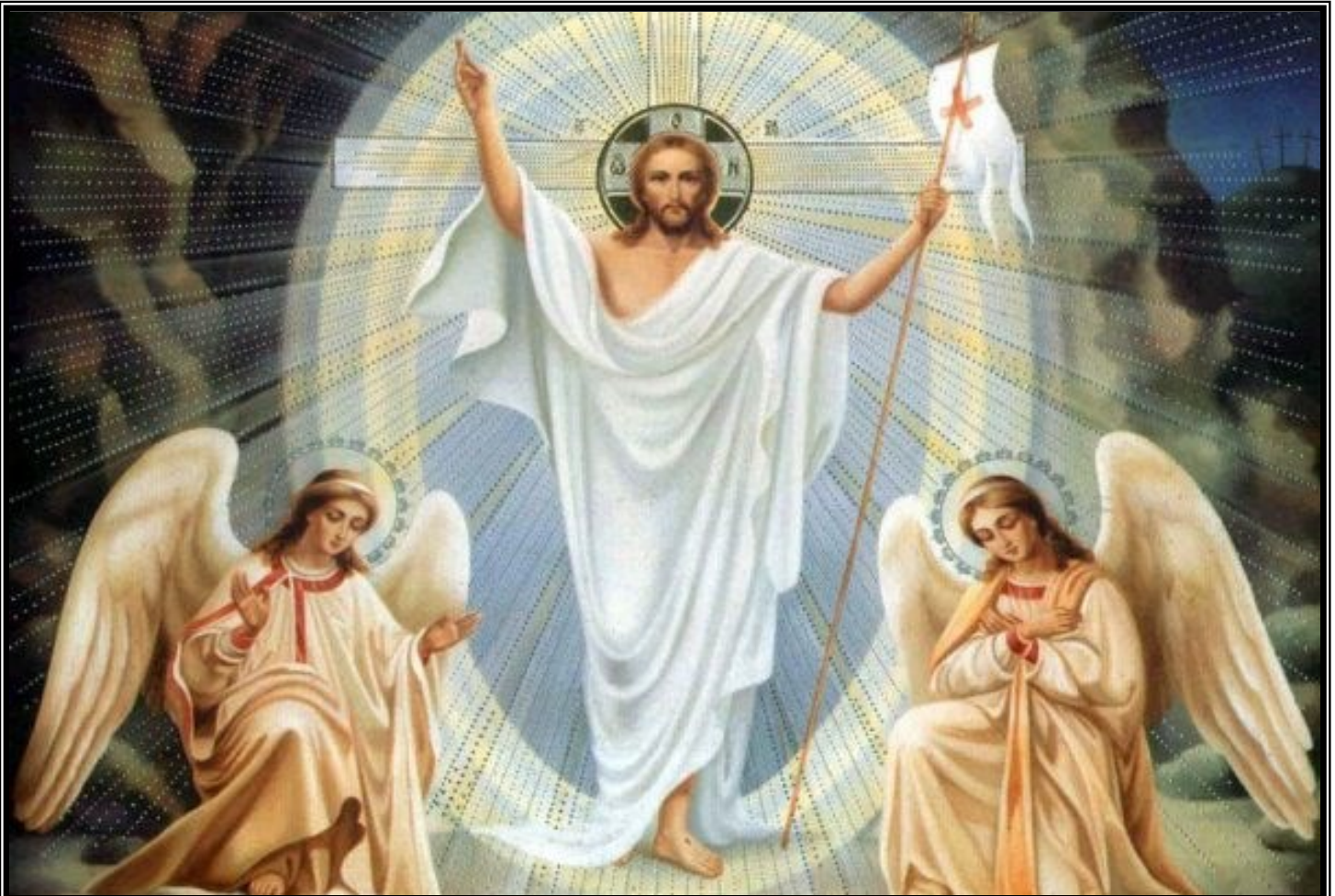


# St. Joseph Catholic Church



**Weekend Schedule: Saturday: 5:30PM | Sunday: 8:30AM, 11:00AM & 7:00PM**

**ST. JOSEPH CHURCH**  
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**Church Location**  
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Issaquah, WA 98027

