



## ST. JOSEPH PARISH

DOWNERS GROVE, IL

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2023**

# 31<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant." - Mt 23:8-11

## Directory

### St. Joseph Parish Business Center

4824 Highland 630.964.0216

### St. Joseph School 630.969.4306

[www.stjosephdg.org](http://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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### St. Vincent de Paul Society

630-964-0216 x1011



**St. Joseph Catholic Church · 4801 Main Street, Downers Grove**

## 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](http://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 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 5, 2023

"As for you, do not be called 'Rabbi.' You have but one teacher, and you are all brothers. Call no one on earth your father; you have but one Father in heaven. Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant."

– Mt 23:8-11

### Mass Schedule and Intentions

#### Sunday, November 5

7:00 AM People of the Parish  
9:00 AM Margaret A. Weldon and  
The McCue Family  
11:00 AM Corinne Bowers and  
Anita Caswell  
5:00 PM Ed & Rosemary Cox

9:00 am Sunday Mass is  
**LIVE-STREAMED.**

Visit [www.stjosephdg.org](http://www.stjosephdg.org)  
And click on Livestream.

#### Monday, November 6

7:00 AM Stanley Pietrzak and  
The Lech Family

#### Tuesday, November 7

7:00 AM Frank Chmela and  
Prisco Olaya

#### Wednesday, November 8

7:00 AM Edward Jaworski

#### Thursday, November 9

7:00 AM Johnny Roggi

#### Friday, November 10

7:00 AM Dolores Zitnik and  
Mary Ann Falkowski



#### Saturday, November 11

8:00 AM Devasia Madappat  
5:00 PM The Souls in Purgatory

#### Sunday, November 12

7:00 AM Frank Chmela and  
Jack Whitacre  
9:00 AM Dennis Carter and  
People of the Parish  
11:00 AM James Winters and  
Vicki Noble  
5:00 PM Mothers' Spiritual Bouquet



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](mailto: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:

You have turned aside from the way,  
and have caused many to falter by your instruction.  
(Mal 2:8)

### Psalm:

In you, Lord, I have found my peace. (Ps 131)

### Second Reading:

With such affection for you, we were determined to  
share with you  
not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as  
well,  
so dearly beloved had you become to us. (1Thes 2:8)

### Gospel:

"Therefore, do and observe all things whatsoever they  
tell you,  
but do not follow their example.  
For they preach but they do not practice." (Mt 23:3)

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## Readings for the week of November 5, 2023

### Sunday:

Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/  
1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

### Monday:

Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/  
Lk 14:12-14

### Tuesday:

Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcd, 2, 3/  
Lk 14:15-24

### Wednesday:

Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/  
Lk 14:25-33

### Thursday:

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/  
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

### Friday:

Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/  
Lk 16:1-8

### Saturday:

Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5,  
10-11/Lk 16:9-15

### Next Sunday:

Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/  
1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

## The Next Monthly St. Peregrine Prayer Service Thursday, November 30, 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



## Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays St. Joseph Church 3:30 - 4:30 pm



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 Wroblecki  
SPC Abigail Baran, US Army

To include/remove a name, contact the Parish Center



## November 2023 NOVENA OF GRACE

From November 25  
through December 3,  
members of our diocese  
will have the opportunity  
to participate in a  
novena of prayer to  
St. Francis Xavier, our  
patron saint.



Scan the QR code or  
visit the website for daily  
prayers and reflections.  
[diojoliet.org/75th](https://diojoliet.org/75th)





## Community Kitchen

First Congregational Church is providing a location for people with food insecurities to have a sit down dinner. St. Joseph Parish has volunteered to host 2 meals per month.

**Please contact:**

**Michele Geraghty 630-334 2007**  
[michelegeraghty62@gmail.com](mailto:michelegeraghty62@gmail.com)

**Cindy Jagielo 630-346-7497**  
[cjagielo@sjpdg.org](mailto:cjagielo@sjpdg.org)

Scan QR code  
for information  
or to sign up



## Parish Administrative Job Opening

The Parish is seeking a Part Time Receptionist/Administrative Assistant. Responsibilities include greeting visitors, answering phone calls, and performing general office work. Proficient with Microsoft Office including Word, Excel, and Publisher.

