



Dear Parishioners,

Christus Resurrexit! Χριστός ἀνέστη! Khristus
Zmartvikstau! Cristo ha resucitado! Christ is risen!

Alleluia, Alleluia.

What a wonderful Holy Week it was here at St. Joseph. The liturgies were beautiful. So was Ténebræ. The music was as good as we could get it. The church was sparkling clean and so lavishly decorated. The church was packed. Attendance was way up. And I could see how all of our parishioners and guests were truly happy. That, for me, is a great gift.

I thank again all those who gave so much in volunteer and staff service. This church would be nowhere without you. Many thanks to our Knights of Columbus who, now, have much cleaner feet!

And yes, many were very tired and deservedly so. Holy Week could easily be rendered Holy Work. But so many hands, smiles, expressions of thanks made the week much easier than it could have been.

I must say I'm also so very grateful that the seminary sent us two wonderful seminarians. I spoke the truth when I said I wish they could stay and never leave. Unfortunately, that could never be. Hey, if they stayed here forever, they would never get ordained! That certainly wouldn't be right. Deacon Kasak will be ordained on Wednesday, May 29. You better bet that I'll be there. Unfortunately, I won't be able to stay for his first Mass because I have to be at another ordination and first Mass the following Saturday and Sunday. More about that in next week's letter.

But, as we all know, Holy Week ended in a rather bitter-sweet way. Deacon Kevin Neis died early Easter Sunday. He was official assigned here because our church was so important to him. Well, he was very important to us. Most of you don't know how much he worked for St. Joseph. We miss him terribly. Please, let's always keep him in our prayers. God bless, dear Family.

Father Magiera

Saint Joseph Catholic Church April 6th/7th, 2024



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Office/Rectory Hours:

Monday through Friday
11:00 AM – 4:00 PM

2024 Liturgical Calendar and Mass Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp	Deceased family members by Jim & Trudy Holuj
Sat., Apr. 6th	Divine Mercy Sunday
4:15 pm	+ Anita Goss by Family
Sat., Apr. 6th	Low Sunday (1st cl.)
6:00 pm	+ Michael Mossuto by Nancy Nevin
Sun., Apr. 7th	Low Sunday (1st cl.)
8:00 am	All the Souls in Purgatory especially deceased members of FOSS (Friends of the Suffering Souls)
10:00 am	Pro Populo
Mon., Apr. 8th	Annunciation of the BVM (1st cl.)
7:30 am	Miguel Pina Family
6:00 pm	
Tues., Apr. 9th	Feria in Paschal Tide (4th cl.)
7:30 am	For all souls that would be lost due to scandal, that they would not be lost by Rebecca Olsen
Wed., Apr. 10th	Feria in Paschal Tide (4th cl.)
7:30 am	In repentance and reparation for the sins within our Church and our World
Thur., Apr. 11th	St. Leo the Great, Pope/Conf./Dct. (3rd cl.)
7:30 am	All the Souls in Purgatory especially deceased members of FOSS (Friends of the Suffering Souls)
5:30 pm	Evelyn Mossuto by Nancy Nevin
Fri., Apr. 12th	Feria in Paschal Tide (4th cl.)
7:30 am	Thomas McCague by Mr. & Mrs. James McCague
Sat., Apr. 13th	St. Hermenegild, Martyr (3rd cl.)
8:00 am	+ Mrs. Elvia Gonzalez by Ricardo & Marie Perez
Sat., Apr. 13th	Second Sunday of Easter
4:15 pm	+ Michael T. Kelly by The Fred Kelly Family

Sat., Apr. 13th	2nd Sunday after Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday (2nd cl.)
6:00 pm	+ William Michel by Joshua Michel
Sun., Apr. 14th	2nd Sunday after Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday (2nd cl.)
8:00 am	Mr. & Mrs. Warren Dorman 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 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, Dianne Figiel, Rosemarie D. Jurgens and Marie MacZura and Deacon Kevin Neis.

