



Dear Parishioners,

I'm a bit late this week. I'm writing this on (gasp) Tuesday. Well, it doesn't help if the WiFi goes down. In cases like that, I can't use the computer or the phones (office and mobile) and when I finally could use the computer, I couldn't access the file where all the bulletins are stored. Ah, the problems of 21st century life!

So, it's two days until the Feast of the Ascension. Wednesday anticipates it a bit because there is a special Vigil Mass for The Ascension. Thursday, of course is the day. The Paschal Mystery is fulfilled on that day, i.e., at the Ascension itself. You do remember the elements of the Paschal Mystery, right? The first element is the Passion and Death of Our Lord, the second is His Resurrection and the third is His Ascension. This is the final major feast of the Easter Season. In fact, it has its own identification for itself and the days that follow up until Pentecost Sunday. That name is Ascensiontide. It extends from Friday, the day after The Ascension up until the canonical hour of None on the Vigil of Pentecost, Saturday May 18.

Pentecost brings with it a first-class octave and 24 Sundays, known as (yes, I know you know it) the time/Sundays after Pentecost.

You should remember that there are three octaves in the liturgical year: Christmas, Easter and Pentecost. Christmas has a 2nd class octave but Easter and Pentecost have 1st class octaves. In the Ordinary Form, though, there are only the two octaves: Christmas and Easter. The Octave of Pentecost bit the dust in 1969 with the extensive revisions of the liturgical calendar. I had the honor of being ordained on the Saturday of the Pentecost Octave, also known as The Ember Saturday of Pentecost. I'll celebrate my 19th anniversary later this month. Oh, that reminds me, I'm already making plans for my 20th anniversary next year. I don't know which Sunday yet, but please keep May 22 and 29 free. I want to have a big blow-out for my 20th. After all, I don't know how long I'll live after that. God bless, dear family.

Father Magiera

Saint Joseph Catholic Church May 11th/12th, 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	Healing for Jacquelyn Renee Borre by Felix Venice Jr.
Sat., May 11th	Seventh Sunday of Easter
4:15 pm	+ Robert Whitler (May 2 RIP 25 years) by Whitler Family
Sat., May 11th	Sunday after the Ascension (2nd cl.)
6:00 pm	+ William Michel by Joshua Michel
Sun., May 12th	Sunday after the Ascension (2nd cl.)
8:00 am	Mr. & Mrs. Warren Dorman & Family by Sammy Nawas
10:00 am	Pro Populo
Mon., May 13th	St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop, Confessor, Doctor (3rd cl.)
7:30 am	+ Donna Schutzius by John & Barb McCague
Tues., May 14th	St. Boniface, Martyr (4th cl.)
7:30 am	+ Claire Jean Mishel by the Michel Family
Wed., May 15th	St. Jean Baptist de la Salle, Confessor (3rd cl.)
7:30 am	In repentance and reparation for the sins within our Church and our World
Thur., May 16th	St. Ubald, Bishop & Confessor (3rd cl.)
7:30 am	For the conversion of Doug LeDuc by Rebecca Olsen
5:30 pm	Mi Mamá, Sellamaba by Sra. Tomasa Guerrero
Fri., May 17th	St. Paschal Baylon, Confessor (3rd cl.)
7:30 am	+ Wladyslawa, Wincenty Bobak by Aleksandra
Sat., May 18th	Vigil of Pentecost (1st cl.)
8:00 am	Anne Panek and Ari Polish by Mary Lynn Panek
Sat., May 18th	Pentecost
4:15 pm	+ Maria Dakota Carlton by Carlton Family

Sat., May 18th	Pentecost Sunday (1st cl.)
6:00 pm	+ Kenneth Kirstein by Joel Kirstein Family
Sun., May 19th	Pentecost Sunday (1st cl.)
8:00 am	Jason Burdette 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 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, Richard Dernulc and Lawrence Lee.

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 Galuska, 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.

By the Numbers for May 4th/5th, 2024

Regular Collection	Saturday 4:15 PM	\$495.00
	Saturday 6:00 PM	\$1,052.00
	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$2,594.92
	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$1,551.00
	Naperville 4:30 PM	\$2,394.00
Special Needs	Saturday 4:15 PM	\$132.00
	Saturday 6:00 PM	\$260.00
	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$822.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$235.00
	Naperville 4:30 PM	\$30.00
Building Fund	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$55.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$90.00
Ascension	Saturday 4:15 PM	\$2.00
	Naperville 4:30 PM	\$100.00
Home Missions	Saturday 4:15 PM	\$1.00
	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$50.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$10.00
Votive		\$319.00
Sanctuary Lamp		\$10.00
Salt		\$23.00
Donuts		\$31.00
Rectory Repairs		\$200.00
TOTAL		\$10,456.92

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Mass Attendance for May 4th & 5th

4:15 PM	51
6:00 PM	64
8:00 AM	165
10:00 AM	242
4:30 PM	175



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.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 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:	\$19,631
Amount Paid to Date:	\$17,671
Balance Due to Pledged Amount:	\$ 1,960
Balance Due to Goal Amount:	\$ 9,929
REBATE (So Far):	\$ 0



We are 2/3 of the way toward our goal. I know we can do this, right?!

