ST. JOSEPH
CATHOLIC CHURCH

Joliet, Illinois

MARCH 8, 2026 | THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Welcome!

St. Joseph Church
Catholic Church
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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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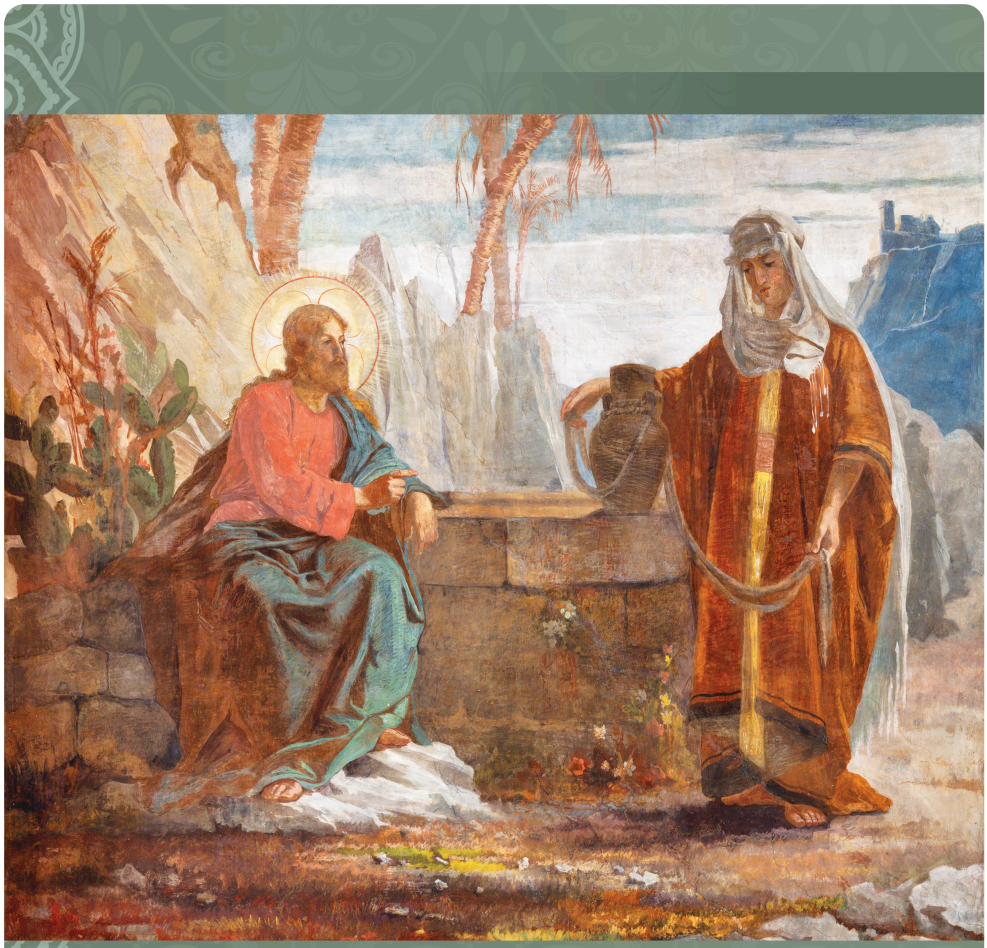

3rd Sunday OF LENT

"A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.'"
Jn 4:7-8

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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 22, 2026

Weekly Offering..... $10,371.00
Weekly Budgeted..... $8,173.00
Maintenance & Repair..... $5,168.00
Easter..... $620.00
Additional..... $712.00

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

March 14 & 15

Lector		Extraordinary Ministers
4:00 PM	J. Halsne	D. Dodson, J. Halsne, L. Michalak
8:30 AM	B. Zelinski	T. Osburn, B. Zelinski, D. Zelinski
10:30 AM	J. Hostert	N. Churnovic, G. Dau, C. Kadela
7:00 PM	P. Draksler	V. Gale

FLAME OF FAITH

Raul Juarez
Mary Rose Uremovic
Sharron Zelinski

WELCOME, DEACON ERIC ALVAREZ

"Peace be with you. My name is Deacon Eric Alvarez, and I am blessed to begin my ministry here at St. Joseph Church. While I originally hail from the Philippines, my family and I have long called Romeoville home. My wife, Chona, and I are the proud parents of two adult children, Eva and Joseph.

