



Dear Parishioners,

For a long time, reaching back decades, I have been a fan of old movies, especially ones filmed in black and white during the great days of the Hayes Code era. The Hayes Code came in, thanks to the influence of the Catholic Church, because movies started really getting out of hand even by the late 1920's. Since the Roaring 20's were a century ago, almost no one alive now has a direct, personal memory of them. Suffice it to say, they were wild. (And after the pauses caused by the Great Depression, WWII, and the post-War boom, they came back with a vengeance in the 1960's.) But I am digressing here. One of my favorite old movies is *Last Holiday* with Alec Guinness, from 1950. One scene in particular reminds me of our Gospel today. He comes across a somewhat elderly beggar with a long beard, playing the violin, and a donation cup saying, "Pity the blind." The main character thoughtfully goes over to him and puts a few coins in the can. On hearing the sound of the coins, the beggar opens his eyes and winks at him! The beggar was not saying that he himself was blind, no; but that we should pity the blind. And we all are blind, in some way or other. Of course, not everyone is physically blind, but we all have our blind spots. If we think we do not, then I believe that that proves we do. There is an old French proverb, "To know everything is to forgive everything." Well, this is not true as regards God, Who knows all things and will ultimately judge all things. But it's not bad for us mere mortals to keep in mind. There is a lot we don't know. And sometimes if we knew something, or someone, or some situation, better, we might need to reconsider our opinions. We speak of seeing only the "tip of the iceberg," but the reality is that sometimes we barely see the tip of the tip. Let us pray to God that He will give us His pure and true light, so that we can see others and ourselves in that light and in no other.

Father Rickert

Saint Joseph Catholic Church February 10th/11th, 2024



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2023 Liturgical Calendar and Mass Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp	Conversion of Sinners
Sat., Feb. 10th	<i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
4:15 pm	<i>For Our Parishioners</i>
Sat., Feb. 10th	Quinquagesima Sunday (2nd cl.)
6:00 pm	Mr. & Mrs. Warren Dorman & Family by Sammy Nawas
Sun., Feb. 11th	Quinquagesima Sunday (2nd cl.)
8:00 am	Deceased members of the Schroeder and Keefer Families by Ed Schroeder
10:00 am	Pro Populo
Mon., Feb. 12th	Seven Holy Founders, Confessors (3rd cl.)
7:30 am	+ William Valladao by Melanie
Tues., Feb. 13th	Votive Mass of the Angels (4th cl.)
7:30 am	+ Holy and suffering Souls in Purgatory by Mary Lynn Panek
Wed., Feb. 14th	Ash Wednesday (1st cl.)
7:30 am	In repentance and reparation for the sins within our Church and our World
4:15 pm	+ Rich & + Anita Goss
6:00 pm	Fran Peterson (Sick) by Karl & Gayle Maurer
Thur., Feb. 15th	Thursday after Ash Wednesday (3rd cl.)
7:30 am	For the conversion for Doug LeDuc by Rebecca Olsen
5:30 pm	+ Theresa Conway by John & Barb McCague
Fri., Feb. 16th	Friday after Ash Wednesday (3rd cl.)
7:30 am	+ George and + Dorothy McCague by John & Barb McCague
Sat., Feb. 17th	Saturday after Ash Wednesday (3rd cl.)
8:00 am	Don Jacklich by Ed Schroeder
Sat., Feb. 17th	<i>First Sunday of Lent</i>
4:15 pm	+ Andrew (Andy) Birsa by Theresa Doefler
Sat., Feb. 17th	First Sunday of Lent (1st cl.)

6:00 pm	Conversion of Family Members by Warren Dorman
Sun., Feb. 18th	First Sunday of Lent (1st cl.)
8:00 am	Anne Panek by Mary Lynn Panek
10:00 am	Pro Populo

Mass Schedule

Ordinary Form

Saturday 4:15pm

Extraordinary Form

Saturday, 6:00 pm; Sunday 8:00 am; 10:00 am; 4:30 pm (Naperville)
Monday through Friday: 7:30 am
ALSO Thursday 5:30 pm, followed by Holy Hour and Benediction
AND First Friday (ONLY) 6:00 pm; Saturday 8:00 am

Holy Days of Obligation

Ordinary Form: 4:15 p.m. *anticipated Mass, if a priest is available*

Extraordinary Form: 7:30 am & 6:00 pm

Confessions

30 minutes before Mass

WELCOME VISITORS!

Worship Aides for both forms of the Mass are in the pew racks. We welcome new parishioners. Census forms are in the back of the church, either in racks or on the tables. Turn in your form to Fr. Magiera or place your form in the collection basket. No need to respond 'Amen' at Latin Mass Holy Communion.

Weddings

For parishioners with faithful parish membership for at least one year. Please inquire at least 6 months prior to intended date.



