



## ST. JOSEPH PARISH

DOWNERS GROVE, IL

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023**

## OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



“Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.” - Mt 25:34

## 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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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.



## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

November 26, 2023

"Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'" - Mt 25:34-36



### Mass Schedule and Intentions

#### Sunday, November 26

7:00 AM The People of the Parish  
9:00 AM Jack Himpler and  
Jim Himpler  
11:00 AM Teresa & Rose Canty  
5:00 PM Kazimiera & Sylvester  
Kuszkowski

9:00 am Sunday Mass is  
**LIVE-STREAMED.**  
Visit [www.stjosephdg.org](http://www.stjosephdg.org)  
And click on Livestream.

#### Monday, November 27

7:00 AM Antoinette Harrington

#### Tuesday, November 28

7:00 AM Jack Himpler and  
Jim Himpler

#### Wednesday, November 29

7:00 AM Wally Waluk and  
Bernadette Bergen

#### Thursday, November 30

9:00 AM Deceased Members  
of the Svec Family

#### Friday, December 1

7:00 AM Warren Foster

#### Saturday, December 2

8:00 AM Mary Athans  
5:00 PM Laura Bresnahan Bush  
and Ingrid Francisco

#### Sunday, December 3

7:00 AM Dwight Austin  
9:00 AM Danny Zedrow and  
Joel Harrison  
11:00 AM Hilma Aguayo  
5:00 PM The People of the Parish



## 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.

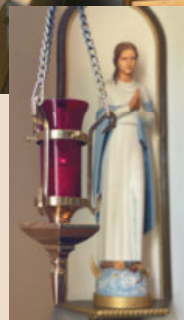


[eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org)



### "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.

# Weekly Prayer

## Sunday's Readings

### First Reading:

As for you, my sheep, says the Lord GOD,  
I will judge between one sheep and another,  
between rams and goats. (Ez 34:17)

### Psalm:

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
(Ps 23)

### Second Reading:

When everything is subjected to him,  
then the Son himself will also be subjected  
to the one who subjected everything to him,  
so that God may be all in all. (1 Cor 15:28)

### Gospel:

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory,  
and all the angels with him,  
he will sit upon his glorious throne,  
and all the nations will be assembled before him.  
And he will separate them one from another,  
as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats."  
(Mt 25:31-32)

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## Readings for the week of November 26, 2023

### Sunday:

Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/  
1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

### Monday:

Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/  
Lk 21:1-4

### Tuesday:

Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/  
Lk 21:5-11

### Wednesday:

Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63,  
64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

### Thursday:

Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

### Friday:

Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/  
Lk 21:29-33

### Saturday:

Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/  
Lk 21:34-36

### Next Sunday:

Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16,  
18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

## 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.

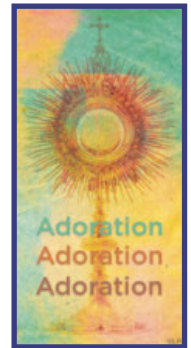


## Eucharistic Adoration

**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*



## Adoration Weekend

### November 25 & 26

All Masses will conclude with 10 minutes of  
Eucharistic Adoration. We are excited for all  
parishioners to experience this sacred devotion.

Eucharistic Adoration is a Catholic devotion dating  
back to the early days of the Church. It involves  
exposing a consecrated host, the Blessed Sacrament,  
allowing people to sit and pray in the presence of  
Jesus Christ.

## 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 Wroblewski  
SPC Abigail Baran, US Army

To include/remove a name, contact the Parish Center



# Bethlehem Arts

**December 2nd & 3rd  
Available at the  
Christmas Marketplace**

We will host representatives of the **Catholic Christian Community from Jerusalem & Bethlehem in the Holy Land** who will be displaying handcrafted olive wood religious figurines and articles. The woodcarvings are beautiful and reflect faith and love for the Lord.

Please consider purchasing a gift that will be remembered and cherished for yourself or someone dear to you. Come downstairs to the Church Hall to purchase these handcrafted olive wood religious figurines and articles.



## St. Vincent de Paul is Looking for Volunteers

We are looking for help in the following areas:

**Taking calls with our helpline.**

**Organizing our donation collections.**

**Working in our food pantry.**

If you feel called to be a volunteer and support the mission of St. Vincent DePaul here at St. Joseph Church please call the parish center and ask for

**St Vincent DePaul**

**630-964-0216 Ext. 1011.**

Please leave a message with your phone number on our voicemail and someone will get in touch with you.

