ST. JOSEPH
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Joliet, Illinois

MARCH 1, 2026 | SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Welcome!

St. Joseph Church
Catholic Church
416 N. Chicago Street
Joliet, IL 60432
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www.stjosephjoliet.org

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

DONATE ONLINE

Donating online is easy! Just aim your phone camera at the QR Code and follow the link. Thank you!

SCAN ME

2nd Sunday
OF LENT

"Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light." Mt 17:1-2

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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

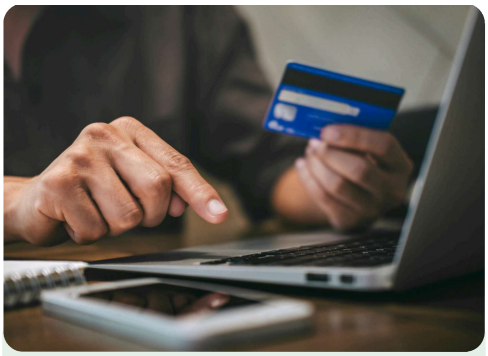
MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

March 7 & 8

Lector		Extraordinary Ministers
4:00 PM	S. Vanisko	C. Kadela, B. Strahanoski, K. Sefcik
8:30 AM	G. Walters	M. Bruno, C. Goetze, T. Osburn
10:30 AM	L. Orozco	D. Mackley, N. Szalinski, J. Orozco
7:00 PM	M. Strahanoski	B. Strahanoski



STEWARDSHIP
February 22, 2026

Weekly Offering.....$7,646.00
Weekly Budgeted.....$8,173.00
Maintenance & Repair.....$230.00
Ash Wednesday $2,582.00
Central-Eastern Europe.....$1,019.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

FLAME OF FAITH

Dolores Fornelli

Eleanore Wojnarowski

BULLETIN CONTENT

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MASS INTENTIONS CELEBRATED BY THE RETIRED RELIGIOUS

March 1, 2026
Frances Cepon (B) Family

2027 MASS INTENTION BOOK IS NOW OPEN FOR MARCH

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 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)

Monday, March 2
Lenten *Weekday*
8:30am Dorothy Armbruster (Husband)
8:30am Dermot Sheedy (Family)

Tuesday, March 3
Lenten *Weekday*
8:30am Sharon Planinsek, Special Intentions (Mag Neubauer)
8:30am Bernadine Russ (Sandy Gregorash)

Wednesday, March 4
Lenten Weekday
8:30am Dolores Fornelli (Joanne Papesh)
8:30am Richard Morelli (A) (Wife & Family)

Thursday, March 5
Lenten Weekday
8:30am Betty Lou Woolard (Dave & Karen Mackley)
8:30am Frank Kernc (A) (Grandchildren)

Friday, March 6
Lenten Weekday
8:30am Living & Deceased Members of the Altar & Rosary Society
8:30am Jack Facinelli (Mayra Rubio)
8:30am Marian Martincich (Marlene Dehm)

Saturday, March 7
Vigil
4:00pm Joseph J. Russ (A) (Family)
4:00pm Eunice Ward (Joanne Papesh)

Sunday, March 8
3rd Sunday of Lent
8:30am For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish
10:30am Audrey Churnovic (A) (Mike & Lynn Miller)
10:30am John & Dolores Krzysciak (Family)
7:00pm John J. "Bud" Fornelli (Wife & Family)
7:00pm Ursula Sass (Family)

WEEKLY READINGS

For the Week of March 1 - 8, 2026

Sunday
Gn 12:1-4a
2 Tm 1:8b-10
Mt 17:1-9

Monday
Dn 9:4b-10
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday
Is 1:10, 16-20
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday
Jer 18:18-20
Mt 20:17-28

Thursday
Jer 17:5-10
Lk 16:19-31

Friday
Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

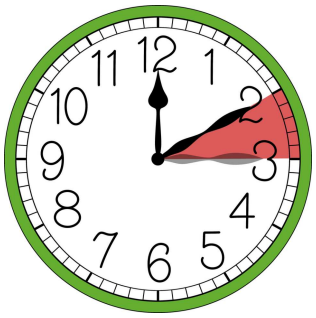
Next Sunday
Ex 17:3-7
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Jn 4:5-42 **or**
Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

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, 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, Richard Lenzen, Mary Loucks, Todd Lukas, Bettie Lustick, Frank Markun, Mary Ann Mavrin, Greg Munich, Angela Pantoja, 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



SPRING FORWARD

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS MARCH 8TH.

DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCK AHEAD ONE HOUR AT 2AM SUNDAY.

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.

Traci Higgins Rodriguez
Alessandra Rodriguez
Austin Rodriguez
Isabella Rodriguez
Martin Rodriguez

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

When I sit down to answer emails or write a Gospel reflection or return a phone call, I sometimes wonder: Does any of this humdrum work matter? Maybe you ask the same thing about your daily labor. Today's Gospel, the Transfiguration, offers a surprising answer.

Jesus leads Peter, James, and John up a mountain. There, "his face shone like the sun face and his clothes become white as light" (Matthew 17:2). That detail regarding his clothes is worth considering. We know Jesus' body is inseparably united to the divine nature. But his clothing? That's something made by human hands. It's an artifact. And yet it shines with the same uncreated light. What does this detail mean? The early Church noted that Adam and Eve's first act after the Fall was to make clothing. This clothing symbolizes all human labor that supports our dignity. In Jesus' glorified garments, we see not just the redemption of our body, but of human effort to protect and uplift human dignity.