Baptisms

Any weekday is possible, but Saturdays are preferred. To schedule your family's Baptism, please call or email Fr. Magiera. Thank you very much!

Prayer Intentions for healing or sick members:

Christy Becker, Jim Dernulc, Mary Lund, Kathleen Mary McNair, Ray Tomanio, Merlin Melnarik, Kaira Paramo, Russler Family, Angie Schuman, Judy Splayt, Fr. Chris Steinle, OSA, Jim Wright, Ken Zabel, Adele Stukas, Aldona Peciura, Nancy Tomanio, Zita Stukas, Hellmann/Roman/Kasperek, Robert Fearncombe, Jr., Isabella Goodrich, Ellen McCague, Mary Mitchell, George Magee, Fr. Christopher Manuele, Susanna Wheeler and James Wheeler, Ricardo Martinez, Ayako Naganuma, Mason LeonRaymond Courney, Cyndy Crane, Isabella Woodsick, Johnny Schutzius, and Ilona Leja, Chris & Theresa Galounis, Marilyn Dolnack, Sandra Surges, Cole Francis Leon, Sue Gorski, Lisa Herron Family: Claudia, Nicholas, Richard and Sandra Pope, Kathy Barthelt, Linda Nace, Susan Gorski, George MacZura, Steven and Grace Niemiec.

Prayer Intentions for the deceased:

Ben Bazik, Joseph Birsa, Glen Dykhuizen, Tahara Dykhuizen, Barbara Schoenberger, Fran Nelli, Dale Bixenmann, Arthur Birsa, Mary Rose Bucciarelli, Diane Wolfe, Bonnie Nagra, Corinne Bowers, Dr. Stephanie Pavnica, Andrew Pavnica, Maria Fairman, George McCague, Linda Stortz, Kevin Hansen, Richard Blaskie, Fr. Vytas Memenas, Ed Bowlan, Rich Goss, Art Johnson, Rod Springer, Fr. Jess Testa, Lenore Anders, Rita Luzbetak, Mark Evans, Ellen Schutzius, Miguel Piña, Adeline Garvy, Mary Shankland, Alex Tomasino, Stephen Sculley, John J. Nevin Sr., Michael Kelly, Anita Goss, Donald Tadda and Nancy Fury, Glen Proud, Robert Mitchell, Kenneth Kierstein, Joseph Carrabotta, John Kish and Carol Galuszka, Fr. Don Buggert, George MacZura IV, Sean O'Connor, Delfino and Maria Carmen Orozco, George Wojtas, Bonnie Reichstadt, Carol Towne, Daniel and Yolanda Moreno, Bob Kuprewicz, Cecilia Hansen and Dianne Figiel.

By the Numbers for February 3rd/4th, 2024		
Regular Collection	Saturday 4:15 PM	\$594.00
	Saturday 6:00 PM	\$1,529.00
	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$2,474.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$3,339.26
	Naperville 4:30 PM	\$1,726.25
Special Needs	Saturday 4:15 PM	\$265.00
	Saturday 6:00 PM	\$150.00
	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$680.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$294.00
	Naperville 4:30 PM	\$90.00
Building Fund	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$35.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$55.00
Latin America	Saturday 4:15 PM	\$5.00
	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$10.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$20.00
Initial Offering	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$40.00
	Naperville 4:30 PM	\$100.00
Votive		\$263.10
Mass Intentions		\$100.00
Salt		\$1.00
Donuts		\$76.00
Rectory Repairs		\$100.00
Calendars		\$83.00
CMAA Rebate		\$1,998.50
TOTAL		\$14,028.11
THANK YOU VERY MUCH		

Mass Attendance for February 3rd & 4th

4:15 PM	40
6:00 PM	90
8:00 AM	133
10:00 AM	246
4:30 PM	219



St. Joseph's Library

The St. Joseph's Church library is back. Stop by the St. Michael room and take a look at the books and devotional materials.



Friday Weekly Eucharistic Adoration

Please join us every Friday for Exposition and Adoration of the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following the 7:30 AM Morning Mass until Noon. The Seven Sorrows of Mary Novena and the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary will be prayed until 9:00 a.m. Silent Adoration will follow with the "Changing of the Guards" / (Adorers) at the top of each hour until Noon. All are welcome to come and adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.

CMAA Report:

St. Joseph's Goal for 2024:	\$27,600
Amount Pledged to Date:	\$ 1,000
Amount Paid to Date:	\$ 1,000
Balance Due to Pledged Amount:	\$26,600
REBATE (So Far):	\$ 0



St. Joseph's Music News

St. Joseph Church adult chant schola and choir rehearses from 7PM to 9 PM Thursdays after the evening Mass and Holy Hour. New members, both men and women, are heartily welcome to join. The children's choir (for children who are old enough to read) rehearses from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The youth choir rehearses from 7:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Both on Wednesday evening. We welcome new members! For information, speak with Idalia Jimenez after the 10 AM Sunday Mass or contact her through the rectory.

