



## ST. JOSEPH PARISH

DOWNERS GROVE, IL

SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023

# 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life;  
whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."

- Jn 11:25

## Directory

### **St. Joseph Parish Business Center**

4824 Highland 630.964.0216

**Religious Education** 630.964.0216 x1106

**Youth Ministry** 630.964.0216 x1210

**St. Joseph School** 630.969.4306

**[www.stjosephdg.org](http://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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630-964-0216 x1011



**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.

**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](http://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.



from the Pastor



## Celebrating Our Patron



I would like to thank everyone that came and celebrated St. Joseph's feast day with us at Mass and at the St. Joseph Table in the narthex after Mass. I want to also thank the St. Joseph Youth Board for sponsoring this year's St. Joseph altar and table.



## A Lenten Prayer

Lord our God, you formed man from the clay of the earth and breathed into him the spirit of life, but he turned from your face and sinned. In this time of repentance we call out for your mercy. Bring us back to you and to the life your son won for us by his death on the cross, for he lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
Amen.

My own prayer for our parish family is that we will all find the time to give a special priority to prayer, being drawn by the Spirit to meditate on the saving mystery that is the whole earthly life of our Lord. The fruit of such regular prayer is the almsgiving and other charitable works joyfully carried out. Lenten fasting, undertaken in a spirit of penance helps us, in a small way, to identify more closely with all that Jesus physically endured for love of us and the Father's will.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Albert

# Lent - Holy Week - Triduum - Easter Sunday 2023

## St. Joseph Church, Downers Grove

### Stations of the Cross (Fridays)

March 31, April 7 (Good Friday) 7:00 p.m.

### Sacrament of Reconciliation

Individual Confessions, Saturdays, 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Individual Confessions, Tuesday, April 4, 4:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

### 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 a.m.

9:00 a.m. (Church and Overflow Mass in School Gym)

11:00 a.m. (Church and Overflow Mass in School Gym)



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](https://FreeWill.com/DioceseofJoliet)

## Fifth Sunday of Lent March 26, 2023

*Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life: whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." -Jn 11:25-27*



## Mass Schedule & Intentions

### Sunday, March 26

- 7:00 AM Richard Boockmeier and People of the Parish
- 9:00 AM Bill Paradise and Kenneth Kozar
- 11:00 AM Desmond Joseph Ranquist and Brittany & Tim Grindel (One Year Anniversary)
- 5:00 PM The Souls in Purgatory

### Monday, March 27

- 7:00 AM Ed & Rosemary Cox and Georgiana Binder Struble

### Tuesday, March 28

- 7:00 AM Mary Jo Gaetano

### Wednesday, March 29

- 7:00 AM Lois Dahms and Mariano Artiaga

### Thursday, March 30

- 7:00 AM John Patrick McCue

### Friday, March 31

- 7:00 AM Desmond Joseph Ranquist and George Weldon

### Saturday, April 1

- 8:00 AM The Souls in Purgatory
- 5:00 PM The Souls in Purgatory

### Sunday, April 2

- 7:00 AM The Souls in Purgatory
- 9:00 AM People of the Parish
- 11:00 AM Raymond Labouda and Joe Arnold
- 5:00 PM The Souls in Purgatory

9:00 am Sunday Mass is LIVE -STREAMED. Visit [www.stjosephdg.org](http://www.stjosephdg.org) and click on Livestream.

## Praying From Sunday to Sunday

### Today's Readings

**First Reading:** Thus says the LORD GOD: I will open your graves, have you rise from them, and settle you on your land. (Ezekiel 37:12-14).

**Psalm:** The Lord is kind and saves us (Psalm 130).

**Second Reading:** If Christ is in you, the spirit is alive even if the body is dead because of sin (Romans 8:8-11).

**Gospel:** Lazarus, dead for four days, came out of his tomb when Jesus called his name. Many of those who had seen what had happened began to believe in Jesus (John 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]).

### Readings for the Week

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];

Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13; Jn 11:45-56

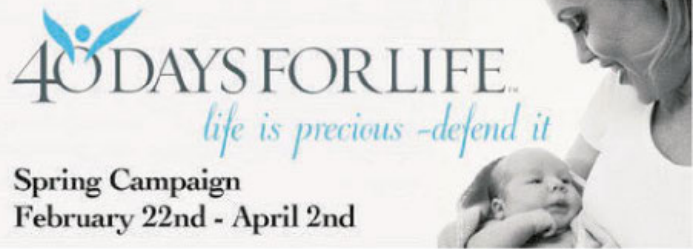
Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (procession); Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14 — 27:66 [27:11-54]

### Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Fifth Sunday of Lent

Friday: Abstinence

Saturday: First Saturday; April Fool's Day



Spring Campaign  
February 22nd - April 2nd

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](http://www.40daysforlife.com/downersgrove). Access Health Clinic is located at 1700 W. 75th Street, Downers Grove.

