

#### **Mass Times**

Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM Saturday Vigil, 4:00 PM Sunday, 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

#### **Confessions**

Saturdays from 3:00-3:30 PM

## **Holy Days**

Please see the Parish Bulletin

# **Rectory Hours**

Monday — Thursday, 7:30AM—3:30PM

Friday, 7:30AM—1:00PM

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August 31, 2025



# 22<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

600

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous." - Lk 14:13-14

# **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### Saturday, August 30— Vigil

4:00 p.m. Anastacio & Maria Hurtado (Loza Family)

4:00 p.m. Isabelle F. Russ (A) (Family)

# Sunday, August 31— Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. William J. Dragovan (Dragovan Family)

8:30 a.m. John & Dorothy Koncar (Ray & Annette Koncar)

10:30 a.m. For the People of St. Joseph Parish, Living & Deceased (Pro Popolo)

10:30 a.m. Judy Theisen (Planinc Family)

#### Monday, September 1—Weekday, Labor Day

8:30 a.m. Jack Facinelli (Randy Michalak & Family) 8:30 a.m. Frank & Rosemary Markun, Special Intention

#### Tuesday, September 2— Weekday

8:30 a.m. Suzanne Ferguson (Family) 8:30 a.m. Albert & Paula Mavec (Family)

## Wednesday, September 3— Saint Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. Bennett Michalak, Special Intention (Michalak Family)

8:30 a.m. Lottie Stefanich (Bob & Debby Komp)

#### Thursday, September 4— Weekday

8:30 a.m. Dorothy Armbruster (Family)

8:30 a.m. Kolenc & Hylek Families (Smaron Family)

#### Friday, September 5- Weekday

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Altar & Rosary Society

8:30 a.m. Martin & Emma Planinsek (Family)

#### Saturday, September 6—Vigil

4:00 p.m. In Thanksgiving, St. Joseph (Irma Martinez) 4:00 p.m. Ted J., Ted M. & Jim Planinsek (Family)

# Sunday, September 7— Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. For the People of St. Joseph Parish, Living & Deceased (Pro Popolo)

8:30 a.m. Thomas Joseph Scanlon (Catherine Flynn)

10:30 a.m. Olga Mozina (Bev & Tom Kotowicz & Family)

10:30 a.m. Mark Valentino (A) (Family)



# Flame of Faith

In Memory Of

Fr. Terry Cyr, O. Carm. Nick Porro

The Second Collection next weekend is for Maintenance & Repair

# MINISTRY SCHEDULE

#### August 30 & 31

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>
4:00 PM	S. Vanisko	J. Halsne, B. Zelinski, D. Zelinski
8:30 AM	M. Budzinski	C. Goetze, V. Gale, A. Koncar
10:30 AM	L. Orozco	C. Kadela, J. Orozco, N. Szalinski

#### September 1—Labor Day

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>
8:30 AM	M. Mijan	L. Engelman, B. Strahanoski

#### September 6 & 7

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>
4:00 PM	S. Vanisko	C. Kadela, K. Sefcik, 1 EM Needed
8:30 AM	M Budzinski	V. Gale, S. Walters, D. Zelinski
10:30 AM	J. Contorno	G. Dau, W. Keefer, J. Orozco

# **OUR WEEKLY OFFERING**

#### August 24, 2025

Weekly Offering	\$ 8,930.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 250.00
Additional	\$ 120.00

May God bless you always for your generosity and unwavering support of St. Joseph Parish!

# Sacramental Information

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

On Saturdays from 3-3:30 PM. Other times upon request. Please call the rectory.

#### Sacrament of Baptism Guidelines

Must be an active registered parishioner of St. Joseph Parish. Call the rectory to set up Baptismal appointment. Baptisms scheduled at the Baptismal class.

#### Sacrament of the Sick

Celebrated individually upon request. If someone is seriously ill, the person should be anointed. Please call the rectory.

#### Sacrament of Marriage

Must be an active registered parishioner of St. Joseph Parish; please make arrangements at least six months in advance.

#### **New Parishioners**

Are most welcome and are asked to register at the rectory or online through the parish website.



The Rectory and Adoration Chapel will be closed on

Monday, September 1, 2025, in honor of Labor Day. Mass will be celebrated at 8:30 AM.