**Thank You for Your  
Support!**



## Religious Education News

The Bible represents the sacred word of God in print, embodying both spirit and life. In the past week, our 6th grade R.E children were given a gift of the Word to commence their spiritual journey with God through the scriptures. The attached photos capture the moment as **Father Al** and the **Director of Religious Education, Emmanuella Otiono**, presented the bibles to the children, with parents and teachers in attendance.



## 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

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

Scan QR code  
for information  
or to sign up



## Director of Development Job Opening

The Parish is seeking a part-time Director of Development. The primary goal of this position is to grow the annual operating budget of the parish and the school. This includes parish offertory, fundraising events and developing strategies to grow the base of financial support for the church and the school. For a full job description please visit our website: [stjosephdg.org/jobs](http://stjosephdg.org/jobs)

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

## FREEWILL

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.

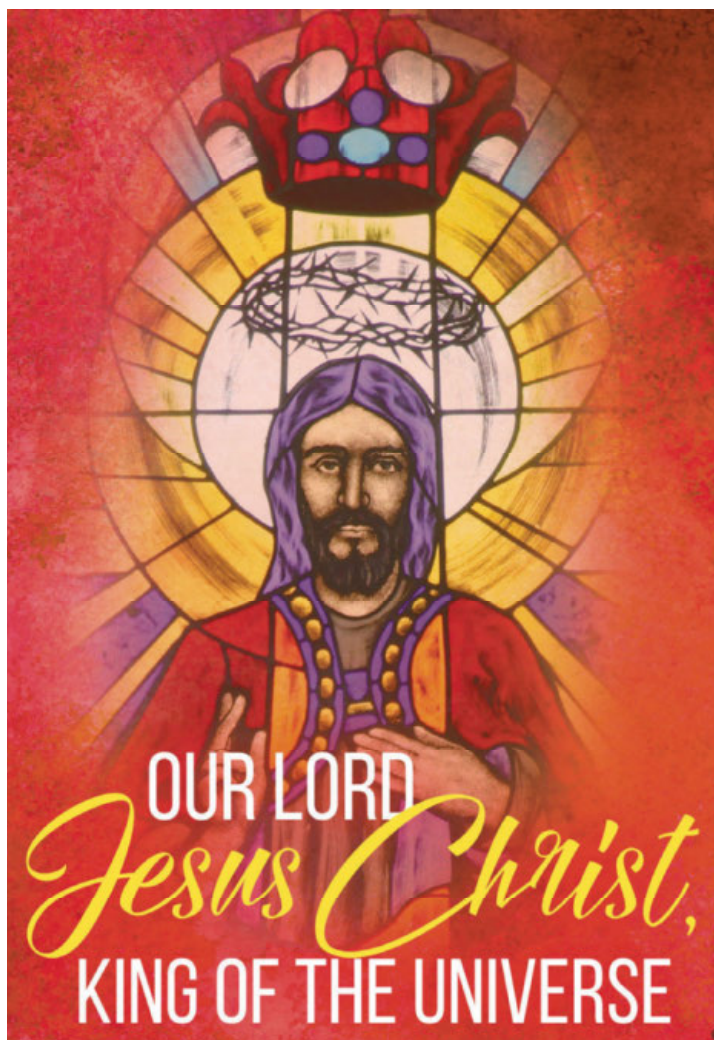
Visit [www.freewill.com/dioceseofjoliet](http://www.freewill.com/dioceseofjoliet) to begin!

## 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 November 12 Gifts	\$11,435
Year-to-Date Sunday Goal	\$494,600
Year-to-Date Gifts	<u>\$416,284</u>
Total Short of Goal to Date	\$78,315



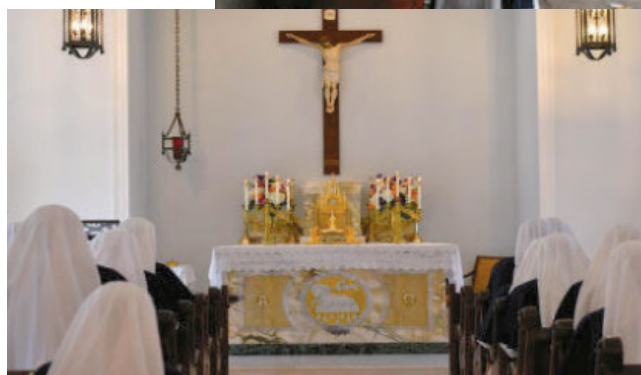


# Sisters of Life Coming to St. Isaac Jogues

## Sunday December 10 at 6 pm

Want to do something special this Advent? Something memorable, faith-filled, and fun? Then come and meet the Sisters of Life and listen to their Advent talk in the Church, and hang out with them for a casual Q & A / meet & greet afterward in the Parish Center.

