



Dear Parishioners,

It's amazing the number of things a pastor forgets to put into the weekly bulletin. It's usually on Monday morning that someone says to me, "Father, what about this or that? We did it last year." Or, "Father there's been a mistake in the bulletin for the past month." Or, "Father, Sunday you announced this, but, in the bulletin, you wrote that." Yikes! Human frailty being what it is, I must admit to everything. After all, as the pastor, the "buck," no matter what kind of buck it is, stops and my desk.

I don't know how many times I've thought of hiring an assistant for just these kinds of things, but then I think, "nah, it would be too expensive and you really don't need an assistant, do you?" Anyway, anyone who'd like to act as my assistant once in a while (maybe a few folks to change off week to week), to help me remember things BEFORE they get forgotten or if anyone would like to proofread bulletins and/or announcements the week before they're published/given, just give me a shout.

Anyway, why did I even mention this? Well, one big reason is that, last week, both for the bulletin and for the pulpit, I forgot to announce that we will begin Stations of the Cross this Friday – i.e., yesterday or two days ago. See what I mean?

Anyway, every Friday in Lent, we will have Stations of the Cross at 6:00 PM – with the exception of Good Friday, of course. Oh, another one: Friday, March 1 is, obviously, the first Friday of March. We always an additional daily Mass on First Fridays at 6:00 PM. So, on that day, i.e., 1 March 2024, Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 5:30 PM and Mass will follow at 6:00 PM. Please note that on that First Friday, there will be NO confessions prior to the 6:00 PM Mass. My hope is that, with so much lead time prior to that day, you might be able to plan confessions for another day instead.

This weekend holds the First Sunday of Lent. Let's make Lent count, my dear family. God bless.

Father Magiera

Saint Joseph Catholic Church February 17th/18th, 2023



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Office/Rectory Hours:
Monday through Friday
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

2024 Liturgical Calendar and Mass Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp	Daughter Sandy Malmberg by Darlene Haumann
<i>Sat., Feb. 17th</i>	<i>The First Sunday of Lent</i>
4:15 pm	+ Andrew (Andy) Birsa by Theresa Doefler
Sat., Feb. 17th	The First Sunday of Lent (1st cl.)
6:00 pm	Conversion of Family Members by Warren Dorman
Sun., Feb. 18th	The First Sunday of Lent (1st cl.)
8:00 am	Anne Panek by Mary Lynn Panek
10:00 am	Pro Populo
Mon., Feb. 19th	Feria of Lent (3rd cl.)
7:30 am	+ Denna Schutzius by John & Barb McCague
Tues., Feb. 20th	Feria of Lent (3rd cl.)
7:30 am	+ Joanne Maurer by Karl & Gayle Maurer
Wed., Feb. 21st	Ember Wednesday in Lent (2nd cl.)
7:30 am	In repentance and reparation for the sins within our Church and our World
Thur., Feb. 22nd	Chair of St. Peter (1st cl.)
7:30 am	Theresa McCague by John & Barb McCague
5:30 pm	Mike Pesavento by Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Glowa
Fri., Feb. 23rd	Ember Friday in Lent (2nd cl.)
7:30 am	All the Souls in Purgatory especially deceased member of FOSS (Friends of the Suffering Souls)
6:00 pm	The Stations of the Cross
Sat., Feb. 24th	Ember Saturday in Lent (2nd cl.)
8:00 am	The Clerics of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest
Sat., Feb. 24th	<i>The Second Sunday of Lent</i>
4:15 pm	+ Anita Goss by Cecilia Dernulc
Sat., Feb. 24th	The Second Sunday of Lent (1st cl.)

6:00 pm	Mr. & Mrs. Warren Dorman & Family By Sammy Nawas
Sun., Feb. 25th	The Second Sunday of Lent (1st cl.)
8:00 am	Dr. & Mrs. Sammy Nawas & Family by Warren Dorman
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 10th/11th, 2024		
Regular Collection	Saturday 4:15 PM	\$546.00
	Saturday 6:00 PM	\$651.00
	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$1,806.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$1,878.36
	Naperville 4:30 PM	\$1,091.18
Special Needs	Saturday 4:15 PM	\$45.00
	Saturday 6:00 PM	\$40.00
	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$365.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$3.00
	Naperville 4:30 PM	\$35.00
Building Fund	Saturday 4:15 PM	\$20.00
	Saturday 6:00 PM	\$100.00
	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$140.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$25.00
Sanctuary Lamp Solemnity of Mary Votive Mass Intentions Salt Donuts Rectory Repairs Calendars		\$50.00
		\$6.00
		\$313.95
		\$10.00
		\$9.11
		\$81.00
		\$115.00
		\$80.00
TOTAL		\$7,410.60
THANK YOU VERY MUCH		

Mass Attendance for February 10th & 11th

4:15 PM	34
6:00 PM	43
8:00 AM	152
10:00 AM	261
4:30 PM	143



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 AM. 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.

SOCIAL MEDIA



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CMAA Report:

St. Joseph's Goal for 2023:	\$27,600
Amount Pledged to Date:	\$ 1,000
Amount Paid to Date:	\$ 1,000
Balance Due to Pledged Amount:	\$26,600
<u>REBATE (So Far):</u>	\$ 0



Our Lady of Fatima

Our Lady of Fatima, Pray for Us. Our traditional Holy Hour in honor of Our Lady of Fatima will be Wednesday, March 13th at 6:00 PM.

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.

Mass Intentions

Mass Intention envelopes are available in the back of church. Please PRINT and completely fill out the front of the envelope. We will do our best to accommodate your request. Mass Intentions are filled on a first come, first served basis. Our Mass intention dates are completely filled for 2024. Please delay requests until after Easter. The Mass Intention Envelope MUST be completely filled out in order to take your request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the rectory. Thank you very much!

