent – Holy Week – Triduum – Easter Sunday 2023 St. Joseph Church

Stations of the Cross (Fridays)

February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7(Good Friday) 7:00 p.m.

Solemnity of Saint Joseph (transferred to March 20)

Masses, 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

The Saint Joseph's Table follows the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

No adoration

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Individual Confessions, Saturdays, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Parish Reconciliation Service, Wednesday, March 15, 7:00 p.m.
Individual Confessions, Tuesday, April 4, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Lenten Evening Retreats

Thursdays—March 2, 23, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Come one or both nights for prayer, reflections by one of our priests and parishioners, and retreat.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, April 1, 5:00 p.m. Sunday, April 2, 7:00, 9:00, 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday (April 6)

7:00 a.m., Morning Prayer
7:30 p.m., Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Time of prayer (vigil-keeping) before the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel following Mass.
10:45 p.m., Night Prayer

Good Friday (April 7)

9:00 a.m., Morning Prayer 3:00 p.m., Celebration of the Lord's Passion 7:00 p.m., Stations of the Cross

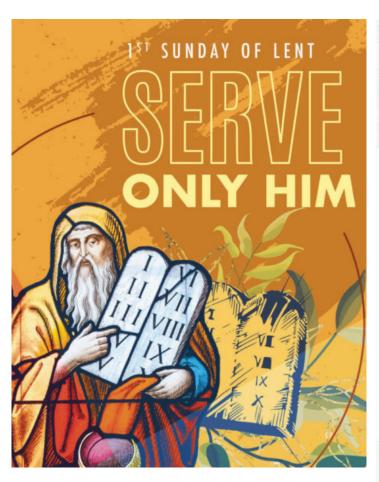
Holy Saturday (April 8)

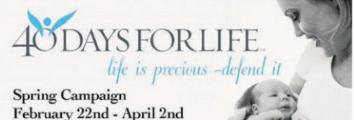
9:00 a.m., Morning Prayer 1:00 p.m., Blessing of the Easter Food 8:00 p.m., Easter Vigil No 5:00 p.m. Mass

Easter Sunday (April 9)

7:00 am.

9:00 a.m. (Church and Overflow Mass in School Gym) 11:00 a.m. (Church and Overflow Mass in School Gym) No 5:00 p.m. Mass





Put your faith in action by joining your fellow parishioners for the Spring 2023 40 Days for Life prayer vigil to end abortion.

Please consider committing to a specific hour of prayer at the Access Health abortion clinic in Downers Grove during the hours of 7AM to 7PM from February 22nd to April 2nd, and bring a friend. Another option would be to sign up your church for an entire day or even half a day to pray.

For more information and to sign up, go to www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove.

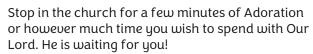
Access Health Clinic is located at 1700 W. 75th Street, Downers Grove.

PRAY TO END ABORTION

Eucharistic Adoration

Our Lord Invites Us All to Eucharistic Adoration





"Blessed are they who do not see and yet believe" John 20:29



Hebrews 13:16

| Weekly Sunday Goal | \$24,930 |
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| Sunday February 19 Gifts | \$12,494 |
| Year-to-Date Sunday Goal | \$822,690 |
| Year-to-Date Gifts | <u>\$779,874</u> |
| Total Short of Goal to Date | \$42,815 |

RETURN

RETURN: The Book



Ash Wednesday's First Reading from the Prophet Joel proclaims, Even now, return to me with your whole heart. In addition to the other Lenten practices and disciplines in which you will enter, join other parishioners reading Return by Father John Burns. Reorient your mind and heart this Lent so you can more fully experience the joy of Easter—Christ's victory over sin and death. In this beautiful guided journal for prayer and meditation, Fr. John Burns—author of the bestselling and award-winning book Adore—invites you to strip away your confusion, attachments, and sin so you can return to the Lord and undergo real and lasting conversion. Each day of Return includes the Collect (the Opening Prayer from each day's Mass from Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday), an inspiring meditation, thought- provoking reflection questions, space to write your own reflections and thoughts, and a concluding prayer.

Return features free weekly companion videos available on our website at: stjosephdg.org/return

Books are available in the Narthex for \$10.

RETURN: The Lenten Evening Retreats



Join us for one or both of two evening retreats in the church based on the book *Return*, though you do not have to read the book in order to come to this event! We will gather for communal prayer and song, reflections offered by Father Michael and other parishioners, and time for silent meditation. *Wish you could get away and rest, but can't?* This is a "mini-retreat" at your Parish Church for refreshment with and connection to the Lord.

Registration not required.

