



**ST. JOSEPH PARISH**

DOWNERS GROVE, IL

**SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023**

# PENTECOST SUNDAY



Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." - Jn 20:21

## Directory

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

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**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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## 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.



# 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.

June, July and August dates are now available for sign up.

**Please contact us if you have any questions.**

**Michele Geraghty 630-334 2007**  
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**Cindy Jagielo 630-346-7497**  
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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**

## **Pentecost Sunday** May 28, 2023

Jesus stood up and exclaimed, "Let anyone who thirsts come to me and drink. As Scripture says: Rivers of living water will flow from within him who believes in me." He said this in reference to the Spirit that those who came to believe in him were to receive.

– Jn 7 : 37b-39a



### **Mass Schedule & Intentions**

#### **Sunday, May 28**

7:00 AM The Souls in Purgatory  
9:00 AM People of the Parish  
11:00 AM Louis Dion and  
Linda Genin  
5:00 PM The Souls in Purgatory

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

#### **Monday, May 29**

9:00 AM Caitlin Buch and  
Dolores Zitnik

#### **Tuesday, May 30**

7:00 AM Jerry Lewitke

#### **Wednesday, May 31**

7:00 AM Rick Aguayo (L)

#### **Thursday, June 1**

7:00 AM John Farkowski and  
Cecilia Bulosan

#### **Friday, June 2**

7:00 AM The Souls in Purgatory

#### **Saturday, June 3**

8:00 AM James Brierty  
5:00 PM The Souls in Purgatory

#### **Sunday, June 4**

7:00 AM Charles Ocenasek  
9:00 AM Patrick Collins and  
Makayla Weiland  
11:00 AM Kevin Michael Smith  
5:00 PM The Souls in Purgatory

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit  
and began to speak in different tongues,  
as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim. (Acts 2:4)

### Psalm:

Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the  
earth. (Ps 104)  
Or Alleluia.

### Second Reading:

For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body,  
whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons,  
and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.  
(2 Cor 12:13)

### Gospel:

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.  
As the Father has sent me, so I send you."  
And when he had said this, he breathed on them and  
said to them,  
"Receive the Holy Spirit." (Jn 20:21-22)

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## Live The Liturgy Inspiration of the Week

The disciples at Pentecost were given the grace  
to speak in the tongues of many nations. When  
we engage with those who do not believe, who  
disagree with us, are we speaking the right  
language? We have to use the words they are able  
to understand — not just the words we want to say.

## Observances for the week of May 28, 2023

- Sunday:** Pentecost Sunday  
**Monday:** Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church; Memorial Day  
**Tuesday:** World Day of Prayer for Vocations  
**Wednesday:** The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
**Thursday:** St. Justin, Martyr  
**Friday:** Sts. Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs  
**Saturday:** St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs  
**Next Sunday:** The Most Holy Trinity

## 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*

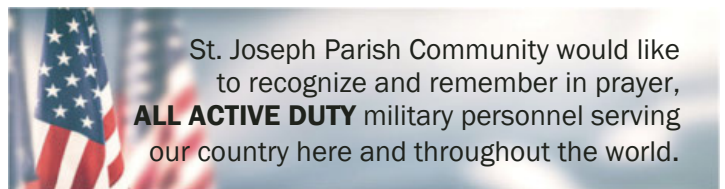
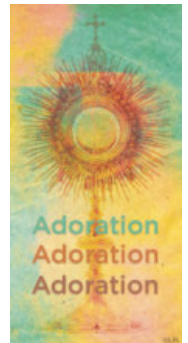
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$24,930
Sunday May 21 Gifts	\$13,112
Year-to-Date Sunday Goal	\$1,121,850
Year-to-Date Gifts	<u>\$1,080,127</u>
Total Short of Goal to Date	\$41,722

## 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*



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

May 23, 2023

**Statement of Bishop Ronald A. Hicks on the Illinois Attorney General's Report  
on Catholic Clergy Sexual Abuse of Minors**

The Illinois attorney general's office today issued a final report on clergy sexual abuse of minors in the six Catholic dioceses in the state. This report is the result of our four years' cooperation with the Attorney General's office, beginning in 2019. The pages of the final report tell a story of pain, grief, shame, betrayal, and anger experienced by innocent individuals because of unspeakable acts by clergy in the Diocese of Joliet. Although the majority of abuse occurred decades ago, many victims/survivors remain haunted to this day.

