



Dear Parishioners,

I'm so sorry I couldn't be with you last weekend. Well, I was able to celebrate the Mass in Naperville, but Father Rickert had double duty here.

I had to go to Oklahoma City for the Investiture of the Knights of St. Lazarus. It was a great weekend, but an exhausting one for me. I had to leave at 7:30, Friday 12 April. I arrived in OKC about 5:30 PM.

The weekend was packed with vigils, Masses, investiture, promotions, dinners and a gala celebration last Saturday evening. The hard part was that I had to get up at 3:45 AM and get to the airport for a 6:20 AM flight – first to St. Louis and then to Midway. I was able to celebrate the 4:30 PM Mass in Naperville. But, was I exhausted or what! I slept like the dead till about 9:00 AM Monday. But my strength returned during the day and now it's another normal week for me.

Attendance was way down for the 6:00 PM Mass. I continue to wonder why. I also, now and then, think about the possibility of shutting it down. Last Saturday, it resembled a daily Mass during the week. It was good to see that Sunday was a very good day – for many reasons, of course, but also for attendance. Again, we were over 700 for the weekend. But the “up and down” on Saturday has me quite puzzled. One weekend, 60 to 70; the next 25 to 40. Yes, very puzzling.

I know that, for a while, there was quite a bit of concern and tension here in the Joliet deanery about the diocesan restructuring program (naturally with a lot nervousness in the Joliet deanery). Thankfully, it seems to have died down quite a bit. That's a good thing.

We have and honored guest with us this weekend, well, only for the 4:15 PM Mass on Saturday. Father Michael Lane, the new pastor designate for the new (about to be formed) amalgamated parish (new name, Thursday, I hear) will celebrate the Mass. I do look forward to his coming. I know you all do too, my dear Family. Father Magiera

## Saint Joseph Catholic Church April 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup>, 2024



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

## 2024 Liturgical Calendar and Mass Intentions

<b>Sanctuary Lamp</b>	Healing for Jacquelyn Renee Borre by Felix Venice Jr.
<b>Sat., Apr. 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>
4:15 pm	+ John and Dorothy Kish by James Kish
<b>Sat., Apr. 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Easter (2<sup>nd</sup> cl.)</b>
6:00 pm	+ John J. Nevin Sr. by Nancy Nevin
<b>Sun., Apr. 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Easter (2<sup>nd</sup> cl.)</b>
8:00 am	+ Louis A. and + Elizabeth C. Joutras by Joseph E. Joutras
10:00 am	Pro Populo
<b>Mon., Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>SS. Soter &amp; Caius, Martyrs (3<sup>rd</sup> cl.)</b>
7:30 am	+ Frank Turk Jr. (Death April 22) by Sarah Turk
<b>Tues., Apr. 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>St. George, Martyr (4<sup>th</sup> cl.)</b>
7:30 am	All the Souls in Purgatory especially deceased members of FOSS (Friend of the Suffering Souls)
<b>Wed., Apr. 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Martyr (3<sup>rd</sup> cl.)</b>
7:30 am	In repentance and reparation for the sins within our Church and our World
<b>Thur., Apr. 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St. Mark, Evangelist (2<sup>nd</sup> cl.)</b>
7:30 am	The Mishel Family by Andrea & Chris Michel
5:30 pm	+ William Michel by Joshua Michel
<b>Fri., Apr. 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SS. Cletus &amp; Marcellinus, Popes &amp; Martyrs (3<sup>rd</sup> cl.)</b>
7:30 am	+ Poor Souls in Purgatory by Nancy Nevin
<b>Sat., Apr. 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>St. Peter Canisius, Doctor (3<sup>rd</sup> cl.)</b>
8:00 am	Disculpeme Padre by Sra Tomasa Guerrero
<b>Sat., Apr. 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>
4:15 pm	+ Rich Goss by Jim & Barb Goss
<b>Sat., Apr. 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter (2<sup>nd</sup> cl.)</b>
6:00 pm	+ Catherine Lenon by Nancy Nevin

<b>Sun., Apr. 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter (2<sup>nd</sup> cl.)</b>
8:00 am	Mr. & Mrs. Warren Dorman & Family by Sammy Nawas
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 Leon Raymond 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, George MacZura, Steven & Grace Niemiec and Richard Dernulc.

