



ST. JOSEPH PARISH

DOWNERS GROVE, IL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." - Mt 21:32

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St. Joseph Parish Business Center

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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.

The 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 1, 2023

"Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first."
Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you."

- Mt 21:31



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sunday, October 1

7:00 AM The Souls in Purgatory
9:00 AM Jack Himpler and Jim Himpler
11:00 AM Karen Bogdan
5:00 PM The People of the Parish

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

Monday, October 2

7:00 AM Eugene C. Jagielo and the Lech Family

Tuesday, October 3

7:00 AM Mary Ella Lotarski and Mary Jane Dannemiller

Wednesday, October 4

7:00 AM Rosemary Danaher and Alice R. Svec

Thursday, October 5

7:00 AM John M. Cox

Friday, October 6

7:00 AM Thomas Herold

Saturday, October 7

8:00 AM Jeffrey Aguayo (L)
5:00 PM The Souls in Purgatory

Sunday, October 8

7:00 AM Elizabeth J. Hogan
9:00 AM Ana Maria Concepcion
11:00 AM Dolores Serafim
5:00 PM Mothers' Spiritual Bouquet



September 27 – November 5
40 DAYS FOR LIFE

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers! With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

Over 20,000 babies saved from abortion

Over 200 abortion workers converted

Over 100 abortion centers closed

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

Vigil location:

Outside Access Health 1700 75th St. Downers Grove

Vigil hours: 7 am to 7 pm daily

Local contact: 40DaysDG@gmail.com

Learn more ... get involved ... and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at:

40daysforlife.com/downersgrove

Creation Care Corner



"Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence... We have no such right" (LS 33).

Protect Species Diversity

Scientists report that nearly one million species are at risk of extinction by the end of this century, driven by human activity. Biodiversity is necessary for a healthy world. We can take individual action to protect biodiversity by:

- Reducing our fossil fuel usage which contributes to warming that is contributing to growing extinction rates
- Eating foods that require lower land use or reduce aquatic impact to minimize habitat loss
- Advocating for Congressional legislation that will conserve nature and promote clean energy
- Supporting local conservation efforts or organizations that are making a difference
- Planting native flora to support the wildlife around you, and minimizing your use of pesticides and herbicides.

Consider spending time to better understand how the way we live our lives impacts the world around us. There are opportunities for all of us to make modifications to help ensure future generations can enjoy a world as beautiful, diverse and ecologically healthy as the one we inherited.

Weekly Sunday Goal	\$24,730
Sunday September 24 Gifts	\$10,167
Year-to-Date Sunday Goal	\$321,490
Year-to-Date Gifts	<u>\$270,566</u>
Total Short of Goal to Date	\$50,923

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed,
he does what is right and just,
he shall preserve his life. (Ez 18:27)

Psalm:

Remember your mercies, O Lord. (Ps 25)

Second Reading:

Have in you the same attitude
that is also in Christ Jesus. (Phil 2:5)

Gospel:

Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you,
tax collectors and prostitutes
are entering the kingdom of God before you."
(Mt 21:31)

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Readings for the week of October 1, 2023

Sunday:

Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/
Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Monday:

Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and
22-23/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday:

Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/
Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday:

Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday:

Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/
Lk 10:1-12

Friday:

Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday:

Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/
Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday:

Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20
(Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

The Next Monthly St. Peregrine Prayer Service Thursday, October 26 at 7 pm

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."

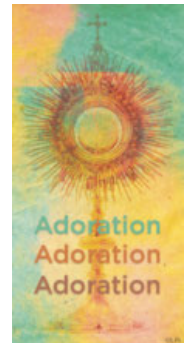
Romans 4:7-8

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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Vincent Wroblewski
SPC Abigal Baran, US Army

To include/remove a name, contact the Parish Center

Interested in Exploring the Catholic Faith?

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA)

Are You or Someone You Know Coming to Mass but never made the “jump” to join the Catholic Church? Thinking of becoming Catholic but weren’t sure what to do, Feel God leading you to become Catholic? A Baptized Catholic Adult but have not received the Sacraments of Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

Then “**Come and See**” what following Christ in the Catholic tradition is all about!! St Joseph’s Order of Christian Initiation of Adults might just be what you are looking for. If you are interested in finding out more, please contact **Deacon Frank Kozar at 630-964-0216 x 1107, email: fkozar@sjpdg.org**



St. Joseph Job Opening – Director of Religious Education K-8

The Director of Religious Education guides the faith formation of children of the parish. In collaboration with the Pastor, the Director will need to research, design, implement, and evaluate formation experiences and curriculum. The Director will administer the parish religious education program on a day-to-day basis and in long-term strategic planning. This full-time ministerial position requires a practicing Catholic in good standing, who must know, profess, and act consistently in accordance with the doctrinal and moral teachings of the Catholic Church, along with the mission, philosophy, objectives, and policies of the Diocese of Joliet and of St. Joseph Parish. A

part-time administrative assistant helps coordinate this program. **If you are interested, please send a resume to Fr. Albert Heidecke at aheidecke@sjpdg.org and Beth Harbauer at bharbauer@sjpdg.org**

St. Joseph Religious Education – Teachers & Assistants NEEDED!