I was ordained as a Permanent Deacon on August 22, 2020. For the past several years, I have had the privilege of serving the faithful at Holy Spirit Catholic Community. I work a as a Patient Care and Anesthesia Technician in the operating room at Alexian Brothers Medical Center.

I am eager to walk alongside you in faith and look forward to getting to know each of you. Please do stop by and introduce yourself after Mass—I would love to hear your story. May God bless us on this journey together."

MASS INTENTIONS

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)

Monday, March 9
Lenten Weekday
8:30am Helen Bacza (Fenoglio Family)
8:30am Bob Vicich (Mary Fran Smaron)

Tuesday, March 10
Lenten Weekday
8:30am Frank Gurka, Jr. (Family)
8:30am Charlotte Stefanich (Nancy Fetterer)

Wednesday, March 11
Lenten Weekday
8:30am Patricia & Jerome Levandowski (Ann Levandowski)
8:30am Sharon Planinsek, Special Intentions (Mag)
7:00pm For the Confirmandi

Thursday, March 12
Lenten Weekday
8:30am Thomas F. Legan (A) (Daughters)
8:30am Sarah Michalak, Special Intentions (B) (Michalak Family)

Friday, March 13
Lenten Weekday
8:30am Sarah Michalak, Special Intentions (Family)
8:30am Ann Wojnarowski, Special Intention (Michalak Family)

Saturday, March 14
Vigil
4:00pm Mary Chaloka (Family)
4:00pm Jack Facinelli (A) (Daughter, Lyn & Family)
4:00pm Celia Rose (Parents)

Sunday, March 15
3rd Sunday of Lent
8:30am Ursula Sass (Family)
8:30am Mr. & Mrs. Luis Zepeda (Family)
10:30am David & Barb Dornan (M/M James Cuci)
10:30am Bob Figurowski (Wife & Family)
7:00pm For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish

WEEKLY READINGS

For the Week of March 8 - 15, 2026

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

Monday
2 Kgs 5:1-15ab
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday
Dn 3:25, 34-43
Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday
Dt 4:1, 5-9
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday
Jer 7:23-28
Lk 11:14-23

Friday
Hos 14:2-10
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday
Hos 6:1-6
Lk 18:9-14

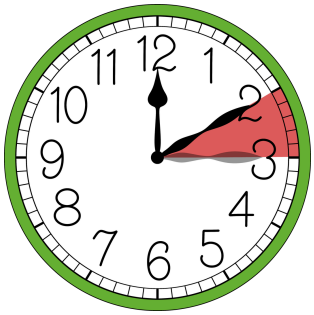
Next Sunday
1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
Eph 5:8-14
Jn 9:1-41 or
Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

Fr. Tim Andres. O. Carm., 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, Michael Kuhel, 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.

Terrilynn Higgins
Timothy Higgins
Traci Higgins Rodriguez
Alessandra Rodriguez
Martin Rodriguez
Isabella Rodriguez
Austin Rodriguez
Walter & Nancy Taylor

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

April 7, 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 today's Gospel, Jesus offers living water to a Samaritan woman whose life had been full of searching and disappointment. By the end of their encounter, she becomes a bold and joyful evangelist. Then Jesus turns to his disciples and says something easily overlooked: "One sows and another reaps" (John 4:37). He is helping them — and us — understand how evangelization works. Often, the one who sows the seeds of faith is not the one who sees the fruit.