By the Numbers for March 29th, 2024 Good Friday

Regular Collection	Saturday 12:00 PM	\$50.00
	Saturday 3:00 PM	\$12.00
Easter Flowers	Saturday 12:00 PM	\$20.00
	Sunday 3:00 PM	\$25.00
Good Friday – Holy Land	Saturday 12:00 PM	\$351.00
	Saturday 3:00 PM	\$1,463.36
Easter	Saturday 3:00 PM	\$50.00
TOTAL		\$2,021.36

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

SOCIAL MEDIA



Website:

www.fsspjolieta.wordpress.com



Join **Flocknote** our parish communication tool:

Text **StJoes** to 84576 or

sign up online with flocknote.com/StJoesRockdale



Facebook: St. Joseph Catholic Church – Rockdale, Illinois



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.

**By the Numbers for
March 30th/31st, 2024**

Regular Collection	Saturday 4:15 PM	\$354.00
	Saturday 6:00 PM	\$509.00
	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$744.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$612.00
	Naperville 4:30 PM	\$158.00
Special Needs	Saturday 6:00 PM	\$40.00
	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$100.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$20.00
	Naperville 4:30 PM	\$300.00
Building Fund	Saturday 6:00 PM	\$140.00
	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$155.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$80.00
Easter	Saturday 4:15 PM	\$945.00
	Saturday 6:00 PM	\$2,966.90
	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$2,971.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$1,990.46
	Naperville 4:30 PM	\$1,842.00
Good Friday – Holy Land	Saturday 4:15 PM	\$36.00
	Saturday 6:00 PM	\$120.00
	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$85.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$290.00
	Naperville 4:30 PM	\$20.00
OLG Seminary	Sunday 8:00 AM	12.01
Initial Offering	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$40.00
Easter Flowers	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$20.00
	Naperville 4:30 PM	\$510.00
Votive		\$303.00
Mass Intentions		\$10.00
Salt		\$11.00
Rectory Repairs		\$200.00
TOTAL		\$15,604.37

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Mass/Liturgy Attendance for March 28th – 31st

Holy Thursday 4:15 PM, 27; 7:00 PM, 294

Good Friday 12:00 PM, 33; 3:00 PM, 255

Holy Saturday 4:00 PM, 58; 8:00 PM 231

Easter Sunday 8:00 AM, 188; 10:00 AM, 238

Easter Sunday - Naperville 3:00 PM, 208

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. We welcome our new Music Director, Lewis McAdow.



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:	\$10,855
Amount Paid to Date:	\$ 8,945
Balance Due to Pledged Amount:	\$ 1,910
Balance Due to Goal Amount	\$18,655
REBATE (So Far):	\$ 0



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!



Men's Book Club

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: Apr 18, May 02, May 16 & May 30. Meetings begin around 7 PM, following the Holy Hour.

Our **MBC** has just begun exploring a new book: we are now considering *The Popes Against Modern Errors*, which consists of 16 Papal Encyclicals from the last 200 years [actually, from 1832 thru 1950]. 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!

Communications Manager- St Isaac Jogues Parish, Hinsdale

St Isaac Jogues Parish seeks a Communications Manager who will design and implement communications strategies to build community within the parish and school and amplify the leadership and voice of Father Burke Masters. Communications Manager reports to the Director of Finance and Operations with dotted line reporting to SIJ Principal. Requirements include a practicing Catholic who supports the mission of the Church; 5+ years of communications experience. Must have strong computer and design skills (e.g. Canva, Google Workspace, CMS), comfortable with online applications.

Exceptional writing, editing, and oral communication skills. Ability to work independently, take initiative, set priorities, and complete work in a timely and accurate manner. To view a complete job description, visit: The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois. If you are interested in the outstanding opportunity, please send a cover letter and resume to jobs@sijhinsdale.com and include the position title in the email subject line

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!

A Glorious Easter



**Youth Minister –
Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church &
St. Raphael Catholic Church, Naperville, IL**

Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church & St. Raphael Catholic Church in Naperville are seeking to hire a Youth Minister. This individual will be split Between two parishes. This position is full-time with Benefits, 40 Hours a Week. The central purpose of our youth ministries is to equip high school students with prayer, catechesis, and community within the Tradition and sacramental life of the Church, that they will live as committed Catholics devoted to the Lord Jesus in their daily lives, both now and on into adulthood. The youth minister's role is to provide primary leadership in running and sustaining our two youth ministries by providing spiritual, social, and service opportunities, centered particularly on each youth group's weekly gatherings at their respective parishes. Qualifications include an undergraduate degree in Theology, Catechetics, Catholic Studies, or comparable formation. Candidates must be Catholic, in good standing, who follow the precepts of the Church and understands and supports Her doctrines and moral teachings while also competent to cooperate with the mission and objectives of both parishes and their pastors. Must have skills in ministry program administration, organization, and teaching. Experience in a church ministry with junior high and high school ages is preferred. To view a complete job description, visit: [The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois](#). To apply for this wonderful opportunity, interested candidates should send a cover letter and resume to dobendorf@sspeter-andpaul.net.



