ST. JOSEPH
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Joliet, Illinois

FEBRUARY 22, 2026 | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Welcome!

St. Joseph Church
Catholic Church
416 N. Chicago Street
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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

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SCAN ME

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." - Mt 4:8-9

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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."

PARISH CLERGY

Pastor
Rev. John Hornicak
jhornicak@stjosephjoliet.org

Pastoral Vicar
Rev. Roger Kutzner
rkutzner@stjosephjoliet.org

STEWARDSHIP

February 8, 2026

Weekly Offering.....$11,342.00
Weekly Budgeted.....$8,173.00
Maintenance & Repair.....$1,095.00
Additional .....$ 727.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

BULLETIN CONTENT

If you want to submit content to feature in the bulletin, please send to: office@stjosephjoliet.org. Content must be submitted on the Friday, at least two weeks prior to the requested date.

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 21 & 22

	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
4:00 PM	B. Schelli	B. Schelli, M. Schelli, D. Zelinski
8:30 AM	C. Goetze	M. Bruno, T. Osburn, S. Walters
10:30 AM	L. Orozco	G. Dau, L. Engelman, J. Orozco
7:00 PM	J. Contorno	B. Strahanoski

February 28 & March 1

	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
4:00 PM	M. Mijan	D. Dodson, C. Kadela, K. Sefcik
8:30 AM	M. Budzinski	V. Gale, A. Koncar, S. Walters
10:30 AM	H. Snyder	N. Churnovic, R. Churnovic, G. Dau
7:00 PM	P. Draksler	L. Engelman

FLAME OF FAITH

Angel Arias, Sr.
Rosa Bravo Avila
Frances M. Sefcik

WE LOOK FOWARD TO YOUR FEEDBACK.

Our bulletin company, LPI, has reformatted our parish bulletin.

Please let us know your thoughts on the new format and how we can improve upon it.

Thank You!

ST. JOSEPH HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING

Members of the Holy Name Society will meet in Ferdinand Hall following 8:30 am Mass on **Sunday, March 8, 2026.** All male parishioners, ages 15 and older are invited to attend.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 21
Vigil
4:00pm Karen Schmidberger (B) (Family)
4:00pm Frances M. Sefcik (B) (Family)
Sunday, February 22
1st Sunday of Lent
8:30am Frank Nemanich (Huston Family)
8:30am Mr. & Mrs. Luis Zepeda (Family)
10:30am David & Barb Dornan (M/M James Cuci)
10:30am Ray Valentino (Family)
7:00pm For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish
Monday, February 23
Lenten *Weekday*
8:30am Brian Boggetto (Karen & David Mackley)
8:30am Furdek Family (Family)
Tuesday, February 24
Lenten *Weekday*
8:30am Michael Gahan (Cyndi & Jim Karges)
8:30am Sharon Planinsek, Special Intentions (Mag Neubauer)
Wednesday, February25
Lenten Weekday
8:30am Ron Caffo (Fenoglio Family)
8:30am Eunice Ward (Ann Corp)
Thursday, February 26
Lenten Weekday
8:30am Cheryl Bebej (Cyndi & Jim Karges)
8:30am Juliann Torkar Teasdale (Ruthann Baskerville)
Friday, February 27
Lenten Weekday
8:30am Nicki Blowers (Agnes Dobczyk)
8:30am Gavin Springsteen & Family (Michalak Family)
Saturday, February 28
Vigil
4:00pm Betty Baxter (Family)
4:00pm Jack Facinelli (Denise & Rick Ramos)
Sunday, March 1
2nd *Sunday of Lent*
8:30am Joseph & Emerzia Shroba (Barello Family)
8:30am Bob Vicich (John Gudac)
10:30am For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish
7:00pm Anton Smrekar (A) (Family)
7:00pm Michael Terdic, Jr. (Family)

WEEKLY READINGS

For the Week of February 22 - March 1, 2026

Sunday
Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Rom 5:12-19 **or** Rom 5:12, 17-19
Mt 4:1-11
Monday
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18
Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday
Is 55:10-11
Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday
Jon 3:1-10
Lk 11:29-32
Thursday
Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25
Mt 7:7-12
Friday
EZ 18:21-28
Mt 5:20-26
Saturday
Dt 26:16-19
Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday
Gn 12:1-4a
2 ™ 1:8b-10
Mt 17:1-9

THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

Fr. Joe Atcher, O. Carm., Joe Babich, Anthony Bendy, Jen Bendy, Judy Bolte, Stephanie Cavanaugh, Erica Ceballos, Markie Cerda, Joe Cimfe, Vijay Devadas, Genevieve Dumyahn, Bruce Eagglhoff, Linda Evans, Walter Ferguson, Sharon Boris Fonck, Amy Gahan, Lois Geary, Irene Gordan, Carolyn Grady, Jean Haas, Carrie Harth, Janet Horvath, Ray Horvatin, Jake Jakovich Jr., Bob Keca, Joan Kernc, Gail Kolenc, Michael Kuhel, Richard Lenzen, Mary Loucks, Todd Lukas, Bettie Lustick, Frank Markun, Mary Ann Mavrin, Terry Meyer, Greg Munich, Judy Philbert, Sharon Planinsek, Rafael Quiroz, Deacon Dave & Jo Raskowski, Raymond Reinke, Lorraine Rolih, Nathan Roszyk, Julia Sarcletti, James Sefcik, Marcia Smith, Mickey Smith, Nancy Sraj, Arleen Dusa Stahl, Kathryn Tamayo, Gerald Tezak, Nasciana Thompson, Diana Tyda, Kristina Valentino, Joyce Vicich, Ann Wojnarowski, Terry Ziesmer, 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. Khandzhayan, Sgt. Mariela Sanchez-Khandzhayan, Wyatt Lawson, Jared Anthony Mason, Kannen Mosher, Andres Nunez, Charles B. Ritzler IV, Augie Spoto

BULLETIN SICK LIST

We keep in our hearts and prayers those whose names are listed in our parish bulletin. If you or a loved one would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact the parish office. ***Current names will be removed monthly, if we do not hear from you as space is limited.***

PRAYER CHAIN

Calling all Prayer Warriors! We need YOU to help with Prayer Chain requests. Requests are shared via email. If interested, please call the rectory or email Judy at jhalsne@stjosephjoliet.org.

BAPTISM

Class

The next Baptism Class is scheduled for **Saturday, April 11, 2026,** at 9:00 AM in Ferdinand Hall. To register, please call the rectory at 815-727-9378 at least one week prior.

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome the following families into our parish family. May the Holy Spirit guide them throughout their lives and may our gracious and loving God bless them always.

Janet Russ
Brian Russ
Michele Tomich

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

March 3, 2026

Spend an hour in His presence for Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph Church from 6-PM. **Confessions will be available during this Holy hour.**

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

In my second-to-last year of seminary, I woke up one September morning to devastating news: two beloved classmates had died in a car crash. I was overwhelmed with grief and anger like I had never known. I entered therapy for the first time and had intense conversations with my spiritual director. For months I felt lost in a spiritual wilderness. But something unexpected happened: I encountered Christ there. The fear and sorrow didn't destroy me. In fact, that spiritual desert was a time of intense growth in faith.

Today's Gospel begins: "Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil" (Matthew 4:1). The word "led" denotes a gentle, humble submission to the Spirit. Jesus does not send himself into this desolate place where wild beasts roam and Satan tempts. Who wants to be around roaming, wild beasts? The Church Fathers saw them as symbols of our inner chaos: fears, temptations, wounds. The Spirit leads us there, sometimes against our wishes. But those same Fathers also saw that this deserted place is also where angels ministered to Jesus, amidst his great trial and temptation.

Lenten Challenge: This Lent and throughout life's struggles, the Spirit leads you and me into the wilderness. Name one "desert" into which the Spirit has led you: perhaps grief, fear, silence, change, disappointment. Ask for the grace to go there willingly. The beasts may be real, but they will not harm you. There, the angels are waiting to minister to the Christ living in you, who always goes where the Spirit leads.

— Father John Muir

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WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

The St. Joseph Parish Family joins in prayerful remembrance of those who have died recently:

Dolores Fornelli
Michael Slovick
John H. Vallrugo

May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Eternal rest grant unto them. O Lord, let the perpetual light shine upon them.

