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OUR FAMILY

Services

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 1:00 pm-6:00 pm
First Friday after 8:30am Mass

Rosary

Tuesday 6:30-7:30 pm

Sacramental Life

Reconciliation

After 8:30 a.m. Mass Saturday &
3 p.m. on Saturday; First Friday or by
appointment by calling the office.

Baptism

The first and third Sundays of the
month at 12:30 pm or during the
Liturgy. Parents must reserve and
attend a baptism class.

Weddings

Arrangements must be made at least six
months in advance. At least one of the
engaged persons (or their parents)
must be a registered parishioner.

Communion to Homebound

Call Deacon Leon Fritz 815-932-6909

Registration

Newcomers are welcome to register
online or stop by the parish office.

Pastoral Staff

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Rev. Marcin Michalak

Deacon

Leon Fritz

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Parish Office

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Friday 9am-1 pm
Phone: (815) 939-3573

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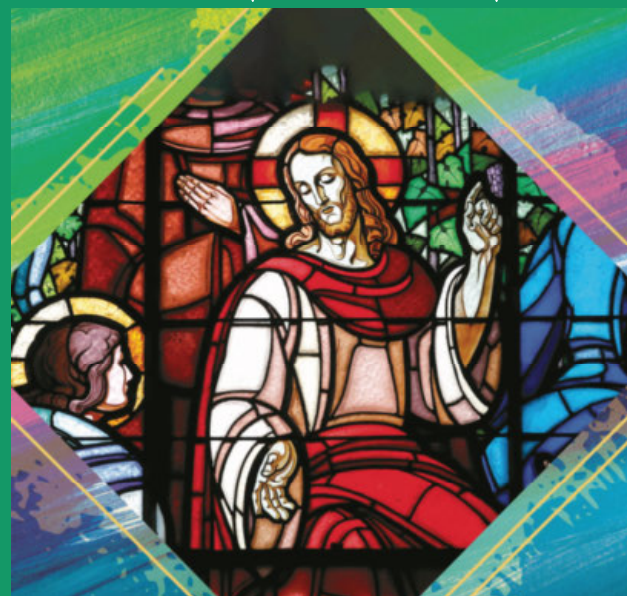
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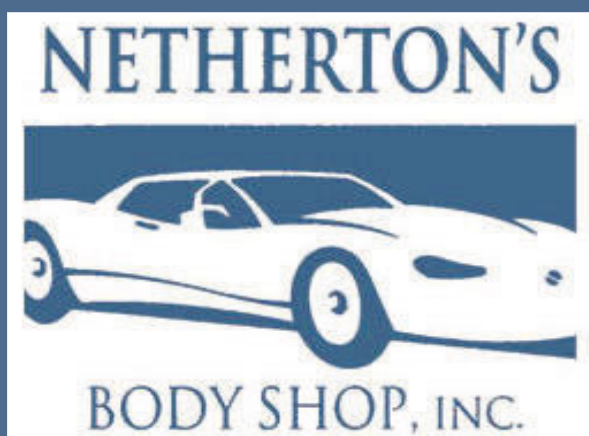
Parish Nurse-Call the Parish
Office; enter #307 and leave
your message for the parish
nurse.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



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them their pay, beginning with
the last and ending with the
first." (Mt 20:1, 8)

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September 24, 2023



The Feast of St. Francis, patron of animals, is coming up on Oct. 4. To commemorate this observance, we will once again host Pet Blessings at St. Joseph's. Brief outdoor services will be held next weekend on Saturday, Sept. 30, at 2:30pm and Sunday, Oct. 1, at 2:30 pm.



Our Blood Drive is Next Sunday



The Mobile Unit will be back at St. Joseph Parish next Sunday, Oct. 1, and stationed in the North Parking Lot from 8am-1pm. Walk-ins are welcome, but appointments are preferred. There is currently an emergency shortage of blood, so please sign-up at the parish website or call the office. Consider giving this gift that truly saves lives. You will be so very happy you did!!



Time is running out to get your Fall Raffle tickets

Look for the Knights after Masses this weekend and get your tickets for \$10 or at the parish office until 4pm this Tuesday, Sept. 26. A winning number will be drawn every day in October!

SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday September 25 <i>Season of Ordinary Time</i> <i>Weekday</i> 7 a.m. Communion Service	Tuesday September 26 <i>St. Cosmas & St. Damian,</i> 7 a.m. Mass <i>*The People of St. Joseph Parish</i>	Wednesday September 27 <i>St. Vincent de Paul</i> 7 a.m. Mass † Gloria Wroblewski (Birthday Memorial) by Children 9 a.m. BMCS Mass	Thursday September 28 <i>St. Wenceslaus & St. Lawrence Ruiz,</i> 7 a.m. Mass † Joseph & Maria Lesnicki by Anna Kobylarczyk	Friday September 29 <i>The Archangels</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass <i>*In thanksgiving for the Les & Val Kobylarczyk Family by Anna Kobylarczyk</i>
Saturday September 30 <i>St. Jerome</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass <i>*The People of St. Joseph Parish</i>	Saturday, September 30 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass † Jim Buckner (Birthday Memorial) by Norma Lovell		Sunday, October 1 8:30 a.m. Mass † Fern Boudreau (Birthday Memorial) by Judy Denoyer † Bob LaFontaine (Wedding Anniversary) by Wife, Regina 11:00 a.m. Mass † Madeleine Power by Carol Mathews, Kristen & Kevin Styers, John & Tonya Mathews	

PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

Over the years, I've encountered my fair share of bosses who don't like being fair. There was the retail gig that paid me less than minimum wage because I was a minor and scheduled me for long shifts because it meant cheaper labor. There was the restaurant manager who tried to convince me to leave school early so I could waitress on a busy shift (totally illegal). There was the internship with the editor with no sense of work/life balance. Our resumes are full of these experiences—it's capitalism, after all. It conditions us to look out for ourselves, because no one else will. And it breeds an attitude of suspicion that often blooms into jealousy when we encounter God's mercy. Most of us work hard for what we have and so we make the mistake of thinking we deserve the good things that come our way. That's good when we're talking about a just wage. But sometimes we get our lines blurred and we begin to think we deserve, or have done something to earn, the salvation offered by Christ.—Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings for the weekend of September 16/17, 2023

\$6,966.00

4:00 pm: \$3,337.00

8:30 am: \$2,135.00

11:00 am: \$1,209.00

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$285.00

Food Donations: 86 Pounds



Readings for the Week of September 24, 2023

Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org

Many thanks to all who have signed up for electronic giving. These two options are the most convenient ways for giving and staying consistent with offerings. You can make automated ACH Offerings from your savings or checking accounts. Download the authorization form at the parish website, complete and put it in collection basket or mail it to the parish. Or stop by the parish office to sign-up for Auto Deduct. Or look for the PayPal option at our website to set-up online contributions. Thanks for your ongoing support!

Tootsie Roll Drive



Knights of Columbus of St. Joseph Parish were at the doors of Walmart in Bourbonnais on Sept. 15 and 16 handing out Tootsie Rolls and accepting donations. The knights happily visited with the shoppers and went home feeling so blessed for experiencing the generosity of the

people (many of whom were parents showing their children the importance of sharing with others). This annual effort supports programs for those with intellectual disabilities. Several local organizations will receive proceeds. Way to go, Knights and your family members who joined you!

The Porkchop Sandwiches did not disappoint!!



It was a little rainy last Sunday, but the grill was sure firing in the North Parking Lot! You could smell the amazing aroma down the alley and through neighborhood as Holy Name members and their families cooked out and operated their Drive-Thru. The word is out among parishioners and in the community that the best place to get a Porkchop Sandwich is St. Joseph Parish! Thanks so much to the Holy Name and all of their very valued customers! Proceeds will help with future church projects.

Mum's the word at St. Joseph's



Thanks so much to all the people who purchased Mums from the

the CCW. The ladies will be able to do some great things at the parish because of your support. Thanks again to the CCW for offering this great service and their families for helping sort the plants and get them ready for distribution. We also very much appreciate the customers who bought mums and donated them to the church. They really look great in the worship space.

