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at the Cathedral of St. Raymond**



12th Sunday in Ordinary Time
St. Joseph Parish • June 25, 2023

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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.

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.

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



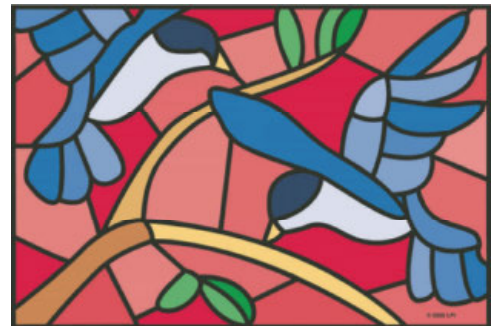
As Catholics, we are called to plan ahead and share the blessings of our lives with our loved ones and future generations. To help you be a steward of everything God has entrusted to your care, the Diocese of Joliet is sharing a free, online will-writing tool. It is cost-free and takes 20 minutes or 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**

The 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

June 25, 2023

“So do not be afraid: you are worth more than many sparrows.
Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge
before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others,
I will deny before my heavenly Father.”

– Mt 10:31-33



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sunday, June 25

- 7:00 AM Phillip Palczynski and Mary Olson (L)
- 9:00 AM People of the Parish and Mary Olson (L)
- 11:00 AM Rev. Daniel M. Tomich and Erin & Ryan Krouse
1st Wedding Anniversary
- 5:00 PM The Souls in Purgatory

Monday, June 26

- 7:00 AM John Cummings and Sara Plys (L)

Tuesday, June 27

- 7:00 AM Georgiana Binder Struble & Valeriano Ong

Wednesday, June 28

- 7:00 AM Jerry Lewitke

Thursday, June 29

- 7:00 AM Abrielle O'Hare (L)

Friday, June 30

- 7:00 AM Sara Plys (L)

Saturday, July 1

- 8:00 AM Eleanor Carroll
- 5:00 PM Phillip Palczynski

Sunday, July 2

- 7:00 AM The Souls in Purgatory
- 9:00 AM Alfredo Punzalan Jr.
- 11:00 AM John M. Cox
- 5:00 PM People of the Parish

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

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

"Sing to the LORD,
praise the LORD,
for he has rescued the life of the poor
from the power of the wicked!" (Jer 20:13)

Psalm:

Lord, in your great love, answer me. (Ps 69)

Second Reading:

But the gift is not like the transgression.
For if by the transgression of the one the many died,
how much more did the grace of God
and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ
overflow for the many. (Rom 5:15)

Gospel:

"What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light;
what you hear whispered, proclaim on the
housetops.
And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but
cannot kill the soul." (Mt 10:28)

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Readings for the week of June 25, 2023

Sunday:

Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35
(14c)/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

Monday:

Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20 and 22/Mt
7:1-5

Tuesday:

Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mt
7:6, 12-14

Wednesday:

Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mt
7:15-20

Thursday:

Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Gal 1:11-
20/Jn 21:15-19 *Day:* Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3,
4-5, 6-7, 8-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Friday:

Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt
8:1-4

Saturday:

Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-47, 48-49, 50 and 53,
54-55/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday:

2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19
(2a)/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

The Next Monthly St Peregrine Prayer Service Thursday, July 27 at 7pm

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



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."

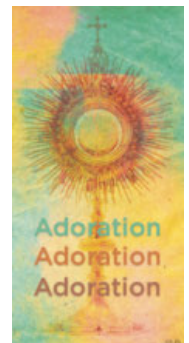
Romans 4:7-8

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
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Vincent Wroblewski
SPC Abigail Baran, US Army

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

The Relics of Padre Pio will be displayed for veneration at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Naperville on Tuesday, July 11, 2023.

All are invited to venerate the relics from 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. The relics will be displayed near the altar, with pews reserved for silent prayer and devotion. Recitation of the Holy Rosary and talks on the life and intercession of Padre Pio will occur throughout the day. Devotional items and books will also be available for purchase. The day will conclude with a special Mass in honor of Padre Pio at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 11, 2023

9:00 AM Relic veneration begins

6:30 PM Veneration line closes

7:00 PM Mass in honor of Padre Pio

Saints Peter and Paul will host the only 2023 Padre Pio Relic Tour in Illinois

For more information, visit
sspeterandpaul.net/events/padrepio

36 N. Ellsworth St. | Naperville, IL 60540 | 630-355-1081



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are grateful many parish organizations for supporting this event, including the Knights of Columbus, the Legion of Mary, the Parish Life committee, and others. Many volunteers are needed throughout the day; most shifts are one hour long. Volunteers may sign up for multiple shifts as time allows.

Volunteer roles include relic guardians, ushers, Knights of Columbus Honor Guard, food servers for volunteers, and clerks to help visitors purchase devotional items.