Thursday, March 2 at 7:00 PM

Walk the Talk: Following through on Your Lenten Resolutions

We will reflect and pray that if we've not begun our Lenten practices, or if we've started and slipped, there's still time to begin again and follow through on our resolutions for this holy season: "Behold, now is a very acceptable time!" (2 Corinthians 6:2)

Thursday, March 23 at 7:00 PM

From Casual Spectator to Engaged Believer: Returning to God with Your Whole Heart

Each Sunday, even though we come to Mass, we may realize that we are simply observing and yet failing to fully enter into the Sacred Mystery. We will gather communally to reflect on how we can move from being merely physically in the room as a casual spectator to being fully present as an engaged believer!





This Lent, our Parish will participate in CRS Rice Bowl, a program that invites us to reflect on the challenges of global hunger—and our Gospel call to care for our global human family. The simple cardboard rice bowls are a way to set aside money that you might spend on a meal, coffee, or other food, throughout the entire season of Lent, and share it with the hungry in the world. Use your CRS Rice Bowl and Lenten Calendar each day to guide your prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Visit stjosephdg.org/rice-bowl for links to CRS Rice Bowl's Stations of the Cross videos, to read stories of hope, for family Lenten recipes and to donate online.



Rice Bowls are in the Narthex. Please take one for your family.

Rice Bowls will be collected during the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 6th at 7:30pm. You can also return your Rice Bowl to the Parish Center by Thursday, April 6th.



SPRING WILL ARRIVE!

St. Joseph Youth Apostolate is happy to announce that we have secured a local and reputable greenhouse to host our St. Joseph Parish 2023 Spring PLANT/FLOWER Sale!

It's time for happy Spring thoughts about your flower beds, gardens and patio pots! Watch upcoming St. Joseph bulletins and our website for more information and order forms.

Our turn-around-time for ordering these quality plants is only about 3 weeks, hence this notice to plan your flower beds, gardens and "patio beautifying" early!

Questions? Contact Michele Geraghty michelegeraghty62@gmail.com and Christy Yeo yeochristy515@gmail.com



The Knights of Columbus wish to Thank everyone who donated there time and blood.

Forty units of blood were collected from donors. Your generous gift will save 80 lives.

God Bless you.





Next blood drive will be Thursday June 15, 2023

| Sabbath Sunday Meatless Monday Trim Trash Tuesday Trim Trash Treshay Trim | | Waste Not Wednesday | Thankful Thursdays | Fasting Friday | Suctainable Saturday |
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| | | | 2422 | | Sustainable Saturday |
| eave your car at 27 Do not eat ch. Rest in the lunch today. | | Feb 22 Ash Wednesday Americans throw away up to 40% of food (NRDC Study). Reflect on how to prevent this in your own home. | 23 Appreciate the parks and forest preserves. Take a walk and say a Rosary while walking. | 24 Not only fast from meat today but also fast from electronics. | 25 Research how you can create a vegetable garden in your backyard or patio. |
| 6 Do not eat | tead | March 1 Research how to make a compost bin. | 2 Say Grace before each meal. Thank God for the all the gifts he has given you. | 3 Turn your heat down by two degrees. | 4 Replace the light bulbs in your home with LED bulbs. Remember to recycle the old light bulbs. |
| ing any meat estilates all day. | | 8 Check out the SCARCE website to find out all the ways to reuse or recycle items in your home. | 9 Plant a tree or donate to "One Tree Planted" which focuses on Global Reforestation. | 10 Take a shorter shower and fewer showers. | 11 Sign up to attend a Community Solar Information Session. |
| 12 Read 5 to 10 pages of a religious with the second and a rel | ftovers | 15 Use the leftovers in your refrigerator to create a meatless meal. | 16 Begin reading was the Pope Francis' Encyclical Laudato Si'. | 17 Look around your home. Decide how you can use less plastic in your daily activities. | 18 Shop at secondhand stores and go to the library to get a book. |
| 19 Make today a family20 Continue to21 Research swappingday. Play games and talkpractice meatlessbamboo for paperabout the gifts God hasMonday and promoteproducts at your nextgiven you.this idea to others.large gathering. | | hat you need wen if the | 23 Be thankful for the green spaces in the area around you by keeping them clean. | 24 Reuse instead of recycling. Research how you can practice this more in your home. | 25 Research bird feeder and house installation. Put out strips of yarn or string for bird nesting materials. |
| 26 Get a book on birds 27 Donate to a local 28 Research the do's at the local library. Go food pantry. for a nature walk and reflect on the beauty you see. | | 29 Research and use detergent strips to reduce your plastic. | 30 Go on a Gratitude Walk. Thank God for all the beauty He has given to us in Creation. | 31 Fast or abstain for a cause. | April 1 Fossil Fools Day: Use Public transportation, carpool or walk to where you need to be. |
| 2 Palm Sunday 3 Learn ways you can take time to pray help be more involved using reusable in ways to help the grocery bags. | 10 | 5 Take your own containers to restaurants to take your leftovers home. | 6 Holy Thursday Spend time with someone who is homebound or call a person who is struggling. | 7 Good Friday Today is a day of fasting. | 8 Holy Saturday Take time to reflect on continuing the changes you've made during Lent. |



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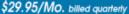


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