**Contact Beth Harbauer**  
**630-964-0216 x1101 or**  
[bharbauer@sjpdg.org](mailto:bharbauer@sjpdg.org)

## 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](mailto:bharbauer@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](mailto:bcunningham@sjsdg.org).



## FINANCIAL PLANNING



It's never too early (or late) to be proactive in securing the future well-being of our loved ones and the causes we hold dear.

We understand that navigating the future can be daunting, so to alleviate your concerns, we've partnered with FreeWill to simplify the creation of your will. This service is not only **FREE** but also legally binding and can be completed online in just 20 minutes.

**Visit [www.freewill.com/dioceseofjoliet](http://www.freewill.com/dioceseofjoliet) to begin!**

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## 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 29th Gifts	\$14,444
Year-to-Date Sunday Goal	\$445,140
Year-to-Date Gifts	<u>\$372,865</u>
Total Short of Goal to Date	\$72,274

## ~ 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.

#### 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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St. Joseph Parish, Downers Grove

**Where:** St. Joseph Church Parking Lot  
**Date & Time:** **Friday November 10 3 pm to 6 pm**  
**Saturday November 11 9 am to 3 pm**  
**Sunday November 12**  
**In the Narthex after Masses**

All Donations will benefit Downers Grove residents  
and distributed by the St. Joseph Food Pantry

#### Food Pantry Needs

Apple Juice | Orange Juice | Juice Boxes  
Pasta | Spaghetti Sauce | Beef Stew  
Beef Ravioli | Brown Rice | Salad Dressing  
Ramen Noodles | Can Pineapple | Candy  
Cranberry Sauce | Can Carrot  
Can Tomato: Sauce, Paste & Diced  
Coffee Creamer | Tooth Paste  
Tooth Brushes

## Come Learn About the Life of St. Kateri Tekakwitha

**Thursday, November 16, 2023**

6:00 – Potluck Dinner  
7:00 pm – Presentation

**Saints Peter and Paul  
Catholic Church**

Ministry Center Social Hall  
36 N. Ellsworth St., Naperville



Director of Catechesis and Evangelization, Michael Lewandowski, will present on the life of St. Kateri Tekakwitha. After her baptism at the age of nineteen, the saint lived a life of intense holiness until her death at the age of twenty-four. Kateri dedicated herself to God and listened to his voice in the silence of nature. The beauty of the natural world was a place of communion with God for Kateri. Though she suffered greatly both physically and spiritually, she remained ever faithful to Christ. She is the first Native American to be canonized as a saint.

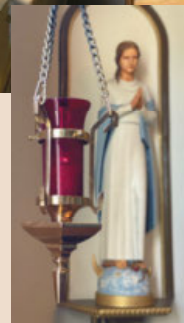
**For more information and to RSVP,  
please visit [sspeterandpaul.net/cloud](http://sspeterandpaul.net/cloud)**



### "COME TO ME..."

all you who labor  
and are heavy  
laden and I will  
give you rest."

–Matthew 11:28



Ever wish the church was open during the day for prayer, a quiet moment or just a chance to be with Jesus? Our Parish Center (formerly the convent) has a chapel ready to serve our community.

**Chapel is open MON-FRI 9AM-4PM  
Located at 4824 Highland Avenue**

Ring the front bell to be buzzed in and directed to the second floor chapel. The chapel is not handicap accessible and requires a total of 23 stairs.



## Calling All Bakers

### **Homemade Christmas Cookies Needed for the Annual St. Joseph Christmas Cookie Sale**

Cookies will be collected in the Church Narthex on Friday December 1st between 2pm and 6pm. (We can also pick-up your cookie donations) We ask that you make 3 – 6 dozen of the same cookie. Please place cookies in a recyclable container, Include the name of your cookies and if they contain nuts.

**Contact Michele Geraghty if you are willing  
to donate cookies, 630-334-2007  
or [michelegeraghty62@gmail.com](mailto:michelegeraghty62@gmail.com)**

Cookies will be sold at the St. Joseph Christmas Marketplace on December 2nd & 3th. They will be sold in 2, 5 and 10 pound boxes.

## GAMEDAY EXPERIENCE PACKAGE



### **BLACKHAWKS VS FLAMES**

**Sunday, January 7, 2024**

**Pre Game time 11:30 am Puck Drop 2:00pm**

Tour the Blackhawks Locker Room and Training Facilities at Fifth Third Arena (1801 W. Jackson Blvd.)