Founded in 1991 by Cardinal John O'Connor, their Order has incredibly grown to more than a hundred religious sisters in fewer than 33 years. The Sisters currently have convents in five states and Canada and have been invited by bishops into many dioceses, including Bishop Hicks in our own diocese. **Come and see and hear and meet these holy, impressive, effusive women on Sunday, December 10th at 6:00 pm in the St. Isaac's Church followed by an informal animated gathering in the Parish Center.**



## Creation Care Corner

### Gratitude, Generosity and Stewardship

In his Encyclical, *Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home*, Pope Francis encourages us to imitate God's generosity, calling for an attitude of "...gratitude and gratuitousness, a recognition that the world is God's loving gift, and that we are called quietly to imitate his generosity in self-sacrifice and good works."

Pope Francis further explains, "One expression of this attitude is when we stop and give thanks to God before and after meals. I ask all believers to return to this beautiful and meaningful custom. That moment of blessing, however brief, reminds us of our dependence on God for life; it strengthens our feeling of gratitude for the gifts of creation; it acknowledges those who by their labours provide us with these goods; and it reaffirms our solidarity with those in greatest need." (*LS* 222, 227).

We show our respect and gratitude to the Creator by our stewardship and recognition of his bountiful creation as a precious gift requiring our care.

**Happy Thanksgiving Weekend!**



## 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.

## It's time to order your BEAUTIFUL Florist Quality Poinsettia

**Again this year our Poinsettias are coming directly from a grower  
—Schaefer Greenhouse**

**~florist quality and same price as last year~**

As a service to you, order your Christmas Poinsettias through us  
AND help raise funds to send St. Joseph Youth Ministry

**COST: \$20.00 each NO TAX! COLOR: RED**

**POINSETTIA'S are Beautiful 6 1/2 "florist quality, premium variety" 5-7 blooms**  
*The quality of these plants cannot be compared to those available in grocery or warehouse stores.*

**Pre-order!** In past years, on delivery weekend, MANY parishioners wanted to purchase a plant when they saw the these beautiful pre-ordered poinsettias. Order today! Take advantage of the price, no tax, and convenience of picking your plants up after Masses at the Parish Christmas Marketplace while supporting the young people of your parish.

**ORDERS DUE:** Deadline is **Weds. Nov. 29. Please** submit **ASAP as grower has limited supply.** (place order form in collection basket, in the box on the narthex counter, drop it off at the Parish Center office, or turn it in to your child's teacher or catechist)

**PICK-UP: St. Joseph Church Hall Sat & Sun, Dec. 2 & 3  
at Parish Christmas Marketplace**

If a large amount are ordered or if delivery is needed,  
please let us know and we will deliver your poinsettias!

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*(Return this half with payment)*

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ALTERNATE PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of RED POINSETTIAS ordered** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total AMOUNT DUE \$** \_\_\_\_\_

Use this code to  
order online



### **PAYMENT DUE WITH ORDER**

CHECKS CAN BE MADE OUT TO ST. JOSEPH YOUTH MINISTRY

**We are so grateful for Your Support**

**Blessings of Peace and Hope this Christmas  
from St. Joseph Youth Board & Parish Teens**



# Encounter Jesus Night **FOR THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL**

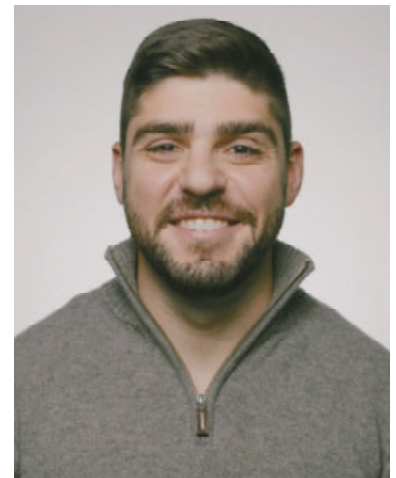


**Date: November 29, 2023**  
**Time: 7pm - 8:15pm**

**Praise and Worship Leader: Fr. Nestor Lopez**

**Witness Speaker: Alessandro DiSanto**  
**Co-Founder of Hallow App**

Alessandro is one of the co-founders at Hallow, the #1 Catholic app in the world. Raised in a large Italian-American family, Alessandro is a proud product of Catholic education from kindergarten through college, ultimately graduating summa cum laude from the University of Notre Dame with degrees in finance and economics. Alessandro began his career on Wall St, at Goldman Sachs in New York City before becoming a private equity investor in Chicago.