# St. Joseph Holy Name Society Meeting

Members of the Holy Name Society will meet in Ferdinand Hall following 8:30 AM Mass on Sunday, September 14, 2025. All male parishioners, ages 15 and older are invited to attend.

# Devotions, Explained! Imago Divina

Imago divina (Latin for "divine image") is an extension of the ancient practice of lectio divina ("divine reading"). Imago divina is, in a sense, praying with one's eyes, or using the medium of artwork to assist in lifting the mind to God.

Believers have always connected with the divine through visual representations of faith. This can be seen in the frescoes that adorn the walls of the catacombs, in the glory of Rococo architecture, and in the stained glass windows of a simple country church. "Art is capable of making visible our need to go beyond what we see and it reveals our thirst for infinite beauty, for God," said Pope Benedict in 2011.

In practicing imago divina, just like with lectio divina, the faithful "read" (or view), reflect, respond and rest with the image, inviting the Holy Spirit to move them accordingly.

# New Parishioners

We welcome the following individual into our parish family. May the Holy Spirit guide her throughout her life and may our gracious and loving God bless her always.

Karli Puleo

# National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

Saturday, September 13, 2025

Time: 1PM

Fr. Matt Lamoureux of St. Patrick's Church in Yorkville, IL will preside.

Resurrection Cemetery 200 W. Romeo Rd. Romeoville, IL

**Note:** Gravesite is located in the Garden of Angels (Section 1) near the southeast corner of the cemetery.

Honoring the memory of more than 63 million unborn victims of abortion.

For additional information, please feel free to contact Jackie Kibler at 815-557-6133.



# Thank You! Cindy Frieders

The Parish Gift Shop has been a continued success through the coordination and organization given by Cindy Frieders for many years. It is with great

appreciation for all her hard work that the Parish says "THANK YOU, CINDY!" for giving us of your time and talent for the parishioners of St. Joseph Church. We will miss you.

## Qualified Charitable Distribution to St. Ioseph Church

If you are looking to make a non-deductible donation to St. Joseph Parish, you may want to consider a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD).

A QCD is a direct transfer of funds from your IRA, payable directly to a qualified charity, such as St. Joseph Church. If you are age 72 or older, IRS rules require you to take required minimum distributions (RMDs) each year from your tax-deferred retirement accounts. Amounts distributed as a QCD can be counted toward satisfying your RMD for the year, up to \$100,000. The QCD is excluded from your taxable income. This is not the case with a regular withdrawal from an IRA, even if you use the money to make a charitable contribution later on. Speak with your financial advisor for additional info.

# Walking Toward Eternity Daring to Walk the Walk



Walking Toward Eternity is an inspiring series designed to help participants live their faith more fully. Through daily prayerful meditation with Scripture (lectio divina), they will be drawn into an intimate and life-changing encounter with Christ. Daring to Walk the Walk, the first series of Walking Toward Eternity, introduces seven key virtues and outlines practical steps for living them out in daily life.

This study shows how to put our Catholic faith into practice through prayer and action. The result is real, often-profound changes occurring in people's lives as they begin living as God intended them to.

Wednesdays, September 24th- October 29th 7:00-8:30 PM

St. Joseph Park, 700 Theodore St., Joliet

"O, JESUS, MEEK & HUMBLE OF HEART,

MAKE MY HEART UNTO THINE."



# Would you like to see the 7:00 PM Sunday Mass return to St. Joseph Parish in Joliet?

Please leave a comment of "Yes" or "No" in answer to the above question in the Facebook comments or email your response to jhalsne@stjosephjoliet.org

You may drop a note into the collection basket or place your note in one of the clear containers at the Clay Street entrance or on the ushers table when you are at Mass.

# Let your opinion count!

Fr. John will tally the votes by September 22nd.

## **Labor Day Blessing**

O God,

you asked St. Joseph to accept your will that his wifeto-be would have a Son.

St. Joseph accepted your will and worked with Jesus as his father and teacher.

We seek your blessing upon all the work of our hands, and we dedicate our work to your greater glory.

We ask your blessing upon all workers,

especially those who work to make our lives easier and more enjoyable.

We ask all this through the intercession of St. Joseph, patron saint of workers, in the name of Jesus your Son, in the unity of Holy Spirit.

Amen.

St. Joseph the Worker, pray for us.



# Saturday, September 6th

Śt. Joe's Park 700 Theodore St., Joliet

Doors open at 4 PM, show begins at 5 PM.