The Week at a glance at St. Joseph Parish

Saturday, Sept. 23 Mass 8:30 a.m. Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Church Knights Selling Raffle Tickets after Mass Sunday, Sept. 24 Mass 8:30 a.m. Mass 11:00 a.m. Knights Selling Raffle Tickets after Masses Confirmation Session 12:00 p.m. Parish Hall	Monday, Sept. 25 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Palmateer Funeral 10:00 a.m. Church Tuesday, Sept. 26 Mass 7:00 a.m. Nursing Home 10:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-6:00 p.m. Rosary 6:30 p.m. Church	Weds, Sept. 27 Mass 7:00 a.m. BMCS Mass 9:00 a.m. Choir Practice 5:30-7:00 p.m. Thurs, Sept. 28 Mass 7:00 a.m. Men's AA Group 7:00-9:00 p.m. Ministry Center Baptism Class 7:00-8:00 p.m. Church	Friday, Sept. 29 Mass 8:30 a.m. NFP Class 5:30-8:30 p.m. Ministry Center Registration required Sat, Sept. 30 Mass 8:30 a.m. Pet Blessing 2:30-3:00 p.m. Outside Church Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Church	Sunday, Oct. 1 Blood Drive 8:00 a.m.-1 p.m. North Parking Lot Mass 8:30 a.m. (Knights Corporate Communion) Mass 11:00 a.m. (Youth & Family Mass) Donut Sunday 12:00 p.m. Parish Baptisms 12:15 p.m. Church Pet Blessing 2:30-3:00 p.m. Outside Church
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See page 1 for the Weekly Schedule for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Appointments for Confession can also be made by calling the parish office at 815-939-3573.

LITURGICAL ROLES	September 30 4:00 PM Mass	October 1 8:30 AM (Knights Corporate Communion)	October 1 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.
Hospitality Ministers	Sherry Johnson Janet Gregoire Jim Lustig	Mike Worby Sorich Family	Paul, Emily & Katelyn Storer Zaida & Angela Garcia	
Lectors	Marian Worby (both readings)	Chuck Carnes (1) Ryan Adams (2)	Jan St. John (1) Lisa Robbins (2)	
Eucharistic Ministers	Jim Graf Lori Gadbois Peggy Blanchette Becky Graf	Justin Sommer Lindsay Adams Alan & Pat Knittel Ryan Adams	David Quigley Jason Grizzle Mollie Grizzle Paul Storer	
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Hudson Adams Brian Mazzuchi	Lucy, Allie & Jane Quigley	
Deacons	Deacon Greg Clodi	Deacon Greg Clodi	Deacon Leon Fritz	
Presiders	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Charles Wheeler	Fr. Marcin Michalak	



With joyful hearts, we welcome our Newly Baptized: Alionna Marie Gomez & Jovani Xavier Gomez, children of Jose and Heather (Lewis) Gomez. Congratulations and Many Blessings!



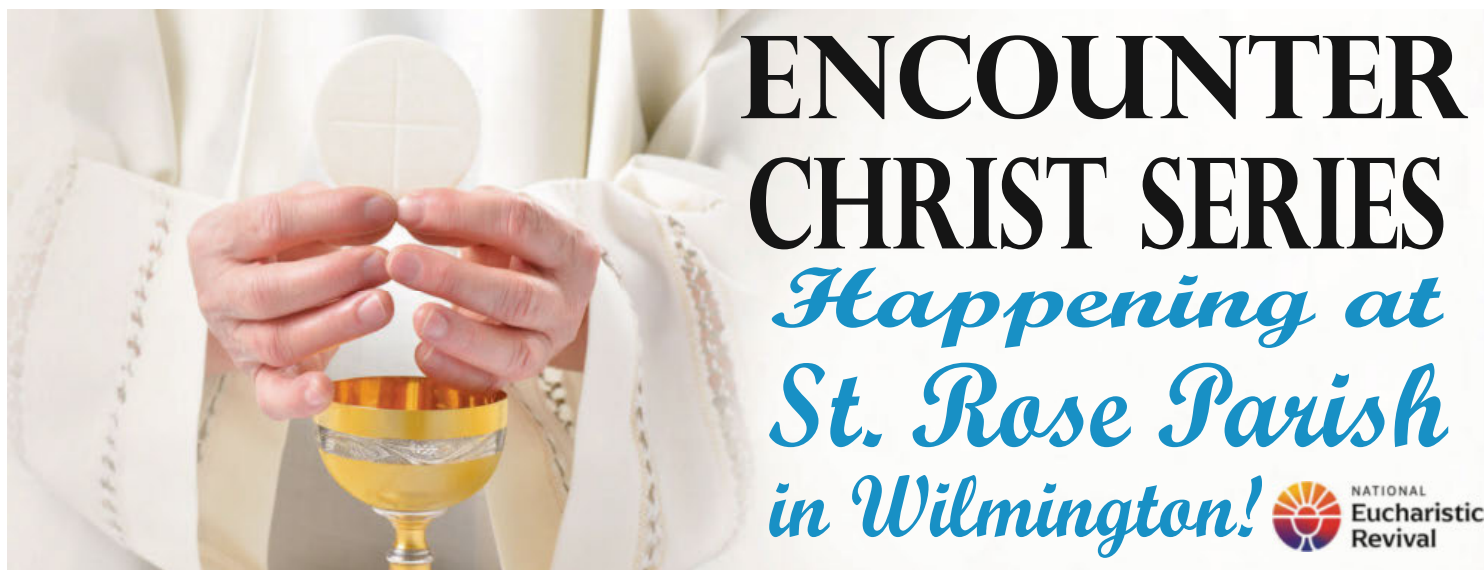
We are inviting Eucharistic Ministers to bring the Body of Christ to homebound parishioners who would like to receive Eucharist. This is such a meaningful act of faith. If you're interested, contact Deacon Greg at the parish office.

