



# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Joliet, Illinois

APRIL 12, 2026 | DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

## Welcome!

### St. Joseph Church Catholic Church

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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

Wednesday	Noon-1:00 pm
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!



*For the sake of  
His sorrowful Passion, have mercy  
on us and on the whole world.*

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

## 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 11 & 12**

**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, K. Sefcik  
C. Goetze, T. Osburn, S. Walters  
N. Churnovic, R. Churnovic, N. Szalinski  
Deacon Eric

**April 18 & 19**

**Lector**

4:00 PM M. Mijan  
8:30 AM G. Walters  
10:30 AM H. Snyder  
7:00 PM M. Strahanoski

**Extraordinary Ministers**

L. Michalak, B. Schelli, M. Schelli  
Deacon Eric, M. Bruno, B. Zelinski  
Deacon Eric, R. Churnovic, G. Dau  
B. Strahanoski



**STEWARDSHIP**

**March 29<sup>th</sup>**

Weekly Offering.....	\$9,313.00
Weekly Budgeted.....	\$8,173.00
Maintenance & Repair.....	\$ 370.00
Easter.....	\$1,275.00
Additional.....	\$ 600.00

**April 3rd - Good Friday**

Holy Land..... \$1,946.00

**April 5<sup>th</sup> - Easter Sunday**

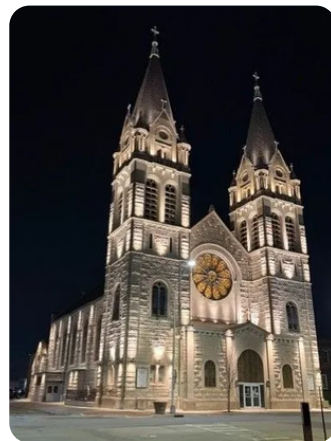
Weekly Offering.....	\$ 9,543.00
Weekly Budgeted.....	\$ 8,173.00
Easter.....	\$12,828.00
Maintenance & Repair.....	\$ 5,183.00
Additional.....	\$ 577.00

*Thank you for your  
continued generosity!*



**FLAME OF FAITH**

Marge O'Connor  
Brian Surges  
Richard Wojnarowski



*Thank You*

With much gratitude I would like to let everyone know that with your generous support, we have reached our financial goal for the exterior lighting of the church. Please accept my heartfelt thanks. The church shines in magnificence at night thanks to all of you. If you haven't seen it yet, please take a ride down to the church at night. You won't be disappointed. Again, thank you all so very much.

*Rev. John Hornicak*

**"DIVINE MERCY, SWEET RELIEF  
FOR ANGUISHED HEARTS,**

**I TRUST IN YOU."**

*~Saint Faustina*



**FOOD PANTRY  
COLLECTION**

**Next Collection for  
St. John's Food Pantry  
is April 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**

## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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

### Monday, April 13 - Easter Weekday

- 8:30am John Bolte (Fenoglio Family)  
 8:30am Mr. & Mrs. Luis Zepeda (Family)

### Tuesday, April 14 - Easter Weekday

- 8:30am Bernardine Rutkowski (Family)  
 8:30am Juliann Torkar Teasdale  
 (Ruthann Baskerville)

### Wednesday, April 15 - Easter Weekday

- 8:30am Kevin Hansen (Mike & Beth Hansen)  
 8:30am Eleanor Kernc (B) (Grandchildren)

### Thursday, April 16 - Easter Weekday

- 8:30am Ursula Sass (Family)  
 8:30am Eunice Ward (Tom Kijowski)

### Friday, April 17 - Easter Weekday

- 8:30am Jack Facinelli (Denise & Rick Ramos)  
 8:30am James E. Witty (Witty Family)

### Saturday, April 18 - Vigil

- 4:00pm For the Living & Deceased Members of  
 St. Joseph Parish

### Sunday, April 19 - Third Sunday of Easter

- 8:30am Jim Olznoi (Joanie Olznoi & Family)  
 8:30am Joseph & Emerzia Shroba (Barello Family)  
 10:30am Brian Studer (Dan Krzysciak)  
 10:30am Stephan Zmolek (A) (Friends & Family)  
 7:00pm Len Govednik (Smaron Family)  
 7:00pm Frank Nemanich (Huston Family)

## WEEKLY READINGS

### For the Week of April 12 - 19, 2026



#### Sunday

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

#### Monday

Acts 4:23-31  
 Jn 3:1-8

#### Tuesday

Acts 4:32-37  
 Jn 3:7b-15

#### Wednesday

Acts 5: 17-26  
 Jn 3:16-21

#### Thursday

Acts 5:27-33  
 Jn 3:31-36

#### Friday

Acts 5:34-42  
 Jn 6:1-15

#### Saturday

Acts 6:1-7  
 Jn 6:16-21

#### Next Sunday

Acts 2: 14, 22-33  
 1 Pt 1:17-21  
 Lk 24: 13-35

## THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

Fr. Tim Andres, O. Carm., Fr. Joe Atcher, O. Carm., Joe Babich, 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, Gail Kolenc, 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, Nathan Roszyk, Julia Sarcletti, James Sefcik, Kathleen Smith, Marcia Smith, Mickey Smith, Nancy Sraj, Arleen Dusa Stahl, Kathryn Tamayo, Nasciana Thompson, Diana Tyda, Joyce Vicich, 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, 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

## PRAYER OF DIVINE MERCY

O Blood and Water that redeems and saves, have mercy on us!  
 O Blood and Water that heals and restores, have mercy on us!  
 O Blood and Water that strengthens and renews, have mercy on us!  
 Amen.

