



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Joliet, Illinois

MARCH 15, 2026 | FOURTH 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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4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out,
he found him and said, "Do you believe in the
Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

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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
rkutzner@stjosephjoliet.org

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 14 & 15

Lector

4:00 PM J. Halsne
8:30 AM B. Zelinski
10:30 AM J. Hostert
7:00 PM P. Draksler

Extraordinary Ministers

D. Dodson, J. Halsne, L. Michalak
T. Osburn, B. Zelinski, D. Zelinski
N. Churnovic, G. Dau, C. Kadela
V. Gale

March 21 & 22

Lector

4:00 PM D. Dodson
8:30 AM G. Walters
10:30 AM S. Orozco
7:00 PM C. Gimbel

Extraordinary Ministers

D. Dodson, L. Michalak, K. Sefcik
M. Bruno, V. Gale, S. Walters
G. Dau, C. Kadela, J. Orozco
B. Gimbel



STEWARDSHIP

March 8, 2026

Weekly Offering..... \$8,150.00
Weekly Budgeted..... \$8,173.00
Maintenance & Repair..... \$930.00
Additional..... \$115.00

*Thank you for your
continued generosity!*



FLAME OF FAITH

Marija Cebasek-Neubauer
Alyssa Shields
Diane Wynne

**The 2nd Collection
this weekend, March 14 & 15,
is for the Catholic Relief
Services Appeal**



**In Memoriam donations were
received in honor of Mary Ann Russ
and John Vallrugo. We thank Mary
Ann and John's families and
friends for their generosity.**

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Respect for life and for the dignity of the human person also extends to the rest of creation, which is called to join man in praising God.
~ Pope John Paul II

Stroke Scan Plus Screening

A representative from Stroke Scan Plus will be at all Masses, at St. Joseph and Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parishes, on March 21 & 22 to explain an opportunity for a preventative screening related to heart disease, stroke, and other diseases. Pre-registration will be accepted during their visit. The screenings will be held in Ferdinand Hall on the weekend of March 28th and 29th.

MASS INTENTIONS

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

4th 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 Figuirowski (Wife & Family)
- 7:00pm For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish

Monday, March 16

Lenten Weekday

- 8:30am Dorothy Juricic Brown (Family)
- 8:30am Juliann Torkar Teasdale (Ruthann Baskerville)

Tuesday, March 17

Lenten Weekday

- 8:30am Fr. George Klepec (Altar & Rosary Society)
- 8:30am Alyssa Shields (Family)

Wednesday, March 18

Lenten Weekday

- 8:30am Kevin Hansen (Mike & Beth Hansen)
- 8:30am Sharon Planinsek, Special Intention (Mag)

Thursday, March 19

Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- 8:30am For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish
- 6:00 pm For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish

Friday, March 20

Lenten Weekday

- 8:30am Nicki Blowers (Michalak Family)
- 8:30am Amanda Michalak (Family)

Saturday, March 21

Vigil

- 4:00pm Ray Baxter (Family)
- 4:00pm Deceased Members of the Anton & Theresa Sefcik Family (Family)

Sunday, March 22

5th Sunday of Lent

- 8:30am Diane Dennis (Husband, Christopher)
- 8:30am Daniel E. Stock (Christopher, Dennis & Judy)
- 10:30am For the Living & Deceased Members of St. Joseph Parish
- 7:00pm Mary Babich (A) (Family)
- 7:00pm Bob Vicich (Bill & Cherie Gimbel)

WEEKLY READINGS

For the Week of March 15 - 22, 2026

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

Monday

Is 65:17-21
Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

Ez 47:1-9, 12
Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

Is 49:8-15
Jn 5:17-30



Thursday

2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22
Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday

Wis 2:1a, 12-22
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday

Jer 11:18-20
Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday

Ez 37:12-14
Rom 8:8-11
Jn 11:1-45 or
Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

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, Susan Platts, 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

SLOVENIAN UNION OF AMERICA-BRANCH 20 March 21 & 22 - Bakery Sale

Our **Bakery Sale** will be held at **St. Joseph Church** before and after all the Masses. Local members will be phoned for donations of bakery or money. Everyone's participation in this very popular fundraiser is greatly appreciated! Cash donations from our out-of-town members are always welcome.

04 • WORSHIP TOGETHER



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.



EUCCHARISTIC 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

If you are like me, it's easy to fixate on our shadows: failures, guilt, shame. Especially when we suffer, it is easy to want to blame ourselves or others. In this week's Gospel, Jesus' disciples ask about the blind man, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents?" (John 9:2) They, like us, focus on blame. But Jesus sees the entire situation differently: "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him." He does not deny sin, but he sees deeper — through the light of mercy, not the lens of judgment. The scene hinges on Jesus' strange claim: "I am the light of the world" (John 9:5). He sees things differently than everyone. They see shadows and light. He is the light.