Alessandro will share his personal faith journey, as well as lessons learned in building the most popular prayer app in the world. Now a member of St. Joseph's Parish, Alessandro started his career in finance on Wall St in New York City, but was struggling to find balance living in a chaotic world, focused only on his career. In discovering the rich meditative and contemplative prayer traditions in the church, Alessandro had a spiritual awakening and, along with friends he made while a student at Notre Dame, quit his job to help the world pray. Join us for a vulnerable reflection on finding peace and purpose in your personal relationship with God (while having fun along the way).

**Confessions Available**  
**Fellowship in the Narthex after**



# GIVING TUESDAY

November 28, 2023

## Church Air Conditioning Replacement

I share with our parish community the announcement of an important and large capital improvement that we need to make here at St. Joseph Parish and the need to raise the funds necessary for replacement of our aging air conditioning system in the Church.

As you may know, over the past couple years we have experienced numerous problems with our 31 year old HVAC system in our church. The last major issue was this past and very hot Easter Sunday, when 2 of the 5 air conditioning units crashed and left us with limited air conditioning in the church. We were able to have the needed repairs made. However, it has become clear that the present church air conditioning system is unstable and that any future repairs made would be nothing more than postponing its inevitable replacement. As the original system was installed in 1992, most of the equipment is at or far beyond its expected life. The increasing costs to maintain the current system, its reduced efficiency, and the difficulty and increasing expense to find and purchase the replacement parts, if they are available at all, have led us to conclude that we are in need of a new system.

Nothing is easy with old buildings! Air conditioning is no longer considered a luxury - it is a necessity! For this reason I come to you, our faithful, faith-filled parishioners to help me in meeting this challenge. I find asking for money one of the most difficult duties of my priesthood, but I have no other choice. As this project will be quite expensive, we have chosen Giving Tuesday to raise the funds needed to ensure we can enjoy reliable, energy-efficient comfort for many years into the future! I am most grateful for whatever you can do to help defray this extraordinary expense. Please be assured of my prayers for your sacrifice.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Al

## St. Joseph Church Air Conditioning *Running on a Prayer!*

Approximate Replacement Cost **\$320,000**

To donate, visit [stjosephdg.org/giving](https://stjosephdg.org/giving)

or scan this QR Code







**CHILDREN IN GRADES 4 THROUGH 8:  
Join the Children's Christmas Choir !  
Sing for the 4:00 p.m.  
Christmas Eve Mass in the Church!**

**CHILDREN MUST ATTEND 3 REHEARSALS AND THE MASS**

Wednesday Rehearsal, December 6 from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Rehearsal, December 13 from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday Rehearsal, December 20 from 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS, DECEMBER 24 AT 4:00 PM**

Children **arrive at 3:00 p.m.** on December 24 ready to sing!

*Questions can be directed to Mr. Valle: 630-964-0216 Ext. 1209 or [bvalle@sjpdg.org](mailto:bvalle@sjpdg.org)*

*Please note that we need at least 15 children in order to sing for Mass on Christmas Eve.*



**Register Online**

**Return form to Mr. Valle at the Parish Center by Mon, Dec. 4**

*See you on Wed, Dec 6 at 4:00 p.m. in Church for the first rehearsal*

(Please Print)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's/Guardian's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_



# St. Joseph Christmas GIVING TREE 2023

## Sponsored by the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry

St. Joseph Christmas Giving Tree helps families in need from Downers Grove and the Little Village neighborhood of Chicago, by fulfilling their Christmas wish list!

### You Have Three Options to Help Us Give these Families a Merry Christmas:

- 1) Choosing an ornament off of our Giving Tree. You are invited to select a name tag from the Giving Tree, purchase items on the tag, and return the wrapped gifts to church. The Giving Tree will be located in the Church Hall during the Christmas Marketplace on December 2 and 3.
- 2) Purchasing a gift card and donating it to the St. Joseph Giving Tree. We will either purchase items for a family in need or provide individuals in the Little Village neighborhood with the gift card. Gift cards may be purchased from Manna at the Christmas Marketplace on December 2 and 3.
- 3) Contact Michele Geraghty (michelegeraghty62@gmail.com or 630-334-2007) anytime prior to the Christmas Marketplace to receive an ornament. Michele will give you all the information you need to bring joy to these families for Christmas.

