

# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

April 14, 2024  
Third Sunday of Easter

## CONFIRMATION 2024

Sarafina CLARE Alberico	Avery THECLA Edler	Madeline JOAN Phelps
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Miles JOSEPH Doraski	Joseph PAUL Pecho	Lucy CECILIA Wallenberg
	Carmella ELIZABETH Perez	Kyla GRACE Ziemer

### WEEK AT A GLANCE

AC-Adoration Chapel, C: Church, CH-Church Hall, CL-Choir Loft,  
Sa-Sacristy, Sc-School, WH-White House (aka Parish Ctr.)

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 14

10:30am Mass/First Communion Retreat (C/CH)

#### MONDAY, APRIL 15

3:30pm Rosary Makers  
7:00pm Cursillo Rosary (AC)

#### TUESDAY, APRIL 16

6:30pm OCIA (WH)

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 18

7:00pm St. Peregrine Healing Service (CH)

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 19

9:00am Bible Study (CH)

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 20

7:30am Men of Christ (CH)

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 21

*World Day of Prayer for Vocations*

11:30am Tree Dedication (front of White House/Rectory)  
6:00pm Grief Ministry Mtg. (CH)

### LITURGICAL/DEVOTIONAL SCHEDULE

<b>MASS</b>	Saturday Evening Vigil	4:30pm
	Sunday Morning	8:30am
		10:30am
	Monday through Friday	8:00am
	Tuesdays (school year)	9:00am
	1st Saturday	8:00am
<b>CONFESSION</b>	Saturday	3:00pm-4:00pm
	1st Thursday	6:00pm
	1st Friday	12:00pm
	1st Saturday	8:30am
	3rd Thursday	6:00pm
<b>ADORATION</b>	1st Thursday	6:00pm
	1st Friday	9:00am-Midnight
	3rd Thursday	6:00pm
<b>ROSARY</b>	1st Saturday	8:30am
	4th Wednesday	6:00pm
<b>ST. PEREGRINE DEVOTION</b>	3rd Thursday	7:00pm

*St. Joseph Parish humbly honors our Lord Jesus Christ by sharing in divine worship, spreading the Gospel, and serving others' corporal needs with joy, hope and new life.*

# MASS INTENTIONS \*

**Saturday April 13, 2024**  
 4:30pm Phil Bauer by Dan Morrissey  
 Jerry Siadek by Suzanne Spreitzer  
 Roscoe Bailey by Judy Bunte  
 Bill F. Kambic by Jim & Elaine Bishop  
 Larry Banas by Donna Banas

**Sunday April 14, 2024**  
 8:30am Anthony Kestel by Eleanor Kestel & Family  
 Brenda Pammer by the Family  
 Mary Cochran by Mary Keigher  
 Dick Errthum by Jack & Nancy Errthum  
 Dan Murray by Judy Bunte

10:30am People of our Parish

**Monday April 15, 2024**  
 8:00am Leo Ardaugh by Stan Potempa

**Tuesday April 16, 2024**  
 8:00am Joe Boseo by Dcn. Pat & Dorothy Forsythe  
 9:00am Ken Christian Anniversary by Karen Christian

**Wednesday April 17, 2024**  
 8:00am William Kennedy by Steve & Maureen Smolinske

**Thursday April 18, 2024**  
 8:00am Joyce Kinzler Anniversary by Karen Christian

**Friday April 19, 2024**  
 8:00am Br. Samuel Thomas by Thomas Family

**Saturday April 20, 2024**  
 4:30pm People of our Parish

**Sunday April 21, 2024**  
 8:30am Dan Murray by Steve & Maureen Smolinske  
 William Voigt by Betty  
 Deceased Members of Calcanas Family by Stevens Family  
 Paul Ford Birthday by Kathy Ford  
 Troy Allocco by Family

10:30am Joseph R. Kuzel Anniversary by Donna Kuzel  
 Donald & Dolores Lindsey by Fr. John  
 Ida & Carmen Varriale by family  
 Bev Kambic Birthday by Jim & Elaine Bishop

**\*MASS INTENTIONS** Offering Mass for a particular intention is a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church. A Mass offered for someone is for them to receive special graces. Masses are said for the souls in Purgatory, in memory of the deceased or to honor a birthday or special anniversary. If you would like a Mass, please stop by or call the Parish Office at 815-478-3341 for available dates/times. A stipend for a Mass intention is \$10.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP THE GIFTS AT A WEEKEND MASS, PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE.**