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**Phone: (425) 392-5516**

**After Hours Eastside Pastoral Care**  
(425) 655-3200

#### PARISH STAFF

**Pastor** Rev. Todd Strange  
**Deacons:** Pat Moynihan, Brian Freese

#### Pastoral Assistants:

**Administration** Tom Walker X223  
**Family Faith Formation** Jennifer Carney X226  
**Adult Formation & Evangelization** Mary Williams X228  
**Admin Asst. for Pastoral Ministry** Maria Graham X227

**Parish School Principal** Shauna Richards  
**Office Manager** Ann Shikany  
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**Bookkeeper** Cheryl Swanberg X224  
**Facilities Supervisor** Jake DiValerio

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**Parish School**  
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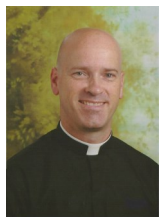
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## PASTOR'S NOTE

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## WEEK OF APRIL 21, 2024

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Even as we move toward July 1st, and the change that soon begins, the bulk of my energies will be spent toward my ministry here at St. Joseph. Having said that, so that I can begin to work with the incoming priests, as well as prepare for my soon forthcoming move, I will need to ensure that I use my time wisely and efficiently, as best I can.

With this in mind, I anticipate that you will see at last part of the Monday e-newsletter's content duplicated in the Pastor's Note of the Sunday bulletin that follows. More than just reducing my time and energy, part of the reason is also because some of you are more likely to read the Monday e-newsletter and others are more likely to read the Pastor's Note, therefore I want to ensure that anything important regarding this pending transition reaches all of you.

One thing I've been asked is, "What is happening to the deacons?" Good question. Thankfully, the deacons will remain in place, so I anticipate that you will still benefit from all the good things that come with Deacon Brian's ministry to the people of St. Joseph, and for those of you who attend the Word & Communion service on Tuesdays, I anticipate that you will still get to see Deacon Pat. Like you, I'm sure, I'm so grateful for our deacons and all they continue to do for us. My guess is that over the three-year exploration of how to integrate as a family, the question will arise of whether a deacon might also be involved in one of the other parishes within the family.

If I'm correct, Our Lady of Sorrows has no deacon at this time. Mary Queen of Peace currently has four deacons. St. Joseph currently has two deacons, although, as you know from his communications to you all, Deacon Pat requested to have Senior Status (which is not exactly retirement, but certainly a reduced role). As for the four deacons at MQP, I'm not exactly aware of the status, whether any have Senior Status or are perhaps part-time.

More to come on how the new arrangement, beginning on July 1st, will affect the Mass schedule—both daily and Sunday Masses. While your preferences for Mass times are absolutely being considered, as we seek to make a workable schedule, it will have to consider that the number of priests for this family (3 parishes, 2 priests), the driving distance between parishes, the seating capacity of parishes, etc. Again, more to come.

In the meantime, let's ensure that we're praying for each other, praying that nurturing trust and openness alleviates angst and any sadness. We're in this together.

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Paul O. Strong*

### MONDAY, April 22nd

7:30 AM Lauds (*Morning Prayer*)

8:00 AM Mass

### TUESDAY, April 23rd

8:30 AM Lauds (*Morning Prayer*)

9:00 AM Word & Communion

### WEDNESDAY, April 24th

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM Reconciliation

5:30 PM Rosary

6:00 PM Mass

6:00 PM Adoration until 9:00 PM

### THURSDAY, April 25th

7:30 AM Lauds (*Morning Prayer*)

8:00 AM Mass

### FRIDAY, April 26th

7:30 AM - 8:30 AM Reconciliation

8:30 AM Lauds (*Morning Prayer*)

9:00 AM Mass

### SATURDAY, April 27th

5:30 PM Vigil Mass

### SUNDAY, April 28th

8:30 AM Mass

11:00 AM Mass

5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Reconciliation

7:00 PM Mass

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### DAILY READINGS

FIND THEM ONLINE AT: [USCCB.ORG](http://USCCB.ORG)  
FOR APRIL 28th  
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Reading I: [Acts 9:26-31](#)

