

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" Jesus answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight.

While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven." (Acts 1:1-11)

OUR PARISH



OUR FAMILY



Upcoming Outdoor Eucharistic Procession



A couple weeks ago, we celebrated First Communion. The children were so excited and the families were so happy! Jesus comes to us in Communion because he loves us so much that he wants to be with us. The First Communicants believe in the true presence of our Lord in the Eucharist because Christ can do anything because he's God. Sometimes it is easier to explain this truth of our faith to children. Their faith and trust in Jesus are not limited by questions and doubts raised by adults. Rather, they focus on the question of "why" and the answer is something they can easily grasp: love. Again, Christ wants to be with us because he loves us. It's so simple, but so powerful! **Once again, we want to celebrate the amazing love Jesus has for us and the incredible gift of the Eucharist with a special Procession on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body of Christ after the 11 a.m. Mass on Sunday, June 11. We hope it will be a wonderful celebration of the Eucharist, reminding us that we are called to go out and bring Jesus to others. Please mark your calendar!**

PARISH 'SOS' PLEASE HELP!

Dear Fellow Parishioners, My Name is Lupita Sorich. My family and I are longtime members of St. Joseph's.

A little over a week ago, I met six families from South and Central America who recently immigrated to the US. They have a place to live here in our local community, but are without any basic necessities. They have next to nothing!

I'm asking the good people of St. Joseph Parish to once again rally around a cause to help these kind newcomers.

We have a barrel in the back of church for donations of household items, such as kitchen supplies, utensils, cleaning cleansers, toiletries, blankets, and school supplies and clothing for the adults and children. Furniture is also needed. Please call or text me at 815-735-8439 to arrange transport of large items. Parish families and groups are more than welcome to adopt one of these families. I would be so very happy to arrange this for you. Please contact me.

When our Lord Jesus departed and ascended into his glory, the disciples were tasked with sharing his love to the ends of the earth. I can't think of a better way to model Christ than to help these beautiful families. I just see Jesus in all of them! Thanks so much in advance! Sincerely, Lupita Sorich

Thank You

We are so grateful to those who have signed up for our Blood Drive happening from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. this Sunday, May 21. We still have slots open. If you'd like to give blood, please stop by the Ministry Center and see what times are available. Thanks again for doing your part to save lives!

SOME CLOTHING SIZES NEEDED:

Men's Pants Size 36; Men's Pants 30;
Men's Pants 32, Men's Shoes 10; Men's
Shirts XL; Men's Shirts M; Women's Shirts
L; Women's Shirts M, Women's Shirts XL;
Clothing for Age 5 Boy; Clothing for Girls
Ages 11 and 15; Child's Clothing Size 3.

SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday May 22 <i>St. Rita of</i> <i>Cascia,</i> <i>Religious</i> 7:00 a.m. Communion Service	Tuesday May 23 <i>Season of</i> <i>Easter</i> <i>Weekday</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass † Leonard Lambert by Family & Friends	Wednesday May 24 <i>Easter</i> <i>Weekday</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass *In Gratitude for St. Joseph's Religious Education Catechists by Parishioner	Thursday May 25 <i>St. Bede the</i> <i>Venerable,</i> <i>St. Gregory VII,</i> <i>St. Mary Magdalene</i> <i>de'Pazzi</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass † Dorothy Mayotte by Joyce Shear	Friday May 26 <i>St. Philip</i> <i>Neri,</i> <i>Priest</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass † Danny Babinski by Leah Richardson	Saturday May 27 <i>St. Augustine of</i> <i>Canterbury,</i> <i>Bishop</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass *The People of St. Joseph Parish (living & deceased)
Saturday, May 27 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass † Gary Crews by Fran Crews			Sunday, May 28 8:30 a.m. Mass *The People of St. Joseph Parish 11:00 a.m. Mass † Helena Stekala by Family		

PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

The funeral luncheon, the Irish wake, the vigil at an ailing loved one's bedside: in times of crisis, people gather. In moments of sadness, fear, and confusion, we gravitate toward one another. The feelings are so much more bearable when we are not alone. I'm sure that the disciples gathered in the upper room after the Lord's Ascension, did all of the things we typically do at these functions. They probably hugged and talked and shared food as they processed the events they had witnessed.