SOCIAL MEDIA



Website:

www.fsspjoliet.wordpress.com



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Text StJoes to 84576 or

sign up online with flocknote.com/StJoesRockdale



Facebook: St. Joseph Catholic Church – Rockdale, Illinois



Men's Book Club

The Men's Book Club continues at St Joseph in Rockdale. All men are invited to share in this Catholic fellowship! We meet biweekly on alternate Thursday nights in the St. Michael Room. The next five meetings are scheduled for the following evenings: Feb 22, Mar 07, Mar 21, Apr 04 & Apr 18. Meetings begin around 7 PM, following the Holy Hour.

Presently, we are approaching the end of our review of *The Charitable Anathema*, by Dietrich von Hildebrand. We welcome newcomers to our group at any time. *Together, let us together put on the full armor of God and prepare ourselves for spiritual warfare!*

Shared Administrative Assistant – Diocese of Joliet, Crest Hill, IL

The Diocese of Joliet is seeking to hire a Shared Administrative Assistant. The Shared Administrative Assistant assists the Chief Financial Officer in planning and preparing for Diocesan Finance Council meetings, assists in planning and preparing for Business Managers meetings, participates in special projects to meet the needs of the Chief Financial Officer effectively and efficiently, and plans, schedules and coordinates meetings and appointments on behalf of the Chief Financial Officer. Additionally, this position assists in functions of the Office of Child and Youth Protection (OCYP), including assisting diocesan local administrators and VIRTUS users with managing the VIRTUS system and safe environment compliance. This position is an extension of the bishop's Ministry. The incumbent must have a willingness and ability to support the Mission of the Universal and Local Roman Catholic Church. This position is a full-time, non-exempt, benefited position. Normal work schedule is Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., and Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. To view a full job description, visit: [The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois](https://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/employment). If interested in this amazing opportunity, please send a cover letter, and resume to the Human Resources Department at humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org

Ash Wednesday Schedule Wednesday, February 14th, 2024

Extraordinary Form	7:30 AM
	6:00 PM
Ordinary Form	4:15 PM



Pledge Your Gift to the CMAA

This is commitment weekend for the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMAA). The appeal is a beautiful way we can put our faith into action by supporting the mission and important ministries of the Diocese of Joliet.

This year's CMAA theme is *For the Glory of God*. Caring for our brothers and sisters in need is a magnificent way to celebrate His glory. Through our annual appeal, our parish joins with other parishes in the diocese to enrich the lives of those most vulnerable among us, grow our children in deep faith, and strengthen vocations. We could not foster these and the many other ministries the CMAA supports on our own. This is a diocese wide effort.

Seventy percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us, a wonderful re-gifting of sorts, that affords us the opportunity to invest in the needs of our own parish.

Please prayerfully reflection how you can best support our annual appeal and help our parish reach its goal. To make a gift, complete and return one of the pledge envelopes in church today. Thank you in advance for your support!

Bulletin Articles

If you have an article that you would like to be included in our bulletin, please type and email your announcement to stjosephrep@hotmail.com at least 10 days in advance. Father Magiera must approve all articles. Thank you very much!



LENTEN REGULATIONS

Please share with your parishioners the following Lenten regulations:

1. **ABSTINENCE** - Everyone 14 years of age and over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. **FAST** - Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 is required to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is permitted. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken according to each person's needs, but together these two should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids (including milk and fruit juices) are allowed.
3. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.



Ash Wednesday: 2nd Collection

There will be a second collection at all Masses on Wednesday, February 14, 2024 (Ash Wednesday) for the Church in Central/Eastern Europe. Thank you, in advance, for your generosity.



St. Paul the Apostle Athletic Association

Annual Lenten Fish Fry 2024

130 Woodlawn Avenue

4pm-7pm

Please come and join us starting Wednesday February 14, 2024 and Friday February 16, 2024 and every Friday through Good Friday March 29, 2024

Weekly 50/50 1 WINNER every Friday

Progressive 50/50 1 WINNER drawn on Good Friday

!!! Fish Fry IS BACK !!!

26th Annual Fish Fry

Menu Items Include

Hand Breaded Cod and Catfish
Cattfish, Plain, Lemon Pepper, or Cajun
Baked Cod, Shrimp, Chicken Tenders
Baked Potatoes, French Fries, Homemade Coleslaw

All Fish and Shrimp Dinners Include Choice of Potato,
Coleslaw and a Slice of Milano Bread

\$2 Senior Citizen Discount

Dessert Table and Drink Table Available
Credit and Debit Cards accepted(see applies)
Carry Out Available

All Proceeds to Benefit the Athletes of St. Paul the Apostle

