



ST. JOSEPH PARISH

DOWNERS GROVE, IL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2023

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Come to the feast." - Mt 22:4bc

Directory

St. Joseph Parish Business Center

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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.

The 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 15, 2023

“The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.’ The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests.” – Mt 22:8b-10

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sunday, October 15

7:00 AM Virginia LeKovic
9:00 AM Yost Smith and
the People of the Parish
11:00 AM James Winters and
Bradley Sapiega
5:00 PM Johnny Roggi

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

Monday, October 16

7:00 AM Abigail O'Connor and
Lucy Ong

Tuesday, October 17

7:00 AM Marianna Holm (L)

Wednesday, October 18

7:00 AM Banzek Family and
John & Dorothea Kozisek

Thursday, October 19

7:00 AM Doris Kotek

Friday, October 20

7:00 AM The Souls in Purgatory



Saturday, October 21

8:00 AM Marie Sanchez
5:00 PM Cynthia Pergran

Sunday, October 15

7:00 AM The Souls in Purgatory
9:00 AM Francesca Opre
11:00 AM Father's Spiritual Bouquet
5:00 PM People of the Parish



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

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!



Irene "Chick" Briner, Legion of Mary and Matt Borgard, Grand Knight setting up the 40 Days for Life display near the Church.

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

**[40daysforlife.com/
downersgrove](http://40daysforlife.com/downersgrove)**

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

The Lord GOD will wipe away
the tears from every face. (Is 25:8)

Psalm:

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days
of my life. (Ps 23)

Second Reading:

I have learned the secret of being well fed and of
going hungry,
of living in abundance and of being in need.
I can do all things in him who strengthens me.
(Phil 4:12-13)

Gospel:

"Go out, therefore, into the main roads
and invite to the feast whomever you find." (Mt 22:9)

Readings for the week of October 15, 2023

Sunday:

Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday:

Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/
Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday:

Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday:

2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/
Lk 10:1-9

Thursday:

Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/
Lk 11:47-54

Friday:

Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday:

Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/
Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday:

Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/
1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

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

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.

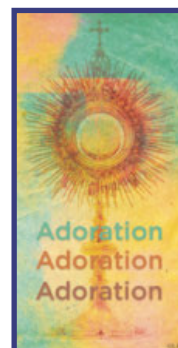


Eucharistic Adoration

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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Lt. Bruce Penny
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Vincent Wroblewski
SPC Abigail Baran, US Army

To include/remove a name, contact the Parish Center

Pray for Israel

As we pray urgently for peace,
we recall especially all the
families and individuals
suffering from these events.

- Pope Francis



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.

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



The Campus Improvement Committee is Looking for New Members



Do you have professional experience in: Building Maintenance, Building Construction, HVAC, Architecture, Structural Engineering, Electrical, or Plumbing?

Purpose: advise and recommend to the Pastor, Business Manager & Facilities Manager on the oversight and expertise of campus facilities.

Meets quarterly

If interested please contact:

Beth Harbauer
630-964-0216 x1101
bharpbauer@sjpdg.org

Lunch/Recess Supervisors NEEDED!

This is a part-time paid position. Position can be 1 to 5 days a week, Monday – Friday. Hours are from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If interested, please contact

Principal Beth Cunningham
at bcunningham@sjsdg.org.



St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive October 28 & 29

The St. Vincent de Paul truck will be in the West church parking lot from 3:00-6:00 pm on Saturday and 7:00 am-1:00 pm on Sunday.



We accept... Clothing, shoes, linens and books in good or bad condition. Small electronics and housewares – dishes, utensils, toasters, blenders, coffee makers, etc. We now accept scrap metal and aluminum. Bag your aluminum cans and box your scrap metal.

We do not accept... Televisions, baby equipment such as cribs, walkers, strollers, playpens, etc. God Bless You for Your Generosity.

Thank You for Your Support and Generosity!

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	\$24,730
Sunday October 8 Gifts	\$12,084
Year-to-Date Sunday Goal	\$370,950
Year-to-Date Gifts	<u>\$313,075</u>
Total Short of Goal to Date	\$57,874



October 2023

Dear Friends,

On October 22, we celebrate World Mission Sunday, when we join Catholics worldwide in supporting the missionary work of the Church. Pope Francis draws inspiration from the Road to Emmaus story for the theme of this year's World Mission Sunday: **"Hearts on fire, feet on the move"** (Luke 24:13–35). In his message, Pope Francis invites us to set our hearts ablaze with faith and put our faith into action, serving God's mission with joy, enthusiasm, and tireless dedication:

1. **"Hearts on Fire"**—As Christians, we're called to kindle the fire of Christ's love in our hearts. Our burning faith fuels our actions, inspiring us to serve others in our daily lives.
2. **"Feet on the Move"**—Pope Francis encourages us to not only feel the faith but to act on it. It's our mission to move, serve, and spread the Good News, bringing God's love and peace to all His children.

We can all contribute to this mission movement with prayers and activities, including material offerings. The collection taken on World Mission Sunday—the only mandatory collection held each year in every Catholic parish—is dedicated to supporting the missionary work of the Church.

Your donations and prayers support helps fund missionary activities around the world, such as training future priests and religious, supporting religious Sisters, empowering catechists teaching the faith, funding clinics for the sick and dying, and providing homes for orphaned children.

With **"hearts on fire"** and **"feet on the move,"** let us put our faith into action in every corner of the world by donating to the second collection on October 22.

With every good wish, may God bless you.

As I remain –
Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks
Bishop of Joliet



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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We, the Catholic bishops of Illinois, write with a sense of urgency. Unless the General Assembly acts to renew the Invest in Kids scholarship program, more than 9,000 children currently relying on this program to attend a non-public school may have their educational path disrupted. Without an extension of the program in Illinois law now, no scholarships will be awarded for the school year that will begin in September 2024. Most of these children will have to leave the school their families determined was their best chance to receive a high-quality education in a safe and wholesome learning environment. This is an injustice that should and can be avoided, but only if the General Assembly acts when it reconvenes on October 24, 2023.