But we only hear that they prayed—fervently, and together. As I think back on the last few crisis-gatherings my family has had, I try to remember when we have stopped everything to pray together. I can think of just a few times. We are usually occupied with more practical tasks: planning the funeral, talking to the doctor, making the decisions, ordering the food. Just trying to survive through it. But this is the busywork of sorrow. We need to also follow the example of the disciples and remember that, in these dire moments, God is waiting for us.—Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings for the weekend of May 13/14, 2023
\$6,413.00

4:00 pm: \$2,622.00

8:30 am: \$1,526.00

11:00 am: \$2,075.00

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: **\$190.00**

Food Donations: **50 Pounds**

Readings for the Week of May 21, 2023

Sunday: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20

Monday: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 (see 30)/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org



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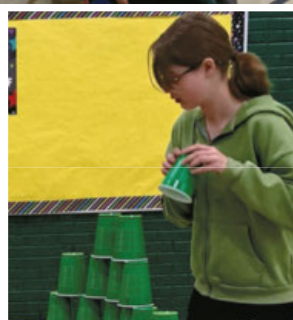
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Religious Education is Something to Celebrate!!

On May 10, we had our last RE session of the year, which was "Something to Celebrate!" and celebrate we did.

First, we took some time to reflect on the year and our favorite memories and activities from RE. Then, we had a lot of great snacks, including assortments of chips and cookies.

And, we were reminded of the things we learned this year by playing, Friendly Feud, a review game that included "minute to win it" challenges. Last, we each wrote down three challenges to help us stay strong in our faith during the summer.



It was a night of teamwork, cheering, laughter, and fun, celebrating the great year we had in RE. Students received a St. Joseph medal to take home, as a reminder of how great it is to belong to Our Parish, Our Family.



We want to give a Gold Star to Evie McLean and her mother, Brenda, and thank them for the delicious homemade sugar cookies we enjoyed that night!



So, what stood out to these students this year in RE?

"I learned about Jesus and the Commandments."

"I loved the saint cards where we learned more about the saints."

"Videos, took a walk outside, stations, and making crafts."

"I learned about Jesus."

"Doing things with other people."

"I learned about different saints."

"When my brother made his First Communion."

"I learned how the commandments were formed."

Thank you to all of our families for your commitment and participation, not only in our RE program but in faith life of the children. Your family's involvement has truly made a difference in our program and the entire parish. We are so grateful and blessed by your support! Look for the RE newsletter arriving at your home soon!

WEEKEND LITURGICAL ROLES	May 27 4:00 PM Mass	May 28 8:30 AM Mass	May 28 11:00 AM Mass	Interested in any of these ministries? Contact the parish office for training. Ministers can go online to see when they are scheduled, request subs and input when not to be scheduled at Mass.
Hospitality Ministers	Jay Karr Donna Karr Diane Gonczy Mike Worby	Aliess Bedford Mary Adams Bruce Adams Dick Jenkins	Sorich Family	
Lectors	Beth Bisailon (both readings)	Gary Gross (both readings)	Volunteer Needed (1) Veritas Babiaka (2)	
Eucharistic Ministers	Michael Yurkowski Pat Yurkowski	Justin Sommer Mary Kay Pittman Volunteer Needed	Jason Grizzle Julie Gindy Volunteer Needed	
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Adelaide Bedford	Gemma & Jesse Babiaka Aiden Jamros	
Deacons	Deacon Leon Fritz			
Presiders	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	



Thanks for your support!

Thank you so much to our Mobile Food Pantry volunteers, coordinators, and all those who offer donations to cover the costs. What an awesome Team!

Awesome Camp for Young Men Ages 13-18

Sunday, July 30 – Wednesday, August 2, 2023
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Please spread the word about Quo Vadis Days 2023! (Sponsored by the Chicago Archdiocese and Joliet Diocese). Campers will participate in discussions, outdoor activities, sports, Mass and more! A link for complete details and registration is at St. Joseph Parish's website.

The Week at a glance at St. Joseph Parish

Saturday, May 20 Mass 8:30 a.m. Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Sunday, May 21 Blood Drive 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Ministry Center Mass 8:30 a.m. Mass 11:00 a.m. Parish Baptisms 12:15 p.m. Church	Monday, May 22 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Church Tuesday, May 23 Mass 7:00 a.m. Nursing Home Ministry 10:00 a.m. Adoration 1:00-6:00 p.m. Rosary Group 6:30-7:00 p.m. Church	Wednesday, May 24 Mass 7:00 a.m. Adult Choir Practice 5:300 p.m. Church Thursday, May 25 Mass 7:00 a.m. Men's AA Group 7:00-9:00 p.m. Ministry Center Baptism Class 7:00 p.m. Rectory Meeting Room	Friday, May 26 Mass 8:30 a.m. BMCS Last Day of School Mass 10:00 a.m. Saturday, May 27 Mass 8:30 a.m. Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Sunday, May 28 Mass 8:30 a.m. Mass 11:00 a.m.	Monday, May 29 Memorial Day Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Parish Office Closed
See page 1 for the our parish Reconciliation Schedule. Appointments for Confession can be made by calling the parish office.				

Upcoming events, programs and opportunities

+ Catholic Charities has submitted several notices for publication to raise awareness of its services and fundraisers.

