



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Joliet, Illinois

APRIL 26, 2026 | 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Welcome!

St. Joseph Church Catholic Church

416 N. Chicago Street
Joliet, IL 60432
815-727-9378
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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-1:00pm
Saturday 3:00 pm - 3:30pm
Other By Appointment

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Just aim your phone
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and follow the link.
Thank you!



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



“Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out.” - Jn 10:2-3

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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 19, 2026

Weekly Offering.....	\$8,070.00
Weekly Budgeted.....	\$8,173.00
Easter.....	\$ 820.00
Easter.....	\$ 155.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!



FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

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

The Second Collection this weekend is for Catholic Home Missions

The Second Collection Next Week, May 2 & 3, is for Maintenance & Repair

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

May 2 & 3

Lector

4:00 PM	S. Vanisko
8:30 AM	G. Walters
10:30 AM	L. Orozco
7:00 PM	M. Strahanoski

Extraordinary Ministers

D. Dodson, B. Zelinski, D. Zelinski
Deacon Eric, A. Bruno, S. Walters
Deacon Eric, G. Dau, C. Kadela
B. Strahanoski



FLAME OF FAITH

Doreen Dobczyk
Phyllis Keca



BAPTISM



We congratulate the Ramirez family and welcome their son into our parish family. May the Holy Spirit guide him throughout his life and may God bless him always.

Emanuel Jorge Ramirez
son of Emmanuel & Dianna

The next Baptism Class is scheduled for **Saturday, May 9**, 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 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)

Monday, April 27

Easter Weekday

- 8:30am John & Dolores Fornelli, Wedding Anniversary
(Family)
8:30am Carol Horvat (Family)

Tuesday, April 28

Easter Weekday

- 8:30am Ted J. Planinsek (Tom & Sally Wojnarowski)
8:30am Mary Rose Uremovic (Family)

Wednesday, April 29

Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church

- 8:30am Richard C. Mutz (B) (Family)
8:30am Ann Stefanich (Bob & Debby Komp)

Thursday, April 30

Easter Weekday

- 8:30am Gary Courtney (Sylvia Courtney)
8:30am Bob & Ida Mae Vertin (William & Lisa Vertin)

Friday, May 1

Easter Weekday, Saint Joseph the Worker

- 8:30am Living & Deceased Members of the Altar &
Rosary Society
8:30am For the Living & Deceased Parishioners of
St. Joseph Parish

Saturday, May 2

Vigil

- 4:00pm Jim & Jan Coats, 50th Wedding Anniversary
4:00pm Eunice Ward (Tony LaPaso & Family)

Sunday, May 3

Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 8:30am Frances Gale (Family)
8:30am Bob Vicich (Ray & Vicky Soliman)
10:30am Sophie Kolakowski (Sister, Lorraine Belom)
10:30am Cheryl Maas (Kendziora Family)
7:00pm For the Living & Deceased Members of
St. Joseph Parish

WEEKLY READINGS

For the Week of April 26 – May 3, 2026



Sunday

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

Monday

Acts 11:1-18
Jn 10:11-18

Tuesday

Acts 11:19-26
Jn 10: 22-30

Wednesday

Acts 12:24-13.5a
Jn 12:44-50

Thursday

Acts 13:13-25
Jn 13:16-20

Friday

Acts 13:26-33
Jn 14:1-6 or
Gn 1:25-2:3 or
Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24
Mt 13:54-58

Saturday

Acts 13:44-52
Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday

Acts 6:1-7
1 Pt 2:4-9
Jn 14:1-12

THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

Fr. Tim Andres, O. Carm., Fr. Joe Atcher, O. Carm., Joe Babich, Judy Bolte, Erica Ceballos, Markie Cerda, Joe Cimfe, Vijay Devadas, Genevieve Dumyahn, Linda Evans, Walter Ferguson, Sharon Boris Fonck, 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, Sharon Planinsek, Susan Platts, Rafael Quiroz, Deacon Dave & Jo Raskowski, Nathan Roszyk, Julia Sarcletti, James Sefcik, Kathleen Smith, Marcia Smith, Mickey Smith, Nancy Sraj, 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



04 • WORSHIP TOGETHER



*Congratulations to our
First Holy Communicants*

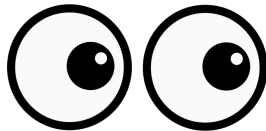


Julian Antonio
Esmeralda Avila
Jacob Barrera
Marilyn Colunga
Benjamin Colunga
Wyatt Hrvatin
Andrea Lopez

Giovanni Mejia
Juan Palma
Victoria Palma
Emanuel Ramirez
Lucia Rodriguez
Valerie Villasenor



**LOOK WHO WAS SPOTTED AT THE
CHICAGO SYMPHONY CENTER...**



PARISHIONER
ED PERIU,
AMERICAN LEGION
BAND
APRIL 15, 2026



ALTAR & ROSARY SPRING PARTY

The Altar and Rosary Society has sent the members out a set of raffle tickets for the annual Spring Party. Each set of tickets is \$10, plus a monetary bakery donation. The drawing for the raffle prizes will be held on Saturday, May 9th at 1PM in the Legion Room at St. Joe's Park. If you haven't received your tickets or would like additional tickets, please contact Kathy Gunier at 815-343-7902.

