



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Joliet, Illinois

FEBRUARY 1, 2026 | FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome!

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 4:00 pm Vigil
Sunday | 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 7:00 pm

Weekday Masses

Monday | 8:30 am
Tuesday | 8:30 am
Wednesday | 8:30 am
Thursday | 8:30 am
Friday | 8:30 am

Confession

Saturday | 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Other | By Appointment

GET IN TOUCH

St. Joseph Church Catholic Church

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4th Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain and after he had sat down, his disciples came to him." Mt 5:1

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OUR MISSION

"As living members of the Body of Christ, the people of St. Joseph Parish embrace the Traditions of the Church as given to us by Christ. Empowered by the Holy Spirit we teach, live, and love one another as brothers and sisters in Christ, and celebrate the Word of God as a faith-filled community that welcomes all who seek the truth. We celebrate the presence of God in our midst through worship, service, and catechesis. In accordance with the teachings of the Church, we work to assist all parish members in discerning the truths of our faith and the moral obligation to which we are called to live the Gospel."

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PARISH CLERGY

Pastor

Rev. John Hornicak
jhornicak@stjosephjoliet.org

Pastoral Vicar

Rev. Roger Kutzner
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STEWARDSHIP

January 18, 2026

Weekly Offering..... \$8,006.00
Maintenance & Repair.... \$ 306.00
Additional \$ 500.00

January 25, 2026

Weekly Offering..... \$5,743.00
Maintenance & Repair.... \$ 225.00
Latin America \$1,340.00

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continued generosity!*

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

JANUARY 31 & FEBRUARY 1

Lector

4:00 PM J. Halsne
8:30 AM M. Budzinski
10:30 AM S. Orozco
7:00 PM C. Gimbel

Extraordinary Ministers

D. Dodson, K. Sefcik, B. Strahanoski
C. Goetze, A. Koncar, S. Walters
L. Engelma, D. Mackley, J. Orozco
B. Gimbel

FEBRUARY 7 & 8

Lector

4:00 PM D. Dodson
8:30 AM G. Walters
10:30 AM H. Snyder
7:00 PM J. Contorno

Extraordinary Ministers

A. Camacho, D. Dodson, K. Sefcik
M. Bruno, C. Goetze, S. Walters
N. Churnovic, R. Churnovic, G. Dau
B. Strahanoski



FLAME OF FAITH

In Memory Of

Humberto Bravo

Sharon Planinsek, Special Intention
Mary Fran Smaron, Birthday Wishes

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

On Saturdays from 3–3:30 PM. Other times upon request. Please call the rectory.

Sacrament of Baptism Guidelines

Must be an active registered parishioner of St. Joseph Parish.
Call the rectory to set up Baptismal appointment.
Baptisms scheduled at the Baptismal class.

Sacrament of the Sick

Celebrated individually upon request. If someone is seriously ill, the person should be anointed. Please call the rectory.

Sacrament of Marriage

Must be an active registered parishioner of St. Joseph Parish; please make arrangements at least six months in advance.

New Parishioners

Are most welcome and are asked to register at the rectory or online through the parish website.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 31

Vigil
4:00pm | George Herman †
4:00pm | Bill Laken †

Sunday, February 1

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am | Francis Cepon †
8:30am | Bob Vicich †
10:30am | Bob Figurowski †
10:30am | Families of Joseph Matkovic & Joseph Belom †

7:00pm | For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish †

Monday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord;
World Day for Consecrated Life

8:30am | Esther C. Lopez †
8:30am | Bill Petersen †

Tuesday, February 3

Weekday, St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr;
St. Ansgar, Bishop

8:30am | Dorothy Arnbruster †
8:30am | Dermot Sheedy †

Wednesday, February 4

Weekday

8:30am | Joseph Kanta †
8:30am | John Tamayo †

Thursday, February 5

St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
8:30am | Louise Segal †
8:30am | Charlotte Stefanich †

Friday, February 6

St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs
8:30am | Living & Deceased Members of Altar & Rosary Society †
8:30am | Esther C. Lopez †