## WE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

MARY WALSH, JOANN GIAMPAOLO  
 EDWARD CRAWFORD, MICHAEL OLDANI

## WE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Diane Leff, Patrick Deloian, Diana Serek,  
 Brian Wellen, Kristin Wellen, Mariann Whitemiller,  
 JoAnn Hayden, Sarah Traser, Beverly Landry, Wayne Landry,  
 Jim Bishop, Elaine Bishop, Mary Pycz, Jane Hosbach,  
 Kathy Ford, Matt Hickey Anne Radatz

## SANCTUARY CANDLE BURNING

Sanctuary Candle

Blessed Virgin Mary Candle  
 Richard Gerat by Family  
 St. Joseph Candle

## WE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

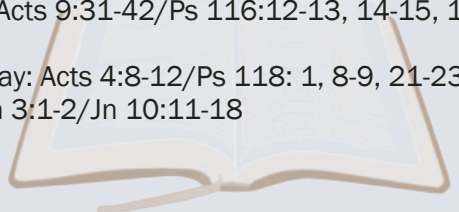
Matthew Cook, Scott Gerdes, David Newtoff, Christopher  
 Vavouleas, Teresa (Kozak) Bissonnette, Bobby Dyer, Jeffrey  
 Merritt, Wade Lander, Mark Keough, Matthew Pirc,  
 Jack Broderick, Dale Clark, Luke Ruggiero

## ADORATION CHAPEL CANDLE INTENTIONS

"St. Joseph Parish Office Staff" (through April 30)  
 "In support of this church and for Danica & Warren"  
 (through April 30)  
 "For the grace to listen to God" (through May 3)

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APR. 14, 2024

Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48  
 Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30/Jn 6:22-29  
 Tuesday: Acts 7:51-8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab/Jn 6:30-35  
 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a/Jn 6:35-40  
 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20/Jn 6:44-51  
 Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Jn 6:52-59  
 Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Jn 6:60-69  
 Next Sunday: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18



**Bishop Hicks' Column**  
 APRIL 2024  
 FAITH-INSPIRED MOVIES

DIocese of Joliet

## April 2024 Column

## FAITH-INSPIRED MOVIES

"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."

Scan the QR code or visit the Diocese of Joliet website to read this month's column from Bishop Hicks.

[dijoliet.org](http://dijoliet.org)



## POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION

### APRIL: FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

## PASTOR'S COLUMN

*"We have never even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Acts 19:2*

Dear Parish Family,

The verse above always makes me laugh-out-loud and then sigh whenever I read it. In context, St. Paul is on one of his missionary journeys and passes through the city of Ephesus. There he stumbles upon some disciples. In the process of examining their catechesis, he asks them if they had received the Holy Spirit. Their response is both amusing and frustrating. How can one be a disciple and not know...um...God?

At the center of the Christian faith is the revelation that the one God is a Trinity of persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. It turns out that these disciples had only participated in the baptism of John the Baptist. I imagine St. Paul was so excited to find a few believers in a city which until then had not been evangelized only to "facepalm" realizing he was basically starting from scratch. Paul proceeds to administer the Christian sacraments of Baptism (Acts 19:5) and Confirmation (Acts 19:6); the change in the disciples is immediate.

What makes me sigh after reading this account is the knowledge that after 2,000 years not much is different in God's Holy Church. When speaking with Catholics both young and old, so often one can ascertain that they have "never even heard of the Holy Spirit" for all practical purposes. Let us hear of the Holy Spirit's power and how it comes to us in Confirmation. The most common statement I hear about the effect of the Sacrament of Confirmation is that upon receiving it one "becomes an adult in the Church." I confess that I am a passionate dude, but few misunderstandings are more exasperating to me.

Simply put, that most widely held belief is ***utterly false***. Where in the world does it come from? Who keeps teaching it? If it's you, please, cease and desist; I'm beggin' ya! Did you know that confirmation may be administered validly to a baptized Catholic of any age? Only two generations ago, children between the ages of 7-9 were routinely confirmed. Even today, the official protocol of Christian initiation states that if a child over the age of 7 is baptized, they should be immediately confirmed after Baptism. The Eastern Churches (Catholic and Orthodox) confirm infants immediately after baptism. Even in our Roman Church if there is a dangerous situation, infants may be confirmed. Are these little ones, therefore, adults in the Church? Absolutely not!

The prudential desire in ordinary circumstances to delay confirmation until one's teenage years in the Roman Catholic Church is not intended to signify that the sacrament is a religious coming of age ceremony (i.e. a Catholic Bar-Mitzvah). *Confirmation is about the reception of the grace of the Holy Spirit for the purpose of engaging in the Christian life in an outward, external way.* Let us hear from the Angelic Doctor, St. Thomas Aquinas: "For in Baptism [one] receives power to do those things which pertain to [one's] own salvation, forasmuch as [one] lives to [oneself]: whereas in Confirmation [one] receives power to do those things which pertain to the spiritual combat with the enemies of the Faith." (Summa III Q. 72). The "enemies of the faith" are the fallenness of the world, disordered attachment to the desire of fleshy/material things, and the Devil. We also sum up these enemies as temptation toward power, pleasure, honor, and wealth in a way

contrary to love of God. To live Christian holiness is not only to persevere unconquered against these foes. More so, in the life of every Saint we witness that the gift of the Holy Spirit elevates human capacity to make of Christians victors over these enemies in Jesus Christ.

