

29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:21

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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.

The 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 22, 2023

"Is it lawful to pay the census tax to Caesar or not?" Knowing their malice, Jesus said, "Why are you testing me, you hypocrites? ... Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

- Mt 22:17b-18, 21c

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sunday, October 22

7:00 AM Hector Roa 9:00 AM Francesca Opre

11:00 AM Father's Spiritual Bouquet and Ron Rudnicki

5:00 PM People of the Parish

9:00 am Sunday Mass is LIVE-STREAMED. Visit www.stiosephdg.org

And click on Livestream.

Monday, October 23

7:00 AM Ed & Rosemary Cox and John Wahlstrom

Tuesday, October 24

7:00 AM Richard Guzior (L) and Walter S. Binkowski

Wednesday, October 25

7:00 AM Claudette E. Binkowski and Margaret Rossiter

Thursday, October 26

7:00 AM Jerry Lewitke and Marie Daza



Friday, October 27

7:00 AM Mary Helen Cox

Saturday, October 28

8:00 AM The Souls in Purgatory 5:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, October 29

7:00 AM Edward C. Hernandez
9:00 AM Bernadette Bergen and
Steve Campbell

11:00 AM The Souls in Purgatory 5:00 PM The Souls in Purgatory



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@qmail.com



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/downersqrove

Weekly Prayer

Sunday's Readings

First Reading:

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, Cyrus, whose right hand I grasp, subduing nations before him. (Is 45:1)

Psalm:

Give the Lord glory and honor. (Ps 96)

Second Reading:

We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love. (1 Thes 1:2-3)

Gospel:

"Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (Mt 22:21)

Readings for the week of October 22, 2023

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

Monday:

Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/ Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday:

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday:

Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/ Lk 12:39-48

Thursday:

Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/ Lk 12:49-53

Friday:

Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/ Lk 12:54-59

Saturday:

Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Next Sunday:

Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/ 1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

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.

Lt. Julia M. Anderson P.O. 1 Emily C. Behrel Cpt. Ian Correll Sailor Steven Derdzinski Matt Dickey Teddy Evans Lynnea K. Jensen Austin Kus, US Navy Sheila Perazal Kus, Air Force Jack McGuire, US Navy Maeve McGuire, US Navy S Sgt Ian A. Nogle Lt. Bruce Penny Put Brandon Skenandore Vincent Wrobleski SPC Abigal Baran, US Army

To include/remove a name, contact the Parish Center



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@qmail.com

Cindy Jagielo 630-346-7497 cjagielo@sjpdg.org



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 bharbauer@sjpdg.org

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 15 Gifts | \$34,959 |
| Year-to-Date Sunday Goal | \$395,680 |
| Year-to-Date Gifts | <u>\$348,035</u> |
| Total Short of Goal to Date | \$47,644 |

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!

~ November ~

A Time to Rejoice, to Remember, and to Give Thanks

In all circumstances, give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus! (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

Our celebration of the Eucharist grounds us in the spirit of thanksgiving. We come to the Lord's Table rejoicing in the love offered with Christ's Body and Blood. We remember those who have died who are always a part of us and with those who see God face to face—the Communion of Saints. We give thanks for all gifts given to us so generously. Though not a liturgical season, November liturgies, filled with scripture, prayers, and songs that reflect the end of time, call each of us to prepare for that final day when the Lord gathers us to himself just as the harvest is gathered from the land. The days of Ordinary Time culminate with the celebration of the *Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe* on Sunday, November 26 and flow into the coming Advent season. And as a nation, we gather for our own national holiday – Thanksgiving – to give thanks to God, the giver of all gifts.

Solemnity of All Saints, a Holy Day of Obligation Wednesday, November 1 (7:00 a.m. 12 noon and 7:00 p.m.)

We gather and rejoice for all the holy men and women who now live in God's presence and serve as examples and companions to us in our daily lives. Come pray the Eucharist on this day and perhaps celebrate your own patron saint or one whose charism and life has helped to shape your life in Christ.



The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed—All Souls' Day Thursday, November 2 (7:00 a.m. and Mass of Remembrance 7:30 p.m.)

In addition to the 7:00 a.m. Mass, a special *Mass of Remembrance* will be celebrated on Thursday, November 2 at 7:30 p.m. for the intention of all the faithful departed. We will again place an Altar of Remembrance in the narthex. Bring pictures of your loved ones, framed or unframed, to the narthex or parish center, so we can include them in the remembrance. Please include your name and phone number on the back so we can return them at the end of the month.

Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 23 (9:00 a.m.)

Celebrate Thanksgiving Day with your parish at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. We gather to offer thanks and praise as many households, but one family in Christ. Members of the assembly will carry non-perishable food items in procession at the Preparation of the Gifts. Gift certificates can be used to purchase perishable items. This ritual of solidarity with those in need helps the St. Vincent de Paul Society continue its mission of service to those who hunger, and to offer support for their households.

Prayer in the Spirit of the Taizé Community Sunday, November 19 (7:00 p.m.)

This ecumenical prayer for peace among all Christians and for reconciliation among all peoples is celebrated on the third Sunday of the month at 7:00 p.m. The prayer in November will be shaped in the spirit of gratitude calling to mind all God's gifts.





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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.

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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



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.



Singing Christmas carols in November is what it takes to be ready to sing the great carols of the season as well as other liturgical music for the days of Christmas. Now is the time to join choir and help our parish celebrate the season with great festivity and to see if choir would fit your life's schedule on a regular basis. The St. Joseph Choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 7:15 p.m.—

9:15 p.m. and sings at the 9:00 or 11:00 Masses, depending on the month. We welcome all singers, high school age and older! Contact Bob Valle, Director of Music/Liturgist (bvalle@sipdg.org or 630-964-0216, ext. 1209) to become a part of this music ministry and to help lead our assembly to praise.

A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH

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St. Joseph School News

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