As always, our program relies upon you, our generous and faithful volunteers! We have excellent teaching resources so we can provide you with lesson plans that will help you teach & assist in classes which are engaging, educational, and fun! It is our intention to keep the class sizes small and manageable, with meeting times that are similar to years past: Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings for 7th and 8th grade and Thursday afternoons.

Come join us! We are praying that YOU will answer the call! Questions or to schedule a meeting please contact: Marta Spiezio, Director of Youth Ministry, mspiezio@sjpdg.org 630-964-0215 Ext. 1210 or Cindy Jagielo, Assistant to Youth Ministry. cjagielo@sjpdg.org at Ext. 1201

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





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eucharisticrevival.org





National Eucharistic Revival Year of the Parish Begins Now



*Bishop James E Fitzgerald
Knights of Columbus #14649*

Presents

Vatican International Exhibition The Eucharistic Miracles of the World



Stop by the exhibit conceived by 11 year-old Blessed Carlo Acutis, and witness how Jesus has miraculously manifested himself throughout the centuries and proves He is totally present Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist.

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- Eucharistic Miracles from various countries
- Visible proof of Jesus' presence in the Eucharist
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- Free Admission



Come join hosts Myron & Shari Schulte,
Thursday October 12 from 7 to 8:30 pm for an
Opening Presentation helping us understand
these Eucharistic Miracles of the World ... and
consider the two Miracles taking place every
time we go to Mass.

Exhibit Hours

Friday	Oct. 13	5pm to 8pm
Saturday	Oct. 14	8am to 8pm
Sunday	Oct. 15	8am to 3pm

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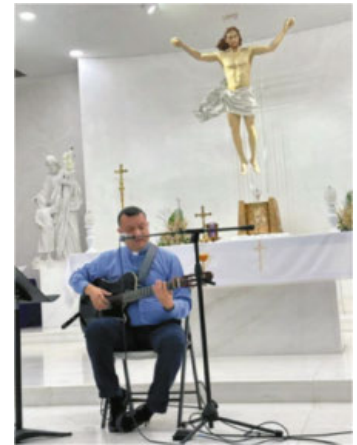
St. Joseph Parish Welcomes Father Nestor Lopez

I am Fr. Nestor Lopez. I was born in Cali - Colombia. I have a degree in pastoral theology from Bogotá, Colombia. I am the second of four brothers. My younger brother died when he was 15 years old, and I was 16 at the same time; now I have a brother, a sister, and my mother, my father, who passed away two years ago. I am 54 years old, 24 years ordained as a religious priest. I have belonged to a religious community called La Inmaculada Concepción for 32 years, and now I am in the process of being incardinated in this diocese of Joliet.

As a religious missionary priest, I have lived in the Dominican Republic, Rome, Italy, Indiana Diocese of Gary, and San Augustin, Florida, in the Sanctuary of Our Lady of La Leche in the United States.

And now, here in this diocese of Joliet, I hope never to move and stay forever.

I am a musician; I play the guitar and some piano. Music is part of my essence; I think it is one of my talents to give Jesus Christ through music. Finally, my hobby is motorcycles and scooters. I enjoy feeling the freedom of traveling and good food while I can.



St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

The Food Pantry at St. Joseph's is in need of the following items:

**Ketchup, Mustard, Toothpaste,
Canned Ravioli, Canned Beef Stew,
Saltine and Ritz Crackers, Bags of Brown Rice,
Cans of Chicken Broth, Candy Bars, Paper Towels.**

**Thank you for your support
and generosity!**

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 Nazareth Retreat House, Batavia, 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
November 4 & 5 (2-day program - overnight only)
NAZARETH Retreat House, Batavia, Illinois**

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



Prayer in the Spirit of the Taizé Community Returns to Saint Joseph

**Sundays: October 15, November 19,
and December 17 7:00 p.m.**



*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you."
(John 14: 27)*

For several years, parishioners, Catholics from other parishes, and fellow Christians from other communities have gathered at Saint Joseph Church to pray for peace and reconciliation within our households, within our communities, and within our world. We do this by coming together singing simple songs and chants, entering into silence, opening ourselves to the Lord's presence, and drawing closer to the heart of God. This prayer is modeled on the daily prayer of the Taizé Community in France, an ecumenical monastic community founded by Brother Roger Schutz in the 1940s, whose very existence "is a 'parable of community' that wants its life to be a sign of reconciliation between divided Christians and between separated peoples."