Thanks for your generosity and ongoing support!



It's an always an impressive display of camaraderie, kindness, and organization at the monthly Mobile Food Pantry.

Thank you so much to our amazing Team and volunteer coordinators and all the people who continue to offer donations to cover the costs of this community outreach! What a great group of people!



Save the dates for the final two evenings of the “Encounter Christ Series” happening on Oct. 19 and Dec. 7 at St. Rose of Lima Parish in Wilmington. We’ll have very dynamic presentations about Eucharist and what it means for all of us! More details about speakers and topics will be available soon. Please plan on joining us for this special series as part of the Eucharistic Revival.

Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary: The Sisters have many upcoming enrichment opportunities. Here are the programs for October 2023: “Why Pray the Rosary?” is scheduled on Thursday, Oct. 12, from 9-10:30am at One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center, Route 113, Kankakee, and “Remembering and Honoring Those Whom We Have Lost” is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 18, from 9-10:30am at Nazareth Spirituality Center, Batavia, IL. Information and registration for these programs and more can be found at: <https://www.sscm-usa.org/Workshops-Retreats.html>. If you have any specific questions, please feel free to call 708-790-8141.

Outdoor Rosary: St. Margaret Mary Church in Herscher is hosting a Public Square Rosary Rally at 12pm on Saturday, Oct. 14. Join us as we reflect on the Fatima miracles and pray for our nation. (Bring a lawn chair). In the event of inclement weather, we will gather in the church hall. For details, call 815-933-4077.

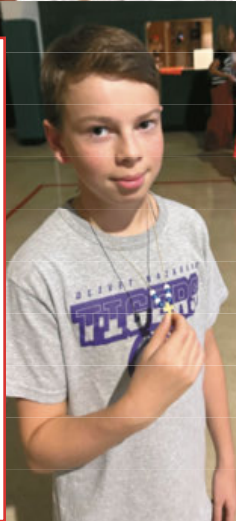
Diocese Careers: The Diocese of Joliet has many career opportunities in its offices and at several parishes throughout the seven-county region, including multimedia coordinator for the diocese, campus manager at St. Pius X Parish in Lombard, finance manager at Visitation Parish in Elmhurst, and coordinator of Christian service at St. Petronille Parish in Glen Ellyn. You can find out complete details about the positions listed here and all the jobs available and begin the application process at: www.diojoliet.org/offices/careers.

Diocese of Joliet Catholic Committee on Scouting: Fall Day of Reflection *Navigate Our Faith: Caring For Creation*



St. John Paul II Parish in Kankakee will host this event on Sunday, Oct. 22, from 1-6 p.m. The day will include compass course, Saint activities, pizza, and Mass at 5 p.m. Boards of Review will be available. We will complete requirements from the Laudato Si, Venerable Jacques Sevin, St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. Isaac Jogues, St. Isadore, and Mother Theodore Guerin NCCS Activity Patches. The cost is \$5 per person. All registration details and permission forms are available at: www.jolietdiocesecatholicscouts.org. For more information, contact Stephanie Quigley at 815-295-0406.

First RE session!



What a wonderful start to the Religious Education year this past Wednesday. The children and parents gathered in church for prayer and introductions with our coordinators, Anita Lovell and Sandra Jefferson. Later, the students and catechists went to the school to create Faith Jewelry to help them remember we are all growing in our faith and we need to stay close to God. The parents remained in church and Anita and Sandra told them about our Wednesday sessions and home activities as well as Youth and Family Masses, sacramental classes, and our new Youth Ministry program. It's going to be a great year as we grow in our faith and pass it on!

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