## 04 • WORSHIP TOGETHER



### 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.

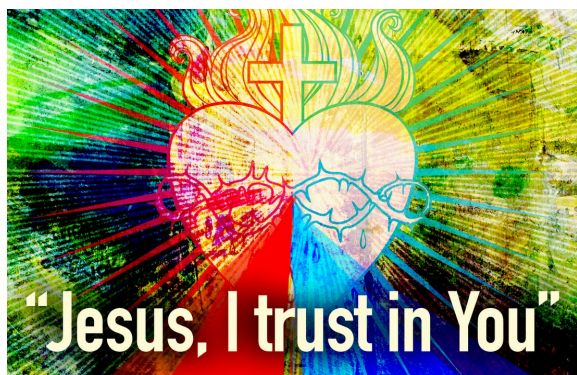
The Gift Shop will be open April 18 & 19 after All Masses



### 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.**

**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!



## Weekly Calendar

### April 11

9:00am Baptism Class  
1:30pm Baptism  
3:00pm Confessions, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Litany, Rosary  
4:00pm Mass  
5:00pm Rocket Pro Wrestling, Park

### April 12

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

### April 13

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

### April 14

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

### April 15

8:30am Mass  
9:00am-11:00am Adoration Chapel  
Noon -1:00pm Confessions  
Noon St. Joseph Seniors, Park

### April 16

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

### April 17

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

### April 18

9:00-11:00am First Communion Retreat and First Reconciliation at OLPH  
12:30pm Baptism  
1:30pm Baptism  
3:00pm Confessions, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Litany, Rosary  
4:00pm Polka Mass  
Gift Shop is Open after Mass

### April 19

8:30am Mass  
10:30am Mass  
Children's Choir Practice after 10:30am Mass  
7:00pm Mass  
Gift Shop is Open after all Masses

**POLKA MASS**  
**Saturday, April 18th**



## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

### CMAA Pledge Report for St. Joseph Church, Joliet

Monthly pledge payments are due in the next few days. These Payments are essential to reaching our parish goal. Once we reach our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to our parish for our needs.

*As of the publication of this bulletin, St. Joseph Church, has not received an initial report from the Diocese.*

## BEREAVEMENT RETREAT

### Joyful Again

Are you widowed and still hurting? Please join us.

**What:** 2 day Workshop & Spiritual Retreat

**When:** April 25 and 26, 2026

**Where:** Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House, Barrington, IL

*Overnight Accommodations available.*

**When:** May 30 & 31, 2026

**Where:** St. Joan of Arc Parish, Lisle, IL

*No overnight accommodations available at this event.*

*For further information, call 708-354-7211.*

**email:** info@joyfulagain.org

**website:** www.joyfulagain.org



## 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!

## NEW PARISHIONERS

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

**Luis & Melissa Perez Garcia Family**

**Jeremiah Garcia,**

**Aidan Garcia, Elijah Garcia,**

**Meliana Garcia & Izaiah Garcia**

**Alex Hernandez**

**Anthony & Maria Palacios**

**Traci Higgins Rodriguez**

**Alessandra Rodriguez, Isabella**

**Rodriguez & Austin Rodriguez**

**Gina Rossi**

**James & Lynn Veart Family**

**Tyler Veart & Steffen Veart**

*Thank You*

Liz & Emil Engelman, Ida Fonck, Virginia Gale, Judy Legan, Mary Fran Smaron, and Barb & Anthony Urbancic for sharing their talents as they prepared delicious soup, salad and desserts for the Lenten Soup & Salad program. And for the parishioners who enjoyed this meal, it was a blessing to share this Lenten tradition with each of you.

## SLOVENIAN UNION OF AMERICA-BRANCH 20

### Tuesday, April 21, 6:00pm Meeting, St. Joseph Park

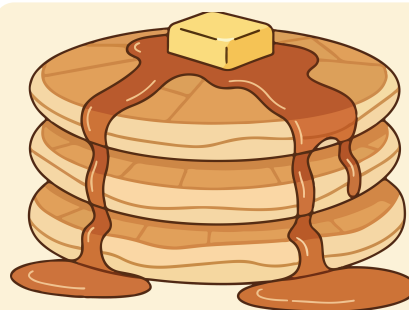
Member Georgene Agnich will give a talk on "Branch 20's Champion Cadets Drill Team." Hostesses are Kathy Gunier and Marla Lustik.

## OLPH Pancake Breakfast Sunday, April 19th

201 S. Briggs St. Joliet  
8:00am - 12:30pm in the Gym

Adults: \$10

Kids & Veterans \$6



## ST. JOE'S BASEBALL OPENING DAY

April 19th

Opening Ceremony at  
Noon

## 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!

## 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).

## 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 28th.

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!

## 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://raiseright.com/shop>. You can order the gift cards yourself. Simply pay for them through the rectory or through [osvonlinegiving.com/4159](https://osvonlinegiving.com/4159). Some cards are even re-loadable! Cards will be delivered to the rectory.

Save Gas! Save Time!

# St. Joseph Parish 135TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Bring Your Family, Friends, and  
Neighbors as We Honor the Past and  
Embrace the Future.

MAY | 17 | 12 PM

**Mass: 10:30 AM**

St. Joseph Church, 416 N. Chicago St., Joliet

**Dinner at St. Joseph Park following Mass.**

700 Theodore Street, Joliet

***Ticket cost: \$35/person***

*Please contact the Rectory for tickets.*