**Pregame Buffet** featuring entrees, sides, desserts, soft drinks and water (cash bar included)

**Open Skate** at Fifth Third Arena (skate rental included)

**Guaranteed Gate Giveaway** (when applicable game)

**Cost \$70 per person, payment due November 26**

Transportation is on your own.

Tickets will be sent via email link the week of Dec. 18th.

**Questions** please email

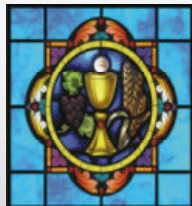
[Darcarakofc@gmail.com](mailto:Darcarakofc@gmail.com)

**Use QR code or visit:**

**[www.stjosephdg.org/blackhawks](http://www.stjosephdg.org/blackhawks)**







## The Ministry of the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

**Training Session: Wednesday, November 15th 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

- The next formation session for new Eucharistic Ministers will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 15th, at 7:00 p.m.
- Register at: [stjosephdg.org/extraordinary-minister-of-holy-communion](http://stjosephdg.org/extraordinary-minister-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 [bvalle@sjpdg.org](mailto:bvalle@sjpdg.org) or 630-964-0216, ext. 1209 to ask questions regarding this ministry.

## A BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS



**Discover the Beauty and Riches of the Mass in this Parish Year of Eucharistic Revival**

**9:30 – 11:00 A.M. Via ZOOM  
5 Wednesday Sessions  
Beginning November 8th**

Scan for more info



### Questions

Annette Zulawski  
847-331-0827  
[Annette.zulawskigmail.com](mailto:Annette.zulawskigmail.com)



## CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN NOVEMBER?

**Join the St. Joseph Music Ministry!**

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@sjpdg.org](mailto:bvalle@sjpdg.org) or 630-964-0216, ext. 1209)** to become a part of this music ministry and to help lead our assembly to praise.



## Have You Heard?

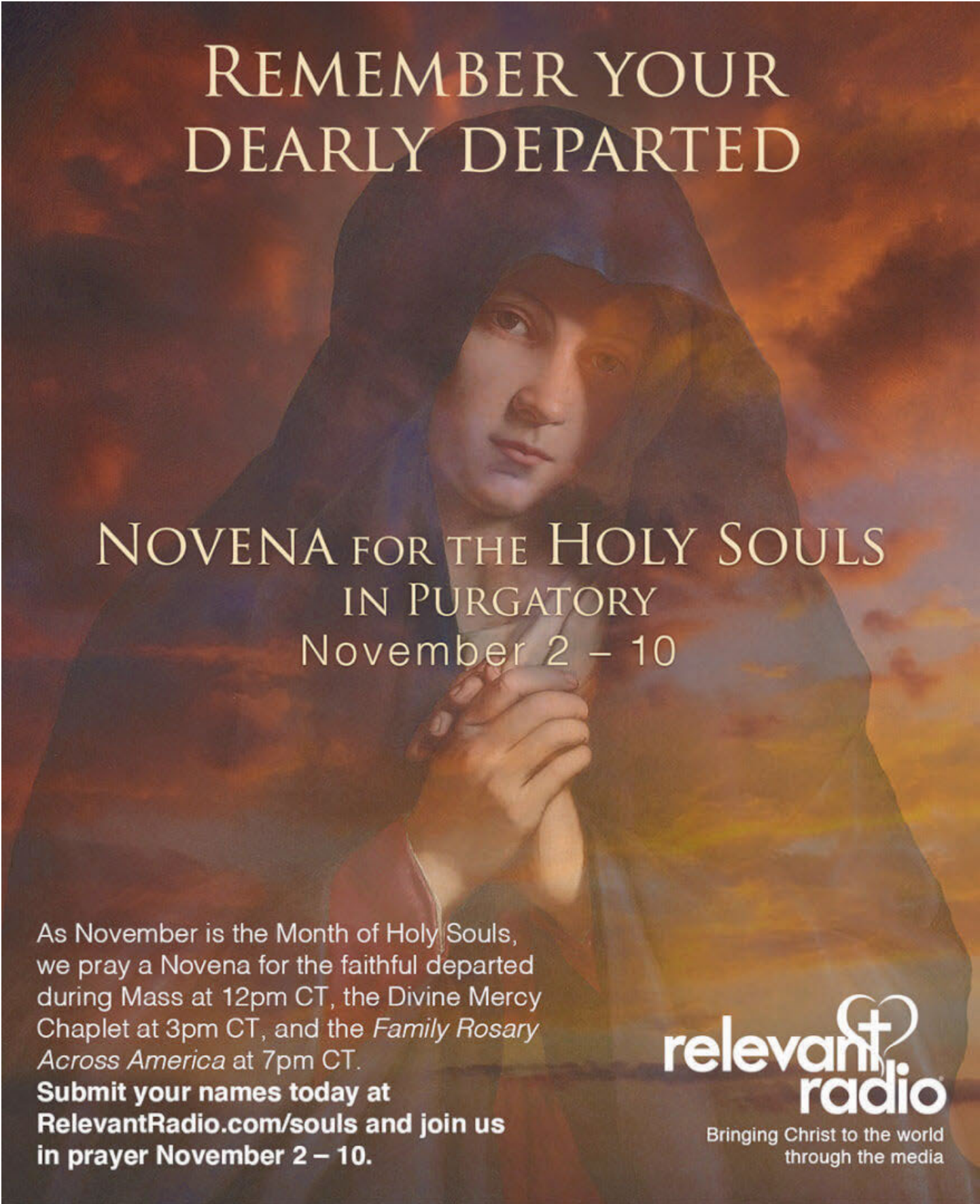
**WE ARE IN THE MIDST OF A NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL!**