Sign up for one or more shifts here:

qrco.de/PIO2023



Creation Care Corner

Taking action to protect God's great gift to us,
Mother Earth



"...we must recognize our grave duty to hand the earth on to future generations..."
—Pope Benedict XVI

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATION:

Consider zero-waste options for picnics, BBQ and camping meals. Reusable items add a touch of class, sensibility and significantly reduce waste. Use lightweight reusable plates, utensils, bowls, cups and cloth napkins. Get creative with packaging. Reusable containers? Of course. What about Mason jar desserts? Go heavy on finger foods: cut vegetables and mixed nuts. Wipe off food when finished and use a washable cloth bag to hold used dinnerware for dishwashing later. Reserve a bag for recyclables and a container for compostables. If you must go disposable, use biodegradable paper products instead of plastic. Ditch the straws. Use a large thermos for drinks. Take other beverages in metal or glass containers and recycle. Skipping bottled water saves money and the environment.

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 June 18 Gifts	\$25,521
Year-to-Date Sunday Goal	\$1,221,570
Year-to-Date Gifts	<u>\$1,160,871</u>
Total Short of Goal to Date	\$60,699

Collection for Retired Priests & Religious

\$3,469



St. Joseph School News

Several important milestones were celebrated at the last school Mass. Father Al was acknowledged for his 30 years of being ordained to the priesthood. He was thanked for his commitment and dedication to the priesthood and to St. Joseph Parish. Mrs. Sharon Turkowski, 2nd grade teacher, was acknowledged for her 10 years of working in the Diocese. Lastly, Ms. Jane Krueger, 1st grade teacher, was celebrated for her 30 years at St. Joseph School. Several letters were received from current and former students and teachers commending Ms. Krueger on her dedication to her students and on her management of the school's Extended Care Program. Ms. Krueger was also presented a plaque for her classroom and a fingerprint plate from the 2022-23 1st grade class. Several former colleagues were on hand to celebrate this momentous occasion for which a standing ovation was received.



Spiritual Bouquet Enrollment in Honor of Our Fathers

John Connally
Wade Koehler
Dan Lynch

Tim Lynch
Christopher Szynal



Hello Friends,

St. Joseph Parish is Launching a New Service Organization called *St. Joseph the Worker*

Our mission is to support those members of our parish and community who could use a helping hand.

Some of Our Ideas Include:

- Providing a meal or meals to those who are ill, have a new addition to the family, have lost a loved one, or anyone who needs support.
- Helping serve food at a funeral luncheon.
- Doing yard work or snow removal.
- Visiting someone in a nursing home
- Providing and/or serving food to the homeless at the community kitchen.

These are just a few ideas we have as we start this new service mission in our St. Joseph Parish.

Currently we are looking for volunteers to join this mission.

You may be asking – What is my commitment to join?

The structure will be as follows:

We will ask you to complete a Google Form letting us know what you are comfortable doing to help others. When a request comes to us we will then send out an email to everyone who signed up for that particular service. You will then respond stating either you can or can not help at this time. We will then reach out to those who said yes and provide the details.

ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO THE MISSION OF PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE?

Scan the QR code and complete the online form.

Do you have questions about this new ministry?

Are there others you would like to invite to this ministry?

Please contact: stjosephtheworkerdg@gmail.com

Organizers: Kathy Gaydos, Michele Geraghty and Jackie Provenzale



God will restore
your **BROKEN HEART**
if you surrender
all things to Him.



New Ministry at Notre Dame Parish Fall 2023

LIGHT OF LIFE—SURVIVING DIVORCE

Welcome to all who are divorced or currently filing for divorce. As you know, there are many difficulties and emotions throughout a divorce and a “mourning” period during the process and afterward.

There is hope and healing for Catholics. Please consider joining! This program was created by a variety of experts for Ascension Press which includes a workbook, videos and sources for additional help.

The aim of this group is to share experiences, feelings and insights in a confidential setting. Growth and healing come from our realization that God and His Church love us unconditionally. Through discipleship, prayer and mainly God’s Divine Mercy, we can find peace, recovery, healing and a faith-filled future. Christ is our Light of Life and guide to survival now and in the future.

St. Helena, Our Patron Saint, Pray for Us.

ST. HELENA
Patron Saint of Divorce

More details forthcoming:
8-10 sessions
Begins in the fall of 2023,
on Wednesdays, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm.

Contact dmacaluso@notredameparish.org
630-601-1762





ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

Tuition Scholarship Fund

**38 Students Have Qualified for Scholarships
for the 2023-2024 School Year
29 Students Have Been Awarded and
9 Students are in need of Financial Assistance**

\$128,000
Awarded to Date

\$40,000 Needed
for 9 Additional Students

To Make a Donation:

- Visit empowerillinois.org to learn more about donating
- Write a check to St. Joseph School
- Visit stjosephdg.org to donate by credit card

For more information contact Beth Harbauer at
bharbauer@sjpdg.org or (630) 964-0216 ext. 1101



**Thank You for Prayerfully
Considering a Donation!**





2023 Catholic Sports Camp Basketball

All Camps are Co-ed Grades 5-9

Registration Fee: \$150 per Child

Family Night: Sunday July 16 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

CAMP: July 17,18 2023 8am-3:30 pm

Attendance is Limited to 50 Campers Please Register Now!



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<https://catholicsportscamps.regfox.com/basketball-camp-2023>

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