This Lent, ask yourself: Are you in a sowing phase or a reaping phase? If you are sowing — raising children, praying for someone, mentoring — be patient. Your work matters. If you are reaping — seeing someone come alive in faith — be grateful. You are standing on sacred ground, tilled and watered by others.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

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.

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

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

Mary Ann Russ

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 8
8:30am Mass
10:30am Mass
OCIA, OLPH
7:00pm Mass

March 9
8:30am Mass
9:00-10:00am Adoration Chapel
Worship Committee Meeting, 6PM, Ferdinand Hall

March 10
8:30am Mass
9:00-10:00am Adoration Chapel
5:30pm Religious Education, School
5:30pm Confirmation Practice

March 11
8:30am Mass
9:00am-11:00am Adoration Chapel
Noon -1:00pm Confessions
7:00pm Confirmation Mass

March 12
8:30am Mass
9:00-Noon Adoration Chapel
6:30pm Fair Meeting, Legion Room

March 13
8:30am Mass
9:00-1:00am Adoration Chapel
6:00pm Stations of the Cross followed by Soup & Salad in Ferdinand Hall

March 14
3:00pm Confessions, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Litany, Rosary
4:00pm Mass
2nd Collection-Catholic Relief Services
Private Event at the Park

March 15
8:30am Mass
10:30am Mass
OCIA, Ferdinand Hall
7:00pm Mass
2nd Collection-Catholic Relief Services
8:00am - Pancake Breakfast at OLPH

The Gift Shop will be open

March 28th & 29th

PARISH FAIR MEETING

Thursday, March 12th

6:30 PM, Legion Room

All Chairpersons are asked to be in attendance to discuss preparations for the Parish Picnic & Homecoming Fair, scheduled for Sunday, June 28th.

Soup & Salad

Volunteers Needed

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

Dear Friends,

Thank You

With a grateful heart, I want to thank everyone who volunteered, donated, cooked, served, cleaned, organized, and came out to support our Ash Wednesday Fish Fry.

Because of your generosity and willingness to serve, the event was not only a success, it was a true reflection of our community spirit. From the kitchen crew and food prep teams to those who greeted guests with a smile, every contribution made a difference.

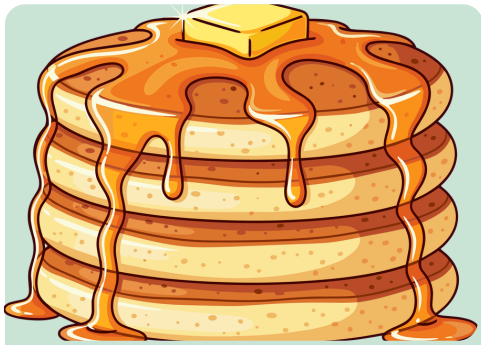
To everyone who joined us in support, your presence means more than you know. Events like this bring us together in fellowship and faith, and we are so thankful to share that with each of you.

We are truly blessed to have such a dedicated and caring community.

With sincere appreciation,
Barb Hallick

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 SENIORS

St. Joseph Seniors will meet on March 18th at St. Joseph Park Hall at noon. Prior to the luncheon/meeting at 11:15 am, Mass will be celebrated. Lillian Cepon will be serving a traditional St. Patrick's Day meal of corned beef and cabbage. Members celebrating March birthdays will receive a complementary meal. Bingo will be played after the meeting. *Please call Marcia Smith (815-922-1225), no later than Sunday, March 15th, to reserve your spot for this luncheon/meeting.*

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!

Prayer for Respect for All Human Life

Loving Creator,
You formed each of us in wonder,
breathing into us the gift of life.
Help us to see every person—
from the smallest child to the frailest elder—
as precious in Your sight.
Open our hearts to protect the vulnerable,
to speak with compassion,
and to act with courage in defense of dignity.
Teach us to honor life in all its stages and circumstances,
and to build a world where love overcomes fear,
and kindness silences hatred.
May our words and deeds reflect Your mercy,
and may we always choose the path
that cherishes the sacredness of every human soul.
Amen.

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

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