Resp. Ps [22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32](#)

Reading II: [1 Jn 3:18-24](#)

Gospel: [Jn 15:1-8](#)

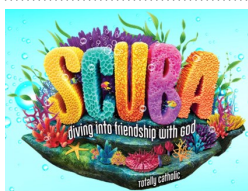




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## HERE AT ST. JOSEPH'S

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St. Joseph Catholic Church  
**Vacation Bible School**  
August 5-9, 9am-12pm

### SCUBA: DIVING INTO GOD'S LOVE

Take kids deep at our Totally Catholic VBS, *Scuba: Diving into God's Love!* Participants will go on an amazing undersea adventure where they'll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God through Sacred Scripture, the Saints, and the teachings of the Catholic Church. Participant registration is open now to all kids who will be in pre-K – 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the 2024-2025 school year.

We also have volunteer opportunities for adults, high schoolers, and middle schoolers. VBS is a fun way to get service hours for school, next year's Confirmation program, or SJS parent volunteer hours. Both participants and volunteers can sign up here: [vbspro.events/p/stjoseph2024](https://vbspro.events/p/stjoseph2024)

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### PRAYER WARRIOR THANK YOU!

Please accept our heartfelt gratitude to all of you that generously shared your petitions with our students during Lent. The opportunity to pray for your needs has been a profound experience for us. Through your act of kindness, our students have gained valuable insights into the importance and power of prayer. Your willingness to trust us with your intentions has not only strengthened our bond as a community, but it has also enriched the spiritual growth of our students. We hope our prayers helped to bring you solace and hope in your time of need.



### PARENT'S NIGHT OUT FUNDRAISER!

St. Joseph's youth group is hosting a Parent's Night Out.

Drop your kiddos off for a Pajama Party on Friday, May 3rd from 6:30-10pm. We'll have movies, games, crafts, popcorn and pizza! Ages 4-11 are welcome. Suggested donation is \$20 per child. Please contact Jennifer at [JCarney@sjcissaquah.org](mailto:JCarney@sjcissaquah.org) to register.

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### HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR 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.

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## PRAYER CORNER

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### **Please pray for those who are ill:**

Kathy Hostenske, Jordan Daly, Gavin Daly, Georgina Cone, Stephanie Graham, Sandy Graham, Andrea Ghezzi, Linda Castle, James David Richardson, Harold & Lea Weier, Koa Nitkey, Elsa Benitez, Brenda Elliott, Art Schmidt, Bill Evans, Lyle Rogers, Fr. Kevin Duggan

### **And for the souls of those who have died:**

Karen Ridlon, Marjorie Mason, Jan Deveny, Esther Audet, William Robertson, Robert Corra, Martha Bolen, Evangeline Germani, Jake Loran, Erin Finnegan, Peter Marshall, Allen Thorson, Diana Costello, Robert Dye, Vivian Billings

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### WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

**Monday, April 22nd** *Jill Orth*

**Wednesday, April 24th** *Joe & Meera D'Souza*

**Thursday, April 25th** *Aureliano Duque+*

**Friday, April 26th** *Richard Winter+*

**Saturday, April 27th**

**5:30 PM** *Ken Groepper+*

**Sunday, April 28th**

**8:30AM** *Bruce Biesold+*

**11:00 AM** *People of St. Joseph*

**7:00 PM** *Gordon Cox*



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### ADORATION SCHEDULE

Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be:

**Monday** 9:00 am – 4:00pm

**Tuesday** 10:00am – 4:00pm

**Wednesday** 9:00am – 9:00pm (see below)

**Thursday** 9:00am – 4:00pm

**Friday** 10:00am – 4:00pm

**Saturday** 10:00am - 4:00pm

**Sunday** 12:30pm-4:00pm

Please note: during All Liturgies the Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be closed

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## FAITH FORMATION — RESTORING THE GARDEN

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**Restoring the Garden is our whole parish catechesis program.**

We are continuing the Catechism in our Faith Formation Programming, which is covering Part III of the Catechism, Life in Christ. We have coordinated our lessons at every level to unite, guide and empower our parishioners to embrace their Catholic identity.

