

## 13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." - Mt 10:42

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**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.

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

Please contact us if you have any questions. Michele Geraghty 630-334 2007

michelegeraghty62@gmail.com Cindy Jagielo 630-346-7497



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





cjagielo@sjpdg.org

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 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 2, 2023

"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me."

- Mt 10:37-38



#### **Mass Schedule and Intentions**

#### 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 Monday, July 3

7:00 AM Ed & Rosemary Cox

Tuesday, July 4

9:00 AM The Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday, July 5

7:00 AM The Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, July 6

7:00 AM Steven Kapes

Friday, July 7

7:00 AM The Souls in Purgatory

#### Saturday, July 8

8:00 AM The Souls in Purgatory 5:00 PM Tom & Colette Durkin

#### Sunday, July 9

7:00 AM Mother's Spiritual Bouquet

9:00 AM Jack Himpler and

Jim Himpler

11:00 AM James Winters

5:00 PM The 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:

"I know that Elisha is a holy man of God.

Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof

and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp.

so that when he comes to us he can stay there." (2 Kgs 4:9-10)

#### Psalm:

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. (Ps 89)

#### Second Reading:

Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus

were baptized into his death?

We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death,

so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father,

we too might live in newness of life. (Rom 6:3-4)

#### Gospel:

"Whoever receives you receives me,

and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me." (Mt 10:40)

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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

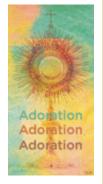
"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

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



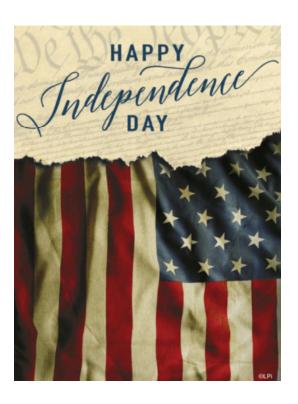
## Introducing Our New Parochial Vicar, Fr. John Abulag

I was born John Ronaldo Gabutan Abulag on March 31, in Talisayan Misamis, Oriental, Philippines (My Mom's place). After a month I was baptized at the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. I grew up in Gingoog City, my Dad's place. At home they call me John-John. I am named John after my great grandpa and Ronaldo after the famous movie actor way back then, Ronaldo Valdez. I have a sweet tooth. I love the colors Blue, Red, Green and Black. I love listening to music and I sing a little. I like to watch horror movies. I have 5 brothers and 1 sister. But I do have 1 adopted sister (niece of my dad) and 1 adopted brother (nephew of Mom). I am already an orphan. My Mom died on the first day of my final exams in Theology. My Dad passed away a day before I was ordained to the priesthood. I went to public school from kindergarten, Elementary and High School. I went to Catholic School during College.

I finished my Bachelor of Science in Commerce major in Management. After college I worked as a curator in a painting gallery. I also taught Christian Living 1 & 2, and Philosophy of Man in the High School Department of St. James College of Quezon City. I finished my AB Philosophy at Our Lady of the Angels Franciscan Seminary. As for my Theology I finished it at the University of Santo Tomas– Recoletos School of Theology in Manila, Philippines. I met the Dominican Missionaries for Deaf Apostolate in the year 2011. I became a perpetually professed brother before going to the Diocese of Joliet. I became a Deacon on December 5, 2020 and was ordained to the Priesthood on May 22, 2021. It was also a good year for me (though my Dad passed that day) because my country, the Philippines, in the year 2021 celebrated 500 years of Christianity. Also that day May 22nd was the feast day of my home city (Philippines) in honor of Saint Rita of Cascia. That is why I consider her as my ordination saint. I also have several favorite saints such as St. Philomena, St. John Maria Vianney, Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Saint Maximilian Maria Kolbe, Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Saint John Paul II, Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, Saint Catherine of Siena and Saint Dominic de Guzman.