# Gift Shop Fall Schedule



September 20 & 21

October 18 & 19

November 8 & 9

December 6 & 7

**December 13 & 14** 



# St. Joseph Holiday Craft Show & Market

Crafters & Vendors Wanted!

Saturday, November 15th 10:00 AM—3:00 PM St. Joseph Park 700 Theodore Street, Joliet

Please contact Virginia Gale for more information.

Email: Virginia Gale: vgale13@gmail.com Phone/Text: 815-207-1724



# **Important Announcement!**

Members of the Altar & Rosary Society will meet at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, September 17th at St. Joseph Park. **There will not be a Mass at 11:15, following the meeting.** Priests of the diocese will be at a convocation and will not be available to celebrate Mass for us.

We look forward to seeing all members at the meeting.





#### **Upcoming Dates & Notable News**

- Catechist Meeting, Tuesday, September 2nd,
   5:30 PM in the St. Mary Magdalene school building, 201 S. Briggs Street
- Parent Meeting, September 9th, 5:30 PM in Ferdinand Hall
- First Day of Class, Tuesday, September 16th,
   5:30—7:00 PM in the school building

#### We are still in need of one catechist.

We are also looking for two aides to assist the catechists. The time commitment is minimal and the rewards are abundant. To volunteer please call the rectory or email ebravo@stjosephjoliet.org.

**Registration forms** can be found at all church entrances, in the rectory and on the website, www.stjosephjoliet.org.

Please register your children before the first day of class. Completed forms can be mailed or dropped off to the rectory or emailed directly to Elizabeth Bravo at ebravo@stjosephjoliet.org.

# **EMPLOYMENT POSTING**

The Diocese of Joliet has announced new positions available. To view full detailed job descriptions, visit: The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois at www.diojoliet.org/offices/careers

#### Pancake Breakfast

hosted by

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

Sunday, September 14, 2025 8:00 AM until 1 PM

Pancakes, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Biscuits & Grave, Coffee, Milk & Juice

Donations: Adults \$10.00 Kids and Veterans \$6.00



"PEOPLE SHOULD EAT AND DRINK AND ENJOY THE FRUITS
OF THEIR LABOR, FOR THESE ARE GIFTS FROM GOD.
HAPPY LABOR DAY!"

The **Finance Committee** will meet on Wednesday, September 3rd at 4:30 PM in the Rectory.

All Committee Members are asked to attend.

The **Administration Committee** will meet on Wednesday, September 3rd at 6:00 PM in Ferdinand Hall.

All Committee Members are asked to attend.

# **Hand-Carved Olive Wood Gifts from** the Holy Land

Proceeds benefit Catholic schools in the Holy Land.



Did you know that 600 Christian families living in Bethlehem are completely dependent on carving olive wood figurines for their livelihood? The recent clashes in the Middle East have stopped the tourism industry in Bethlehem, causing most of those families serious harm in earning their living and forcing many of them to leave their homeland. Emptying the land of Christ from Christians can have tragic con-

sequences on the Holy sites. Issam, from the "Star of Bethlehem" group came to the United States with a mission to help those families by selling their beautiful religious handicrafts. The cost of goods goes to benefit the Christian carvers to keep them working in the spirit of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, the profit from sales goes directly to the needy Catholic schools and clinics in the Holy Land. The Star of Bethlehem has been approved by many bishops and dioceses of Jerusalem. Please show your generosity to our Brothers and Sisters in the Holy Land.

These beautiful items will be available for sale after all Masses in the front vestibule September 13th & 14th.

# 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.

# **LAST CHANCE**

# **Progressive** "Split the Pot" Raffle St. Patrick Church, Momence Drawing: September 21, 2025

Fr. Pete Jankowski is once again selling raffle tickets for St. Patrick Church in Momence. The Progressive Split the Pot Raffle tickets are \$10 each or 6 for \$50. The first prize is half the pot, minus \$750; second prize is \$500, third prize, \$250. The drawing will be held at their parish picnic in September 2025. Winner need not be present for the drawing. All proceeds go toward campus renovations. If you would like to purchase a ticket or two, please call the St. Joseph rectory, 815-727-9378. Fr. Pete



thanks you for your support.

