



St. Joseph Catholic Church



2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

John was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he said, "Behold, the Lamb of God." The two disciples heard what he said and followed Jesus. - Jn 1:35-37

Directory

St. Joseph Parish Business Center

4824 Highland 630.964.0216

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 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 14, 2024

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- Jn 1:35-37



Mass Schedule and Intentions

Sunday, January 14

7:00 AM Maria Becker
9:00 AM The People of the Parish
11:00 AM Mother's Spiritual Bouquet
5:00 PM The Souls in Purgatory

Monday, January 15

7:00 AM Braydon Ballweber

Tuesday, January 16

7:00 AM James T. Rossister

Wednesday, January 17

7:00 AM Jack Himpler and
Jim Himpler

Thursday, January 18

7:00 AM The Souls in Purgatory

Friday, January 19

7:00 AM Frank Maragi

Saturday, January 20

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

Sunday, January 21

7:00 AM Father's Spiritual Bouquet
9:00 AM Thomas White and
Thomas & Alice Corcoran
11:00 AM Thomas White
5:00 PM Shirley Stonich and
Richard Guzior (L)

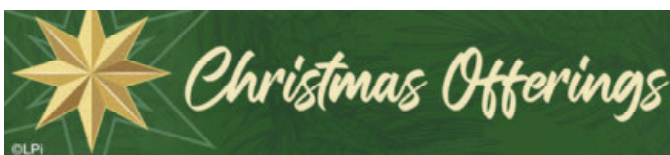
9:00 am Sunday Mass is LIVE-STREAMED.
Visit www.stjosephdg.org and click on
Livestream.

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 January 7th Gifts	\$33,955
Year-to-Date Sunday Goal	\$692,440
Year-to-Date Gifts	<u>\$654,421</u>
Total Short of Goal to Date	\$38,018



Total Gifts received from the
2023 Christmas Masses

\$66,423

Thank you for your generosity!



"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:

The LORD came and revealed his presence, calling out as before, "Samuel, Samuel!" Samuel answered, "Speak, for your servant is listening." (1 Sm 3:10)

Psalm:

Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will. (Ps 40)

Second Reading:

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?
But whoever is joined to the Lord becomes one Spirit with him. (1 Cor 6:15, 17)

Gospel:

So they went and saw where Jesus was staying, and they stayed with him that day. (Jn 1:39)

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Readings for the week of January 14, 2024

Sunday:

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday:

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday:

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday:

1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday:

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday:

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday:

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday:

Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Observances for the week of January 14, 2023

Sunday: 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Martin Luther King Day

Wednesday: St. Anthony, Abbot

Thursday: January 18-25 is the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Saturday: St. Fabian, Pope and Martyr; St. Sebastian, Martyr

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays St. Joseph Church

3:30 - 4:30 pm

The Next Monthly

St. Peregrine Prayer Service

Thursday, January 18, 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
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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



Have You Heard?

GOD IS DOING SOMETHING
NEW—AND HE IS CALLING
YOU TO BE A PART OF IT!

We are in the midst of a National Eucharistic Revival. Why? Because 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.

Scan the code to learn more about the exciting journey ahead, and sign up for weekly updates on what's happening in this unprecedented national movement!

eucharisticrevival.org



Free Throw Championship

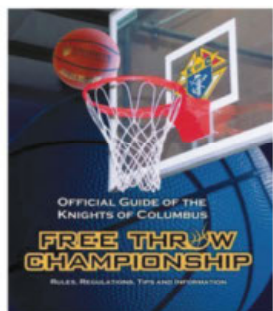
St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus Council #14649

Date: **Martin Luther King Day**
Monday, January 15

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Location: St. Joseph's School Gym
4832 Highland Avenue, Downers Grove

Who can compete? Girls and Boys ages 9 to 14. **Entry is Free.**



How do I compete? Each contestant receives three warm-up tosses followed by 15 consecutive Free Throw attempts from the appropriate age-designated foul line

Winners progress through local, district, and state competitions.

International champions are announced by the K of C international headquarters based on scores from the state-level competitions.

Applications will be available at the Free Throw Competition and proof of age is required. (Signature of parent or guardian is required)

Note: In the event of a tie, participants may be required to return to SJS at 11:00 a.m. for a tie-breaker competition. If you choose not to or cannot return, you forfeit your right to advance to District Competition.