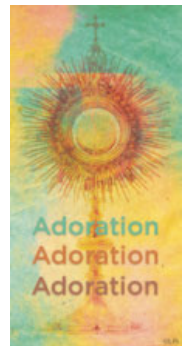
## PRAY TO END ABORTION

## Eucharistic Adoration

**St. Joseph Church**  
**Mondays 7:00 to 8:30 pm**  
**Tuesdays 9:00 am to 12 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!

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



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  
Teddy Evans  
Lynnea K. Jensen  
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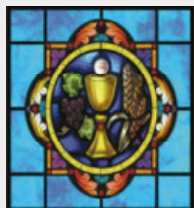
Sheila Perazal Kus, Air Force  
Jack McGuire, US Navy  
Maeve McGuire, US Navy  
S Sgt Ian A. Nogle  
Lt. Bruce Penny  
Pvt Brandon Skenandore  
Vincent Wroblewski  
SPC Abigail Baran, US Army

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



We pray for **Mary Ann Jurevich and Rosemary Fanta**, mother of Catherine Stitch, that they may now enjoy the great blessings of eternal life. We pray also for their families and friends, that they may find peace in the promises of Christ.





## The Ministry of the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

**Training Session Wednesday, March 29 7:00 p.m.**

The next formation session for new Eucharistic Ministers will be held on Wednesday, March 29, at 7:00 p.m.

*Pre-registration is very important!*

Please contact Rob Visser **630-244-6813** or **ruisher@gmail.com** before the training session to register or to ask questions regarding the ministry.

You may also contact Bob Valle, Director of Music/Liturgist, at the parish **bvalle@sjpdg.org** or **630-964-0216, ext. 1209** or register at:

**stjosephdg.org/extraordinary-minister-of-holy-communion**

## The Next Monthly St Peregrine Prayer Service

**is Thursday, March 30 at 7pm**

Please see the St. Joseph Parish website for more information and future dates.



## Community Kitchen

First Congregational Church is providing a location on Monday and Tuesday evenings for people with food insecurities to have a sit down dinner from 5:30 to 6:30pm.

St. Joseph has been asked to make and serve a meal twice a month. The dates: **April 4 and 25.**

We will **need 5 people** each of these dates to set up, serve and clean up. The time would be from **5:00 to 6:45.**

We will also need people to make the meals. Meals will include **3 casseroles, 3 side dishes, salad, bread, 3 desserts and paper products.**

We will also need the following items for take out bags: Protein shakes, breakfast bars, clementines, bananas, bags of peanuts, applesauce (single serve), Jello with fruit (single serve), oatmeal cups (just add water), spoons, napkins and brown paper bags. *St. Vincent DePaul stated: Go to the poor, you will find God.*

Please contact either Cindy or Michele to let us know what you are able to contribute.

**Michele Geraghty 630-334-2007 michelegeraghty62@gmail.com or**

**Cindy Jagielo 630-346-7497 cjagielo@sjpdg.org**



## Lenten Fast for Creation Care

*This Lent, consider a Lenten Sacrifice focused on Care for God's Creation*



**Why a Lenten Creation Care Fast?** Things we buy impact our environment, take time from our life and often control us.

**THIS WEEK:** 24/7 consumerism exhausts workers, resources, and distracts us spiritually. Pope Francis urges us to seek a simpler, less materialistic life. Observing the Sabbath encouraged detachment from temporal goods by putting aside time for God. Try designating days this week for a more contemplative state, giving up buying "stuff," and pre-purchasing only the minimum essentials.

M	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
A	27	28	29	30	31	1	2

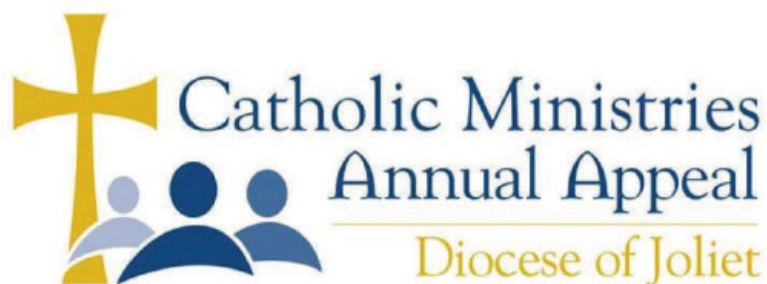
**"Stuff" Fast** - Set aside specific days to devote your free time to contemplative thought, prayer and spiritual development. Pre-purchase necessary essentials and try to buy nothing on those days. Think about "What things do I really need?"