Thought experiment: imagine you are the sun looking at everything on the earth. What do you see? Everything. What do you not see? Shadows. Everything is illuminated. If you see it, it is illuminated. For the light, nothing is dark.

Because he is the light, Jesus sees us in the glow of his redemptive love. Even our sin becomes a place where his glory can shine. The man's healing is not just about sight — it is about seeing as Christ sees. Lent is not a season of staring into darkness. It is a time to step into the light — to let Christ's gaze reframe how we see ourselves and one another.

Lenten challenge: Spend 10 quiet minutes this week asking Jesus to show you how he sees you. Not through shame or fear, but through the light of his mercy.

— Father John Muir

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CONFESSIONS

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

Saturdays, 3:00-3:30 PM



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays, During Lent
through March 27th
6:00 PM

*Walk the Way of the
Cross with Our Lord*

Weekly Calendar

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

March 16

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

March 17

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

March 18

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

March 19

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

March 20

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

March 21

3:00pm Confessions, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Litany, Rosary
4:00pm Mass
5:30pm St. Joseph Table, Park
SUA Bake Sale, after Mass

March 22

8:30am Mass
10:30am Mass
OCIA, OLPH
7:00pm Mass
SUA Bake Sale, after all Masses

HAPPENING THIS MONTH • 05

Congratulations to our Confirmandi

St. Joseph Parish

Giovanni Carlo Barrera
Pierce John Bredeson
Cecilia Valentine Chocron
Daniel Carlo Chocron
Emanuel Michael Curiel-Palma
Berenice Francis Ordlala
Emma Elizabeth De La Cruz
Savannah Veronica Hrvatin
Franco Andrew Lucas
Adriano Carlo Mejia
Ariano Luigi Mejia
Isabel Rita Palma
Maria Therese Palma
Grace Rose Schnolis
Eliana Jude Tinoco
Xavier Ido Valdez

Confirmation, March 11, 2026 Class 2026



Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish

Angela Therese Alvarez
Leonora Catherine Alvarez
Aldo John Duarte
Janessa Cecelia Fuentes
Lexis Lyn Alodia Mead
Jaelyn Wenseslao Mendoza Mayen
Citali Sebastian Osornio
Amanda Cecelia Zavala

Prayer for Confirmands

Holy Father, Your word tells me that if I seek You, I will find You if I look for You with all my heart and with all my soul. I have sought You with all my heart and I know that I must confirm my faith to You because You are my God. Thank You for being merciful. I know that You will not abandon or destroy me or forget the covenant with my forefathers. Thank You, Lord, for being faithful to me, uphold me as I complete this act of faith to You, Amen.



Soup & Salad

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

The Gift Shop will be open

**March 28th & 29th
After All Masses**



06 • NEWS & EVENTS



PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Sunday, March 15th

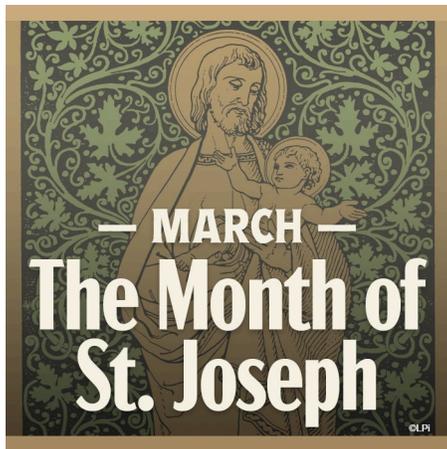
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
201 S. Briggs St., Joliet

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



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.

Rosky Cookies with Liz

Thank you to Liz Engelman for leading a class in Rosky baking at St. Joe's Park. The experience left the class with wonderful memories, baking skills for success, and a plate full of Rosky Cookies to enjoy.



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 to give, please prayerfully consider how your faith can elevate you beyond all expectations in support of those in need. Pledge envelopes are available in church, or use the envelope from the diocese. You can also give online 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!



Feast Day of St. Joseph Adoration

Could you not watch one hour with me?
~Mark 14:34

The Church will be open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in celebration of our patron, St. Joseph, on Thursday, March 19th.

9:00 AM—10:00 AM—KSKJ & SUA
10:00 AM—11:00 AM—Altar & Rosary
11:00 AM—12:00 PM—Parishioners of St. Joseph

Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament help us to spread the glory of Your Son through perpetual adoration of the Holy Eucharist.

All are welcome! Register by contacting the Rectory today.

You do not need to sign up in order to spend time with our Lord in Adoration.



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.

CEMETERY NEWS

Please remove all fall and winter decorations **by March 15**, weather permitting, in preparation of the seasonal clean up.