### 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, Dianne Figiel, Rosemarie D. Jurgens Marie MacZura and Deacon Kevin Neis.

<b>By the Numbers for April 13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup>, 2024</b>		
Regular Collection	Saturday 4:15 PM	\$371.01
	Saturday 6:00 PM	\$486.00
	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$2,191.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$2,568.00
	Naperville 4:30 PM	\$1,946.00
Special Needs	Saturday 4:15 PM	\$10.00
	Saturday 6:00 PM	\$5.00
	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$380.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$280.00
	Naperville 4:30 PM	\$60.00
Building Fund	Saturday 6:00 PM	\$175.00
	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$175.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$55.00
Easter	Saturday 4:15 PM	\$20.00
	Saturday 6:00 PM	\$60.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$20.00
OLG Seminary	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$50.00
	Easter Flowers	Sunday 8:00 AM
Votive		\$208.00
Mass Intentions		\$260.00
Salt		\$39.58
Donuts		\$27.00
Rectory Repairs		\$217.00
Funeral		\$150.00
Rent		\$60.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$9,718.59</b>
<b>THANK YOU VERY MUCH</b>		

### Mass Attendance for April 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>

4:15 PM	47
6:00 PM	37
8:00 AM	149
10:00 AM	251
4:30 PM	181



### **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.

### **SOCIAL MEDIA**



Website:

[www.fsspjoliet.wordpress.com](http://www.fsspjoliet.wordpress.com)



Join **Flocknote** our parish communication tool:

Text StJoes to 84576 or

sign up online with [flocknote.com/StJoesRockdale](http://flocknote.com/StJoesRockdale)



Facebook: St. Joseph Catholic Church – Rockdale, Illinois

### **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 quickly filling up 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!



### **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.



### **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:	\$17,536
Amount Paid to Date:	\$14,981
Balance Due to Pledged Amount:	\$ 2,555
Balance Due to Goal Amount:	\$12,619
<b><u>REBATE (So Far):</u></b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

So far, our pledged amount is 63.6% of our goal. Our paid amount is 54.3% of goal. Not at all bad for being just two months into the appeal.



# Bishop Hicks' Column

April 2024

## FAITH-INSPIRED MOVIES



CONTEMPORARY MOVIES are challenging to watch and often dubious to recommend. It seems so many contain agenda-laden themes, disturbing violence, immorality, and obscene language. I keep hoping to uncover that diamond in the rough that is worth watching—either in the theater or streaming live in the comfort of my home.

When I worked as the vicar general in the Archdiocese of Chicago, I had a colleague who would thoughtfully alert me to the latest Catholic, faith-inspired movie. In 2019, he recommended *Love and Mercy: Faustina*. A few days later, I invited a group of seminarians and priests to join me at a movie theater in downtown Chicago to enjoy this movie together. We were all inspired by the life of Sister Maria Faustina, an uneducated nun in Poland who allowed God to do extraordinary things through her.

Here's what was so inspiring: Helena Kowalska entered the convent in 1925 and took the name of Sister Maria Faustina. She toiled at menial tasks to fill her day in the kitchen or garden but was not always treated kindly by others. Yet throughout her humble existence and faithfulness, she experienced mystical encounters with Jesus that clearly revealed God's forgiveness, mercy, and boundless love for humanity. These experiences prompted her to pen her now-famous diary, *Divine Mercy In My Soul*.

She also was gifted with a beautiful vision of Jesus, that most of us now recognize as the Divine Mercy image (*above*). It touchingly portrays Jesus with His right hand raised in a gesture of blessing. His left hand is touching His chest, emanating rays of red and white light. These rays symbolize the blood and water that flowed from Jesus' side, which signify the graces of mercy and forgiveness. Of course, the rays also represent the sacraments of Eucharist and Baptism. The bottom of the image is inscribed with the spiritual words of surrender: *Jesus, I Trust in You*.

Saint John Paul II canonized Sister Faustina in 2000—the first saint of the new millennium. He affectionately named her “the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time.”

Every year on the second Sunday of Easter we, as the Catholic Church, celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. It is a good reminder to focus our attention on God's sacrificial love. On this particular Sunday, we especially pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet, a powerful prayer invoking God's mercy. Most of us would agree our world, our society, and our very souls are in such need of God's grace these days.