## 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](http://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.



## Year End Contribution Statements

Please contact the Parish Center (630) 964-0216  
if you would like a copy of your 2022 Contribution Statement

### St. Vincent de Paul 2023 Food Pantry Plus Sunday Collections for Lent

**5th Sunday of Lent, March 26 -**

**Paper Plus:** Napkins, Paper

Towels, Toilet Paper, Facial Tissue, Liquid Laundry  
Detergent, Dishwashing Detergent, Shampoo, Deodorant,  
Tooth Paste

**Palm Sunday, April 10 - Baking Plus:** Soda Crackers,  
Snack Crackers, Cookies, Cake Mix, Frosting, Cooking Oil,  
Honey, Kool-Aid, Drink Mix, Chocolate Chips for Baking  
and Candy



## A Call to Stewardship

You have not forgotten  
"to do good and to share, for with such  
sacrifices God is well pleased."

**Hebrews 13:16**

Weekly Sunday Goal	\$24,930
Sunday March 19 Gifts	\$27,832
Year-to-Date Sunday Goal	\$922,410
Year-to-Date Gifts	<u>\$872,605</u>
Total Short of Goal to Date	\$49,804

## GATTO'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT

Presents St. Joseph's 'BASH WEDNESDAY'  
featuring 'Dennis J. Sopata' (parishioner)  
singing Sinatra and others



**WEDNESDAY April 12, 2023**

**5:30 pm to 8:00 pm**

**5123 Main Street Downers Grove  
(630) 515-6400**

**Join us for dinner;**

**Reservations required for party of 6 or more**

**Proceeds (from dine in or carryout) will go  
towards new Church Doors.**

**Make sure to mention St. Joe's at check out.**



## St. Joseph School Advisory Board Is Looking for New Members!

**Purpose:** Advise the Pastor and Principal  
on school operations

You do not need to have children  
in St. Joseph School

You must be a practicing Catholic, an active member  
of St. Joseph Parish, and 18 years of age or older

School Advisory Board meets once per month.

The term is three years

To submit a nomination form, please visit:  
[stjosephdg.com/parents/school-board](http://stjosephdg.com/parents/school-board)

For more information, email  
[schoolboard@sjpdg.org](mailto:schoolboard@sjpdg.org)

## Save the Date A St. Joseph Parish Town Hall Meeting Tuesday April 25 at 7 pm All Parishioners are Invited

**More Information to come in the  
following weeks**



 Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital

**Volunteers Needed  
Catholic Communion Ministry  
Good Samaritan Hospital  
Downers Grove**

Contact: Gail Miskowicz-Retz at  
[Gail.Miskowicz-Retz@aah.com](mailto:Gail.Miskowicz-Retz@aah.com) or 630-852-5347

## Early Bulletin Submission Deadline & Requirements

**April 2nd Bulletin Deadline**  
is Monday, March 27nd

**April 9th Bulletin Deadline** is Friday March 31st.

Send items to: [churchbulletin@sjpdg.org](mailto:churchbulletin@sjpdg.org)  
Please send content in a 1/4 and 1/2 page format,  
as full-page space availability is limited.







## St. Joseph School News



On March 4th, Mrs. Andrew's preschool class helped celebrate our school's maintenance staff, Omar, Tom, and Al! The class presented the staff with a homemade book and special treats. From all of the school faculty, staff, and students, "Thank you! We would be a mess without you."



On February 11th, St. Joseph School held its first post-COVID Green & White Gala event – a parent favorite and significant fundraiser to support our school.

**Our Gala raised over \$80,000 this year!**

Special thank you to our 2023 Green & White Gala committee: Lori Ritzert, Diane Cook, Danielle Costantini, Kasia Giblin, Angela Foskett, Catherine Ho, Mary Hutchison, Jennifer Kirwan, Krissy Knightly, Lauren Mihalik, Jordan Peroni, Sarah Reece, Erin Venezia, and Julie Yeo.



**We would like to thank the Businesses for their generous support of St. Joseph School. Without supporters like you, this event would not be possible.**

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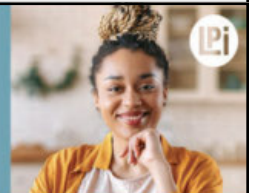


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