

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

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Fr. Roger Kutzner, Parochial Vicar
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September 21, 2025



25th Sunday

"If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?" - Lk 16:11

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MASS INTENTIONS

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—25th 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)

Monday, September 22— Weekday

8:30 a.m. Joseph D. Adamic (A) (Wife & Family) 8:30 a.m. Judy Schoener (David & Karen Mackley)

Tuesday, September 23— St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

8:30 a.m. Jack Facinelli (Mayra Rubio)

8:30 a.m. Kevin Hansen (Mike & Beth Hansen)

Wednesday, September 24— Weekday

8:30 a.m. Robert F. Terdic & Scott Terdic (Family) 8:30 a.m. Patrick Rooney (Frank & Rosemary Markun)

Thursday, September 25— Weekday

8:30 a.m. Bonnie Ardaugh (Joanne Papesh)

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

Friday, September 26— Weekday

8:30 a.m. Marija Cebasek-Neubauer & Parents (Husband & Family)

8:30 a.m. Fr. Terry Cyr, O. Carm. (Zelinski Family)

Saturday, September 27—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Raymond Scholp (A) (Sister, Mary Dragovan)

4:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of the

Wojnarowski Family (Halsne Family)

Sunday, September 28—26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Angel Arias, Sr. (Family)

8:30 a.m. Jeff Moderski (Holly Snyder)

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

Deceased (Pro Popolo)

10:30 a.m. Luis & Maria Zepeda (Family)



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In Memory Of

Robert J. Dobczyk Jackie Plankar **Donald & Patricia Vranich**



Have you misplaced a personal item? Stop by the lost & found shelf, located next to the bathroom in Church, to

see if your item is there or call the rectory for lost jewelry. Items not picked up by September 30th will be donated to St. Vincent DePaul.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 20 & 21

<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

September 27 & 28

<u>Mass</u>	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
4:00 PM	D. Dodson	D. Dodson, L. Michalak, B. Strahanoski
8:30 AM	B. Zelinski	B. Zelinski, D. Zelinski, E. Zelinski
10:30 AM	L. Orozco	L. Engelman, J. Orozco, N. Szalinski



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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.



for a Reception celebrating our new Pastor, Fr. John Hornicak

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

Coffee and cake will be served.



ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION SEPTEMBER 27 & 28

"THE SPIRIT OF GOD IS SPIRIT OF PEACE."

~ST. PIO OF PIETRELCINA

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.

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.



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!

Walking Toward Eternity Daring to Walk the Walk

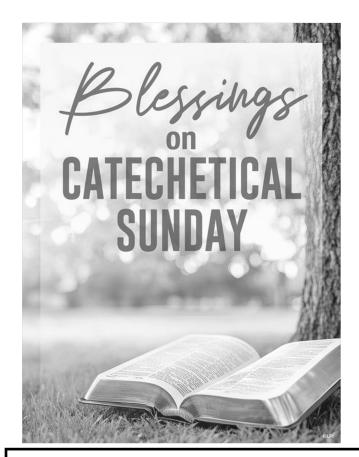


Wednesdays, September 24th- October 29th 7:00-8:30 PM

This Bible Study is an adapted version from the program of Jeff and Emily Cavins called Walking Toward Eternity. It is based on the first series of the program: Daring to Walk the Walk. The lessons involve some preparation at home, using Lectio Divina (meditation on particular passages of the Scriptures), group discussion (possibly in small divided groups) on the truths learned, DVD presentation by Jeff Cavins, and a time of prayer and commitment to walk the walk.

Group Study Meetings (Wednesdays)

Each meeting will start with prayer. Then we will share our experiences of the work we have done at home. This will provide the foundation for the instructional video presentation. At the end, some reflection and an explanation of homework.



Please join us as a special Blessing will be given to all the Religious Education Catechist during the September 21st, 10:30 AM Mass. We look forward to seeing you in Church.

God Bless our Catechists! Thank you for giving of yourselves for the parishioners of St. Joseph Parish.

Religious Education

Elizabeth Bravo, Director of Religious Education

St. Joseph Religious Education

Grade 7-8

Nick Szalinski, Catechist Jennifer Santschi, Aide

Grade 5-6

Dan Schnolis, Catechist Dan Krzysciak, Aide

Grade 3-4

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Grade 2

Charlene Bravo, Catechist

Grade 1

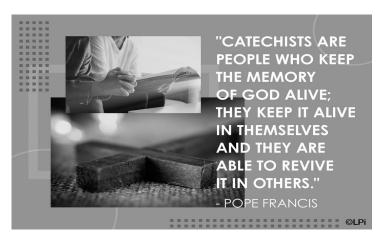
Lizbeth Orozco, Catechist Marilyn Scholp, Aide