## What a Great Way to Spread the Christmas Spirit!

Drop off your gift on Saturday December 16th from 8 am until Noon at St. Joseph Church. Volunteers will collect your gift in front of the Church. Please contact Michele Geraghty to arrange a different drop off time.

**For more information see our websites:**

**Giving Tree– [www.stjosephdg.org/tree](http://www.stjosephdg.org/tree)**

**Christmas Marketplace– [www.stjosephdg.org/market](http://www.stjosephdg.org/market)**





## Opening Liturgy Livestream

Watch the Opening Liturgy from the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus at 6 p.m. on Monday, December 11, 2023.



YouTube channel  
youtube.com/c/  
DioceseofJolietIL

75th Anniversary Series

## Faith into Action

Sponsored by the  
Diocese of Joliet

## Podcast

The 75th Anniversary podcast series launched in November; new episodes will be released the first Monday of each month. Watch on YouTube or listen on your favorite podcast platform (search "Faith Into Action"):



Faith Into  
Action  
YouTube  
(video)



Faith Into  
Action  
Podcast  
(audio)

COMMEMORATING 75 YEARS OF CATECHESIS,  
EVANGELIZATION AND SERVICE

# 75th Anniversary Timeline

Visit [diojoliet.org/75th](https://diojoliet.org/75th) for the full list of events and activities surrounding the 75th anniversary



DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	DETAILS
November 6, 2023	Episode 1 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	Guests: Bishop Hicks and Fr. Tom Paul
November 25–December 3, 2023	Novena of Grace	<a href="https://diojoliet.org/75th">diojoliet.org/75th</a>	Featuring excerpts from St. Francis Xavier letters and daily prayers/reflections
December 3, 2023 1 p.m.	Blessing and dedication of St. Francis Xavier statue	Blanchette Catholic Center, Crest Hill	The statue will serve as a constant reminder of the patron saint of our diocese, since its founding in 1948
December 4, 2023	Episode 2 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	Facts about St. Francis Xavier
December 11, 2023 6 p.m.	Opening Liturgy	St. Raymond Nonnatus	Representatives from all parishes and religious institutions
January 1, 2024	Episode 3 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	The St. Francis Xavier statue that will be dedicated on December 3 is modeled after the patron of the diocese in the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus
February 5, 2024	Episode 4 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	
March 4, 2024	Episode 5 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	
April 1, 2024	Episode 6 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	
April 18, 2024	Theology on Tap	TBD	Featuring three newly ordained priests (Fr. Alex, Fr. Jared and Fr. Jeremy)
May 6, 2024	Episode 7 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	
June 1, 2024	Steubenville Youth Event	Lewis University Register: <a href="https://bit.ly/3N44QTE">https://bit.ly/3N44QTE</a>	
June 3, 2024	Episode 8 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	
June 13, 2024	Theology on Tap	Blanchette Catholic Center, Crest Hill	For parishioners in Ford, Grundy, Iroquois and Kankakee Counties
June 22, 2024 4 p.m.	Regional liturgy	Bishop McNamara High School, Kankakee	
July 1, 2024	Episode 9 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	
August 5, 2024	Episode 10 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	
September 2, 2024	Episode 11 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	
September 14, 2024 4 p.m.	Regional liturgy	Montini Catholic High School, Lombard	For parishioners in DuPage County
September 28, 2024 4 p.m.	Regional liturgy	Lewis University, Romeoville	For parishioners in Will and Kendall Counties
October 2024	Service Day	All parishes and various religious entities will be asked to celebrate a day of service	
October 7, 2024	Episode 12 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	
October 24, 2024	Theology on Tap	TBD	Featuring Bishop Hicks
November 4, 2024	Episode 13 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	
December 2, 2024	Episode 14 podcast release	YouTube (Diocese of Joliet) and podcast platforms (Faith Into Action)	
December 8, 2024 4 p.m.	Closing Liturgy	St. Raymond Nonnatus	Representatives from all parishes and religious institutions



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## BLOOD DRIVE HONORING JAMES JOSEPH MASSURA

November is the month we remember the souls of our beloved dead. The Knights of Columbus would like remember and honor the soul of one of our brother knights; Jim Massura who passed away unexpectedly this year. Jim and his wife Diane were frequent donors at our Blood Drives over the years. In addition, he also served his Parish at St. Mary of Gostyn as an Order of Christian Initiation of Adults catechist.