Invest in Kids has proven to be a beacon of hope for thousands of Illinois students and their families. Children receiving Invest in Kids scholarships come from lower-income families who could not otherwise afford tuition at the Catholic or another non-public school that is the best fit for their child. Childhood is a limited time in the life of a human being and primary and secondary education is not something that can be put off to some future date when it is convenient for adults. This is our one chance to offer these Illinois children a good start. Please help keep education options available and a brighter future possible by contacting your state senator and state representative and telling them to continue the Invest in Kids Program.

Since its inception six years ago, Invest in Kids has generated overwhelmingly positive results. Nearly 40,000 scholarships have been awarded to students attending non-public schools across Illinois. Demand for scholarships is very high - for every scholarship granted, three students are turned down due to lack of funds. Contrary to what you may have heard, this is not a voucher program, nor does it take state funds away from the public schools. These scholarships are funded through contributions from donors who receive a tax credit for their donation on their Illinois state income tax.

What can you do to help? Please contact your state senator and state representative to let them know of your support for extending the Invest in Kids tax credit scholarship program in Illinois. We also encourage you to urge your fellow parishioners to do the same. Our collective voice is vital to the continued help for Illinois families. Please visit the Catholic Conference of Illinois website at www.ilcatholic.org or call the Springfield office at (217) 528-9200 for further information on how to locate your elected officials, request sample wording for a message to your legislator, or for information about how to donate to this program.

+ *Blase J. Cupich*

His Eminence Cardinal Blase J. Cupich
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+ *Louis Tylka*

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An All Souls Altar of Remembrance for November, the Month of All Souls



This November, the month when we commemorate the dead, we will place an Altar of Remembrance with our statue of Saint Joseph—the patron of a happy death—in the narthex, where all of us may bring pictures of our loved ones who have died. Known as *ofrendas* (offerings) in the Mexican culture, and embraced by other cultures as well, the community honors all who have been a part of our lives and with us form the Communion of the Saints.

Please bring your pictures, framed or unframed, to the narthex or parish center by October 30th, with your name and phone number on the back, so that we can return it to you at the end of the November.

The St. Patrick Respect Life Ministry and
St. Gianna Shrine Committee invite you to the

Memorial Hope and Healing Mass for the Loss of a Child

Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 9:00 AM
St. Patrick Church | 406 Walnut St. Yorkville, IL

((())) View Live Stream at stpatrikyorkville.org/livestream

Mothers, fathers, family members, and all who grieve the loss of a child, recent or long ago, due to miscarriage, early birth, stillbirth, abortion, illness, or accident are welcome.

Veneration of St. Gianna Molla's relics will follow after Mass.



For more information about the St. Gianna Shrine,
please go to StGiannaShrine.org.



Save My Scholarship

State lawmakers are considering ending the tax credit scholarship program referred to as "Invest in Kids." This program has provided nearly 40,000 scholarships to help families send their children to a school of their choice.

DO NOT LET THIS PROGRAM END!

Please act now and contact your state senator and state representative. Send them a strong message respectfully asking them to continue this valuable program. You can do so by using the QR code below, by calling us at the Catholic Conference of Illinois at 217.528.9200, or visit our website at www.ilcatholic.org



To remain engaged on policy issues that affect Catholics in Illinois, join our Illinois Catholic Advocacy Network go to www.ilcatholic.org/take-action/join-i-can



Creation Care Corner



"The Church has a responsibility towards Creation and considers it her duty ... to protect earth, water and air as gifts of God, the Creator, meant for everyone ..."
— Pope Benedict XVI

CREATION CARE AND RESPECT LIFE: A CONNECTION

Life and Dignity of the Human Person and Care for God's Creation are separate but interconnected themes in Catholic Social Teaching. These teachings call upon us to respect human life. Many examples demonstrate the relationship between environmental degradation and negative impacts on human life, which are cause for action. Poor air quality from industrial pollution and burning fossil fuels ends life prematurely for 100,000 Americans each year. Carbon pollution contributes to worsening droughts, more intense hurricanes, and flooding...all of which cut lives short or cost additional lives. Respecting human life and dignity calls us to be better stewards of the environment. In caring for the environment, we are also acting on our special responsibility to the poor, the vulnerable, and the unborn of future generations who are most affected and least heard.



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)*

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).

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS



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Questions

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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). **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.**



Have You Heard?

**WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A
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Jesus. The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the
source and summit of our faith—the Eucharist.



eucharisticrevival.org



St. Joseph School News

A night out at Gilbert Park was enjoyed by students and their families for the annual **Friday Night Lights**. The Fall Sports Jamboree had lots of fun activities including a Crusader Football team scrimmage, flag football and volleyball games, and some arts and crafts. A good time was had by all Crusaders!





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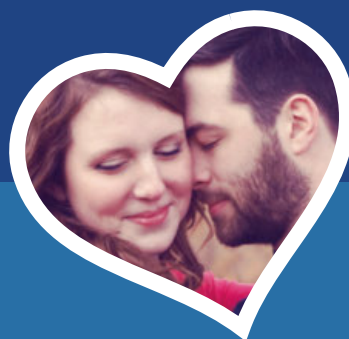
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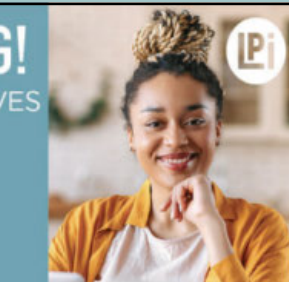
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