Weekly Calendar

February 22
8:30am Mass
10:30am Mass
7:00pm Mass
John Bravo selling World's Finest Bars at all Masses

Food Pantry Collection

February 23
8:30am Mass
9:00-10:00am Adoration Chapel

February 24
8:30am Mass
9:00-10:00am Adoration Chapel
5:30pm Religious Education, School

February 25
8:30am Mass
9:00am-11:00am Adoration Chapel
Confessions, Noon-1pm
Seniors, Noon, Park

February 26
8:30am Mass
9:00-Noon Adoration Chapel

February 27
8:30am Mass
9:00-1:00am Adoration Chapel
6:00pm Stations of the Cross followed by Soup & Salad in Ferdinand Hall

February 28
10:00am Funeral
3:00pm Confessions, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Litany, Rosary
4:00pm Mass
2nd Collection - Maintenance & Repair

March 1
8:30am Mass
10:30am Mass
7:00pm Mass
2nd Collection - Maintenance & Repair

Lent is the 40 day period of the Church's liturgical calendar in which we prepare ourselves for Easter through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. **Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 18th.** Lent is rich with traditions of our Faith. We invite you and your families to participate in the Lenten acivities in our parish. Draw yourself closer to our Lord during the penitential time.

Soup & Salad

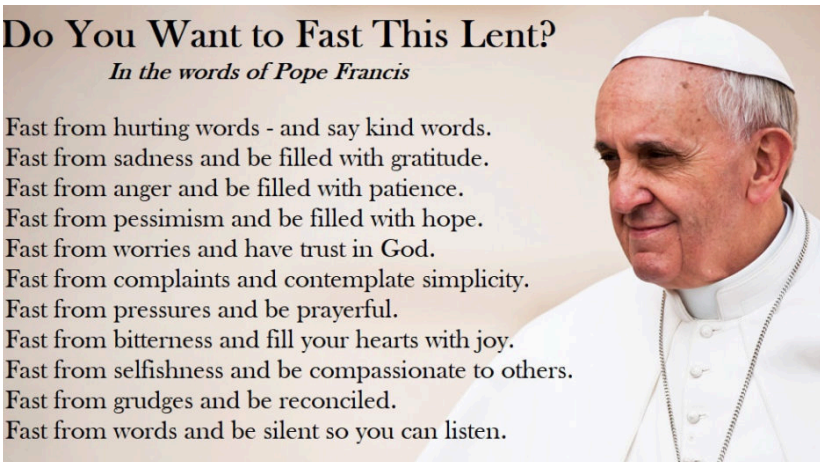
Volunteers Needed

Join us following Stations of the Cross on **Fridays, February 20-March 27** in Ferdinand Hall for Soup & Salad. Contact Liz Engelman for details at 815.236.8084

Lenten Regulations

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent
2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. All of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial (in addition to following the Lenten regulations), serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.
6. Those who are sick, pregnant, or nursing, or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.

Throughout Lent, Latin Responses will be used during Mass:
Kyrie Eleison
Agnes Dei
Sanctus
Found in the white Prayer & Hymnal Book



St. Joseph Parish needs additional Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, and Sacristans for all Masses:

Saturday, 4:00 PM
Sunday, 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM
Sunday, 7:00 PM

These ministries are significant to our Parish Life. We ask you to prayerfully consider becoming a Lector, Extraordinary Minister, and Sacristan. For information, call the rectory at 815-727-9378.

OLD PALMS

Parishioners are encouraged to bring their old palm branches to Church throughout the month of February. A box is located in the rear of the Church by the usher's table.

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

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

BAKING ROSKY WITH LIZ

February 28th, 10AM-12:30PM, St. Joe's Park

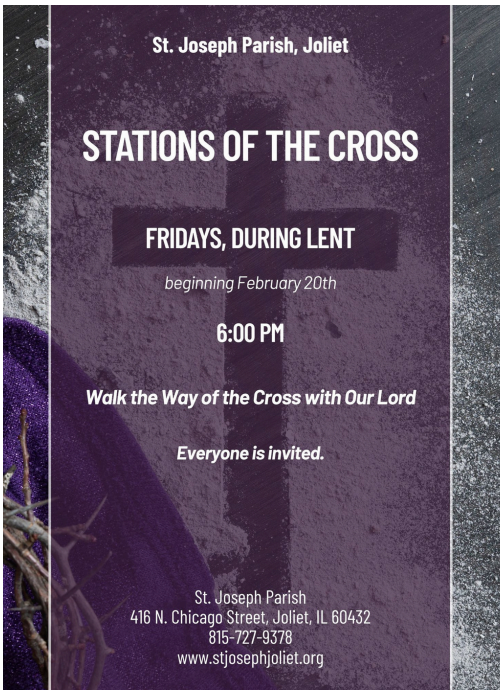
Pronounced Roosh-ky, these treats are a treat anytime, but especially during Christmas. Have you ever wanted to learn how to make them? Liz Engelman will teach you how. Attendees are asked to bring a rolling pin and cutting board. *To register, please call Liz at 815.236.8084.*