Have fun and test your Basketball Free Throwing skills!

Sponsored by the St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus Council #14649

For additional information contact:

Mike Miller at mike.miller5631@gmail.com

Encounter Jesus Night FOR THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



January 25 7pm - 8:15pm

Encounter Jesus with "The Running Nun"

Sister Stephanie is originally from Rockford, IL. Sister started running when she was 9 years old and quickly found out she was a gifted runner. She won 18 conference championships in high school and was recruited to run for University of Illinois and was also valedictorian of her high school class.

At U of I, she was very successful. She was the 6th fastest freshman in the US as well as part of the 8th best team in Division I. Everything was going great- on the surface. However, she really was beginning to understand that her life couldn't be completely defined by running. Something was missing.

As God always does, He reveals Himself to us in mysterious ways. Sister's original encounter with God was through an injury and subsequent calling of relationship with Him. Her sophomore year in college in track her foot spontaneously fractured. In approximately 15 minutes she went from being in the best shape of her life to on crutches in a boot.

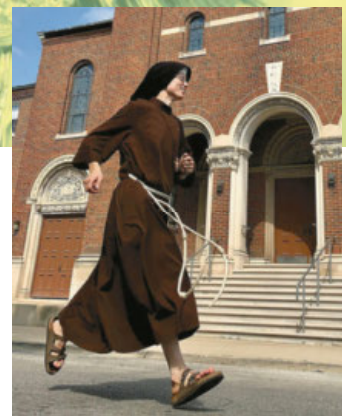
This became much more than an injury- it was a call for her to re-evaluate what her life was all about. Sister realized that she wasn't happy and that she didn't really have an actual meaning to her life. She started to think about people that she knew that were happy and she remembered the people that she saw at Mass. They were really happy. So, she decided to go spend more time with them.

These new friends invited her on a retreat. On this retreat she had a very powerful experience at Eucharistic Adoration, where people pray in front of the Eucharist, which Catholics believe is the actual body and blood of Jesus. She knew that Jesus was really there and that He was calling her to be His.

She didn't know exactly what this meant at first. Eventually after learning how to pray, going to Mass more, and reading scripture she realized that God was calling her to be a sister- someone completely dedicated to Him and His Church.

She discerned to join a new community called the Franciscans of the Eucharist of Chicago in West Humboldt Park. Her community works at a place called Mission of Our Lady of the Angels. The Mission is a miracle. It shouldn't exist. Through the direction of Bishop Bob Lombardo and the grace of God, the campus of the former Our Lady of the Angels parish has gone from ruins to a beautiful sanctuary in the midst of arguably the most violent, poor, and drug infested neighborhood in the City of Chicago.

The sisters pray and work in West Humboldt Park and feed about 4,400 families a month as well as provide household goods to that same group. They also have afterschool and evening programs for 100s of at-risk youth. They provide a safe haven for senior citizens who are raising their grandchildren or great grandchildren. They also allow families to come together to pray together and eat together to help build up their community that has been so broken by violence and poverty.



Confessions Available
Fellowship in the Narthex after



PANCAKE BREAKFAST



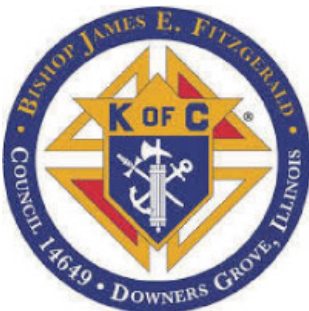
**All You Can Eat
Pancakes, Sausage & Beverage!**

\$7 Per Person \$5 (Ages 5 to 12)

Sunday January 14th 7:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Fitzgerald Hall

(Lower Level of Church)



**All Proceeds to Benefit the St. Joseph
Heating and Air Conditioning Fund**



In Gratitude for All Who Helped Us Worship

As Director of Liturgy and Music, I would like to acknowledge and express my deep gratitude for all parishioners who give so freely and generously of their time to help our parish community pray each Sunday and during the seasons of the Church Year. Whether during the Advent Season of preparation; or the Season of Christmas when we follow the star of Bethlehem to the manger; or simply the graced hour of each Sunday worship at the Lord's Table; so many parishioners quietly serve the Lord and this assembly generously within the various liturgical ministries here at Saint Joseph Church. I invite you to say a prayer of thanksgiving to the Lord for them and to join me by thanking them whenever you might encounter them! The decision to serve within liturgy requires discernment and commitment.

