



# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Joliet, Illinois*

APRIL 5, 2026 | EASTER SUNDAY

## 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

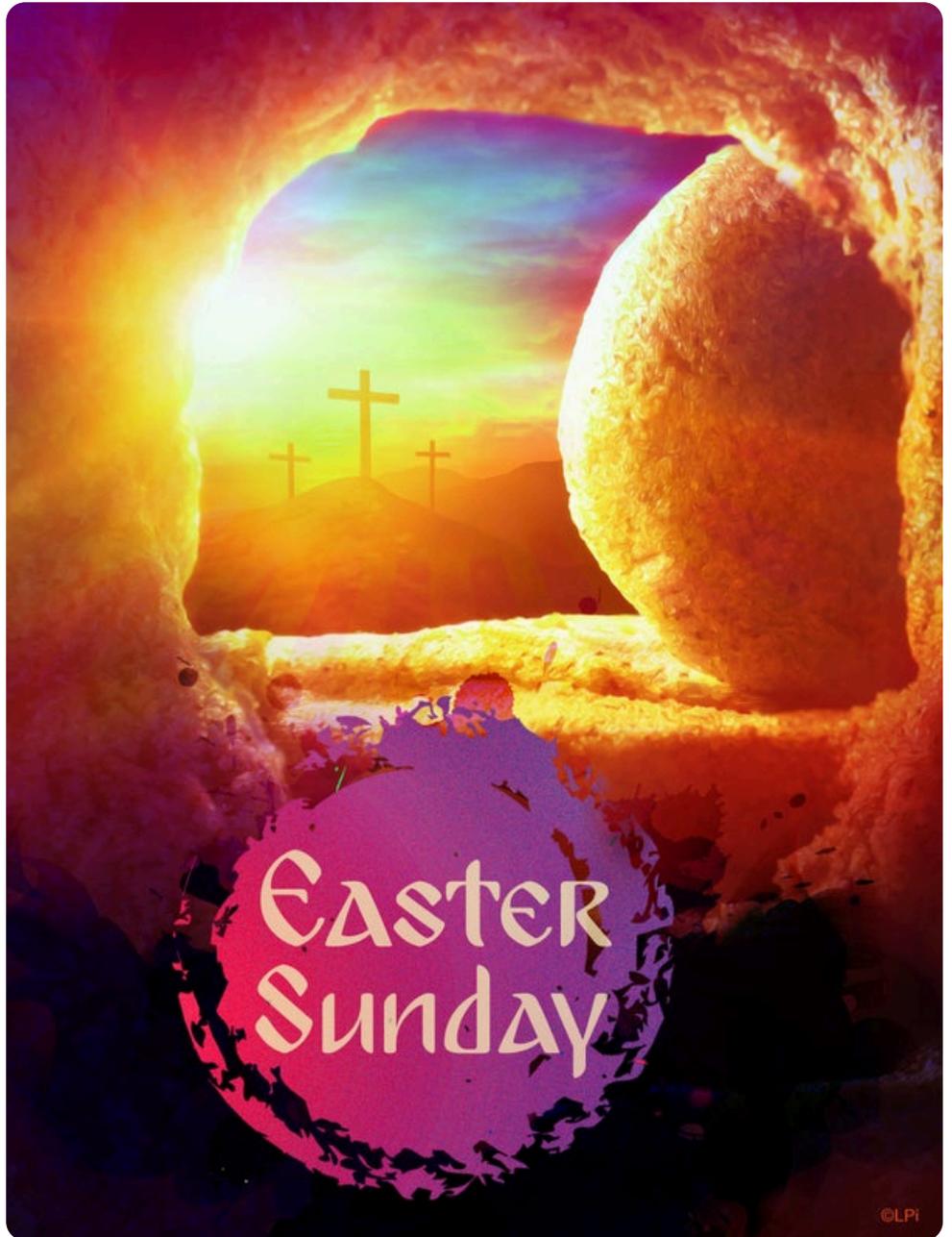
Monday	8:30 am
Tuesday	8:30 am
Wednesday	8:30 am
Thursday	8:30 am
Friday	8:30 am

### Confession

Wednesday	Noon- 1:00 pm
Saturday	3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Other	By Appointment

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Thank you!