Saturday, February 7

Vigil
4:00pm | Art Hrvatin, 90th Birthday †
4:00pm | Anthony Smrekar †

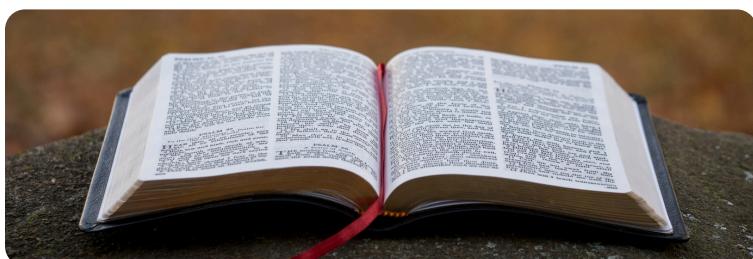
Sunday, February 8

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30am | Joseph & Emerzia Shroba †
8:30am | Bob Vicich †
10:30am | Esther C. Lopez †
10:30am | Jim Olznoi †
7:00pm | For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish †

Mass Intention Celebrated By the Retired Religious

Saturday, January 31

Vigil
4:00pm | Matthew Kochevar †



WEEKLY READINGS

For the Week of February 1 – 8, 2026

Sunday

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13
1 Cor 1:26-31

Mt 5:1-12a

Monday

Mal 3:1-4
Heb 2:14-18
Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32

Tuesday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3

Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17
Mk 6:1-6

Thursday

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12
Mk 6:7-13

Friday

Sir 47:2-11
Mk 6:14-29

Saturday

1 Kgs 3:4-13
Mk 6:30-34.

Next Sunday

Is 58:7-10
1 Cor 2:1-5
Mt 5:13-16



PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Our Sick Parishioners

Fr. Joe Atcher, O. Carm., Joe Babich, Anthony Bendy, Jen Bendy, Judy Bolte, Stephanie Cavanaugh, Erica Ceballos, Tyler Centorbi, Markie Cerda, Joe Cimfe, Vijay Devadas, Genevieve Dumyahn, Bruce Egglihoff, Linda Evans, Veronica Fairman, Walter Ferguson, Sharon Boris Fonck, Amy Gahan, Lois Geary, Roger Gerwatowski, Irene Gordan, Carolyn Grady, Jean Haas, Carrie Harth, Andy Honiotes, Janet Horvath, Ray Horvatin, Jake Jakovich Jr., Bob Keca, Joan Kern, Patricia Koefoed, Gail Kolenc, Michael Kuhel, Richard Lenzen, Ann Marie Linko, Mary Loucks, Todd Lukas, Bettie Lustick, Frank Markun, Mary Ann Mavrin, Terry Meyer, Greg Munich, Andy Nunez, Judy Philbert, Sharon Planinsek, Rafael Quiroz, Deacon Dave & Jo Raskowski, Raymond Reinke, Lorraine Rolih, Nathan Roszyk, George Rozman, Julia Sarcletti, James Sefcik, Marcia Smith, Gavin Springsteen, Nancy Sraj, Kathryn Tamayo, Gerald Tezak, Nasciana Thompson, Diana Tyda, Kristina Valentino, Joyce Vicich, Ann Wojnarowski, Terry Zlesmer, for those in need of prayers, and those who have no one to pray for them.

Our Military Parishioners

Spec. Rafael Arias, Andrew Bender, Sgt. Nikolas Borrego, Lindsey Carroll, Matthew Carroll, Cpt. Peter Collins, COL David M. Conner, Dylan Crotty, Michael A. Elmore, Michael J. Elmore, Mitchell Elmore, LTC Donald Erickson, Holly Erickson-Gresens, Anthony Gayton, Melissa Gonzalez, Sgt. John M. Khandzhyan, Sgt. Mariela Sanchez-Khandzhyan, Wyatt Lawson, Jared Anthony Mason, Kannen Mosher, Andres Nunez, Charles B. Ritzler IV, Augie Spoto

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BAPTISM

Class

The next Baptism Class is scheduled for Saturday, February 14, 2026, at 9:00 AM in Ferdinand Hall. To register, please call the rectory at 815-727-9378 at least one week prior.

Sacrament of Baptism

We congratulate the Evans family and welcome their son into our parish family. May the Holy Spirit guide him throughout his life and may God bless him always.

