



St. Joseph Catholic Parish

416 N. Chicago St.
Joliet, IL 60432

Parish office: (815) 727-9378
Website: www.stjosephjoliet.org

Fr. John Hornicak, Pastor
Fr. Roger Kutzner, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Emeritus, Dave Raskowski
September 28, 2025

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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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Abraham replied, ‘My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented.’” - Lk 16:25

MASS INTENTIONS

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)

Monday, September 29— Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

8:30 a.m. Kendall Jackson, Special Intentions for Healing
(Dave & Karen Mackley,)
8:30 a.m. Lillith Renee Stewart (A) (Family)
8:30 a.m. Robert F. Terdic & Scott Terdic (Family)

Tuesday, September 30— St. Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. Marija Cebasek-Neubauer & Parents
(Husband & Family)
8:30 a.m. Lottie Stefanich (Bob & Debby Komp)

Wednesday, October 1— St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

8:30 a.m. Fr. Devin Griffin, O. Carm. (Family)
8:30 a.m. Charlotte Stefanich (John & Janet Brandolino)

Thursday, October 2— The Holy Guardian Angels

8:30 a.m. Helen Lawson (Frank & Rosemary Markun)
8:30 a.m. Frank Nemanich (Huston Family)

Friday, October 3— Weekday

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Altar &
Rosary Society
8:30 a.m. Miguel Cruz (A) (Family)

Saturday, October 4—Vigil

4:00 p.m. Deceased Members of Frank & Frances Koncar
Family (Russ Family)
4:00 p.m. Eunice Ward (Tony LaPaso & Family)

6:00 p.m. For the People of St. Joseph Parish, Living &
Deceased (Pro Popolo)

Sunday, October 5— 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. For the People of St. Joseph Parish, Living &
Deceased (Pro Popolo)
10:30 a.m. David Hurd (B) (Family)
10:30 a.m. Doug Petan (Bev & Tom Kotowicz & Family)
10:30 a.m. Anthony Smrekar (Wife & Daughters)
7:00 p.m. For the People of St. Joseph Parish, Living &
Deceased (Pro Popolo)



Flame of Faith

In Memory Of

Joanne Horvat

Frank Mali

Special Intention

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 27 & 28

Mass	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

October 4 & 5

Mass	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
4:00 PM	M. Mijan	D. Dodson, K. Sefcik, B. Strahanoski
8:30 AM	M. Budzinski	M. Bruno, V. Gale, C. Goetze
10:30 AM	C. Kadela	L. Engelman, C. Kadela, D. Mackley
7:00 PM	J. Contorno	B. Schelli, M. Schelli



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

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

September 21, 2025

Weekly Offering.....	\$ 8,513.00
Maintenance & Repair.....	\$ 720.00

*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.

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.



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.

A Prayer for Priests

"The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus."
- St. Jean Vianney

Jesus Christ, Great High Priest,
You are able to sympathize
with our human weakness.
Strengthen your priests
for the work of ministry.

You healed, proclaimed, and taught. Renew your
priests in their concern for the poor,
zeal for the Gospel, and personal witness to virtue.

You instituted the sacraments
as signs of heavenly grace.

Make holy your priests
for this sacred service.

You bore our sufferings and sins
upon yourself.

May your priests remain close to the
broken-hearted.

Jesus Christ, Great High Priest,
bring your priests ever closer to your
Sacred Heart.

Amen.

The Anointing

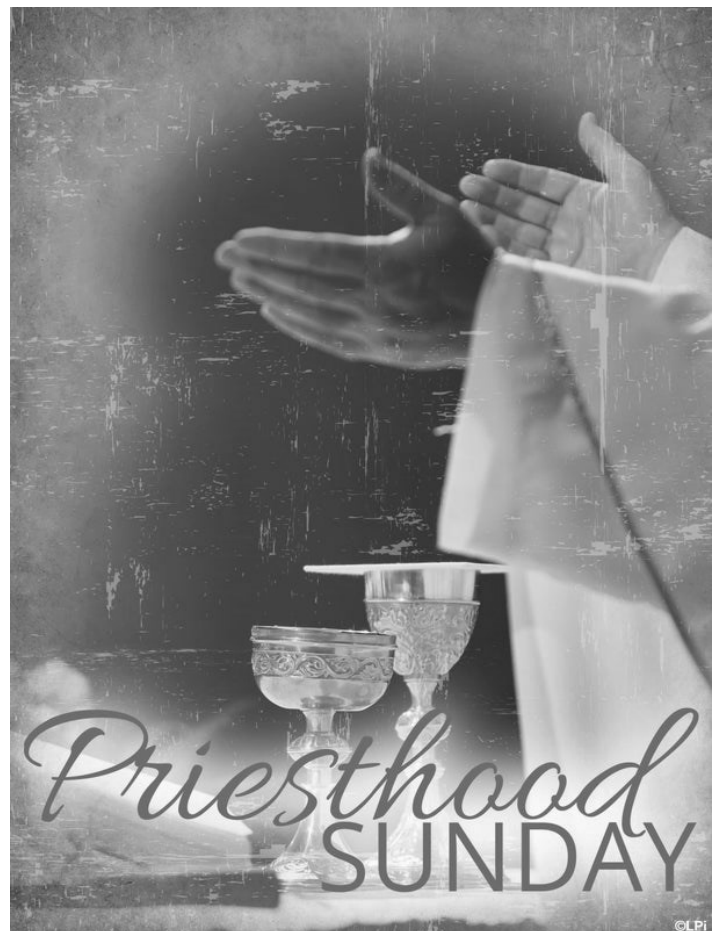
Mass is for everyone of any age who suffers from persistent, chronic, serious, or life-threatening illnesses. Please call, 815-727-9378, to register for the Mass on October 4th as space is limited.