As the sixth bishop of the Diocese of Joliet, I express profound remorse over any failure of the diocese to respond to an allegation of abuse with prompt and compassionate attention. I pledge to ensure the diocese maintains strict adherence to the safeguards mandated by the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* adopted by the U.S. bishops in 2002. And I pray for the continued healing of victims/survivors so they may overcome the burden of their pain and move forward with courage.

Some may be thinking, "I thought this was over." No sin of such great magnitude as sexual abuse of minors should ever be forgotten. Remembering the harm done forces us to remain vigilant in our efforts to ensure it never happens again. As a Diocese, we will continue to dedicate significant resources to protecting children, preventing abuse, and promoting healing.

I again offer my prayers of remorse, vigilance, and healing for victims/survivors of sexual abuse in the Diocese of Joliet and the entire Catholic Church. I invite other child-serving organizations and civil authorities to join us in this work and consider adopting the procedures we have developed over the past 30 years so that all children are protected. Ultimately, the Church and society need to work together to do everything possible to keep our children safe.

**Diocese of Joliet Process Followed When an Allegation of Abuse Is Received**

The diocese created its first policy on clergy sexual abuse of minors in 1990, 12 years before the *Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People* (the *Charter*) was established by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. In 1993, the diocese established its first independent review committee to investigate all allegations of clergy sexual abuse of minors. That same year, the diocese also established its first pastoral response team to provide assistance to victims/survivors.

The Charter has been revised several times, most recently in 2018. The Charter was established to address allegations of the sexual abuse of minors by clergy and also includes guidelines for reconciliation, healing, accountability, and steps to prevent abuse. Since the approval of the *Charter* in 2002, the Diocese of Joliet has followed its mandated blueprint to create a safe environment for children and vulnerable adults in our churches, schools, and activities.

The diocese takes seriously every allegation brought forth, be it reported by an individual who suffered abuse or a third party. The first step is always the same: We encourage and help all who are bringing forward real-time allegations of abuse and/or neglect of minors to report them to the state child welfare agency – the Department of Children and Family Services' (DCFS)

hotline (1-800-25-ABUSE) here in Illinois – and the local civil authorities. The diocese also reports each real-time allegation in accordance with the Illinois Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act and to local civil authorities and offers the help of our victim assistance coordinator to the victim-survivor. The victim assistance coordinator is available to talk with and listen to the victim-survivor and provide outreach and support services to the victim-survivor and his or her family. The victim assistance coordinator is also able to assist a victim-survivor in making a report to the authorities. The victim assistance coordinator may be reached at 815-263-6467.

Per diocesan policy, upon receipt of an allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor by a cleric, the bishop is informed. If the cleric is alive and in ministry, the cleric is publicly removed from ministry and advised of his right to counsel.

The diocese investigates every allegation received. The same investigative process is followed whether the accused is alive, deceased or already listed on the diocesan list of clergy members with substantiated allegation(s) of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult. If public authorities conduct a criminal investigation against the cleric, the diocese defers its own investigation until that public inquiry is concluded and cooperates fully with civil authorities.

Following the diocesan investigation, allegations against clergy not already on the diocesan public list go before the diocesan review board for a determination of whether the allegation is substantiated. The review board advises the bishop in his assessment of the allegations and the cleric's suitability for ministry. Clergy members determined to have substantiated allegations are permanently removed from ministry and their names and assignments are published on the diocesan list. When an allegation is found to be unsubstantiated, the cleric is returned to ministry.

