

# 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

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**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

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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 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time July 16, 2023

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light."

- Mt 11:28-30



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

#### Sunday, July 16

7:00 AM Frank Chmela and People of the Parish 9:00 AM Francesca Opre and Jerry Luebbe 11:00 AM Angela Plys (L)

5:00 PM Father's Spiritual Bouquet

#### Monday, July 17

7:00 AM Mary Jane Dannemiller and Vinaya Mathew

Tuesday, July 18 7:00 AM Scott Wittmer

Wednesday, July 19 7:00 AM The Souls in Purgatory

Thursday, July 20

7:00 AM The Souls in Purgatory

Friday, July 21

7:00 AM Scott Wittmer

#### Saturday, July 22

8:00 AM The Souls in Purgatory 5:00 PM Ed & Rosemary Cox

#### Sunday, July 23

7:00 AM Mary Jaderberg 9:00 AM People of the Parish 11:00 AM Abigail O'Connor 7:00 AM The Souls in Purgatory

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

#### **Weekly** Prayer

#### **Sunday's Readings**

#### First Reading:

The rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful. (Is 55:10)

#### Psalm:

The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest. (Ps 65)

#### Second Reading:

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing

compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God. (Rom 8:18-19)

#### Gospel:

And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. (Mt 13:3)

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# Readings for the week of July 16, 2023

#### Sunday:

Is 55:10-11/Ps 65:1, 11, 12-13, 14 (Luke 8:8)/ Rom 8:18-23/Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

#### Monday:

Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1

#### Tuesday:

Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24

#### Wednesday:

Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27

#### Thursday:

Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30

#### Friday:

Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8

#### Saturday:

Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

#### **Next Sunday:**

Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

#### 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

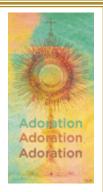
"Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin."

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.

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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 Wrobleski SPC Abigal Baran, US Army

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



#### The Ministry of the **Extraordinary Minister** of Holy Communion

**Training Session:** Wednesday, July 26 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

The next formation session for new Eucharistic Ministers will be held on Wednesday, July 26, at 7:00 p.m.

Register at: https://stjosephdq.org/extraordinaryminister-of-holy-communion. Please register before attending so we are prepared for all who will be present.

You may also contact Bob Valle, Director of Liturgy and Music, at the parish (bualle@sjpdq.org or 630-964-0216, ext. 1209) to ask questions regarding this ministry.



#### Tell the Story of Faith! The Ministry of the Lector **Training Session: Tuesday July 25**

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

A training and formation session for new lectors will be held on Tuesday, July 25, at 7:00 p.m.

Register at: https://stjosephdq.org/lector. Please register before attending so we are prepared for all who will be present.

You may also contact Bob Valle, Director of Liturgy and Music, at the parish (bualle@sjpdq.org or 630-964-0216, ext. 1209) to ask questions regarding this ministry.

#### 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

#### A Call to Stewardsh

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 July 9 Gifts	\$12,816
Year-to-Date Sunday Goal	\$49,460
Year-to-Date Gifts	<u>\$36,757</u>
Total Short of Goal to Date	\$12,703

#### **Third Sunday Food Collection** July 15 & 16

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is in the lower level of St. Joseph Parish Center. The food pantry is open every Thursday from 8:15-10:30 am for residents of Downers Grove, Westmont, and parts of Woodridge.

Thank you for your support and generosity!





#### Funeral Ministry Team and Choir Comforting Those Who Mourn Orientation Gathering Tuesday, July 25, 9:00 a.m.

When members of a faith community die, the presence of parishioners at the Funeral Mass serve as a visible and aural sign of support, compassion, and comfort. This presence brings to life Christ's words from the *Sermon on the Mount*: "Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted" (Matthew 5: 4).

The parish Funeral Ministry Team and Choir is comprised of parishioners willing to accompany the grieving by attending the Funeral Mass, and supporting the families' and friends' participation in the prayers, responses, postures and singing of the Mass. You don't have to consider yourself a "singer" in order join this group, just be a generous heart with some time! You are an assembly member who supports by praying with the grieving. Members of this team may also serve as sacristans helping to set up for the liturgy; as extraordinary ministers of holy Communion; as lectors when the family has no one able to read; and as greeters to welcome guests to our parish. The team sits as a group so that we can be that tangible presence of Christ's compassion through the presence of his people.

Though retired persons make up the majority of this team, these young at heart would benefit from and welcome the young in body to share in this holy work! If you are a stay-at-home mom or dad, or you normally work afternoons or evenings, consider joining this ministry. The parish schedules most funerals around 10:00 a.m., and we contact the team members through email, text, or phone tree - whichever is most convenient for the individual. Members arrive about a half hour before each funeral and attend when it fits their schedule!

Join Bob Valle on Tuesday, July 25 from 9:00 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. for an "orientation gathering" to learn about the various aspects of this holy endeavor, what the Church teaches about ministry to the bereaved, and to share in some coffee and pastries. Register on the parish website or use the QR code to go to the website, contact Bob (bvalle@sipdg.org or 630-964-0216, ext. 1209). If you are unable to attend but still want to take part in this ministry, still contact Bob.



Please consider becoming one who comforts those who mourn by joining the Funeral Ministry Team and Choir!

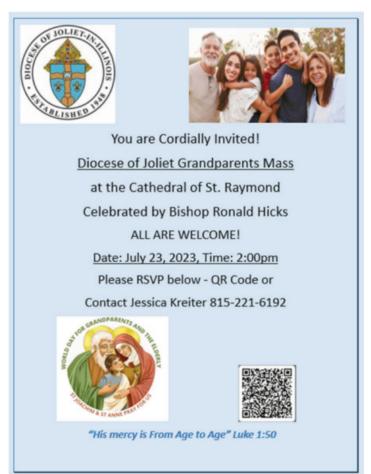


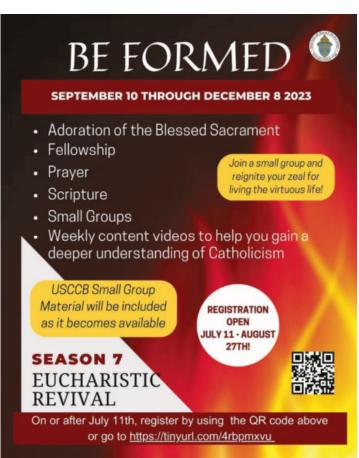
The World Youth Day Pilgrims from our Parish Youth Ministry along with the St. Scholastica Parish Youth Ministry and our Spiritual Director, Fr. Matthew Nathan will be leaving in one week for an amazing trip to Paris, Lourdes, Avila, Fatima and ultimately to Lisbon, Portugal. In Lisbon we will experience adoration with our Holy Father at an overnight Vigil. The following morning, Pope Francis will celebrate Sunday Mass outdoors with an expected one million Catholic pilgrims...including us!

We have been incredibly blessed by your generosity through your donations and your response to all our fundraisers over the last couple of years. This parish is AMAZING!

We would be honored to bring your prayer intentions to all the holy places we will go. We will offer up all of these prayers at daily Mass and at the Vigil Mass at the end of our trip.

Please stop in the narthex and write your prayer intentions down for us. We will bring every one of them with us each day! God hears our prayers – especially of our young people – and He will answer all of us in His perfect timing, knowing what is best for each of us. Jesus, We Trust in You!







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



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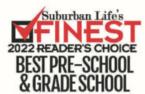
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