Though you may not be familiar with the prayer, you will be most familiar with the simple songs that are part of the ritual. "Jesus, Remember Me," "Bless the Lord," and "Eat This Bread" are just a few of the songs that are part of our Sunday worship; these and many more were composed so that people could be drawn closer to an awareness of God's presence through repetitive prayers. Think of the repeated rhythms of the rosary, or if you practice meditation, the repeated word or phrase that keeps one grounded in intention. The prayer also encompasses a service of light, the reading of Scripture, and a period of communal silence. In many parishes that offer this prayer, families bring their children to form them in devotional prayer and to instill a practice that is easily joined to one's spirit. Young adults, for whom the brothers of Taizé have a special ministry, are also drawn to its beauty.

Our world is too familiar with war; our cities and neighborhoods struggle with violence; our politics engage aggressive rhetoric instead of dialogue; and even our households may be in need of compassionate acts of reconciliation and love. The faith-filled community that has gathered to pray in the spirit of the Taizé community is a witness among those who gather for the prayer; it is a time and place where the seeds of peace and justice may be sown in our hearts. And it also witnesses beyond the time of prayer when it slowly changes our own hearts and forms us in the spirit of Christ who came through closed doors after his resurrection and said, "Peace be with you."

Little by little, this intentional community of prayer grows, and your presence can help it to flourish! Bring your families, your children, and anyone who may need to share in a time of prayer, song, and silence that opens us up to the spirit of Christ's peace and unity.

For more information about this prayer or to be added to an email reminder list, please contact me , Bob Valle at bvalle@sjpdg.org or 630-964-0216.

Together, may we grow "in the peace of God that surpasses all understanding" (Philippians 4:7).



Anointing of the Sick

at all Sunday Masses October 21 and 22

The Lord himself showed great concern for the bodily and spiritual welfare of the sick and commanded his followers to do likewise. This is clear from the gospels, and above all from the existence of the sacrament of anointing, which he instituted and which is made known in the Letter of James. Since then the Church has never ceased to celebrate this sacrament for its members by the anointing and the prayer of its priests, commending those who are ill to the suffering and glorified Lord, that he may raise them up and save them (see James 5: 14-16).

(Pastoral Care of the Sick, 5)

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is intended for those whose health is seriously impaired by physical or mental illness, old age, as well as those preparing for serious surgery or enduring a serious chronic illness. Children may also be anointed if they have sufficient use of reason to be strengthened by the sacrament. We, as members of the Church baptized into the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ, support the sick in their struggle against illness and we continue Christ's own mission of healing.

It is especially fitting that all baptized Christians share in this ministry of mutual charity within the Body of Christ by doing all that they can to help the sick return to health, by showing love for the sick, and by celebrating the sacraments with them. Like other sacraments, these too have a community aspect, which should be brought out as much as possible when they are celebrated.

(Pastoral Care of the Sick, 33)

If you, a member of your family, a friend, or a parishioner near you should receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please come to one of the Sunday Masses on October 21 and 22.

We will pray as a community knowing that when one of us suffers, we all suffer. We will share in a prayer of faith asking God's help for those who are ill. During the laying on of hands the sick will know that they are the focus of the Church's prayer. Through the anointing with oil, all present will know that the Spirit's healing, strengthening presence is in this person and in this community.

Please also remember that whenever you or a member of your family are in need of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, you may contact the parish to schedule a time for our parish priest to visit at your home or in the hospital to celebrate the sacrament.

May the healing touch of Christ through our presence and participation in the communal celebration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick be present for all enduring illness.



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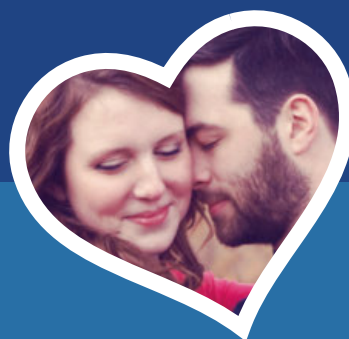
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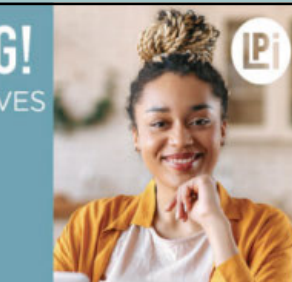
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