



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Joliet, Illinois

APRIL 19, 2026 | 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Welcome!

St. Joseph Church Catholic Church

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Joliet, IL 60432
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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

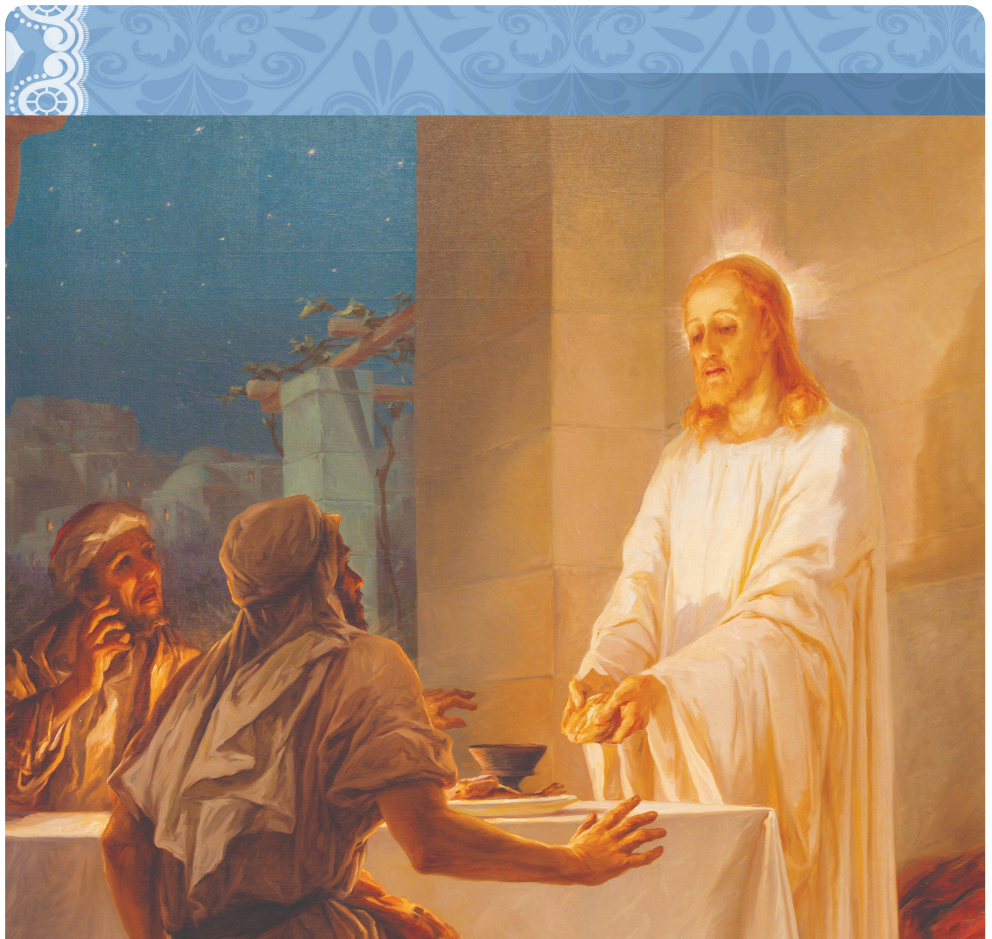
Monday 8:30 am
Tuesday 8:30 am
Wednesday 8:30 am
Thursday 8:30 am
Friday 8:30 am

Confession

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

DONATE ONLINE

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



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

"And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight." Luke 24:30-31

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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



STEWARDSHIP

APRIL 12, 2026

Weekly Offering..... \$9,359.00
Weekly Budgeted..... \$8,173.00
Maintenance & Repair.....\$ 969.00
Easter.....\$ 530.00

*Thank you for your
continued generosity!*



Saturday, April 25, 2026
11:00 AM Mass
Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Parish



FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Next Collection for St. John's Food
Pantry is **April 25 & 26**

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

April 25 & 26

Lector

4:00 PM B. Zelinski
8:30 AM M. Budzinski
10:30 AM C. Kadela
7:00 PM J. Contorno

Extraordinary Ministers

Deacon Eric, D. Dodson, D. Zelinski
V. Gale, C. Goetze, A. Koncar
G. Dau, C. Kadela, **NEEDED**
Deacon Eric



FLAME OF FAITH

Fr. Terry Cyr, O. Carm.
Frances Krall
Jim Olznoi



**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
OCIA CATECHUMENS**

From Left to Right

Row 1: Samantha Dorencz, Rigo Ortiz, Stephen Tinson IV,
Elizabeth Almazan, Sintia Bernabe, and Fr. Roger Kutzner
Row 2: Pedro Ortiz, Julie Velasco, Grant Colgan, and
Ildefonso Palacios



The next Baptism Class is
scheduled for **Saturday,**
May 9, 2026, at 9:00AM in
Ferdinand Hall. To
register, please call the
rectory at 815-727-9378
at least one week prior.