When the diocese receives an allegation of the sexual abuse of a minor by an extern priest, i.e., a priest from another diocese, a religious order priest or a professed religious man and woman, the allegation is reported to civil authorities and the services of the victim assistance ministry are offered to the accuser and his or her family. The diocese of Joliet notifies the bishop of the other diocese or religious superior of the order of the allegation. If the priest or member of a religious order is in active ministry in the Diocese of Joliet, their ability to minister in this diocese is immediately revoked (removal of faculties) while the allegation is investigated. The other diocese or religious order oversees the investigation into the allegation using its own review board process and advises the Diocese of Joliet of the outcome.

We invite everyone to view our public list, as well as policies, standards of behavior and other resources, at [www.diojoliet.org](http://www.diojoliet.org). **No cleric with a substantiated allegation against him is in active ministry in our Diocese.**

Anyone who knows or suspects that a child has been abused or neglected is encouraged to make a report to civil authorities. Please contact the Illinois DCFS hotline at 1-800-25-ABUSE and the local police department.

#### **Requirements Mandated of All Diocese of Joliet Clergy, Employees, and Volunteers Who Work with Minors**

All Diocese of Joliet clergy and employees must submit to the following requirements:

- A criminal background check.



- Create an account with Virtus Online, a web-based platform that provides resources and tracking of an individual's diocesan safe environment compliance requirements.
- Participate in a Virtus Protecting God's Children for Adults training, a national training program that combats child sexual abuse.
- Read the diocese's policy regarding sexual abuse of minors and vulnerable adults and acknowledge receipt with a signature and date.
- Read the diocese's standards of behavior for those working with minors and vulnerable adults and acknowledge receipt with a signature and date.
- Read monthly continuing education materials.

In addition, all mandated reporters must take mandated reporter training once every three years, per the Illinois' Abused and Neglected Child Reporting Act (ANCRA).

Volunteers who work with minors must submit to the same requirements except for monthly continuing education materials. They also must complete a volunteer application if they are seeking a repetitive role, such as coach, catechist, youth ministry leader, etc.

Please continue to pray for all victims/survivors of sexual abuse as we accompany them in their journey of healing. Be assured the Diocese of Joliet will continue to remain vigilant in its obligation to safeguard all children and in our Church.

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## Gardeners For God

If you can spare 1-2 hours per week, please consider helping our gardening volunteers water, weed and plant our church/school campus.

Please contact the parish center if you can help 630-964-0216.

**God Bless You.**



## WE ARE WORKING ON IT!

Thank you for your patience. We are happy to report that the church air conditioning has been repaired for the summer, this is a temporary fix.

The system is 30 years old. It will need to be replaced. The delay in purchasing a new system for this summer is strictly due to supply and demand. We are currently consulting with HVAC vendors, the Diocese, and the finance council regarding the purchase of a new system.

## The Next Monthly St Peregrine Prayer Service

**Thursday, June 22 at 7pm**

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



# Father's Day Gifts

Wondering what to get that special man in your life?

It's time to enroll in the St. Joseph Parish yearly

## Spiritual Bouquet of Masses

for a lasting Father's Day Gift or Remembrance.

The Perfect Father's Day Gift is offered by St. Joseph Church. There is no better gift than the gift of prayer! St. Joseph Parish will offer a monthly Mass for all fathers enrolled in the Spiritual Bouquet.

You will receive a beautiful card listing the dates and times of the Masses throughout the year. On Father's Day, present the card to the dad you have enrolled. Their names will also be listed on the June 17/18 bulletin cover for Father's Day.

To enroll, fill out the form below or use the QR Code.

Enrollment forms can be placed in the Sunday collection, in a box on the narthex counter, dropped off at the Parish Center, or mailed to:



**St. Joseph Parish Center, 4824 Highland Avenue, Downers Grove, IL 60515**

If you enroll by placing your form in the box on the narthex counter, you are welcome to take a card(s) for each enrollment if you would like to. **Your enrollment must be received by**

**Monday, June 12 to be included on the Father's Day bulletin cover.**

This is a beautiful gift to either remember a father, grandfather, uncle, godfather, etc.

