

ST. JOSEPH PARISH

DOWNERS GROVE, IL

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34

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Youth Ministry 630.964.0216 x1210

St. Joseph School 630.969.4306

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.

Community Kitchen

First Congregational Church of Downers Grove is providing a location for people with food insecurities to have a sit down dinner twice a week. St. Joseph Parish has volunteered to host 2 meals per month. We have been assigned 2 Tuesdays each month and will serve from 5:15 to 6:30pm. For each date we will need servers to set up, serve and clean up, and others to drop off prepared food and other items.

Please contact us if you have any questions. Michele Geraghty 630-334 2007 michelegeraghty62@gmail.com

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A link to the sign up can be found on the parish website or using this QR code





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**

Third Sunday of Easter April 23, 2023

They set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made know to them in the breaking of bread - Lk 24:33-35

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Sunday, April 23

7:00 AM People of the Parish 9:00 AM Fathers' Spiritual Bouquet 11:00 AM Chuck Blanev and

Joe Arnold

5:00 PM The Souls in Purgatory

Monday, April 24

7:00 AM The Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday, April 25

7:00 AM Kevin Aguayo (L)

Wednesday, April 26

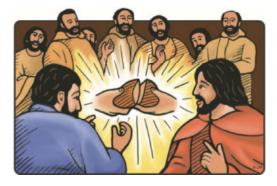
7:00 AM Mary Helen Cox

Thursday, April 27

7:00 AM Georgiana Binder Struble

Friday, April 28

7:00 AM Jerry Lewitke



Saturday, April 29

8:00 AM Jack Himpler and

Jim Himpler

5:00 PM Ed & Rosemary Cox

Sunday, April 30

7:00 AM People of the Parish

9:00 AM Caitlin Buch and

Donna Wollenberg

11:00 AM Al Lorch and

Rita Blaney

5:00 PM The Souls in Purgatory

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

Praying From Sunday to Sunday

Today's Readings

First Reading: God has raised the crucified Jesus, who now pours forth the Holy Spirit upon us (Acts 2:14, 22-33). Psalm: Our God shows us the way to live (Psalm 16). Second Reading: Our faith and hope are in God who raised

Jesus from the dead (1 Peter 1:17-21).

Gospel: Through his words and in the breaking of the bread, the risen Christ made himself known to two disciples on their way to Emmaus (Luke 24:13-35).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23:1-6;

1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter Monday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

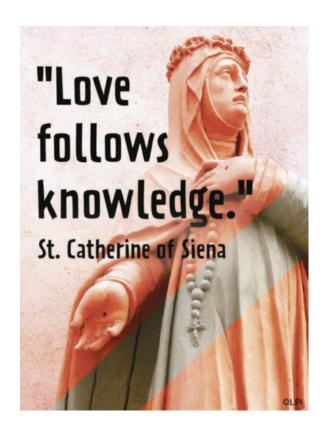
Tuesday: St. Mark

Wednesday: Administrative Professionals Day

Friday: St. Peter Chanel; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort;

National Arbor Day

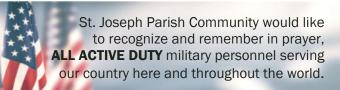
Saturday: St. Catherine of Siena



Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays St. Joseph Church 3:30 - 4:30 pm

"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin." Romans 4:7-8



Lt. Julia M. Anderson P.O. 1 Emily C. Behrel Cpt. Ian Correll Sailor Steven Derdzinski Matt Dickey **Teddy Evans** 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 Vincent Wrobleski SPC Abigal Baran, US Army

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

Eucharistic Adoration

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

of Adoration or however much time you wish to spend with Our Lord. He is waiting for you!

Stop in the church for a few minutes



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

Thank You for Making the Family Bread Sharing Such a Special Day

Parish Second Grade students in preparation for their sacrament of First Holy Communion celebrating the breaking of the bread this past weekend.





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.



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 April 16 Gifts	\$30,996
Year-to-Date Sunday Goal	\$997,200
Year-to-Date Gifts	<u>\$986,481</u>
Total Short of Goal to Date	\$10,718



Class of 1983 Reunion

It's been 40 Years!!!

Although time has passed and life has carried on since 1983, please join us and let's make this a Crusader victory! Would love to see you all!!!!

When?

Friday, July 14 & Saturday, July 15, 2023

Where?