MASS INTENTIONS

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)

Monday, April 20

Easter Weekday

8:30am John Bolte
(Theresa Chaloka & Sharon Planinsek)
8:30am Patricia & Jerome Levandowski
(Ann Levandowski)

Tuesday, April 21

Easter Weekday

8:30am Marge O'Connor (Judy Halsne)
8:30am Mary Ann Russ (Nancy Sraj)

Wednesday, April 22

Easter Weekday

8:30am Mike Slovick (Mike Hansen)
8:30am Bob Vicich (B) (Wife & Family)

Thursday, April 23

Easter Weekday

8:30am Nicki Blowers (Family)
8:30am Kevin Hansen (Mike & Beth Hansen)

Friday, April 24

Easter Weekday

8:30am John Facinelli (Family)
8:30am Ann Stefanich (B) (Family)

Saturday, April 25

Vigil

4:00pm Irene Planinsek (Sharon Planinsek)
4:00pm Lou & Karen Schmidberger (A) (Family)

Sunday, April 26

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30am For the Living & Deceased Members of
St. Joseph Parish
10:30am Bill Barrett (A) (Wife, Mary & Family)
10:30am Bob Figurowski (Wife & Family)
7:00pm Rolando Acosta Sr. (A) (Family)
7:00pm Julia Longoria (A) (Family)

WEEKLY READINGS

For the Week of
April 19 – 26, 2026



Sunday

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

Monday

Acts 6:8–15
Jn 6:22–29

Tuesday

Acts 7:51–8:1a
Jn 6:30–35

Wednesday

Acts 8:1b–8
Jn 6:35–40

Thursday

Acts 8:26–40
Jn 6:44–51

Friday

Acts 9:1–20
Jn 6:52–59

Saturday

1 Pt 5:5b–14
Mk 16:15–20

Next Sunday

Acts 2:14a, 36–41
1 Pt 2:20b–25
Jn 10:1–10

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, Gerald Tezak, 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

BLESSING FOR THE WAY

Dear Lord,

As we journey through life, journey with us.
As we wrestle with uncertainty, comfort us
with your presence.

Through distances, walk alongside us.

Bless us with your companionship,
your prayer, your sacred presence in the
Eucharist. Amen.

04 • WORSHIP TOGETHER



"Today, a flourishing life is often confused with a materially wealthy life or a life of unrestricted individual autonomy and pleasure...Yet we know that this is not enough. We see this in affluent societies where many people struggle with loneliness, with despair and a sense of meaninglessness." Pope Leo XIV

Addressing the International Catholic Legislators Network on August 23, 2025, Pope Leo XIV discussed the theme of their annual conference, The Future of Human Flourishing. "The future of human flourishing depends on which 'love' we choose to organize our society around – a selfish love, the love of self, or the love of God and neighbor," he added. Flourishing is the process of growing to our full potential as human beings in Christ, where we can cultivate love and justice, building a society that reflects God's glory through strong families, communities, and respect for creation.

A wonderful way to grow toward our full potential and counteract the loneliness, despair, and meaninglessness to which Pope Leo refers is through volunteerism – giving of our time and talent selflessly in caring service. Each of us possesses useful gifts, which are infused and sanctified at our baptism by God. Perhaps you are feeling called to use these gifts in a new ministry that helps St. Joseph Parish fulfill its mission and is rewarding and engaging for you. Many of our ministries and programs need additional help – you, too, are called! Here are some of the great ways for you to get involved with our parish community.

- Liturgical Ministries: Eucharistic Minister, Minister of Hospitality (Usher), Lector, Sacristan, Altar & Rosary, and helping with the Liturgical Environment.
- Music Ministries: Cantor, Choir (8:30am Mass), Children's Choir.
- Sacramental and Learning Ministries: Children's and Youth Catechist (teacher) or Assistant, or OCIA Sponsor.

Involvement in volunteer ministry at St. Joseph Parish enriches your life, enhances our congregation, and serves our broader community for the glory of God. Through your volunteer efforts and God's grace, your connection to the Church, your community, and to God grows and deepens. You are invited to join and grow in volunteer ministry at St. Joseph Church. For additional information, please contact the rectory.

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BROKE IT, AND GAVE IT TO THEM**

**WITH THAT THEIR EYES WERE OPENED
AND THEY RECOGNIZED HIM."**

~ LUKE 24:30-31

Weekly Calendar

April 18

9:00am-11:00am First Communion
Retreat, OLPH
12:30pm Baptism
1:30pm Baptism
3:00pm Confessions, Chaplet of
Divine Mercy, Litany, Rosary
4:00pm Polka Mass
Gift Shop Open After Mass
Holy Name 240 Raffle Ticket Sales
After Mass

April 19

8:30am Mass
10:30am Mass
Children's Choir Practice following
10:30am Mass
7:00pm Mass
Gift Shop Open After All Masses
Holy Name 240 Raffle Ticket Sales
After All Masses
8:00am - 12:30pm Pancake Breakfast,
OLPH

April 20

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

April 21

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

April 22

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

April 23

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

April 24

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

April 25

11:00am First Holy Communion, OLPH
3:00pm Confessions, Chaplet of
Divine Mercy, Litany, Rosary
4:00pm Mass

April 26

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

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.