Our Lady of Fatima

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

Job Title – Parish Secretary

Hours – Part-time, unbenefited, 15-20 hours per week

Parish – St. Joseph Catholic Church, 207 S. Main St., Manteno, IL

In this role, You will... Maintain parish database, parish calendar and sacramental records; Schedule Mass intentions; Maintain and organize a filing system for parish documents; Answer phone calls; Welcome/assist/direct visitors and parishioners; Provide secretarial and office support to Pastor and parish staff; Participate regularly at parish staff meetings; Other duties as assigned.

Required Qualifications... Several years' experience working in an administrative role; Excellent communications and other interpersonal skills; must work well with others; Experience using Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Publisher); Ability to prioritize, organize and have focus/attention to detail.

If interested in this amazing opportunity, please send a resume, cover letter and salary requirements to the stjosephmanteno@gmail.com

Illinois March for Life



Please consider joining the Illinois March for Life, **“Together We March.”** The March takes place April 17 and begins with Mass, celebrated at 10AM at Sangamon Auditorium, UI, Springfield. Bishop Hicks will be the homilist at the Mass. Participants must gather at the Blanchette Catholic

Center by 6:30 AM. They then board the bus for Springfield where the main part of the March takes place. Of course, participants can drive themselves if they wish. The March begins at 1PM. To reserve a seat on the bus, please visit qrco.de/ILM4L24. The cost for bus transportation is \$25.

Spiritual adoption of the unborn child

83 unborn babies were spiritually adopted in the month of March as we celebrated the feast of the Annunciation on March 25. These children who are yet to be born will be prayed for by their spiritually adoptive parents from Saint Joseph's until Christmas, following the Christ child's nine months of development. As a parish, we need to pray for these unknown, unborn children that they will see their day of birth. We also need to pray for their parents and all those in the abortion industry so they may be converted.

“Jesus, Mary and Joseph, most Holy Family, I beg you to spare the lives of all the unborn children who are in danger of losing their earthly lives and for their parents and all those involved in the culture of death who need conversion, so that they may have eternal life. “

These are the babies who were named and spiritually adopted by fellow parishioners: Bonaventure, Aquinas, Addison, Sebastian, Andrew, Sophia, Alexander, Edward, Adam, Mary Lea, Andrew, Marion, Magdalen, Lilly Lou, Ken, Nicholas, Mary, Rita, Jessica, Alexander, John, Anna, Dalton, Michael, Grace, Christopher, Ciro, Rose, William, Evelyn, Jacob, Paul, Margaret, Luke, Rafael, James, Catherine, Helena Joseph, Mary Joseph, Agnes, Veronica Julia, Philip Paul, Andrew, Thorfinn, Katlyn, Teresa, Dominic Joseph, James, Gregory, Andrew, Anthony, Steven, Agnes, Lauren Ann, Maria, Joseph, Florencia, Peter, Lily, William Fulton, Joseph, Eric, Andrew, Mary Catherine, Rachel, Alexander, Michael, Elizabeth, Kevin, Anthony, Vincent, William, Benjamin, Genevieve, Jared, James, Carl, Christopher, James, Zofia, Maryanna Cecelia, Joseph Michael, and Cristina Marie.

Please pray daily for these unborn children and families.

Come Learn about the Life of St. Margaret of Castello

Thursday, April 18
6:00 - Potluck Dinner
7:00 pm - Presentation

**Saints Peter and Paul
Catholic Church**
Ministry Center Social Hall
36 N. Ellsworth St., Naperville



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Director of Catechesis and Evangelization, Michael Lewandowski, will present on the life of St. Margaret of Castello. Born in 1287 in northern Italy to rich and powerful nobles, Margaret's birth was met with her parents' disgust and rejection, as she was born with numerous deformities. Eventually, out of fear of her discovery, Margaret's parents confined her to a cell connected to a church. It was here in the solitude of the mountains that she formed a profound and intimate relationship with God. She was later abandoned by her parents and left to fend for herself in a strange city. She would be taken in by beggars and then by various families. However, her holiness and deep love of God inspired and changed the hearts of those she encountered. She became a lay Dominican and served the sick and the imprisoned until her death at the age of thirty-three.