## 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

#### April 4 – Easter Vigil

##### Lector

7:00 PM M. Bruno & B. Schelli

##### Extraordinary Ministers

Dcn. Eric, B. Schelli, M. Schelli, K. Sefcik

#### April 5 – Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

##### Lector

8:30 AM M. Budzinski  
10:30 AM D. Mackley  
7:00 PM P. Draksler

##### Extraordinary Ministers

V. Gale, S. Walters, **EM Needed**  
Dcn. Eric, C. Kadela, J. Orozco  
J. Halsne

#### April 12 – Divine Mercy Sunday

##### Lector

4:00 PM S. Vanisko  
8:30 AM C. Goetze  
10:30 AM N. Szalinski  
7:00 PM J. Contorno

##### Extraordinary Ministers

Deacon Eric, D. Dodson, J. Halsne  
C. Goetze, T. Osburn, S. Walters  
N. Churnovic, R. Churnovic, N. Szalinski  
Deacon Eric

### WELCOME TO OUR PARISH!

We pray that you will enjoy celebrating Mass with us this weekend. Whether you are new to the community or live here, know that you are invited to join our Parish family. Please be sure to introduce yourself to Father after Mass. You may register with us by calling the rectory during the week at 815-727-9378, or through our website, [www.stjosephjoliet.org](http://www.stjosephjoliet.org)

If you are just visiting for the weekend, we hope you enjoy your visit with us and consider us your "home away from home."



### FLAME OF FAITH

Mary Babich  
Marija Cebasek-Neubauer  
Frank & Fran Mali



**Filled Rice Bowls can be returned and placed on the usher's tables in Church. Thank you for your generosity in assisting Catholic Relief Services in their life-saving work.**

### STEWARDSHIP

*Offertory figures were not available at the time of the bulletin submission. Figures will appear in a future bulletin*

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

**Adoration Chapel will reopen on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.**

### SHUT INS & NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Do you know anyone who would like to receive Communion and an occasional visit but is unable to come to Mass? The Service Commission is looking for those in need. If you know of someone, or are willing to help yourself, please contact the rectory at 815-727-9378

**The 2nd Collections this weekend, April 4 & 5, is for Maintenance & Repair**



## MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, April 4** – *Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil*  
7:00pm For the Living & Deceased Members of  
St. Joseph Parish

**Sunday, April 5** – *Easter Sunday of the Resurrection  
of the Lord*

8:30am For the Living & Deceased Members of  
St. Joseph Parish

10:30am For the Living & Deceased Members of  
St. Joseph Parish

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

**Monday, April 6** – *Monday within the Octave of  
Easter*

8:30am Louis & Amelia Gale Family (Family)

8:30am Barbara Ann Senffner (Carol Terdic)

**Tuesday, April 7** – *Tuesday within the Octave of  
Easter*

8:30am Helen Lawson (A) (Family)

8:30am Lillith Renee Stewart (B) (Family)

**Wednesday, April 8** – *Wednesday within the Octave  
of Easter*

8:30am Dorothy Armbruster (Husband)

8:30am Dermot Sheedy (Family)

**Thursday, April 9** – *Thursday within the Octave of  
Easter*

8:30am Jim Olznoi (Peggy Kubinski)

8:30am Charlotte Stefanich  
(Jim & Lorrie Malinowski)

**Friday, April 10** – *Friday within the Octave of Easter*

8:30am Mary E. Legan (A) (Daughters)

8:30am Nate & Sarah Michalak, Special Intentions  
(Michalak Family)

**Saturday, April 11** – *Vigil*

4:00pm Robert Bolte (Fenoglio Family)

4:00pm Fr. John Hornicak, Special Intention  
(Sal & Jen Cerda)

4:00pm Ted J. & Jim Planinsek  
(Sharon Planinsek & Theresa Chaloka)

**Sunday, April 12** – *Divine Mercy Sunday*

8:30am Brent Gunier (B) (Family)

8:30am Margaret Skoff (A) (Family)

8:30am John & Sharron Zelinski (Zelinski Family)

10:30am Angel Arias, Sr. (B) (Family)

10:30am John & Genevieve Kotowicz  
(Tom & Bev Kotowicz)

10:30am Mary Mutz (A) (Family)

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

## WEEKLY READINGS

**For the Week of  
April 5 – April 12, 2026**

**Sunday**  
Acts 10:34a, 37-43  
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8  
Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10  
Evening Mass: Lk 24:13-35

**Monday**  
Acts 2:14, 22-33  
Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday**  
Lk 24:36-41  
Jn 20:11-18

**Wednesday**  
Acts 3:1-10  
Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday**  
Acts 3:11-26  
Lk 24:35-48

**Friday**  
Acts 4:1-12  
Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday**  
Acts 4:13-21  
Mk 16:9-15

**Next Sunday**  
Acts 2:42-47  
1 Pt 1:3-9  
Jn 20:19-31



## MASS INTENTIONS CELEBRATED BY RETIRED RELIGIOUS

April 1st Brian Surges (A) Family

## 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 Dumyah, Linda Evans, Walter Ferguson, Sharon Boris Fonck, Amy Gahan, Lois Geary, Irene Gordon, 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 Sarletti, James Sefcik, Marcia Smith, Mickey Smith, Rosemary Sochen, 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

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### 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.**



### OLPH Pancake Breakfast

**Sunday, April 19th**

201 S. Briggs St. Joliet

8:00am - 12:30pm in the Gym

Adults: \$10

Kids & Veterans \$6



*Happy Easter*

Fr. John, Fr. Roger & the St. Joseph Parish Staff wish you and your Family all the joys and blessings of this glorious Easter Season! He is Risen! Alleluia!