Ordination of Deacon Luis Ron to the Sacred Order of the Priesthood

With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God, the Diocese of Joliet joyfully announces and requests the honor of your presence at the ordination of Rev. Luis Ron to the Sacred Order of the Priesthood through the invocation of the Holy Spirit and the laying on of hands by His Excellency, the Most Reverend Ronald A. Hicks, Bishop of Joliet.

Please join us Saturday, the eighteenth of May in the year of our Lord, two thousand and twenty-four, at eleven o'clock in the morning.

The Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus
604 North Raynor Avenue
Joliet, Illinois 60435

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. 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!

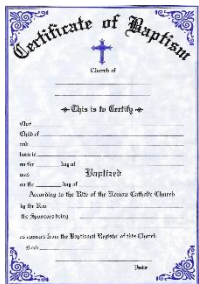


Men's Book Club

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: 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!



Documents for Sacraments

If your child is receiving First Holy Communion or Confirmation, we need a newly generated baptismal certificate. If your child is receiving confirmation, we also need a completed form to certify the sponsor as being eligible. Thanks to those of you who have already done this.



Confirmation & First Holy Communion

Please pray for our Confirmation & First Holy Communion Candidates who will receive these sacraments at our Vigil of Pentecost Mass on Saturday, May 18th at 6:00 PM.

Confirmation Practice and Confirmation this Saturday



Confirmation

If you are being confirmed, please be sure to pick up the sheet that describes the ceremonies and get familiar with it so that the rehearsal can go smoothly and quickly. Be in church no later than 2:50 pm.



First Holy Communion for Kids NOT Receiving Confirmation

Please pray for our First Holy Communion Candidates who will receive the Blessed Sacrament on Corpus Christi, Sunday, June 2nd, 2024 at the 10:00 AM Mass.

IMPORTANT:

Due to email problems with his Proton account, Father Rickert asks you to use the Live address, as on the front of the bulletin, until further notice.



Bishop Hicks' Column

May 2024



Valuing Life, No Matter Where You Live

Recently, on April 17, 2024, I traveled to the second annual "March for Life" in Springfield, Illinois. The morning began as over 1,500 people gathered for Mass at University of Illinois' Sangamon Auditorium in Springfield. We started the day fittingly through, with and in Christ, to be strengthened and nourished by the Word and Sacrament, the real and true Bread of Life. Among this large crowd, I concelebrated Mass on the stage with many bishops, priests, deacons, and seminarians from all six dioceses in the state of Illinois. I had the honor and privilege to deliver the homily.

As I preached, I could not help but notice the youthful spirit of the assembly. It was encouraging to see so many young Catholics present to celebrate, promote, and pray for the gift of life. Those who are my age and older were heartened and reassured to witness the baton of this important pro-life ministry being passed on to and embraced by the next generation.

In my homily, I began by asking everyone to raise their hands according to the diocese they lived in. It was uplifting to see representation from all six dioceses, including Belleville, Chicago, Joliet, Peoria, Rockford, and Springfield. After that quick survey, I inquisitively asked, "Do those of you who live in one diocese have more value than those who live in another?" They instantaneously responded, "No!" I affirmed their response and added, "You are right! Those of you who live in one diocese do not have more value than those who live in another diocese."

And here is my point: One's value should not depend on where one lives! Likewise, one's value should not depend on whether one lives inside the womb or outside of the womb.

Too many people support a culture that claims that human life only has value once he or she is living outside of the womb. However, in the Catholic Church, we support a counter-cultural point of view. Namely, we value life from conception to natural death. God is the creator and author of

life, and life itself is a gift from God. Therefore, we respect, support, pray, promote, and value life both inside and outside of the womb.

There are people who would prefer we not gather at events like the March for Life with our prayers, our voices, and our advocacy. Yet Pope Francis has stated, "I urge civil authorities to be especially attentive to children who are denied their fundamental rights and dignity, particularly their right to life." And that is exactly what happened on April 17th in Springfield: together we urged civil authorities to be especially attentive to children who are denied their fundamental rights and dignity, particularly the right to life.

Let me extend a word of gratitude to those of you who support the gift of life through your prayers. Thank you, too, to those of you who put your faith into action through your donations, support, advocacy, and care to assist with those choosing life for the unborn child, especially in crisis situations. We are grateful to those involved with ministries of accompaniment, by supporting post-abortive women and men, through counseling, retreats, and compassionate support groups.

The month of May is often associated with the arrival of Spring and the renewal of life. During this time, we also turn to Mary in a special way, celebrating her "YES" in bringing forth new life through Jesus Christ. Through her Son's life, suffering, death, and resurrection, we have been given the gift of life eternal. We acknowledge one's value should not depend on where one lives, because life is a gift from God both inside the womb and outside of the womb. And with Easter joy, we continue to celebrate that eternal-life is a gift from God for those who believe and follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Our Lady of Mercy, Life-Giving Spring, pray for us. And let us celebrate our mothers - those on this earth and those in heaven – with prayers of love and gratitude this Mother's Day.

(To view photos from this year's March for Life in Springfield, I encourage you to visit our website at www.diojoliet.org)