**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.

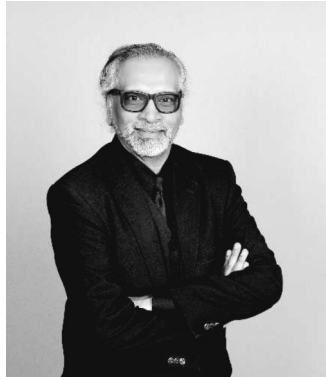
All are Welcome!



Welcome to St. Joseph Parish, Vijay Devadas!

Vijay is a Deacon Candidate with the Diocese of Joliet, Class of 2027. Before coming to St. Joseph Parish, Vijay was a member of Saints Peter and Paul in Naperville, where he was an active volunteer in many parish ministries.

When you see Vijay at Mass, please welcome him to our parish family and introduce yourself.



St. Joseph Church Ministry Fair October 4 & 5

"To serve God, to love God, to enjoy God, is the sweetest freedom in the world"

Come and learn about the different ministry opportunities available at St. Joseph Church.

Ministry representatives will be available in the front vestibule after all Masses to answer questions.

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him"
~ Colossians 3:17

**Walking
Toward Eternity
Daring to Walk
the Walk**



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



St. Joseph Parish earns a rebate on all purchases made when you present your Food 4 Less Community Rewards card to the cashier when checking out. **For the period ending August 2025, our parish earned a rebate of \$48.35 with 8 households participating.** Thank you for your support of this fundraising program for the parish.



ENROLL IN THE FOOD4LESS MOBILE APP AND HELP ST. JOSEPH PARISH RECEIVE QUARTERLY REBATES

St. Joseph Parish earns a rebate on all purchases made when you share your Food 4Less digital card when checking out.

To assign a digital card to your account:

Download the Food4Less App. onto your smart phone. Within the settings, you will receive a digital card to use for purchases and coupons. Please follow the prompts to select your fundraiser recipient as "St. Joseph Church, Joliet."

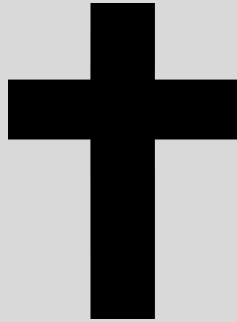
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PRO LIFE



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

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 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



St. Joseph Parish needs additional **Lectors** and **Extraordinary Ministers**, for all Masses:

Saturday, 4:00 PM
Sunday, 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM
Sunday, 7:00 PM

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.

240 Raffle Tickets

The St Joseph Holy Name Society has completed their sale of 240 raffle tickets for this year. Thank you to everyone that purchased a ticket. We appreciate your support of our group and our parish. The drawing of the winners will be selected at our December meeting. Good luck to all and God bless.

**The Second Collection
next weekend, October 4 & 5,
is for Maintenance & Repair**

2025 Baby Bottles for Life! Starting October 1st



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Ways to Support Waterleaf

- Scan the QR code for online giving
- Go to onechoiceonelifelife.org for online giving
- Place a check (made out to Waterleaf) or cash in the envelope and place in a basket at Mass or mail directly to Waterleaf
- Pray for the staff and clients at Waterleaf



Our Waterleaf Babies



Your Donation's Lifetime Impact
10,484 UNIQUE PATIENTS SERVED
9,979 PREGNANCY TESTS
12,306 ULTRASOUNDS
2,691 BIRTHS AND COUNTING

Please help us give the gifts of life, love, and hope in 2025!