## Congratulations

*To our OCIA Candidates who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion during the joyful Easter Saturday Mass. May the Risen Christ shower them with blessings on their spiritual journey.*

#### OCIA Class 2026

- Elizabeth Almazan
- Sintia Bernabe
- Grant Colgan
- Samantha Dorencz
- Pedro Ortiz
- Rigo Ortiz
- Ildefonso Palacios
- Stephen Tinson IV
- Julie Velasco

### ST. JOSEPH PARISH OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS TO ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

In support of Catholic Education, St. Joseph Parish will once again offer scholarships to active, registered parishioners to help offset the cost of sending their children to a Catholic grade school. The scholarship is open to any active, registered parishioner with children attending a Catholic grade school (K-8). Applications are located on the kiosk, at Church entrances, in the rectory and on the parish website. The completed form must be submitted to the rectory **no later than April 30, 2026**



### CHILDREN'S CHOIR

**The next Childrens Choir Mass will be April 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am Mass.**



Practice will be held after 10:30am Mass, two weeks prior, April 12 & 19. Please contact Lacey Petrella-Zitko with any questions.

## Weekly Calendar

### April 4

11:30am Blessing of Easter Food  
7:00pm Easter Vigil Mass  
2nd Collection is for Maintenance & Repair

### April 5

8:30am Mass  
10:30am Mass  
7:00pm Mass  
2nd Collection is for Maintenance & Repair

### April 6

8:30am Mass  
Rectory, Closed  
Adoration Chapel, Closed

### April 7

8:30am Mass  
Adoration Chapel, Closed  
No Religious Education Classes  
6:00-7:00pm Monthly Adoration & Confessions

### April 8

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

### April 9

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

### April 10

8:30am Mass  
9:00-11:00am Adoration Chapel

### April 11

9:00am Baptism Class  
1:30pm Baptism  
3:00pm Confessions, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Litany, Rosary  
4:00pm Mass

### April 12

8:30am Mass  
10:30am Mass  
Children's Choir Practice after 10:30am Mass  
7:00pm Mass

## HAPPENING THIS MONTH • 05

### FOOD 4 LESS

St. Joseph Parish earns a rebate on all purchases made when you present your Food 4 Less Community Rewards card to the cashier when checking out. For the period ending February 2026, our parish earned a **rebate of \$78.18** with 8 households participating. Thank you for your support of this fundraising program for the parish.

### SUA - BRANCH 20 BAKE SALE

Thank you to all who donated, worked, and purchased bakery at our annual Bake Sale. The winners of the raffle are:  
Sharon Planinsek - Potica  
Julietta Diaz - Strudel. *Congratulations!*

### SUA Next Meeting - Tuesday, April 21 @ 6:00pm

Member Georgene Agnich will give a talk on "Branch 20's Champion Cadets Drill Team." Hostesses are Kathy Gunier & Marla Lustik.

### ST. JOSEPH SENIORS

#### Luncheon/Meeting - April 15, 2026



The Seniors will meet at the Park on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, at noon. Lillian is preparing ham, sweet potatoes, salad, and dessert for our post-Easter Luncheon. If you haven't yet made your reservation or need to cancel, please call Marcia Smith (815-922-1225) no later than Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. Bingo is played after the meeting. Hope to see you there!

### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

#### Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

Join us every Saturday at 3:00 PM as we recite the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, Have Mercy on Us and on the Whole World.  
St. Faustina, Pray for Us!



**Catholic Spirit Radio (89.3 FM)** is an important resource in our parish community. Please support them by listening and donating during their upcoming LIVE broadcast of their **Care-a-thon** on **April 7-10<sup>th</sup>**, 7am-6pm. The theme is "HOLY HEROES" so you can expect four days of special stories about heroes like saints, angels, family, and community members. Additionally, there will be thank you gifts, giveaways (including a Grand Giveaway Vacation Package), and lots of fun! Listen on the radio or by using the Catholic Spirit Talk Radio app, [catholicspiritradio.com](http://catholicspiritradio.com), Alexa, or Facebook livestream. They are a non-profit, listener-supported organization celebrating 15 years of broadcasting, sharing the beauty, truth, and goodness of Catholicism!