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**The suggested offering is \$15.00 per enrollment.**

**Make check payable to: St. Joseph Church**

### Father's Day Spiritual Bouquet Enrollment Form

**PLEASE REMEMBER:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

**My Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please check:**

Number of cards \_\_\_\_\_ I will pick up Spiritual Bouquet card(s) \_\_\_\_\_ No card \_\_\_\_\_

**Spiritual Bouquet cards can be picked up at the Parish Center Office.**

**Hours of operation: Monday-Friday, 9:00 am-4:00 pm**

**If you are unable to pick-up your card(s), please contact**

**Cindy Jagielo at 630.964.0216 ext. 1201.**





# St. Joseph Parish News

May 23, 2023

Dear Parishioner,

St. Joseph School continues its excellence in Catholic Education. We are blessed.

Due to financial hardship, several of our families are in the process of determining whether their children will be able to attend St. Joseph School this fall. These families desire to continue offering Catholic tradition and an excellent academic education to their children. Once we are able to offer them a scholarship, we are certain that the families experiencing this financial burden will be most grateful. No doubt they will also be relieved of the difficult decision of having to forgo a continued Catholic education for their children.

We have 29 families who have applied and qualify for financial assistance for the 2023-24 school year. To date, 21 of the 29 families have been awarded over \$128,000 through Empower Illinois, the State of IL Tax Scholarship Program. There is a need for an additional \$40,000 to allow the remaining 8 families to continue their education at St. Joseph School.

With so many needing assistance, we are asking you to consider making a gift to our Tuition Assistance Fund either through Empower Illinois or directly to the school. Donors who give through Empower Illinois receive a 75% Illinois tax credit for the amount of their gift! Please see the attached information for further details. Again, if you prefer, you may make a donation directly to St. Joseph School.

We know that not everyone is in a position to give at this time. However, if you are able, please give what you can and help our students continue their Catholic education at SJS.

Please call (630) 964-0216 ext. 1101 or email Beth Harbauer at [bharbauer@sjpdg.org](mailto:bharbauer@sjpdg.org) if you have any questions.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration. Please know our daily prayers continue for you and your family.

Sincerely,

Fr. Al Heidecke  
Pastor

Beth Cunningham  
Principal

Beth Harbauer  
Business Manager

# Please Support The Invest in Kids Scholarship Tax Credit Program



## What is the Invest in Kids Scholarship Tax Credit Program?

This legislation allows individuals and corporations to donate to scholarship-granting organizations (SGO) and receive a credit on their state taxes in return. This may be a significant benefit to benefactors because it is a tax credit rather than a deduction which is typical for charitable contributions. The SGO will use the donations to grant scholarships to qualifying students.

## What does this mean for St. Joseph School?

Benefactors can designate their contributions to St. Joseph School. Benefactors may make a charitable contribution of any amount up to \$1 million for scholarship programs and receive a state tax credit of 75%. The SGO will provide scholarship dollars for families that meet the income requirements.

## How much is the tax credit worth?

An individual or corporate donor will receive a 75% state tax credit on their donation. *As an example: a donor donates \$10,000, they will receive a state tax credit of \$7,500.*

## How does that donation process work?

Individual donors interested in applying will be able to reserve these tax credits on the Illinois Department of Revenue website. [www.mytax.illinois.gov](http://www.mytax.illinois.gov).

The SGO of choice for St. Joseph School is Empower Illinois [www.empowerillinois.org](http://www.empowerillinois.org)

To allow us to continue to help deserving St. Joseph families in need, we ask that you consider supporting the Invest in Kids Scholarship Tax Credit Program and designate your contribution to St. Joseph School.

For more information contact Beth Harbauer at [bharbauer@sjpdg.org](mailto:bharbauer@sjpdg.org)

## 29 Families Qualified for Scholarships for the 2023 - 2024 School Year

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Awarded to Date

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