Please keep all of the newly confirmed listed on the front of this bulletin in your prayers. May we all know the Holy Spirit to a depth which not only preserves us for salvation, but empowers us to become agents of Christ's own triumph in our lives.

Yours,

Fr. Mike



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are available to  
**COMMEMORATE**

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## SPIRITUAL KNOWLEDGE FROM WITHIN

*“Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have.”*

—Luke 24:38–39

Imagine if Jesus appeared to you. What if He showed you the wounds in His hands and feet and invited you to touch Him so as to believe. Would you believe? Most likely you would, to a certain extent. It would be the beginning of an experience that could be life-changing, just as it was for these disciples. Our Lord’s appearance to the disciples led to their transformation from men who were confused and doubtful to men who were filled with joy and zeal. Eventually, they would go forth preaching about Jesus as witnesses to His death and Resurrection with courage and with a desire that all who heard them would turn to Jesus as their Savior.

In the first reading of today’s Mass, Saint Peter is recorded as doing this very thing. After healing a crippled man at the gate of the Temple, a crowd gathered in amazement and Peter preached to them about Jesus. He concluded His sermon by saying, “God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away.”

Today, we are entrusted with the same mission given to our Lord’s disciples, and we must preach with the same zeal, courage and conviction with which they preached. First, we must become as certain as they were about Jesus’ triumph over sin and death. We must turn from all sin and believe that the fullness of life is found only in Christ Jesus. But then we must commit ourselves to the proclamation of this faith with every fiber of our being.

Begin by considering how deeply you believe in Jesus as the Savior of the World. Though it might be tempting to think that having Jesus appear to you in person would help deepen your faith in Him, the truth is that the first disciples were not primarily convinced

because of the physical appearances of Jesus. Rather, this gift came primarily through the spiritual touching of their minds. After appearing to the disciples physically, we read that Jesus “opened their minds to understand the Scriptures.” This was what convinced them more than anything—the spiritual gift of understanding. And that gift is offered to you today, just as it was to the first followers of Jesus.

Saint Thomas Aquinas explains that the spiritual gift of understanding is a gift that reveals to us the very essence of God. He explains that it is a much deeper form of knowledge than that which is obtained through our five senses. Thus, simply seeing something with our eyes, touching it or hearing it is not nearly as convincing as the knowledge obtained through the spiritual gift of understanding. The gift of understanding enables us to “read inwardly” and to penetrate the very essence of something. For that reason, the physical appearance of Jesus might have been the first step toward believing, but it wasn’t until these same disciples encountered our Lord within their souls, perceiving the very essence of His Resurrection inwardly, that they were forever changed. Only this form of knowledge could then convince them to go forth and proclaim the message of salvation.

Reflect, today, upon your own knowledge of Jesus and the transforming power of His Resurrection in your life. Has God spoken to you within the depths of your soul? Have you perceived this inward knowledge and had your mind opened? Listen attentively to our Lord—not just with your ears but primarily with your spirit. It is there, within you, that you, like the first disciples, will come to know and believe in the life, death and resurrection of Christ so that you can then go forth empowered to proclaim these truths to others.

My Catholic Life



**ROSARY MAKERS**  
**MONDAY, APRIL 15**  
**3:30PM CHURCH HALL**  
**MEET THE 3RD MONDAY**  
**OF EACH MONTH**

☛ **SOMETIMES WE CHANGE DATE/  
 TIME**  
**PLEASE CALL KARLEEN NALEPKA**  
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**LUNCH**  
**\$10**

**Fun for Seniors**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 11:30 AM**  
**(4TH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH**  
**IN CHURCH HALL)**

**LUNCH & BINGO**  
**RSVP TO MARY BY APRIL 22**



**ST. PEREGRINE DEVOTION**  
**3rd THURSDAY In Church**

**APRIL 18**

**6:00pm Confessions**  
**7:00pm Sacrament of**  
**The Sick**

**All are welcome!**



**TREE DEDICATION**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 11:30 AM**  
**(IN FRONT OF RECTORY/  
 NEXT DOOR TO WHITE HOUSE)**

Thank you to all who donated  
 a lilac tree in honor of a loved one.  
 There will be a special blessing of  
 these trees and the memorial plaques  
 that will be installed  
 in front of each tree.

