

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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Fr. John Hornicak, Pastor Fr. Roger Kutzner, Parochial Vicar Deacon Emeritus, Dave Raskowski September 14, 2025



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

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Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:13, 17

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 13—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Fordonski & Pucel Grandparents (Family)

4:00 p.m. Grein & Zelinski Grandparents

(Bravo, Hallick & Zelinski Families)

4:00 p.m. John & Sharron Zelinski (Grandchildren)

Sunday, September 14— The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

8:30 a.m. Intentions of Fr. Tim Andres, O. Carm.

(Mark & Lyn Michalak & Family)

8:30 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the

Holy Name Society

10:30 a.m. For the People of St. Joseph Parish, Living &

Deceased (Pro Popolo)

10:30 a.m. Ursula Sass (Family)

Monday, September 15— Our Lady of Sorrows

8:30 a.m. Frank Kernc (B) (Grandchildren)

8:30 a.m. Mildred Petersen (B) (Bob Kinmonth)

Tuesday, September 16— Saints Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Communion Service

Wednesday, September 17— Weekday

Communion Service

Thursday, September 18— Weekday

Communion Service

Friday, September 19— Weekday

Communion Service

Saturday, September 20—Vigil

4:00 p.m. For the People of St. Joseph Parish, Living &

Deceased (Pro Popolo)

4:00 p.m. Dorothy Gallagher (A) (Family)

Sunday, September 21— Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Richard Butterbach (A) (Family)

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

10:30 a.m. Jaime Ortiz, Jr. & Luis Chavez (Family)

10:30 a.m. Anthony Smrekar (Family)



Flame of Faith

In Memory Of

Sr. Elizabeth Marie Klepec Fr. George Klepec Richard Morelli

The Adoration Chapel will be closed from September 15th—19th.

The Adoration Chapel will re-open Monday, September 22nd.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 13 & 14

<u>Mass</u>	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
4:00 PM	B. Schelli	B. Schelli, M. Schelli, B. Strahanoski
8:30 AM	M. Bruno	C. Goetze, A. Koncar, V. Gale
10:30 AM	J. Hostert	L. Engelman, C. Kadela, D. Mackley

September 20 & 21

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<u>Mass</u>	<u>Lector</u>	Extraordinary Ministers
4:00 PM	M. Mijan	L. Michalak, B. Schelli, 1 EM Needed
8:30 AM	G. Walters	M. Bruno, T. Osburn, S. Walters
10:30 AM	C. Kadela	G. Dau, D. Mackley, W. Keefer

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

August 31, 2025

Weekly Offering	\$ 7,786.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 819.00

September 7, 2025

Weekly Offering	\$ 7,849.00
Maintenance & Repair	\$ 4,441.00
Additional	\$ 90.00

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.

Pastor, Fr. John Hornicak Reception

September 20th & 21st, after all Masses, in Ferdinand Hall

Join us for coffee and cake in celebration of our newly installed Pastor Fr. John Hornicak.



Upcoming Dates & Notable News

• **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.

Prayer for Catechism Students

Dear God, You never stop drawing us closer to You. Pour Your grace upon these young disciples as they learn about You.

Attract them.
Challenge them.
Love them.
Guide them.
Bless them.

Amen.

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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 profound changes occurring in people's lives as they begin living as God intended.

Wednesdays, September 24th- October 29th 7:00-8:30 PM St. Joseph Park, 700 Theodore St., Joliet

The Anointing

Mass is for everyone of any age who suffers from persistent, chronic, serious, or life-threatening illnesses. Please call, 815-727-9378, to register for the Mass on October 4th as space is limited.



Saturday, October 4, 2025 6:00 PM

Mass attendees will sit throughout the Mass. Fr. John and Fr. Roger will bring communion to all in attendance. They will also come to each person to give them the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

All are Welcome!

Join the Pro-Life Committee as we pray for the lives of the unborn.

DAYS
FOR
LIFE

September 25—November 3 Aurora Planned Parenthood 3051 E. New York St., Aurora, IL. Every Saturday, 9/27—11/1 Meet at the clinic at 10 AM

The Pro Life Committee will display thirty-one (31) crosses in the yard outside of the rectory during the month of October. The crosses represent the recited prayers to end abortion throughout the 40 Days For Life.





JOIN US AS WE PRAY
THE ROSARY
Wednesday, October 1st
after 8:30 AM Mass, in front of
the crosses between the Church &
Rectory.

Presented by the Pro-Life Committee

"A NATION THAT KILLS ITS CHILDREN IN THE WOMB HAS LOST ITS SOUL." ~MOTHER TERESA

Annual Pet Blessing

In remembrance of St. Francis of Assisi's love for all God's creatures, parishioners will have the opportunity to bring their pets to be blessed

Saturday, October 4th at 10:00 AM in the Prayer Garden.

For the safety of all (including your pet), please make sure that all pets are properly restrained.



St. Joseph Seniors

Hope all of you are enjoying the last weeks of summer! **Our next luncheon/meeting is Sept. 17th.**

Lillian is preparing a wonderful luncheon, as always. Bingo will be played after the meeting. If you have not already made your reservation, please phone/text Marcia Smith (815-922-1225) no later than Sunday, Sept. 14th.