Those who serve in liturgical ministry continue to be faithful to the prayer life of this parish: priests, deacons, extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, sacristans, lectors, ushers, and greeters. Members of our music ministry devote hours to

rehearsals, arrive early before each Mass, and help to bolster our singing of praise to God by contributing their unique gifts. The Handbell Choir – a group not present in every parish – adds such beauty to the liturgy both as a solo ensemble and as embellishment to our communal song. God has also graced our community with other extremely talented instrumentalists who lay their musical gifts before the Christ-Child and this community.

Even though this year we were given one of the shortest Christmas seasons possible, the same amount of effort, energy, rehearsal, and work required keeps many parishioners very busy with the various preparations! And, they offer this ministry graciously and with joy!

Just as the star over Bethlehem guided the Magi to the Lord, these faithful parishioners work to light a path for us within the ministry of liturgy and music.

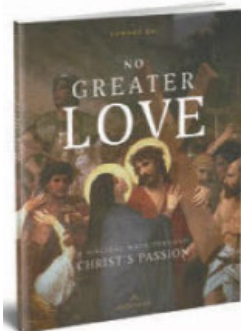
For this and so many gifts received this holy season, we give thanks!

Bob Valle

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Begins January 17th



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Participants must purchase their own materials by visiting:
www.ascensionpress.com/products/no-greater-love-study-pack

To Register go to:
www.stjosephdg.org
or Scan the QR Code



Food Pantry Needs



St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is in the lower level of St. Joseph Parish Center.

The food pantry is open every Thursday from 8:15 – 10:30 am for residents of Downers Grove, Westmont, and parts of Woodridge. We are currently in need of the following items:

Cans of Ravioli	Cans of Beef Stew
Bags of Black Beans	Jello
Toothpaste	Napkins
Mustard	Ketchup
Tomato Paste	Ritz & Saltine Crackers

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material to be included in
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SEASON 8
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REVIVAL



Questions?

Please contact
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(michelegeraghty62@gmail.com)
or Patrick Harbauer
(patrickharbauer@gmail.com)

To Register scan the QR Code above
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St. Vincent DePaul Wishes to Give a Huge Thank You to Everyone who Donated to the Giving Tree

Because of your generosity we provided Christmas gifts to all of the following:

55 Children in our Schools here in Downers Grove

21 Children from our Food Pantry

96 Children in Little Village

23 Families in Little Village

74 Children who needed boots & snow pants

All of these families are so grateful for your generosity.
The families in Little Village sent a thank you card.



**“Thank all the donors for their support of our community
And for their love... Feliz Navidad, God Bless You!”**

St. Vincent DePaul stated: “Go to the poor: you will find God.”

Thank you for answering the call to serve the poor. God Bless everyone in this New Year.

Thank you, Thank you!

As of January 9, St. Joseph's has raised \$128,910 from 172 donors through our *Running on a Prayer Campaign* to ensure we can enjoy reliable, energy-efficient comfort for many years into the future!

With donations ranging from \$15 to \$20,000, I am most grateful for each and every gift received. Thanks to you we have already reached 40% of our \$320,000 goal.

If you are still considering a gift, please know that **any size donation will help us achieve 100% of our goal!**

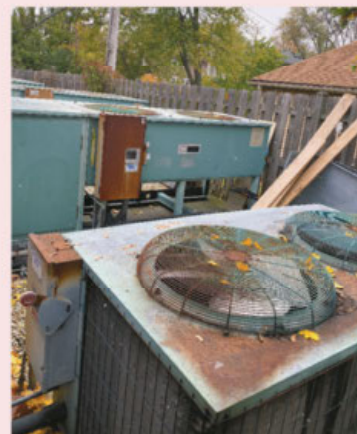
Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Al

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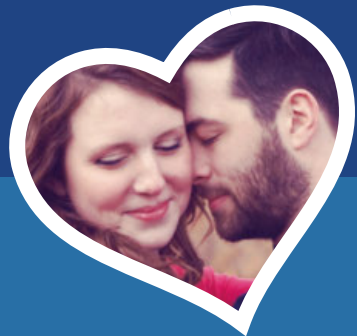
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