Waterleaf Women's Center is a non-profit 501(c)(3) pregnancy assistance and resource center, providing an array of comprehensive services. To learn more about Waterleaf, please visit us at Waterleaf.org, or visit our donor website at OneChoiceOneLife.org.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

09/28/25 Am 6:1a, 4-7/ 1 Tm 6:11-16/ Lk 16:19-31
 09/29/25 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/ Jn 1:47-51
 09/30/25 Zec 8:20-23/ Lk 9:51-56
 10/01/25 Neh 2:1-8/ Lk 9:57-62
 10/02/25 Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/ Mt 18:1-5, 10
 10/03/25 Bar 1:15-22/ Lk 10:13-16
 10/04/25 Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/ Lk 10:17-24

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/>.

Branch 20-Joliet of the Slovenian Union of America will hold a **Bakery Sale and Raffle** before and after the 4 pm Mass on **Saturday, October 11, and before and after the morning Masses on Sunday, October 12, at St. Joseph Church.**

The 7 pm Sunday Mass will not be included for now. Please bring your bakery or monetary donations to the church foyer on Saturday after 2:30 pm and on Sunday after 7:30 am. Monetary donations can be mailed to Jeanne Warsaw, 511 Northgate Lane, Shorewood, Illinois 60604-6801. Please phone Georgene Agnich at 773-294-8851 with any questions. Thank you for your participation in this new Branch 20 fundraiser.



RPW
 ROCKET PRO WRESTLING

Saturday, October 4th

St. Joe's Park

700 Theodore St., Joliet

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

St. Joseph Holiday Craft Show & Market

Saturday, November 15th

10:00 AM—3:00 PM

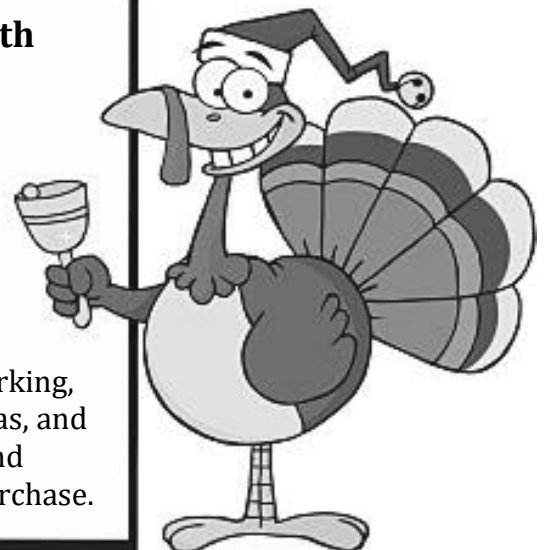
St. Joseph Park

700 Theodore Street

Joliet, IL

Celebrating the coming Holidays!

Admission is **FREE**. Plenty of parking, Homemade crafts, goodies, poticas, and gifts. Raffle, Bakery items, and refreshments are available for purchase.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, September 27—Vigil

Wedding, 1PM

Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Litany, & Rosary, 3—3:45 PM

Confessions, 3:00-3:30 PM

Mass, 4:00 PM

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St. John Food Pantry Collection

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Daily Mass, 8:30 AM

Adoration Chapel, 9:00 AM—10:00 AM

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Daily Mass, 8:30 AM

Adoration Chapel, 9:00 AM—10:00 AM

Religious Education Classes, 5:30 PM, School

Wednesday, October 1 — St. Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Daily Mass, 8:30 AM

Pro-Life Rosary after Mass, Outside in front of the Crosses

Adoration Chapel, 9:00 AM—Noon

Worship Meeting, 6PM, Ferdinand Hall

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

Thursday, October 2 — The Holy Guardian Angels

Daily Mass, 8:30 AM

Adoration Chapel, 9:00 AM—Noon

Wedding Rehearsal, 5:00 PM

Friday, October 3— Weekday

Daily Mass, 8:30 AM

Rosary, 9:00 AM

Adoration Chapel, **Cancelled**

Prayer Shawl, 9:30 AM, Ferdinand Hall

Funeral, 11 AM

Wedding, 3:00 PM

Saturday, October 4—Vigil

Pet Blessing, 10:00 AM, Prayer Garden

Baby Bottles 4 Life fundraiser begins

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

Anointing Mass, 6:00 PM

Sunday, October 5— 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Masses, 8:30 AM 10:30 AM & 7:00 PM

2nd Collection is for Maintenance & Repair



**Friday, October 3rd at
9:30 AM in
Ferdinand Hall**

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 Zachary Speaker & Madison Torry
October 3, 2025

II Michael Johnson & Luara Reis
October 10, 2025

I Hunter Fenoglio & Lexie Krupske
October 18, 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