**THURSDAY  
November**

# 30

**3:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

Helpful tip: Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.  
PHOTO ID REQUIRED.

We ask that you help us honor Jim by donating life at our upcoming blood drive. Please sign up to donate today.

Blood Drive is sponsored by the St. Joseph's Parish Knights of Columbus and will be in the Lower Level of the Church at 4801 Main St. in Downers Grove.

3:30PM TO 7:30PM

To schedule your donation, scan the QR Code >>>>>>>> visit [www.versiti.org/IL](http://www.versiti.org/IL) or call/text Camille from Versiti at 847-305-9998.

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~December 17 is the last date to order to receive cards before Christmas~

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\_\_\_ I will pick up order at Parish Center

\_\_\_ Send order home with messenger child:

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Gift Card (* = Cash & Carry)	% to SJS	# of Cards	Total \$
<b>GROCERIES/PHARMACY</b>			
CVS \$10 / \$25 / \$100	6%		\$
Fresh Thyme \$25 / \$100	5%		\$
Instacart \$25 / \$100	4%		\$
Jewel \$10 / \$25 / \$50 / \$100	4%		\$
Mariano's \$25 / \$50 / \$100	4%		\$
Meijer \$10 / \$25 / \$50 / \$100	3%		\$
Walgreens \$25 / \$100	5%		\$
Walmart/Sam's Club \$10 / \$25 / \$50 / \$100	2.5%		\$
Whole Foods e-cert \$25 / \$100	3%		\$

<b>GAS STATIONS</b>			
BP/Amoco \$50 / \$100	1.5%		\$
Casey's \$25 / \$50 / \$100	3%		\$
Shell Oil \$25 / \$50 / \$100	1.5%		\$
Speedway \$25 / \$50 / \$100	4%		\$
<b>RESTAURANTS</b>			
Applebee's \$10 / \$25 / \$50	8%		\$
Arby's \$10 / \$25	8%		\$
Buca di Beppo - \$25	8%		\$
Buffalo Wild Wings \$10 / \$25	8%		\$
California Pizza Kitchen - \$25	8%		\$
Carrabba's/Outback/Bonefish Grill \$25 / \$50	10%		\$
Cheesecake Factory - \$25	5%		\$
Chili's \$25 / \$50	11%		\$
Chipotle \$10 / \$25	9%		\$
Darden: Longhorn, Olive Garden, Yard House, Seasons 52, \$10 / \$25 / \$100	8%		\$
Dairy Queen \$10	6.5%		\$
Domino's Pizza \$10 / \$25	8%		\$
Dunkin' Donuts \$10 / \$25	3.5%		\$
Every Day's A Sundae \$5	10%		\$
Landry's \$25 / \$100	9%		\$
Lettuce Entertain You \$25 / \$100	12%		\$
Little Caesars \$20	8%		\$
Lou Malnati's Pizza \$25	8%		\$
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Panda Express \$25	8%		\$
Panera \$5 / \$10 / \$25 / \$50	8%		\$
Pizza Hut \$10	8%		\$
Red Lobster \$25	8%		\$
Shake Shack \$25	5%		\$
Starbucks \$5 / \$10 / \$25 / \$50	4.5%		\$
Steak 'n Shake \$10	8%		\$
Subway \$10 / \$50	4.5%		\$
Taco Bell \$5 / \$10 / \$25	5%		\$
TGI Fridays - \$25	9%		\$
Wendy's \$25	6%		\$
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Barnes & Noble \$5 / \$10 / \$25	8%		\$
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Bath & Body Works \$10 / \$25	12%		\$
Best Buy \$25 / \$100 / \$250	4%		\$
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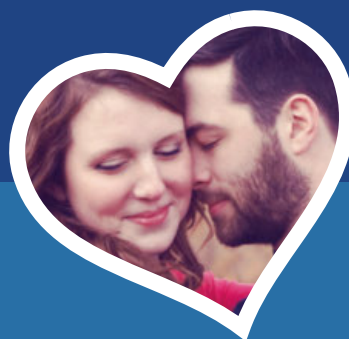
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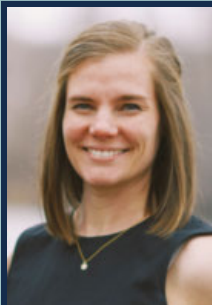


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