I have been a die hard member of the Legion of Mary since High School. Presently, I am the Spiritual Director of the Legion of Mary in the Joliet area. I am also the Chaplain of the Deaf Community in the Diocese of Joliet. Since I came to Joliet I have never returned to the Philippines. Hopefully next year I will be able to go home to see my brothers and sisters and their families, God willing. Now, I am excited to be transferred to St. Joseph. See you all around!!!

Fr. John



#### 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 25 Gifts	\$12,837
Year-to-Date Sunday Goal	\$1,246,500
Year-to-Date Gifts	<u>\$1,173,707</u>
Total Short of Goal to Date	\$72,792

## In Gratitude for Those Who Shepherd Our Community's Worship

The Year of Parish Revival for the three-year National Eucharistic Revival began on June 11 and will continue through July 17, 2024. This second phase is intended to "foster Eucharistic devotion at the parish level, strengthening our liturgical life through faithful celebration of the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, missions, resources, preaching, and organic movements of the Holy Spirit" (from the revival web site).



God has graced Saint Joseph Church with so many people who work tirelessly, and who have worked tirelessly even before these

years of revival, to strengthen our liturgical life through that faithful celebration of the Mass. These parishioners generously give their time, talent, and treasure in liturgy, music, and art and environment. As the Director of Liturgy and Music, I invite you to offer a prayer of thanksgiving for these parishioners who not only prepare our worship throughout the year, but who even more diligently pay close attention for the sacred days of Advent, Christmas, Lent, Holy Week, The Sacred Triduum, and Easter. A close look at this past Lent, Holy Week, and Easter brings to mind so many aspects of liturgical prayer:

Palm Sunday's procession,

Holy Thursday's Reception of the Sacred Oils, Washing of the Feet, and Eucharistic Procession,

Good Friday's Reading of the Passion and Adoration of the Holy Cross,

The Easter Vigil's Blessing of the Fire and Paschal Candle, the Proclamation of the Exsultet and our salvation history, the Blessing of Water, the celebrations of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist,

Easter Sunday's celebration of the Resurrection through the rites of Renewal of Baptismal Promises and Holy Communion,

Pentecost's celebration of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

In addition to our parish priests, deacons, Worship Commission, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, servers, sacristans, lectors, ushers, members of our music ministry comprised of cantors, choir, talented instrumentalists, and handbell choir, I ask you to give God thanks in particular for the members of our Art and Environment committee, coordinated by Rita Tandaric. Under Rita's guidance, so much care and attention enhances our worship space and devotional areas, without taking away from the primary symbols of the Altar (Table of the Eucharist) and the Ambo (Table of the Word). God feeds us each Sunday with his Word and his Son's Body and Blood.

The Art and Environment team's holy efforts grace our church space, and honor the liturgy and our sacramental celebrations.

May the ministry of liturgy, music, and visual arts continue to clothe our parish's celebration of the Eucharist in a mantle of prayer.

Bob Valle Director of Liturgy and Music

## 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: stjosephtheworkerdq@qmail.com

Organizers: Kathy Gaydos, Michele Geraghty and Jackie Provenzale



## The Legion of Mary is Growing at St. Joseph



We can do more if we have more members.

Please visit us any

Thursday 6 pm in the Church

Basement.

Call 630 204-5072 with questions

## 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

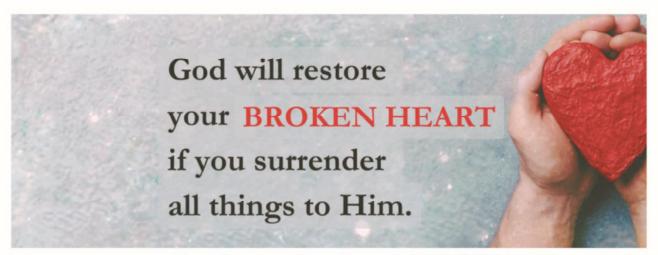
7:00 PM Mass in honor of Padre Pio

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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

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





## **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

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