Neo-Catechumenal Way

Gary & Jean Dau, Responsibles

A Catechist's Prayer

Loving Father, pour forth your Holy Spirit upon me that I may be a good catechist of your Word, your Son, Jesus Christ. Render my mind and heart so open, receptive and responsive to your Holy Spirit that, like Mary, I might become a living instrument of your Word to others. Help me to be a faithful witness to Gospel life so that your Church may become ever more alive. Let the fire of your love so enkindle my heart that I may be an instrument of drawing others to love of you in the Church of your Son. I ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Catechetical Sunday

The word "catechesis" means "to echo." Literally, we are to echo the good news of Jesus Christ to the world. This is not a suggestion; it is a command of our Lord. Some people are called and set apart in our communities as catechists, those formally trained and charged with passing on the Gospel to children and adults, inside and outside of our communities. On Catechetical Sunday, we acknowledge them and remind ourselves of the need for formation and growth in all of us. To be a catechist is a privileged calling, and today be sure to say "thank you" to one in your community.

However, it would be wrong on this day to only look to those bearing the NAME of catechist for an echoing of good news. ALL of us are called to echo and share the Gospel message. Parents are the first and primary catechists in a child's life. But we also are important catechists in the lives of our coworkers, our spouses, our relatives, and our friends. Some say catechesis begins in the home, and while that is true, it carries with it a parent/child connotation. But where does catechesis really begin? It begins in the HEART. This year on Catechetical Sunday, may your heart be moved to motivate you to share with others the good news of Jesus Christ.



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

"Abortion is the ultimate exploitation of women" ~Alice Paul

"The beautiful thing about the pro-life movement is that it's ordinary people doing extra-ordinary things for God."
St Teresa of Calcutta

Family Life International NZ

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



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.



"We cannot diminish the value of one category of human life—the unborn—without diminishing the value of all human life."

 \sim President Ronald Reagan

2025 Baby Bottles for Life! Starting October 1st



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

09/21/25 Am 8:4-7/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or Lk 16:10-13

09/22/25 Ezr 1:1-6/Lk 8:16-18

09/23/25 Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/ Lk 8:19-21

09/24/25 Ezr 9:5-9/ Lk 9:1-6

09/25/25 Hg 1:1-8/ Lk 9:7-9

09/26/25 Hg 2:1-9/ Lk 9:18-22

09/27/25 Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/ Lk 9:43b-45

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 21st and 27th**.

Thank you in advance for your support of this fundraiser for the Knights.





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

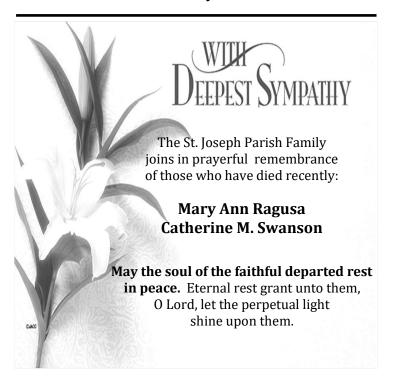
EMPLOYMENT POSTING

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

New Parishioners

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

Vijay Devadas Samantha Dorencz Dulce Lopez and Nicolas Rodriguez David & Sandy Peterson



Lemont: 100 years & 30 years celebration

On Sunday, October 19th, Bishop Anton Jamnik from Ljubljana will be the main celebrant at the Mass of Thanksgiving for 30 years of the Slovenian Catholic Center and 100 years of the Ameriske Brezje, Marija Pomagaj, "Mary Help of Christians."

A choir - 30 members - from Slovenia will join us at the Mass and program in the Slovenian Catholic Center. Holy Mass will be held in the monastery chapel at 10:00 am (instead of the usual 11:00 am).

For the dinner, reservations are required.

For additional information, please visit our website at https://slovenian-center.org/.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 Open after Mass

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Masses, 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

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Adoration Chapel, 9:00 AM—10:00 AM

Tuesday, September 23 — St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Daily Mass, 8:30 AM

Adoration Chapel, 9:00 AM—10:00 AM

Religious Education Classes, 5:30 PM, School

Wednesday, September 24 — Weekday

Daily Mass, 8:30 AM

Adoration Chapel, 9:00 AM—Noon

Bible Study, 7:00 PM, St. Joseph Park Legion Room

Thursday, September 25 — Weekday

Daily Mass, 8:30 AM

Adoration Chapel, 9:00 AM-Noon

Friday, September 26— Weekday

Daily Mass, 8:30 AM

Rosary, 9:00 AM

Adoration Chapel, 9:00 AM—11:00 AM

Wedding Rehearsal, 6PM

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Please Pray For...

Baptism

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

Alessio Luca Stachura

Son of Dennis and Michelina

Cunningham Neighborhood Council Wednesday, October 1st 6:30-7:30 PM at the Moran A.C.

1207 Nicholson St. The CNC works in conjunction with the police department. All are welcome.

Please Pray For...

Marriage Banns

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



III Randy Barrowman & Shawna Brown September 27, 2025

II Zachary Speaker & Madison Torry October 3, 2025

I Michael Johnson & Laura Reis October 10, 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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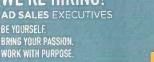
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