



# ST. JOSAPHAT PARISH

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## GETTING BACK TO NORMAL

As our state enters into Phase 5 of the Reopen Illinois plan, things are starting to get back to normal. We will continue to make changes here at the parish as well. However, your safety and making sure you feel comfortable at church are our top priority. As changes occur, please contact me or the parish staff with any **questions, concerns or suggestions**.

**Capacity** - the state of Illinois has lifted capacity restrictions. However, we know a lot of our parishioners have just started feeling comfortable coming back to church. So we have decided to maintain a social distance of every other pew until the beginning of July, as people grow in their comfort gathering as a community again.

**Registration for Masses** - is no longer required. Sit in any open pew. Greeters will be at the doors to welcome you, sanitize your hands and direct you to open pews.

**Physical Distancing** - Physical distancing is NOT required for vaccinated persons. However, physical distancing is recommended by public health authorities, when possible, for unvaccinated persons. So we encourage you to leave some space between you and other parishioners if you are sitting in the same row.

**Choirs & Congregational Signing** - Singing is allowed again in church. Take a blue hymnal book as you enter church, if you would like to sing or follow the readings.

**Masks** - Masks are NOT required for vaccinated persons, but you may continue to wear one if it makes you feel more comfortable coming to church. Masks are recommended by public health authorities for unvaccinated people (including children) while indoors, particularly in crowded venues. The decision to wear a mask will be left to the discretion of each individual.

**Hand Sanitizing** - Hand sanitizer will remain available at the entrances to the churches. We recommend you sanitize your hands as you enter church and before you receive Holy Communion.

**Ushers & Collections** - Our Ushers will be allowed to resume their ministry. They will help greet guests as they enter church. And they will facilitate taking up the collection and special second collections during the

normal course of the liturgy. We will continue to leave the collection boxes out if you would rather use those. And we always encourage our parishioners to register for electronic giving on our parish website.

**The Sign of Peace** - parishioners are allowed to offer each other the Sign of Peace. However, please be sensitive to the limits and comfort of each other in exchanging the Sign of Peace. Some parishioners may prefer to continue to simply give a nod or a polite wave, as we have been doing for the past year. Don't be offended if someone doesn't want to shake your hand!

**Reception of Holy Communion** - we will continue to recommend parishioners sanitize their hands before receiving Holy Communion. We will only be distributing Holy Communion under one species—the Body of Christ. We will not return to distributing the Blood of Christ until authorized by the Archdiocese to do so. At this time, reception from the cup remains suspended.

Thank you for your patience and cooperation this past year as we navigated the COVID pandemic together. Hopefully, as more people get vaccinated, COVID will be a thing of the past, and we can continue to move forward and return to our operations as a parish community.

God Bless,

*Fa. Francis*

## ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**June 13, 2021**

**First Reading** Ezekiel 17:22–24

**Responsorial** Psalms 92:2–3, 13–14, 15–16

**Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

**Second Reading** 2 Corinthians 5:6–10

**Gospel** Mark 4:26–34

<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/061321.cfm>

# WELCOME, FR. ALPHONSE!

*Patrick Kennedy, Religious Education graduate, interviewed the latest addition to our parish family:*

Father Alphonse Twizerimana, a Rwandan-born priest, has come to visit our parish. He will be staying with us for the next three years while studying educational leadership at DePaul University. Arriving in Chicago in January of this year, the snow and frigid temperatures posed an adventure to Fr. Alphonse. Unlike the weather, Fr. Alphonse received a warm welcome from our church's parishioners as he got to know many of them. Ordained in July of 2004, Father Alphonse has been a priest for almost 17 years. He is the middle child of three, with one older brother and one younger sister. As a child, he enjoyed playing soccer, volleyball and altar serving. He also had a passion for education which continued into his adult life.

Fr. Alphonse has traveled a lot throughout his life. He has visited Uganda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Zambia, Lansing in Michigan, and now Chicago. Due to his travels, he has learned about many different peoples and their cultures. He feels it is essential to learn



from other cultures and understand their customs.

From a young age, Fr. Alphonse has felt a calling to become a priest. He was inspired to take on this vocation by the priests who visited his village. The priests helped his community prosper and organized many community events for children, including young Fr. Alphonse. He found the priests' work to be noble and wanted to do the same for others. As a priest, he loves praying with others, community work and celebrating mass. However, he finds it especially important to empower the growing generation by educating the youth.