PARISH GOAL: \$44,700
AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$40,943
AMOUNT PAID: \$29,808
REMAINING BALANCE: \$11,135
REBATE AMOUNT: 0

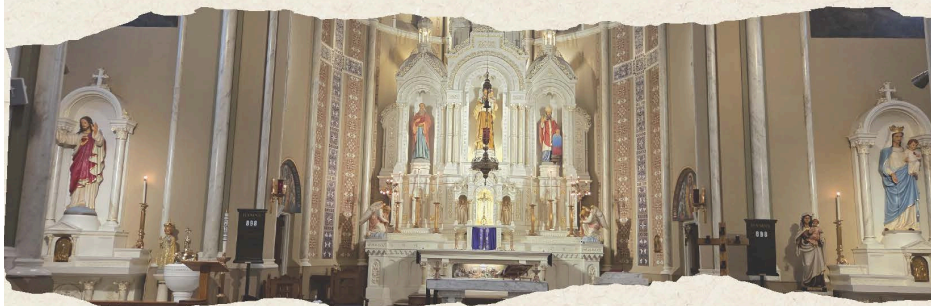


NEW PARISHIONERS

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.

- Yunnuen Ortiz Bedolla Family**
Annabelle Castelan
Zayden Castelan
- Robert C. Karges**
- Adriana Mata Family**
Genesis Gonzalez
Sebastian Gonzalez
- Richard Rivera Family**
Rowena Seranilla
Carmen Seranilla

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.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH SURVEY

We want your feedback!
Scan the QR code below for the **"MAKE"** Disciples Survey. Paper copies of the survey can be found at all entrances of the church.



TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW

NEWS & EVENTS • 06

HOME COMING RAFFLE TICKETS



Homecoming Raffle Tickets have been mailed. 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!

Early Bird Deadline is May 31st.

HOME COMING 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.

PARISH PICNIC & HOME COMING 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 (815-545-7024) 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!

GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY

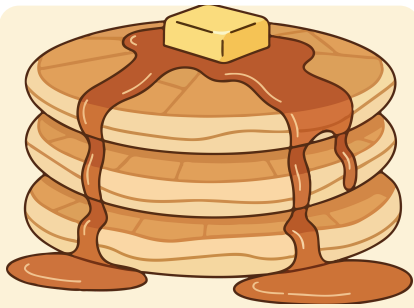
Dear Friends,

Thank you to everyone who helped make our Good Friday fish fry such a tremendous success. I am deeply grateful to our dedicated volunteers who gave countless hours over multiple days to plan, prepare, and carry out this event. From start to finish, everything was made from scratch, which makes your time, effort, and care all the more meaningful. Your hard work—both behind the scenes and on the day of the fish fry—truly made all the difference.

I feel very blessed to work alongside such a generous and dedicated group of people. I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the talented bakers who donated delicious desserts, as well as to those who contributed raffle baskets and homemade potica and strudel for our raffle. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. *Congratulations to our raffle winners!* And to everyone who came out to support us—thank you. Without your support, this success would not have been possible. A special thank you to **KSKJ Lodge #2** for providing volunteers and for their generous matching funds donation.

Thanks to the generosity and support of so many, we were able to raise \$6,267.41 for the parish. This achievement reflects the strength and spirit of our parish community. Thank you again for your time, generosity, and commitment.

With sincere gratitude,
Barb Hallick



OLPH Pancake Breakfast Sunday, April 19th

201 S. Briggs St. Joliet
8:00am - 12:30pm in the Gym
Adults: \$10
Kids & Veterans \$6



CHILDREN'S CHOIR The next Childrens Choir Mass will be April 26th at 10:30 am Mass.

Practice will be held after
10:30am Mass, on April 19th.
Please contact Lacey
Petrella-Zitko with any
questions.

ST. JOSEPH GIFT SHOP

The Gift Shop will be open
the weekend of May 2 & 3.
Stop by and see the
Summer Specials available.



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.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS TO ELEMENTARY STUDENTS

In support of Catholic Education, St. Joseph Parish once again offers 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.**

St. Joseph Pro-Life Committee invites you to a

Baby Shower

throughout the month of May

to benefit

Birthright of Joliet

Help us fill the crib located in the back of Church with new, unwrapped gifts for mom and baby.

For over 50 years Birthright has been helping women with unplanned pregnancies. They are a charitable organization that relies on the dedication, time and talents of volunteers and the generosity of donations to ensure the organization can persevere in supporting pregnant women.

To learn more, visit www.birthright.org

Most Needed Items:

Diapers, sizes 4 & 5

18 & 24 month sleepers

Baby Wash

Baby Shampoo

12, 18, & 24 month socks

18 & 24 month girls summer outfits

18 & 24 month boy summer outfits