**For more information and to RSVP,
please visit sspeterandpaul.net/cloud**

We are blessed to have counted him “one of us,” our fellow parishioner, our Deacon. Two churches had the honor of his service. Deacon Neis, Requiescat in Pace

Kevin C., Neis, 3/31/67 – 3/31/24. Kevin Christopher Neis, age 57, currently of Joliet, IL, and formerly of Naperville, IL, died unexpectedly but peacefully at his home on Easter Sunday and his 57th birthday. Kevin was the beloved husband of Jean Marie (Carrado) Neis for 28 years and devoted father of Emily Mary (Joseph) Wintercorn, Elizabeth Rosanne Neis and Patrick Simon (Hayley) Neis. Kevin also considered Jean’s daughter, Melissa (Brett) Pandillo as his own.

Kevin and Jean were married at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church where all three children attended school and received their sacraments. Kevin is survived by his loving siblings, Michael G. (Marie) Neis of Warrenville, IL, and Mary E. (Monte) Speidel of St. Paul, MN. His cherished nieces and nephews, Donald A. Neis III, Janet (Michael) Sizemore, Megan Neis, Margaret (Andrew Roth, Kathleen Woodin, Kristen (Kenneth) Donaldson-Mescall, Bryan (Stephanie) Donaldson, Regina (Ryan) Bell-Lostetter, Aidan, Brendan and many great nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents, Donald Albert Neis and Mary Theresa (Seavolt) Neis and three of his brothers, Donald Jr., John and Robert Neis.

Kevin attended SS. Peter and Paul Catholic School and graduated from Naperville North High School in 1985. He later attended Joliet Jr. College, College of DuPage, the University of Wisconsin-Madison and took online courses at Hillsdale College to study business. He worked at Haulistics (formerly known as Quad Graphics and Quebecor World) as a paralegal and Senior Compliance Specialist for the past 25+ years.

Aside from working, Kevin devoted his time to the Catholic Church and other organizations. He went to the St. Charles Borromeo Seminary in Romeoville, IL, and was ordained as a permanent deacon for the diocese of Joliet in 2013. At one point he was a 4th Degree Knight and chaplain for the local Knights of Columbus, Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts troops. He frequently visited with friends at the local

Knights of Columbus Hall in Joliet and the Dale Athletic Club in Rockdale, IL. He was active and often served as Deacon at Masses at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church.

He taught sacramental preparation to students in second to eighth grade, worked with engaged couples through SS. Peter and Paul’s Pre-Cana program and followed in his mother’s footsteps by volunteering at the Missionaries of Charity Soup Kitchen in Chicago.

Upon moving to Joliet in 2020, he became more involved with serving as Deacon at Ordinary and Extraordinary Form Masses at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rockdale, IL.

Kevin had many interests. He was passionate about his Scottish heritage, competing in local Scottish Highland Games events and serving as the Heavy Athletics Director for the Illinois St. Andrew Society for many years. He was a track and field coach for his children and others at SS. Peter and Paul School and for students at Aurora University. He was an avid hunter and outdoorsman, was highly ranked in various forms of martial arts, supported the Navy SEAL Foundation and loved watching Notre Dame football. Kevin was proud of being commissioned as a Kentucky Colonel, like his father. He often quoted his favorite movies and shared his love of music with his family and friends, attending many concerts over the years. His sense of humor and love for others will be deeply missed by all who know him.

For those who would like to leave a lasting tribute to Kevin’s life, memorial donations may be made to the Missionaries of Charity in Chicago at 2325 W. 24th Place, Chicago, IL 60608.

Since this bulletin story will appear after the fact, Kevin lay in state at the Holy Family Chapel within SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church’s Ministry Center in Naperville from 9:00 to 11:00 AM Friday, April 5. A procession and Extraordinary Form Requiem Mass followed in SS. Peter and Paul’s Church at 11:00 AM. Internment followed at SS. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Naperville.