**SLOVENIAN UNION OF AMERICA-
BRANCH 20**

**Tuesday, May 19, 6:00pm Meeting,
St. Joseph Park**

We will close our year with a banquet honoring our **2025 Member of the Year**. During a short program at 6:00 pm, **Spiritual Advisor Father Tom Paul** will read a special tribute to **Our Lady of Brezje** and our Member of the Year will be recognized. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Musical entertainment will be provided. Invitations will be sent in advance. Everyone is welcome.

Weekly Calendar

April 25

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

April 26

8:30am Mass
10:30am Mass with the Children's Choir
7:00pm Mass

April 27

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

April 28

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

April 29

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

April 30

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

May 1

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

May 2

3:00pm Confessions, Chaplet of
Divine Mercy, Litany, Rosary
4:00pm Mass
5:00pm Rocket Pro Wrestling
Gift Shop Open After Mass
2nd Collection is for Maintenance &
Repair

May 3

8:30am Mass
10:30am Mass
7:00pm Mass
Gift Shop Open After All Masses
2nd Collection is for Maintenance &
Repair



Saturday, May 2, 2026

St. Joe's Park

700 Theodore St., Joliet

Doors open at 4PM, show begins at 5PM

**FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER
MAY 1ST**

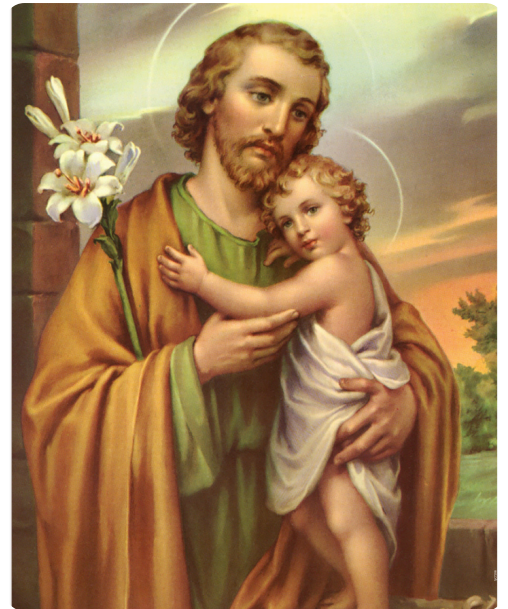
The feast of St. Joseph the Worker was instituted by Pope Pius XII in 1955 to honor St. Joseph, the carpenter and foster father of Jesus, as a model of the dignity and holiness of human labor. This feast coincides with International Workers' Day (May Day), a secular celebration of labor, to provide a Christian perspective on work and to emphasize the spiritual value of labor. Pope Pius XII highlighted St. Joseph's example of tireless work and obedience to God, encouraging workers to see their labor as a participation in God's creative work.

Significance

St. Joseph, as a carpenter, taught Jesus the trade of manual labor, demonstrating the importance of skill, diligence, and responsibility. The feast celebrates the holiness of everyday work and encourages Catholics to recognize the dignity of all labor, reflecting the Church's teaching that work is a way to serve God and society. Pope John Paul II later reinforced this message in his encyclical *Laborem Exercens*, emphasizing the Church's role in defending the rights and dignity of workers.

Observance

The feast is observed with Masses, prayers, and devotions asking for St. Joseph's intercession, particularly for those seeking employment or guidance in their work. Many Catholics reflect on the value of their own labor and strive to emulate St. Joseph's virtues of humility, diligence, and care for family and community. St. Joseph the Worker serves as a patron and protector of workers, inspiring faithful Catholics to integrate faith and work in daily life.



Prayer for Priests

Dear Lord,
Thank you for the priests who have ministered to us through our lives, the ones who baptized us, gave us communion, offered absolution, prayed for us, inspired us, and nurtured our faith. May they know your goodness and our gratitude!

Amen.

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**135TH
ANNIVERSARY
DINNER
TICKETS
ON SALE
THROUGH
WEDNESDAY,
MAY 6TH.**

**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.



NEWS & EVENTS • 06

HOMEcoming 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.

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.

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 (815-545-7024) 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!

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

Dear St. Joseph Parishioners,
St. John the Baptist Food Pantry continues to provide a record amount of food and supplies to the Joliet community. It was a roller coaster year, 2025, for the food pantry. The statistics showed a total number of families to be above 6,000, individuals, over 15,000 and 25,000 children. Every week the product distribution varied, but consistently we continued to provide meat and fresh produce to every client.

Without your commitment to our food pantry, we would not be able to serve so many hungry people, which continues to rise on a weekly basis. We have been blessed to expanded our baby, pet, and feminine product areas due to your generosity!

Once again thank you for the time and continuous effort you personally have put into helping the hungry. Our volunteers and clients are very grateful for your continued support of the St. John the Baptist Food Pantry and our efforts to help "feed the hungry."

Many Blessings,
Mary Rodriguez
Food Pantry Coordinator

Thank You

ST. JOSEPH GIFT SHOP

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



NEWS & EVENTS • 07

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**.

Prayer for Radical Solidarity

O Blessed Mother, at the angel's word you went in haste to the aid of your cousin Elizabeth. Although pregnant yourself, you placed her needs before your own.

By your example of radical solidarity, teach us to reverence and protect those in need, without conditions or expectations. Ask your Son to give us unfailing determination to witness to the profound dignity of every person, at every stage and in every circumstance.

In that first Eucharistic procession, you carried Jesus to Elizabeth in her time of need. Obtain for us the grace to bring Christ to any expectant mother who is alone and afraid.

May our support help them to find hope and strength in the Lord.
Amen.

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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