St. Joseph Parish needs additional **Lectors** and **Extraordinary** Ministers, for 4:00 PM and 8:30 AM Mass-

**es**. These ministries are very important to our Parish Life. We ask you to prayerfully consider becoming a Lector or Extraordinary Minister. For information, call the rectory at 815-727-9378.

# **Service Committee Meeting**

The Service Committee will meet on Tuesday, September 9th at 6PM in the Rectory. For additional information, please call the

rectory at 815-727-9378.

All are welcome.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### Saturday, August 30—Vigil

Wedding Rehearsal, 1PM Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Litany, & Rosary, 3—3:45 PM Confessions, 3:00-3:30 PM Mass, 4:00 PM

# Sunday, August 31—Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses, 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Crest Hill Lion's Club Picnic, Noon, Park Wedding, 2;00 PM

#### Monday, September 1— Weekday, Labor Day

Daily Mass, 8:30 AM **Rectory, Closed Adoration Chapel, Closed** 

**Tuesday, September 2— Weekday**Daily Mass, 8:30 AM
Adoration Chapel, 9:00 AM—10:00 AM



#### Wednesday, September 3— Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Daily Mass, 8:30 AM Adoration Chapel, 9:00 AM—Noon Finance Committee, 4:30 PM, Rectory Administration Committee, 6PM, Ferdinand Hall

#### Thursday, September 4— Weekday

Daily Mass, 8:30 AM Adoration Chapel, 9:00 AM—Noon Private Event, 3:00 PM, Park

#### Friday, September 5— Weekday

Daily Mass, 8:30 AM Rosary, 9:00 AM Adoration Chapel, 9:00 AM—11:00 AM

#### Saturday, September 6—Vigil

Quinceanera Blessing, 10:00 AM
Baptisms, Noon & 1:30 PM
Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Litany, & Rosary, 3—3:45 PM
Confessions, 3:00-3:30 PM
Mass, 4:00 PM
2nd Collection is for Maintenance & Repair

#### Sunday, September 7—Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Masses, 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. RPW, 5:00 PM, Park 2nd Collection is for Maintenance & Repair



# READINGS FOR THE WEEK

08/31/25 Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/ Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/ Lk 14:1, 7-14

09/01/25 1 Thes 4:13-18/ Lk 4:16-30

09/02/25 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/ Lk 4:31-37

09/03/25 Col 1:1-8/ Lk 4:38-44

09/04/25 Col 1:9-14/ Lk 5:1-11

09/05/25 Col 1:15-20/ Lk 5:33-39

09/06/25 Col 1:21-23/ Lk 6:1-5

"THE PROOF OF LOVE IS IN THE WORKS.

WHERE LOVE EXISTS, IT WORKS GREAT THINGS.

~POPE GREGORY THE GREAT

# Please Pray For...

# **Marriage Banns**



Please pray for the following couple as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Marriage.

I Andy Keoyothy & Christina Nunez September 20, 2025

#### Our Sick

Fr. Joe Atcher, O. Carm., Joe Babich, Anthony Bendy, Jen Bendy, Nicki Blowers, Judy Bolte, Patrick Briscoe, Erica Ceballos, Tyler Centorbi, Markie Cerda, Joe Cimfe, Genevieve Dumyahn, Bruce Eagglhoff, Linda Evans, Veronica Fairman, Walter Ferguson, Mike Gahan, Lois Geary, Roger Gerwatowski, Irene Gordan, Carolyn Grady, Jean Haas, Carrie Harth, Andy Honiotes, Janet Horvath, Ray Horvatin, Jake Jakovich Jr., Marie Kanta, Bob Keca, Patricia Koefoed, Gail Kolenc, Michael Kuhel, Ann Marie Linko, Mary Loucks, Todd Lukas, Frank Markun, Mary Ann Mavrin, Jerome Meehan, Terry Meyer, Greg Munich, Andy Nunez, Judy Philbert, Rafael Quiroz, Deacon Dave & Jo Raskowski, Raymond Reinke, Lorraine Rolih, Nathan Roszyk, George Rozman, Julia Sarcletti, James Sefcik, Gavin Springsteen, Nancy Sraj, Gerald Tezak, Nasciana Thompson, Diana Tyda, Nancy Ursitti, Kristina Valentino, Bob & Joyce Vicich, Terry Ziesmer, for those in need of prayers, and those who have no one to pray for them.

#### Those Who Serve

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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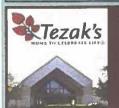




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