On Divine Mercy Sunday, we pray to turn away from division, hate, and vindictiveness, so we can refocus our gaze and actions on God's mercy, forgiveness, and love.

I love the collect prayed at the beginning of Mass on Divine Mercy Sunday, which boldly proclaims:

*God of everlasting mercy, who in the very recurrence of the paschal feast, kindle the faith of the people you have made your own, increase, we pray, the grace you have bestowed, that all may grasp and rightly understand in what font they have been washed, by whose Spirit they have been reborn, by whose blood they have been redeemed. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Amen.*

Recently, my “movie whisperer” colleague from the Archdiocese of Chicago emailed and encouraged me to see the movie, *Cabrini*. He informed me that it is about an Italian immigrant, Francesca Cabrini, who fights the odds to help the poor and orphans, and ultimately becomes the first American saint. I immediately told him, “Based on your recommendation, I am determined to see it soon!”

When you see a good, faith-based movie which you enthusiastically give two thumbs up, I encourage you to recommend it to your family and friends. Your endorsement may be a simple way for you to evangelize and help spread the good news of our faith.

Saints Frances Xavier Cabrini and Maria Faustina Kowalska, pray for us, and may the Divine Mercy of God bless you today and always.



The **Men's Book Club [MBC]** meets biweekly on alternate Thursday nights in the St. Michael Room. Our next five meetings are scheduled for the following evenings: May 02, May 16, May 30, Jun 13 & Jun 27. Meetings begin around 7 PM, following the Holy Hour.

Our **MBC** has just begun exploring a new book: we are now reading *The Popes Against Modern Errors*, which consists of 16 Papal Encyclicals from the last 200 years. These Papal writings confront a variety of modern attacks on the Catholic Church and her Dogmas.

Newcomers to our group are always welcomed. And please, bring a friend!

### **Parish Registrar - St. Alexander Catholic Church, Villa Park**

St. Alexander in Villa Park is seeking to hire a part-time Parish Registrar. Duties and Responsibilities include but are not limited to: Complete accounts payable on a weekly basis using ParishSoft. Maintain contributions weekly in Parish Data Systems database. Enter online giving contributions monthly. Record new parishioners and send welcome packets. Email updated parishioner list to envelope company monthly. Record sacraments in record books and in database. Complete sacramental certificate requests. Keep facility schedule up to date for various groups. Print weekly facility schedule for bulletin. Virtus Facilitator – keep track of staff and volunteers to make sure they are compliant, run background checks. Qualifications include High School Diploma, some college. Knowledge of Microsoft products required. Knowledge of Parish Data Systems and ParishSoft preferred. Use email and copier. Must support the mission, philosophy, objectives, and policies of {St. Alexander}, the Catholic Church and the Diocese of Joliet. To view a complete job description, visit: [The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois](http://www.roman-catholic-diocese.org). To apply for this outstanding position with St. Alexander Catholic Church, please send your resume and cover letter to [office@stalexanderparish.org](mailto:office@stalexanderparish.org)

### **Director of Religious Education - St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church, Addison**

The Director of Religious Education is responsible for guiding the faith formation of the young people of St. Philip the Apostle. The Director of Religious Education is responsible for all aspects of the Religious Education program including recruiting, training, facilitates certification, and supervises a staff of volunteer catechists to create and administer the program to parish youth from Kindergarten to Eighth Grade. The DRE will also be responsible for evaluating program resources and developing curricula. The DRE is also responsible for overseeing the administrative component of the St. Philip the Apostle. Qualifications include a practicing Catholic in good standing, who must know, profess, and act in accordance with the teachings of the Catholic Church and act in alignment with the objectives and policies of the Diocese of Joliet. Since this is a ministerial position, must be a practicing Roman Catholic in good standing, and must know, profess and act consistently in accordance with the doctrinal and moral teachings of the Catholic Church, and with the mission, philosophy, objectives, and policies of the Diocese of Joliet. A bachelor's degree in theology / religious education, or a degree in an educational field coupled with practice in a Catholic educational environment, or a certificate in ministry or theology from a Catholic institution of higher learning is required. To view a complete job description, visit: [The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois](http://www.roman-catholic-diocese.org). If you are interested in the outstanding opportunity, please send a cover letter and resume to Steve DiBrito at [sdibrito@st-phil.org](mailto:sdibrito@st-phil.org)