St. Joseph's Catholic School 4832 Highland Ave, Downers Grove

Hosted by: DiBenedetto, Batten, Mikutis

The line up is as follows: Friday, July 14th there will be a tour of the school with a potluck picnic lunch at Hummer Park. Bring a dish and BYOB beverages. The reunion events will begin with Mass at 5:00pm on Saturday July 15th at St Joseph's Catholic Church (will need volunteers to read, offertory etc). Eats and drinks to follow in Downtown Downers

RSVP by MAY 31, 2023

at: www.facebook.com/groups/865755284810020/?ref=share&mibextid=S66qvF

Don't hesitate to reach out with your questions/inquiries and/or use the SJS Facebook group for communication:

Peggy - peggyoand5@gmail.com / (630) 327-2213

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Britt - jblchirsch@sbcglobal.net / (630) 291-5201

The Next Monthly St Peregrine Prayer Service

is Thursday, **May 25** at 7pm

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





Advocate Good Samaritan Hospital

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

Contact: Gail Miskowicz-Retz at Gail.Miskowicz-Retz@aah.com or 630-852-5347

It's time to enroll in St. Joseph Parish yearly Spiritual Bouquet of Masses for a lasting Mother's Day Gift or Remembrance

Wondering what to get that special woman in your life?



The Perfect Mother's Day Gift is offered by St. Joseph Church. There is no better gift than the gift of prayer! Give the gift of a spiritual bouquet for that special mother in your life. St. Joseph Parish will offer a monthly Mass for all mothers included in the Spiritual Bouquet. The special woman in your life will be enrolled in these monthly Masses. You will receive a beautiful card with all the dates and times of the Masses throughout the year. On Mother's day, you will present the card to the mom you have enrolled. The names will also be listed on the cover of our bulletin on Mother's Day. For enrollment, fill in the order form below and drop if off in the Parish Center, send it with your student to St. Joseph School, or place it in the collection basket. Your card will be available for pick-up at the Parish Center Office or we can mail it to you if needed.

Please be advised that there is a limited number of cards available. Your enrollment must be received by Monday. May 8 to be included in the Mother's Day list on the bulletin cover. This is a beautiful gift to either remember a Mom who is deceased or to include your Mom who is living in a monthly Mass.

The suggested offering is \$15.00 per enrollment Make check payable to St. Joseph Church

Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet Enrollment Form

PLEASE F	REMEMBER:		living _	_ deceased
PLEASE F	REMEMBER:		living _	_ deceased
		living _	_ deceased	
			living	deceased
My Name	e	Phone#		_////
	Please check one:	Will pick up Spiritual Bouquet Card(s)	No c	ard

Cards may be picked up at the Parish Center Office, 4824 Highland
Mon-Thurs 9 AM-8PM and Fri. 9AM-4PM.

If you are unable to pick up cards, please contact Marta Spiezio @ 630-964-0216 ext. 1201

Save the Date

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



You are invited to attend a Town Hall Meeting that will address the financials of St. Joseph Parish and foreseen capital expenditures. Representatives from the following will be present to address questions and/or concerns: Parish Council, Parish Finance, School Board, Religious Education, Parent Forum, Athletics, Technology, and Facilities.

Catholic Sport Camps in 2023



Founded by Fr. Burke Masters, priest at St. Isaac's in Hinsdale and Cubs Chaplain, Catholic Sports Camps wants to bring the love of Christ to kids and KIDS LOVE SPORTS! Our camps offer a very unique experience as young athletes enter an environment intentionally created to help them grow in holiness and virtue, while learning high-level training in their sport.



Are You, or Someone You Know, Widowed?



If you have been recently widowed and are still struggling with the loss, or if you have been

widowed for some time and need something to get you "over the hump" because you seem stuck in one spot, this program is designed to help you move on with life while still treasuring your past and its precious memories.

This unique retreat/workshop will be held at St. Julie's Parish, Tinley Park, Illinois. The Joyful Again! program is for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and new joy in life. All are welcome.

Retreat/Workshop for Widowed Men & Women June 24 & 25, 2023 (2-day program)

No overnight available at this site.

Where: St. Julie's Parish Tinley Park, Illinois

For further information call: 708-354-7211 e-mail us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

website: www.joyfulagain.org





St. Joseph School Fundraiser at 3 Corners Grill & Tap!

Tuesday, May 2, 2023 11 am to 11 pm

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