Hunter Riley Evans

Son of Ryan and Samantha



GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

A priest I know was once falsely accused of a terrible crime. The claim was wild and easily disproved, but for a while, it didn't matter. In the atmosphere shaped by the abuse crisis of the early 2000s, the public assumption was guilty until proven innocent. His name was dragged through the mud, and his ministry placed on hold. I had the privilege — and the burden — of walking closely with him during that time.

He was angry. He was confused. He felt abandoned and deeply disoriented. The last thing on his mind was the words of Jesus in today's Gospel: "Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me ... Rejoice and be glad" (Matthew 5:11-12). Rejoice? He felt anything but.

And yet... something holy slowly grew in him. Not overnight, and not without pain. But as the truth came to light and his name was cleared, I watched him become more Christlike — more patient, more compassionate, more detached from human approval.

Maybe you haven't faced something so dramatic. But where do you feel judged? Misrepresented? Overlooked? Maybe someone else got the credit or the promotion. Maybe someone you love isn't getting their due. In those moments, the Cross of Jesus is near. When we feel accused, that's when we ask him for the grace not just to endure, but somehow, mysteriously, to rejoice and be glad.

— Father John Muir

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EUCARISTIC ADORATION

February 3, 2026

Spend an hour in His presence for Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph Church from 6-7PM.

Starting Tuesday, March 3rd, in addition to Eucharistic Adoration, confessions will be available during this Holy hour.

**The Second Collection
next weekend,
February 7 & 8, is for
Maintenance & Repair**

**2027 Mass Intention Book
is now open for
January & February**

**THE CROSS
OF JESUS
IS NEAR**

Weekly Calendar

February 1

8:30am Mass
10:30am Mass
11:30am OCIA, Ferdinand Hall
7:00pm Mass
Blessing of Throats at all Masses

February 2

8:30am Mass
9:00-10:00am Adoration Chapel

February 3

8:30am Mass
St. Blaise, Throat Blessing
9:00-10:00am Adoration Chapel
5:30pm Religious Education, School
6:00pm Adoration Holy Hour

February 4

8:30am Mass
8:00-11:00am Adoration Chapel

February 5

8:30am Mass
9:00-Noon Adoration Chapel

HAPPENING THIS MONTH • 05

February 6

8:30am Mass
9:00am A&R Rosary
9:00-1:00am Adoration Chapel
9:30am Prayer Shawl



February 7

1:30pm Baptism
3:00pm Confessions, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Litany, Rosary
4:00pm Mass
Gift Shop Open After Mass
2nd Collection is for Maintenance & Repair

February 8

8:30am Mass
10:30am Mass
7:00pm Mass
Gift Shop Open After All Masses
2nd Collection is for Maintenance & Repair

Soup & Salad

Volunteers Needed

Join us following Stations of the Cross on Fridays, February 20-March 27 in Ferdinand Hall for Soup & Salad.



The Gift Shop will be open February 7 & 8, after all Masses

St. Joseph Seniors

February Meeting

Important: Our February luncheon/meeting date has been changed to February 25th, due to Ash Wednesday occurring on our regular scheduled date. The Annual Fish Fry takes place on February 18th. Hope you are planning to attend! Please mark these dates on your calendar. If you made a reservation at the January meeting, thank you. If not, please call Mary Barrett @ 815-741-0358, no later than Sunday, February 22nd, to make a reservation or if you need to cancel this month. Bingo will be played after the meeting! Hope to see you at the luncheon!

Slovenian Catholic Center Kolina Dinner

Annual "Kolina" Slovenian Blood Sausage Dinner, Sunday, February 8th, after 11:00 AM Mass at the Slovenian Catholic Center, Lemont. Call for Reservation 630-243-0670

Cunningham Neighborhood Council

Wednesday, February 4th 6:30-7:30 PM at the Moran A.C. 1207 Nicholson St. The CNC works in conjunction with the police department. All are welcome.