The September luncheon is \$8 for members and caregivers; \$10 for guests. Lunches are free for members celebrating August or September birthdays.

On a related note:

We are looking for volunteers for our

ST. JOSEPH HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR AND MARKET

which will take place on Saturday, Nov. 15th. This event is a St. Joseph Senior event, and we really need your help to ensure this event is successful. Please contact Mary Barrett (815-741-0358) or Marcia Smith (815-922-1225) if you are able to help!

We are also looking for additional crafters to fill our tables. If interested, or know of someone interested, contact Virginia Gale (815-207-1724).

Most importantly, **save the date**. Your attendance is so important and appreciated.

Cemetery Notice

Please remove all summer decorations from graves by October 1st, weather permitting, as the cemetery crew prepares for Winter. If you'd like to save your items, please be sure to remove them by then. Anything remaining will be discarded.



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READINGS FOR THE WEEK

09/14/25 Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/ Jn 3:13-17

09/15/25 1 Tm 2: 1-8/ Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

09/16/25 1 Tm 3:1-13/ Lk 7:11-17

09/17/25 1 Tm 3:14-16/ Lk 7:31-35

09/18/25 1 Tm 4:12-16/ Lk 7:36-50

09/19/25 1 Tm 6:2c-12/ Lk 8:1-3

09/20/25 1 Tm 6:13-16/ Lk 8:4-15



In Memoriam donations were received in honor of **Doris Taday.** We thank Doris' family and friends for their generosity.

Visit the St. Joseph Gift Shop on September 20 & 21, after all Masses.







Are you widowed and still hurting? Please join us.

What: Attend a Joyful Again! 2 day Workshop and Spiritual Retreat

When: Sept 20th & 21st, 2025

Where: University of St. Mary's of the Lake,

Seminary, Mundelein, IL. Overnight Accommodations available

For further information,

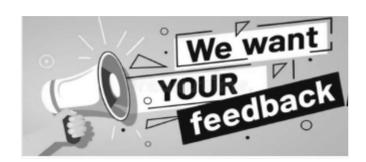
call: 708-354-7211.

e-mail us at info@joyfulagain.org website: www.joyfulagain.org

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.

Elizabeth Almazan



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.

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.

Pancake Breakfast

hosted by

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

Sunday, September 14, 2025 8:00 AM until Noon

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

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





2025 Tootsie Roll Drive

Members of the Knights of Columbus Holy Trinity Council #4400 of Joliet will be handing out Tootsie Rolls and collecting donations to benefit children and adults with disabilities after all Masses **September 20th and 21st**. Thank you in advance for your support of this fundraiser for the Knights.



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.



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

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, September 13—Vigil

Baptism Class, 9:00 AM, Ferdinand Hall Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Litany, & Rosary, 3—3:45 PM Confessions, 3:00-3:30 PM Mass, 4:00 PM Star of Bethlehem Sales, after Mass

Sunday, September 14—The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Masses, 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Holy Name Mtg, following 8:30AM Mass, Ferdinand Hall Pro-Life Rosary, after 10:30 AM Mass Star of Bethlehem Sales, after all Masses

Monday, September 15— Our Lady of Sorrows

Daily Mass, 8:30 AM Adoration Chapel, 9:00 AM—10:00 AM

Tuesday, September 16— Saints Cornelius, Pope & Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

Communion Service, 8:30 AM Adoration Chapel, Closed Religious Education Classes Begin, 5:30 PM, School

Wednesday, September 17— Weekday

Communion Service, 8:30 AM Adoration Chapel. **Closed** Altar & Rosary Meeting, 10:30 AM, Park St. Joseph Seniors, Noon, Park

Thursday, September 18— Weekday

Communion Service, 8:30 AM Adoration Chapel, *Closed*

Friday, September 19— Weekday

Communion Service, 8:30 AM Rosary, 9:00 AM Adoration Chapel, *Closed* Prayer Shawl, 9:30 AM, Ferdinand Hall Wedding Rehearsal, 6PM

Saturday, September 20—Vigil

Wedding, 1 PM

Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Litany, & Rosary, 3—3:45 PM Confessions, 3:00-3:30 PM

Mass. 4:00 PM

Reception for Fr. John, following Mass, Ferdinand Hall Gift Shop & K of C Tootsie Roll Sale after Masses this weekend

Sunday, September 21—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Masses, 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Reception for Fr. John, following all Mass, Ferdinand Hall

Baptism

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

Christopher Ramon Ceja

Son of Cristian & Amanda

Please Pray For...

Baptism

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

Axel Ortiz

Son of Maritza Zavala

Marriage Banns

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



III Andy Keoyothy & Christina Nunez September 20, 2025

II Randy Barrowman & Shawna Brown September 27, 2025

1 Zachary Speaker & Madison Torry October 3, 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, Kendall Jackson, 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, Kathryn Tamayo, 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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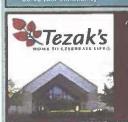
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