Parents, your family is your work. Baristas, plumbers, nurses, accountants — your labor, your emails, your phone calls, your spreadsheets — can all become radiant when offered to God in love. The question isn't just do I believe in Jesus' glory, but do I believe he can share it with the work of my hands?

Lenten Challenge: Identify the "artifact" you are making to uplift the dignity of others: your job, your home, your relationships. Consciously bring it to the Lord this Sunday at Mass. Offer it to share in His glory. It will begin to shine.

— Father John Muir

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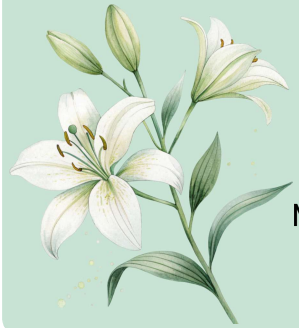
WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY



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

John Bolte
Shirley Colaric

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

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

March 2
8:30am Mass
9:00-10:00am Adoration Chapel

March 3
8:30am Mass
9:00-10:00am Adoration Chapel
5:30pm Religious Education, School
6:00pm Adoration with Confessions

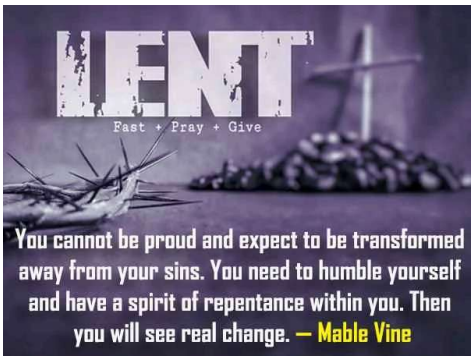
March 4
8:30am Mass
9:00am-11:00am Adoration Chapel
Confessions, Noon-1pm
Seniors, Noon, Park

March 5
8:30am Mass
9:00-Noon Adoration Chapel

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

March 7
9:00am-11:00am Confirmation Retreat, Ferdinand Hall
3:00pm Confessions, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Litany, Rosary
4:00pm Mass
5:00pm Rocket Pro Wrestling, Park
Gift Shop Open after Mass

March 8
8:30am Mass
10:30am Mass
7:00pm Mass
Gift Shop Open, after all Masses



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

The Gift Shop will be open the following weekends
March 7th & 8th
March 28th & 29th

RPW
ROCKET PRO WRESTLING

Saturday, March 7th
St. Joe's Park
700 Theodore St., Joliet

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

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

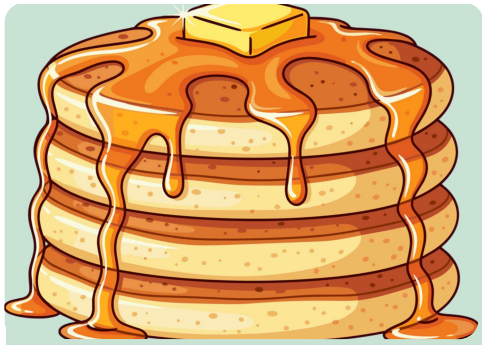
Fridays, During Lent through March 27th
6:00 PM
Walk the Way of the Cross with Our Lord

CONFESSIONS

Wednesdays,
Noon to 1PM
During Lent through April 1st

Saturdays, 3:00-3:30 PM

Please keep our Religious Education students in your prayers as they prepare to be Confirmed on March 11th.
May the Holy Spirit be their Guide throughout their lives.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 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

OLD PALMS

Parishioners are encouraged to bring their old palm branches to Church throughout the month of March. 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 March 21st & 22nd

Feast of St. Joseph Celebration
Thursday, March 19th

We will honor our patron, St. Joseph, on his Feast Day, March 19th. Masses will be celebrated at 8:30 AM and 6:00 PM

Following the 8:30 AM Mass, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for Adoration. **The Church will be open until Noon**; parishioners, their families and friends are invited to spend time with our Lord in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

The Celebration of our patron will continue on **Saturday, March 21st.** We will come gather at St. Joe's Park to enjoy a "St. Joseph Table," following 4:00 Mass at Church. **Parishioners are invited to bring a dish to pass (enough for 10 people).** The parish will provide the main dish.

The type of dish we are asking you to bring will be based on the first letter of your last name. Last names beginning with **A-F** bring an appetizer; **G-L** bring a vegetable; **M-S** bring a pasta; **T-Z** bring a dessert. Place the dish in a disposable pan. If you are unable to bring a dish, you may make a monetary donation. Put your donation in an envelope with your name on it, drop it in the collection basket marked "St. Joseph Table" or bring *it to the rectory. We will purchase the side dish. Thank you.*

We would like all attendees to **RSVP to the rectory no later than March 11th**, so that an appropriate amount of the main course(s) can be prepared.

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.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

Beyond All Expectations: Faith that Elevates!

if you have already pledged to the Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA), we sincerely thank you! Let's join together to meet our parish goal of **$44,700**. Every gift makes a difference.

If you still plan on making your gift, please prayerfully consider how you can elevate your faith beyond all expectations in support of those in need. Pledge envelopes are still available in church, or you can use the envelope you received in the mail from the diocese. We also welcome online gifts at jolietdioceseappeal.org

Remember, we receive 70% of any amount raised over our goal to reinvest in our own parish. This is an incredible opportunity and blessing!

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.

EMPLOYMENT POSTING

The Diocese of Joliet has announced new positions available. To view full detailed job descriptions, visit: The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet website at www.diojoliet.org/offices/careers