The Church needs healing, and the world needs Jesus. The Holy Spirit is inviting us to return to the source and summit of our faith—the Eucharist.



[eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org)





# REMEMBER YOUR DEARLY DEPARTED

## NOVENA FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY November 2 – 10

As November is the Month of Holy Souls,  
we pray a Novena for the faithful departed  
during Mass at 12pm CT, the Divine Mercy  
Chaplet at 3pm CT, and the *Family Rosary  
Across America* at 7pm CT.

**Submit your names today at  
[RelevantRadio.com/souls](http://RelevantRadio.com/souls) and join us  
in prayer November 2 – 10.**

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## Youth Ministry Fall Bake Sale

### After Masses the Weekend of November 18-19

Please stop by the Bake Sale tables and pick up some home baked treats for your family, friends and neighbors! All proceeds are used to help offset the cost for our students participating in yearly youth retreats and conferences. A FREE WILL donation will be gratefully accepted.

**NOTE:** THIS YEAR, we will make a donation from our proceeds to our 8th Grade students!



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Bishop James E Fitzgerald Council # 14649  
St. Joseph Parish, Downers Grove Illinois, 60515



## "Winter Coats for Kids" Drive

- **Pick a hangar in the Narthex**
- **Shop for your child**
- **Keep the child's information Tag on coat**
- **Return Coats & Hangar to the Narthex on November 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> (deadline)**

We are asking for new Coats.

All donations will benefit Downers Grove children.



**The Knights of Columbus, Thanks for your generosity!**

## SamaraCare Counseling Benefit Concert



Please join violinist, Amanda Fenton, Tim Archbold, cellist, and Belford Hernandez, pianist, for a benefit concert on **Friday, November 17th at 6:30 pm at St. Joseph Church** in support of SamaraCare Counseling. Drs. William Ressler and Penny Taylor, who are licensed counselors at SamaraCare, will be present to speak about the mission and work of SamaraCare Counseling in the surrounding area.



No tickets required. A freewill offering will be accepted. This concert will be livestreamed as well. You may access the livestream via the following link: <https://stjosephdg.org/livestream>



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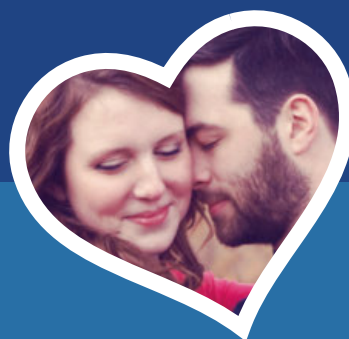
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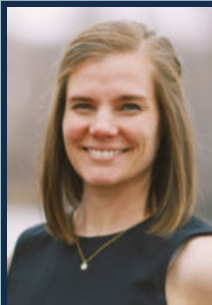


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