The 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/humanresources). If interested in this amazing opportunity, please send a cover letter, and resume to the Human Resources Department at humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org

SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

Synod Sessions

The Diocese of Joliet will host two Synod Sessions to gather feedback from diocesan parishioners in preparation for the Second Session of the Synodal Assembly in October 2024. The guiding questions for the sessions are:

1. Where have I seen or experienced successes—and distresses—within the Church's structure(s)/organization/leadership/life that encourage or hinder the mission?
2. How can the structures and organization of the Church help all the baptized to respond to the call to proclaim the Gospel and to live as a community of love and mercy in Christ?

All diocesan parishioners are invited to attend one of two Synod Sessions offered:

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27 6 to 8:30 PM ST. RAPHAEL 1215 Modaff Road Naperville, IL 60540 Room: Sts. Joachim and Anne	THURSDAY, MARCH 14 6 to 8:30 PM ST. JOHN PAUL II 907 South 9th Avenue Kankakee, IL 60901 Room: Parish Hall
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Those who are unable to attend can email responses to the above questions to dsalvato@dioceseofjoliet.org.



For a synodal Church
communion | participation | mission

Synod Session Outline

6 p.m.	Sign-in/refreshments
6:30 p.m.	Opening prayer/reflection
7 p.m.	Small group discussion of two questions (see left)
7:45 p.m.	Break
8 p.m.	Share themes from small group discussions
8:30 p.m.	End



Pre-registration for either date is required. Please scan the QR code or visit qrc0.de/Synod



Bishop Hicks' Lenten Challenge Video

Also recently released is Bishop Hicks' Lenten Challenge video for parishioners.

English: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0DE-toL-pDw>
Spanish: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Lz0RsRH74hQ>



BISHOP HICKS' COLUMN

FEBRUARY 2024

PEACE IN THE HOLY LAND

WHAT DO WE DO WHEN WE DO NOT KNOW
WHAT TO DO?



Throughout the journey of our lives, we all experience moments of uncertainty, ambiguity, or indecision. We can feel small, inadequate, and almost paralyzed as we face looming problems ranging from our own personal issues to worldwide crises.

Grounded in faith, Saint Francis of Assisi wisely taught that when we do not know what to do, we should “pray, obey, and love.” Our Catholic tradition reflects his wise counsel.

PRAY In the good times and bad, we turn to God in prayer. Through prayer, we realize that we are not the center of the universe, as we raise our hearts and minds to God. As Jesus taught, “For human beings this is impossible, but for God all things are possible” (Matthew 19:26).

OBEY While prayer is the proper first step, it should not end there. We also need to be obedient to God, always discerning: What is the best response according to God’s command, law, and divine will?

LOVE However we respond to problems, our actions should always reflect Christ’s love, specifically following the greatest commandment: “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind... and you shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Matthew 22: 37–39).

Since October 2023, the conflicts in the Holy Land have escalated into a horrible war. Most of us follow the news with broken hearts and feel helpless.

Recently, I attended a dinner in Chicagoland (photo above) at which His Beatitude Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, spoke about the realities in the Holy Land.

Born in Italy in 1965, Cardinal Pizzaballa entered the Franciscan Order. He serves as the Latin Patriarch and Archbishop of Jerusalem. On January 27, 2024, we gathered at a dinner hosted by the Arab American Catholic Community (AACC), which exists to unite and support Catholic Arabs within the United States. In attendance were also many Knights and Dames from the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre. Its mission includes supporting and promoting the Holy Land and protecting the Christian presence there. I am humbled to belong to this ancient and noble order and

am proud to witness the local members’ dedication and commitment to this mission.

Known for his constant efforts to promote solidarity, cultural and historical preservation, interreligious dialogue, and embrace and advocate for peace, justice, and reconciliation, Cardinal Pizzaballa’s 45-minute presentation literally quieted the entire banquet room, as even the waitstaff stopped to listen to his every word. He called for a ceasefire and spoke of the Catholic Church’s boundless efforts to provide food, shelter, housing, healthcare, and spiritual care for those affected by the war.

He also prophetically commented that instead of striving for peace in the current war, both sides unfortunately are fighting only for victory — a victory that clearly delineates a winner and a loser. “Peace is not victory,” said Cardinal Pizzaballa. “It is the willingness on both sides to give something up for the greater good.”

He spent a lot of time laying the foundation for the need for true peace, a peace which is reflected only in Jesus. He reminded us that peace is not the absence of conflict. Instead, it includes the presence of justice, reconciliation, discernment of God’s will, and the desire for the common good.

This Lent, as we prepare ourselves to enter this season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, you might consider donating to a reputable organization or charity that aids and services to those in need in the Holy Land; some suggestions are included at the bottom of this article. Also, on Good Friday, throughout the Diocese of Joliet, a collection will be taken up to support the work of the Franciscans working in the Holy Land.

The Holy Land holds a powerful place in our hearts and in salvation history. It is where Jesus was born, grew up, taught, prayed, performed miracles, suffered, died, and was resurrected. In solidarity, let us join Cardinal Pizzaballa’s call for an end to the violence and for a just and lasting peace in the Holy Land as we turn to God with prayer, obedience, and love.

Jesus, Prince of Peace, pray for us.

Holy Land Humanitarian Agencies

- Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher Humanitarian Fund
- Catholic Relief Services (U.S. arm of Caritas International)
- Franciscan Foundation for the Holy Land Humanitarian Programs
- Catholic Near East Welfare Association Emergency Holy Land Fund



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