When asked the most important message he would like to share with the parish, he had an incredible response. "I would want them to know that education is beautiful. There is a lot of beauty in education. There are a lot of opportunities with education. To use every moment, every second, every minute to learn. It doesn't stop after school. To open themselves to learning and developing. The more you learn, the greater you become."



## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

Throughout summer, please join with other parishes in our RMC Grouping for weekday morning Mass at 8 am:



Mondays at St. Joseph Church, 1107 N. Orleans  
Tuesdays at St. Michael's in Old Town, 1633 N. Cleveland  
Wednesdays at St. Teresa of Avila, 1037 W. Armitage  
Thursdays at St. Vincent DePaul, 1010 W. Webster  
Fridays at St. Josaphat

## MASS INTENTIONS

Fr. Francis is praying his daily Mass for us and these intentions this week:

- MONDAY** †Purgatorial Society  
**TUESDAY** Parishioners of St. Josaphat  
**WEDNESDAY** Living and Deceased Mothers and Fathers  
**FRIDAY** †Veronica O’Keefe  
**SATURDAY** †Nancy & †Peter Feist  
**SUNDAY** *Father’s Day*  
 8 am: Living and Deceased Fathers  
 10 am: Living and Deceased Fathers

## THIS WEEK

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|-------|------|----------|--|
| Mon.  | 6/14 | 7:00 pm  | Baptismal Preparation* ( <i>Church</i> )                         |
| Tues. | 6/15 | 10:00 am | Faith Sharing: Breaking Open the Word ( <i>Zoom</i> )            |
|       |      | 7:00 pm  | Holy Hour of Prayer ( <i>Church</i> )                            |
| Thu.  | 6/17 | 8:00 pm  | Alpha Marriage Course ( <i>Zoom</i> )                            |
| Fri.  | 6/18 | 8:00 am  | Mass ( <i>Church</i> )   |
|       |      |          | Parish Office closed on Fridays in summer                        |
| Sat.  | 6/19 | 3:00 pm  | Hedrick/Zoltowski Wedding ( <i>Church</i> )                      |
|       |      | 5:00 pm  | Mass ( <i>Church</i> )   |
| Sun.  | 6/20 |          | Happy Father’s Day!  |
|       |      | 8:00 am  | Mass ( <i>Church</i> )   |
|       |      | 10:00 am | Mass ( <i>Church</i> ) or <a href="#">Watch Live</a> on Facebook |
- \*Reservations required

**Pre Cana** is offered online by the Archdiocese of Chicago.

**Baptismal Preparation Class** is offered virtually via Zoom the second Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. Sign up on our website.

## PLEASE INCLUDE IN YOUR PRAYERS

### THOSE IN NEED OF PRAYERS

*Sue Cleary, Theresa Hester, Mary Louise Koehl, The Niedzwiecki Family, Abby O’Neil Rath, Margie Perzynski*



*We’re most in need of men’s white t-shirts size L or XL, men’s white socks.*

## HOSPITALITY

We want our parish to feel welcoming to all, especially those that don’t know anyone else at Mass. Become a greeter! Sign up on the parish website.

## WHO’S NEW IN THE PEW?

We warmly welcome new parishioners Daniel & Kristen Miller and Family. If you are new to the neighborhood and have not yet registered, please register through our website at [stjosaphatparish.org](http://stjosaphatparish.org).

## PUTTING OUR MONEY WHERE OUR MISSION IS

### New Position Available at St. Josaphat Parish!

Do you (or someone you know) love to talk about your faith and reach out to others in faith? Do you want to be a part of a new culture here at St Josaphat where our mission is to help bring others into a closer relationship with Jesus? We are looking to hire an Associate Director of Evangelization, Hospitality & Outreach. Check out our parish website for a full job description.

## SUNDAY OFFERING

In order to give you a better understanding of our financials, we are now publishing year-to-date (vs. weekly) Sunday Giving numbers.

### FISCAL YEAR 2021 THROUGH MAY 13, 2021

Budget.....	\$578,218.17
Actuals.....	\$598,304.83
Difference.....	\$20,086.66

## DIRECTORY PARISH STAFF

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*More on our website: Welcome > Directory*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education classes begin in August. Register your children on our parish website today!

ST. JOSAPHAT, PRAY FOR US!

## FEELING ANXIOUS OR DEPRESSED FROM THE PANDEMIC?

Please call the Catholic Charities Counseling Support Line at 312.948.6951 Mon.–Fri. from 8:30 am–4:30 pm.

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