**Family Faith Formation:**

Jennifer Carney - [jcarney@sjcissaquah.org](mailto:jcarney@sjcissaquah.org)

**Adult Formation & Evangelization**

Mary Williams - [mwilliams@sjcissaquah.org](mailto:mwilliams@sjcissaquah.org)



**CARWASH TICKETS SALES**

St. Joseph Youth Group is selling Brown Bear "Beary Clean" Carwash tickets to raise money for Steubenville NW 2024. Please help our HS teens and young adults:

1 ticket for \$10.00  
5 tickets for \$40.00  
10 tickets for \$75.00

To purchase tickets, please come by the Church office or email Jennifer at [JCarney@sjcissaquah.org](mailto:JCarney@sjcissaquah.org)



**CALLING ALL HS AND MS STUDENTS!**

Join us for fellowship, snacks, and lessons from Fr. Mike Schmitz as we dive into both serious and lighthearted topics pertaining to everyday life:

Apr 21 & 24 Confessing the same sins over and over again?

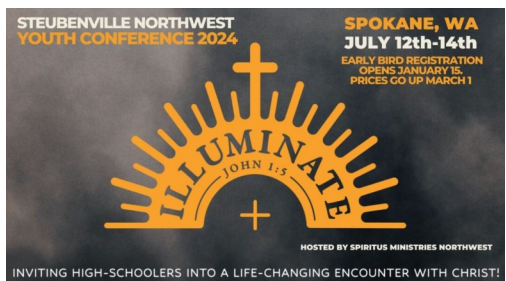
End of year party for MS youth group is Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> and HS youth group is Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>.



The remaining days for The Search Begins are:

**High School Meeting Dates (Sunday evenings 5:30-6:30pm):** *April 28th*

**Middle School Meeting Dates (Wednesday evenings 7:00-8:00pm):** *May 1st*



**2024 IN SPOKANE—JULY 12-14TH**

With Easter behind us and summer nearly upon us, time is running out to save your teen's spot at a Steubenville Conference. Many conference sites have already sold out! Fortunately, there's still time and space to register your teen, but it won't last long. Join us July 12-14th, 2024 in Spokane, WA for the Steubenville NW Youth Conference. Steubenville NW is a high-energy high school youth (incoming 9th through graduated 12th graders) conference where thousands of teens are invited to encounter Jesus Christ

through dynamic speakers, engaging music, the Sacraments, small group discussions, and fellowship with other teens. Total cost is \$375.00 which includes conference registration fees, hotel room at The Centennial for 2 nights, 5 meals, and transportation. Financial assistance and scholarships are available.

Are you interested in being a chaperone? *Chaperones must be 21 years of age and have the Environmental safety Training at the time of the conference.*

Please contact Jennifer at [JCarney@sjcissaquah.org](mailto:JCarney@sjcissaquah.org) for more information.

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## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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### **APRIL** Is Child Abuse Prevention Month



### **APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH**

During this month, Archbishop Etienne is encouraging everyone to increase our awareness, to educate ourselves and our communities, and to pray for healing for those who have been tragically impacted by the scourge of child abuse. For Archdiocese safe environment standards, go to <https://archseattle.org/for-parishes/safe-environment/>.

To learn more about the Archdiocese's commitment to transparency and helping victims of abuse, go to <https://protect-seattlearchdiocese.org>.

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### **JOB OPENING**

### **ST. JUDE PARISH PASTORAL ASSOCIATE**

We are seeking a Pastoral Associate to assist the pastor, parish staff and parishioners in living out this mission by coordinating the liturgical, outreach and pastoral care work of the parish. The Pastoral Associate recruits, trains and mentors parishioners to serve and minister in parish life and helps them grow in their faith. This position requires strong people skills, organizational ability, a deep knowledge of the faith, an ability to be a self-starter and a love of Christ and the Church. For more information please go to [www.stjude-redmond.org/job-openings](http://www.stjude-redmond.org/job-openings).