Catholic Charities is continuing its education sessions for caregivers of those with Alzheimer's. Sessions will take place at the Grow Center (310 Main St, NW, Bourbonnais). **Dementia Conversations** is scheduled from 2-3pm on Tuesday, June 6. If you know someone experiencing changes in memory, thinking and behavior, this program provides strategies for difficult conversations, such as going to the doctor, deciding when to stop driving, and making legal and financial plans. **Effective Communication Strategies** is scheduled from 2-3 p.m. on Tuesday, July 11. Explore ways that Alzheimer's and other dementias affect an individual's ability to communicate and get tips to better communicate with people living with the disease. For more information or to register, call 815-523-9919.

Catholic Charities is sponsoring the next Crafting Connections session from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Monday, June 5, at the Bradley Public Library. We will be making decorative beehives using a plastic core, rope, and other materials. This project requires the use of a hot glue gun. This program is free for participants ages 60 and older! To register, please call Kelli at 815-933-7791 ext. 9910. Please reserve your spot by Wednesday, May 31.

Catholic Charities is sponsoring the Wits Workout program at various local locations. Did you know that social connectedness and intellectual engagement are two lifestyle factors that contribute to your brain's health? Simply put, coming together and learning new things is good for your noggin! Join the Wits Workout group where you'll engage in all kinds of interactive puzzles and games and learn what you can do in your daily life to keep your brain healthy. To find out where sessions are being offered and to register, call Kelli at 815-933-7791 ext. 9910.

Catholic Charities needs volunteers for its Telephone Reassurance Program. This is a friendly caller program that matches volunteers to older adults in our community for weekly telephone conversations that foster connection and reduce social isolation and feelings of loneliness. To learn more about this social and rewarding opportunity as well as guidelines for volunteering in this capacity, please contact Crystal Del Rio at 815-221-6020/trp@cc-doj.org.

Catholic Charities is sponsoring A Swing and a Prayer golf outing on Thursday, August 24, 2023. Join us for a day of golf to support the diocesan organization's programs and services. The day will be filled with fantastic golf, delicious food, drinks, a raffle, a silent auction, and fun! This year, we are excited to host the event on a different course! This cost for a single golfer is \$260, foursome is \$1,040, and cocktail hour and dinner only is \$75. Your ticket includes: 18 holes of golf with cart, grab and go lunch, drinks on the course, cocktail hour, buffet dinner, and on-course contests with prizes! To register, visit www.catholiccharitiesjoliet.org/swing or call 815-724-1140.

+ The Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary have submitted notices about two upcoming programs. Complete information about these and the many other programs and workshops offered by the sisters and registration is available at www.sscm-usa.org/Workshops-Retreats.html or by calling 815-348-9871.

The Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary will sponsor "Holiness in Our Midst: 20th Century Saints" from 3-6 p.m. on Sundays June 4-25 on the Zoom communication platform. Through movies and discussion, this online program will look at the lives of four saints and consider how their example can help us to grow in holiness. The cost is \$10 per session or \$35 for the entire series.

The Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary will host a Watercolor Workshop Thursday, June 8, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at One Heart, One Soul Center on Route 113 in Kankakee. Seeing shapes, seeing colors, seeing God's masterpieces in creation helps us to see the world around us from a different perspective. This can be captured by each of us in our own artistic way. Everyone is artistic in their own appreciation and gratitude of what God shares with us. Working with watercolor awakens us to beauty all around us. In quiet relaxation and guidance, we will experiment with water and color and be surprised with what we can do. So please join us, and enjoy time painting together.

+The Joliet Catholic Diocese Committee on Scouting will hold its annual Ros-a-Ree event August 5-6 at Providence Catholic High School in New Lenox. All Catholic scouts (ages 12-plus) are invited to this opportunity for "Building God's Kingdom on Earth with Sacraments and Service." Participants will explore the faith with Living Rosary, Eucharistic Adoration, Outdoor Mass, and inspiring speakers and will enjoy scouting fun with campfire skits, games, challenges and camping. There will also be opportunities for participants to earn the National Catholic Committee on Scouting Eucharistic Revival patch and rockers. For complete details and online registration, visit www.jolietdiocesecatholicscouts.org/ros-a-ree.

St. Joseph Parish Information

Weekend Liturgy

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am & 11:00 am

Daily Services

Monday 7:00 am Communion Service

Tuesday-Thursday 7:00 am Mass

Friday & Saturday 8:30 am Mass

Reconciliation

After 8:30 a.m. Mass Saturday; 3 p.m.

Saturday; First Friday Holy Hour or
call the office for an appointment

Adoration

Tuesdays 1pm-6pm; Rosary 6:30 pm

Baptism

1st & 3rd Sunday. Class required.

Weddings

Call the parish office for guidelines
at least 6 months in advance

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