Lenten Fish Fry
Jonah & the Whale

Slovenian Community Center
14252 Main Street
Lemont, IL 60439

February 27th
4:30-7:30 PM

Adults: $15
Kids: $10
Under 6: FREE!



A PRAYER FOR LIFE

to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament

O Jesus, you came that we might have *life*—and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers' wombs and call us to love you for all eternity.

As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable.

For you are God, forever and ever.

— Amen.

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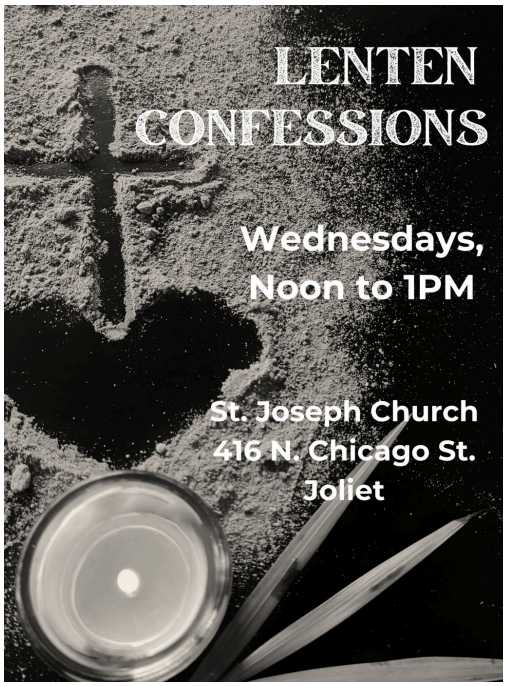


CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

Beyond All Expectations: Faith that Elevates!

Your gift to CMAA makes an impact!

This year's theme is *Beyond all Expectations: Faith that Elevates!* When we care for those in need, we answer this call. Our parish joins with other parishes to serve the vulnerable, grow children in faith, and strengthen vocations. We cannot foster these ministries alone. This is a diocese-wide effort.

Please prayerfully consider your gift and help our parish reach, **$44,700.** We receive 70% of any amount raised over our goal to reinvest in our parish. Thank you for your support!

ST. JOSEPH PARISH INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR SUNDAY, 7:00 PM MASS!

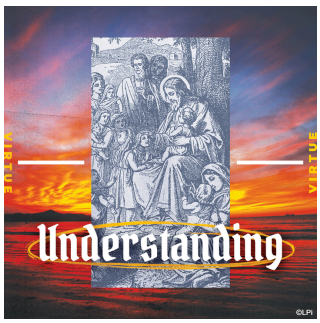
Everyone is invited to worship with us and encounter Jesus Christ in His Sacraments.

MASS PRAYERS AND RESPONSES

For ease in following along with the parts of the Mass, you will find new Mass Prayers and Responses cards in each pew. These pew cards are a result of the MAKE committee of St. Joseph Parish's initiative to promote discipleship and evangelization.

In Bishop Hicks' Pastoral Letter regarding the Great Commission of Jesus to "go and make disciples of all nations," Bishop states, "The first step is to go into the world, which is so desperately in need of salvation through Jesus. And once we go, what comes next? Jesus answers that question by calling us to make disciples of all nations. Everything now hinges on a single verb: make. Many of us are searching for practical guidance on how to live out His mission in our daily lives....Having fallen in love with Jesus, we are impelled by a sense of mission to share His unfathomable love with everyone we met and to serve others. He now sends us to put our faith into action."

Members of the MAKE committee will be asking for your input in the coming months: How can we be a more welcoming parish community? What are ways in which we can help increase your faith? We encourage you to share your suggestions with us! Drop a note in the collection basket or call the rectory.

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.