Saturday, February 7th

St. Joe's Park

700 Theodore St., Joliet

Doors open at 4 PM,
show begins at 5 PM.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 15th

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

201 S. Briggs St, Joliet

8:00 AM until 12:30 PM in the Gym

Donation : Adults \$10

Kids and Veterans \$6

Fresh and Delicious All You Can Eat
Pancakes with Biscuits & Gravy,
Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Coffee, Milk
& Orange Juice



FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Next Collection for St. John's Food Pantry is February 21st & 22nd

SLOVENIAN UNION OF AMERICA – BRANCH 20

Tuesday, February 10 at 6PM, St. Joseph Park

Member Georgene Agnich will present a video on bobbin lace-making from the Slovenian Heritage Museum. Hostesses are Georgene Agnich and Liz Engelman.

ST. BLAISE, THE BLESSING OF THROATS

A tradition of faith and healing



St Blaise was a 3rd-century Armenian bishop known for his deep faith, fervent love for God and his people, and a reputation for working miracles even during his lifetime. According to legend, a boy suffering from a fishbone lodged in his throat—or another severe throat malady—was brought to St Blaise as a last resort. The boy was on the brink of death, with no hope of recovery. Saint Blaise prayed over him, blessed him, and miraculously, the boy was healed. This established St Blaise as the patron saint for those afflicted with throat injuries and diseases. It is from this miraculous act of healing that the Catholic Church commemorates his feast day and has the blessing of throats on the Feast of St Blaise.

Blessing of Throats will be offered at all Masses the weekend of February 1st and Tuesday, February 3rd.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Ash Wednesday Fish Fry

Hello everyone! It is that time of year where we begin preparing for our Ash Wednesday Fish Fry. Students needing service hours are most welcome! Visit the www.stjosephjoliet.org website to click our link to SignUpGenius or call the rectory.

St. Joseph Church
Fish Fry

Ash Wednesday
February 18, 2026

Good Friday
April 3, 2026

11am - 6:30pm

CASH ONLY
Dine In or Carryout

Hand Breaded Fried Cod 2 piece \$16	Golden Shrimp Basket 6 piece \$15	Mac 'n Cheese *Potato not included \$7
Hand Breaded Fried Cod 1 piece \$12	Combo 1 Cod 5 Shrimp \$17	Extra Piece of Cod \$6

*all dinners include Slovenian potatoes or baked potato, homemade coleslaw, bread & butter

St. Joe's Park 700 Theodore St., Joliet

BAKERY NEEDED

Bakery is needed for the Ash Wednesday Fish Fry! Bakery can be dropped off at St. Joe's Park on: Tuesday, February 17th from 8AM-1PM; Wednesday, February 18th from 8AM-Noon. Thank you in advance for your bakery donations.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

Beyond All Expectations: Faith that Elevates!

The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal has begun!

The Diocese of Joliet invites all parishioners to support the 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Together, we can make a profound difference.

This year's theme is Beyond all Expectations: Faith that Elevates! Through the CMAA, we ensure Christ's mission and ministries reach everyone. We provide shelter for the homeless, feed the hungry, support vocations, and educate the next generation of Catholics. Our parish cannot accomplish this alone. As a diocese, we can do so much more.

Our parish goal is **\$44,700**. We receive 70% of any amount raised over goal to use within our parish. Please review your mailing from the Diocese of Joliet and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's appeal.

If you do not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office. Thank you!



The Altar & Rosary Society Invites You to **First Friday Mass, February 6th, at 8:30 AM**. Following Mass, we will lead the congregation in prayer of the Rosary.

The Fifth Foundation of MAKE That Holds the Rest:

Prayer "Prayer is the central and vital piece of **MAKE** that deserves special attention because it runs through all the others and holds them together. Put simply, prayer is talking to and listening to God. Prayer is our relationship with God Himself. It is the raising of one's mind and heart to God. (CCC 2559)

St. Thérèse of Lisieux described it beautifully: "For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." (CCC 2558)"



PRAYER TO MAKE DISCIPLES

Ever loving God,
maker of all good things,
you made us in your image and
called us through baptism.
Give us now the grace to be made
into your disciples, and grant that
in being so made,
we will do as you have
commanded to go and make
other disciples as we catechize,
evangelize, and put our faith into
action. Through the intercession of
our patron, St. Francis Xavier,
St. Joseph,
the Blessed Virgin Mary
and all the saints,
we humbly make our prayer.
Amen.

Respect
Life

Pray. Learn. Serve. Take Action.

"The life of every human being is precious. It is necessary to protect it from conception to natural death." — Mother Teresa