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

**L.I.F.E. MINISTRY**  
**PRESENTS...**




**FAMILY TO FAMILY**

**Spring SESSIONS:**  
**DATE: APRIL 10- MAY 29, 2024**  
**TIME: 7:00PM—9:00 PM**  
 Once a week every Wednesday for 8 weeks  
**LOCATION: St. Raphael Catholic Church (lower level of School)**

Two St. Raphael Parishioners co-facilitate the sessions. Sign up at  
 namidupage.org or call 1 (630) 752-0066 and ask to register for class.

Contact Kathy Ford RN Parish Nurse, Director Pastoral Care/Service for  
 questions: 630-615-7613 or kford@st-Raphael.com

*April showers...*



*...bring May flowers!*



# ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL



## APRIL

- 4/ 14
- 4/ 8
- 4/ 9
- 4/11
- 4/ 12
- 4/ 17
- 4/ 26

- 2nd Grade Communion Retreat  
10:30-1:30pm
- Classes resume
- PT Joe Meeting 9:45 Church Hall
- Confirmation
- Progress Report 3rd Trimester
- School Board 6:00pm Parish Center
- Professional Development-**NO CLASSES**

**SCHOOL LENTEN PROJECT**

**2024 SHOE DRIVE!**

**PLEASE HELP US REACH OUR GOAL: 100 bags (25 pairs/bag)**

Save your gently used shoes!  
St Joe School is collecting all kinds:  
Sandals, gym shoes, boots, casual shoes

Drop off in the bin in front of the school during the months of February-April

Shoes are shipped to third-world countries and distributed to those in need

And... St. Joe School will receive 40¢ cents per pound collected!



**EASTER!**  
Crosses made with Prayer Partners.



**WIN/WIN!**  
Jayne won Easter Basket, student council raised over \$200.

## RELIGIOUS ED.



*Congratulations to our 8th Grade Confirmandi!*

## REMAINING CLASSES FOR K-7

- APRIL 15-16
- APRIL 22-23
- APRIL 29-30

# Jeremiah Day

FOR BOYS IN GRADES 7-10

**SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2024**

**MUNDELEIN SEMINARY**

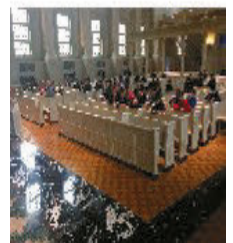
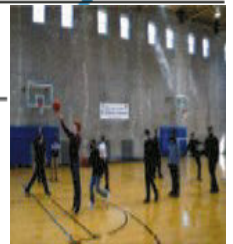
The story of the prophet Jeremiah tells us that it is never too early to think about God's plan for us.

For boys (Grades 7-10) to enjoy a day to grow closer to God and visit a seminary. The activities include a tour of Mundelein Seminary, talks about how God calls us, recreation time and open gym, and Mass.



Highlight this QR code on your phone to sign up today!

Questions, or to have forms emailed to you, please send an email to [vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org).



## WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

### MARCH 31

Collection (at Masses)	\$ 13,945.50
Collection (online giving)	\$ 5,057.20
<b>Total Collection Amount</b>	<b><u>\$19,002.70</u></b>

### APRIL 7

Collection (at Masses)	\$ 5,855.41
Collection (online giving)	\$ 4,690.00
<b>Total Collection Amount</b>	<b><u>\$10,545.41</u></b>

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY!**

## PLEASE HELP US PAY DOWN OUR LOAN

Total Cost	\$237,000.00
Less: Payments Received	<u>\$107,574.00</u>
<b>Balance</b>	<b><u>\$ 129,426.00</u></b>

Thank you, parishioners, for your generosity. Please consider a donation to help us pay down our loan-- you can call the Parish Center for more information.

**THANK YOU!**

## PARISH STAFF

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Ministry schedules available online and at both church entrances and online.



### FOR THE GLORY OF GOD 2024 CMAA

	2024
<b>Goal</b>	<b>\$45,200</b>
<b>Amount Pledged</b>	<b>\$54,780</b>
<b>Amount Paid</b>	<b>\$37,805</b>
<b>Balance Due</b>	<b>\$16,975</b>
<b>Donor Count</b>	<b>171</b>
<b>2024 Rebate</b>	<b>\$0</b>

### Join the Providence Catholic Team!

Providence Catholic High School is hiring a Part-Time Staff Accountant. Information regarding the position and online application can be found in the link below.

<https://phl.applitrack.com/providencecatholic/onlineapp/default.aspx?Category=Secretarial%2fClerical&AppliTrackJobId=303&AppliTrackLayoutMode=detail&AppliTrackViewPosting=1>

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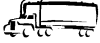
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