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### **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

*"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms." Peter 4:1-10*

Men and Women of St. Joseph, if you would like to know how you can serve St. Joseph Parish through the Knights of Columbus, please contact Grand Knight Robin Pavlish. Our next meeting is Wednesday, May 1st at 7:00 PM in the St. Francis room.

If you would like to help us to continue our mission here at St. Joseph, please contact Grand Knight Robin Pavlish at [Robin.Pavlish@gmail.com](mailto:Robin.Pavlish@gmail.com) or 425.466.8771 or go to [KofC.org/join](http://KofC.org/join).

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## WORKS OF MERCY — OUTREACH

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### **Volunteers Needed for Upcoming Donation Dates**

Come help us intake and sort food donations at our offsite warehouse located at: 930 7th Avenue NW Issaquah, WA 98027. All roles include physical work and will occur outside rain or shine. Please dress for the weather and bring a water bottle and snack if needed.

- Thursday, May 9 from 1-3:30pm
- Saturday, May 18 from 9:30a-12pm
- Thursday, May 23 from 1-3:30pm
- Monday, June 10 from 1-3:30pm
- Thursday, June 20 from 1-3:30pm
- Monday, June 24 from 1-3:30pm

### **Food Needs - How can you help**

Rising food prices combined with growing need means we need food donations more than ever! Please check our website for the current needs list to see our highest priority items and learn when and where you can donate. We update this list regularly to reflect our largest inventory gaps on our most-requested food items.

If you would like to arrange a food drive on our behalf, please email Kim at [operations@issaquahfoodbank.org](mailto:operations@issaquahfoodbank.org) to coordinate — we will be happy to help!

### **Paper Bag Donations Needed!**

We need grocery-size brown paper shopping bags with handles in good condition for shoppers in our market. Please drop these off at any of our upcoming donation drive events! See dates above.

Visit [www.issaquahfoodbank.org](http://www.issaquahfoodbank.org) for more information on ways you can volunteer or donate.

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**For more information on our Works of Mercy Ministries, visit our website. [Works of Mercy](http://Works of Mercy)**

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## BUILDING COMMUNITY

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Are you connected to the St. Joseph Community?



Download our  
**Parish Mobile App!**

Text: **STJCC APP**  
To: **(833) 840-5148**  
to download our app!



Sign-up for Fr. Todd's Weekly Newsletters at [sjcissaquah.org/](https://sjcissaquah.org/)

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## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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### GIVE, SERVE AND PRAY!

If you wish to make a financial offering to St. Joseph Parish, you may leave it in our offering box in the church, use our online giving platform on the website, scan the QR code to access our online giving platform.

We thank you for your generosity!

Visit the website: <https://sjcissaquah.org/make-a-gift>



Scan the QR Code  
to visit our giving platform

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### Contributions as of 4/15/24

42nd week of the 2023-24 Fiscal Year  
*Households: 1,092*

| <b>DONATIONS FROM:</b> | <b>THIS WEEK:</b> | <b>YEAR-TO-DATE:</b> |
|------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Sunday Envelopes       | \$5,468           | \$452,757            |
| Electronic Donations   | \$11,786          | \$503,504            |
| <b>Total Donations</b> | <b>\$17,254</b>   | <b>\$956,261</b>     |
| Parish Budgeted Goal*  | <b>\$25,760</b>   | <b>\$891,090</b>     |
| <i>Gain (Loss)</i>     | <b>(8,507)</b>    | 65,171               |



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## ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL

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# St. Joseph Parish School

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Artwork created by SJS students in grades 5 and Kindergarten

### **NOW ENROLLING FOR 2024-2025!**

St. Joseph Parish School is distinctively Catholic, academically excellent, and connected in the community.

We are committed to inspiring and educating the whole child: heart, mind and soul. Every student is formed in God's image and we recognize each as a unique individual. We offer a quality Catholic education for students in preschool through grade 8 and are now enrolling for the 2024-25 school year.

If you would like to request further information, schedule a tour, view our admissions process and timeline, or apply now, visit [www.sjsissaquah.org](http://www.sjsissaquah.org).