## HOMECOMING RAFFLE TICKETS



Homecoming Raffle Tickets will be mailed in the coming weeks. Be sure to check your mailbox so you don't miss out on the chance to win the Early Bird Prize!

The raffle is a major part of our annual Homecoming Fair, bringing much needed funds. Thank you in advance for your support!

## RAISERIGHT GIFT CARDS, A SPRING-TIME HELPER

Spring has sprung!

Let RaiseRight gift cards help with your gift giving occasions, such as First Communion, birthdays, anniversaries, graduations, your spring projects, as well as buying groceries and gasoline.

Cards can be purchased or ordered through the rectory, via the link on our website or through their website. Visit them at <https://raiserright.com/shop>. You can order the gift cards yourself. Simply pay for them through the rectory or through [osonlinegiving.com/4159](https://osonlinegiving.com/4159). Some cards are even re-loadable! Cards will be delivered to the rectory.

Save Gas! Save Time!

## REMEMBER ST. JOSEPH PARISH IN YOUR ESTATE PLANS

As stewards of God's gifts, we have opportunities to provide lasting legacies. Imagine the possibilities if every parishioner remembered St. Joseph Church, whatever the gift amount, in their estate plans. We are often solicited by our alma maters, area museums, zoos, nationwide non-profit health related organizations, and many other non-profit organizations to remember them in our estate plans. The Church and its ministries, as an important part of our parishioners lives, should be at the forefront of their thoughts when designing their estate plans. Your gift to St. Joseph Church is appreciated and will be used in accordance to your wishes. For more information, call the Rectory at 815-727-9378.

## PARISH PICNIC & HOMECOMING FAIR NEWS

### Liquor Booth

Monetary donations are being sought for the Liquor Booth at the Fair.

### Altar & Rosary Booth

We are once again accepting new and unused donated prizes for our Fair booth.

### Basket Booth Donations Being Accepted

We are accepting donations for baskets or completed baskets to be raffled. Please call Judy Kendziora (815-838-6496) with questions.

**All donations can be brought to the rectory.**

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

It's not too early!

Volunteers are needed for the for the annual Parish Picnic & Homecoming Fair on Sunday, June 22nd.

A couple hours of your time will make the world of difference to the success of our picnic. There are many areas in which to help: bingo, children's area, outside kitchen, beer garden, basket booth, ticket booths, and much more.

Please call the rectory to reserve your time slot. Thank you!

## HOMECOMING REUNION CLASSES

Anniversary Classes and the pictures we are missing:

25th - Class of 2001

50th - Class of 1976

(need First Communion (1970) picture)

75th - Class of 1951

(need First Communion (1945) picture)

If you have updated contact information for any of the members of these classes or know where we can get the pictures we need, please contact the rectory or email Ray & Annette Koncar [rfjma@yahoo.com](mailto:rfjma@yahoo.com).



## Easter Sunday Message from Bishop Dennis E. Spies April 2026



Happy Easter everyone! This is the greatest of all the celebrations. Everything we celebrate all year culminates Easter Sunday. Have you ever considered that the whole point of Christmas is that Easter Sunday needs to happen?

Sometimes we forget in our life that Easter Sunday is real. We think a lot about the passion that Jesus had to go through on Good Friday and how we participate in it. When life is difficult and we're struggling, we sometimes forget about Easter Sunday during the year. It's important for us to remember that any time we're going through something and we're struggling, and then somehow we get through it, and it's extraordinary afterwards—that's Easter Sunday in your life.

Our Lord Jesus participated in Easter Sunday to let us know that he has power over life and death. His life wasn't taken from him. He gave it away—the same with rising from the dead. He chose to rise from the dead. Why would he do that? To let us know that we're next. We get to participate in this resurrection when we follow Him throughout our whole life. And the whole point of the resurrection is the proclamation of eternal life, that we will rise from the dead when we die. Thanks be to God that He saw fit to give us such an example.

This witness is apparent as we enter into this Easter season when we see the apostles boldly testifying to the resurrection from the dead—most of them with their lives. They were martyred on account of their testimony, so it's not just an expression. Jesus actually rose from the dead, and they gave their lives to testify to it.

So, this year, remember that celebrating Easter is about celebrating Jesus' rising from the dead, and the hope that he gives us. Rather than filling up on chocolate Easter bunnies and eggs because you gave up chocolate for Lent, celebrate the resurrection of the Lord Jesus in your life, rising out of the many challenges you face to give you hope in this life and in the life to come. Thanks be to God.

