

Mass Times

Monday-Friday, 8:30 AM Saturday Vigil, 4:00 PM Sunday, 8:30 AM. 10:30 AM & 7:00 PM

Confessions

Saturdays from 3:00-3:30 PM

Holy Days

Please see the Parish Bulletin

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Monday — Thursday, 7:30AM—3:30PM

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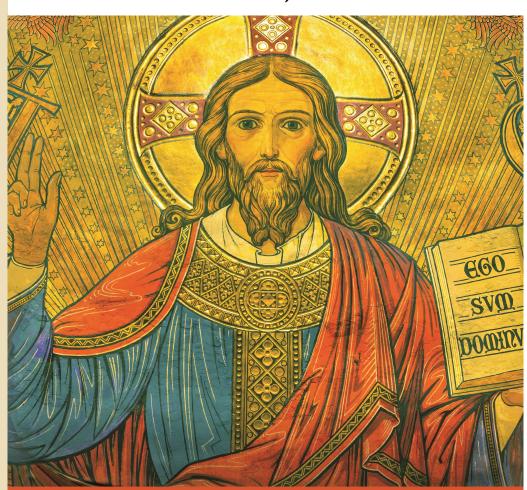
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November 23, 2025



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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He said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." - Lk 23:42-43

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 22 —Vigil

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

4:00 p.m. Mario & Sofia Smolgian (A) (Family)

4:00 p.m. Robert "Bob" Vicich (Scott & Maya Pucel Family)

Sunday, November 23— Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

8:30 a.m. Mary Aguilar (Nunez Family)

8:30 a.m. Lillian Brulc (Dragovan Family)

10:30 a.m. Diane "Dee" Craig (Marie Kanta)

10:30 a.m. Doris Musich (A) (Family)

7:00 p.m. For the People of St. Joseph Parish, Living & Deceased (Pro Popolo)

Monday, November 24—Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest And Companions, Martyrs

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

8:30 a.m. Charlotte Stefanich (Jim & Lorrie Malinowski)

Tuesday, November 25— Weekday

8:30 a.m. For the Protection of Life at All Stages (Pro-Life Committee)

8:30 a.m. Steve Salopek (Fenoglio Family)

Wednesday, November 26— Weekday

8:30 a.m. Kevin Hansen (Mike & Beth Hansen) 8:30 a.m. Jonita Ruth (A) (Ron & Karen Erjavec)

Thursday, November 27 — Weekday, Thanksgiving Day

8:30 a.m. Robert Terdic & Scott Terdic (Carol Terdic & Family)

8:30 a.m. Zupancic & Surges Families (Family)

Friday, November 28 — Weekday

8:30 a.m. Jack Facinelli (Sherry & John Springsteen) 8:30 a.m. Stephanie Kochevar (B) (Daughter)

Saturday, November 29 — Vigil

4:00 p.m. For the People of St. Joseph Parish, Living & Deceased (Pro Popolo)

4:00 p.m. Vincent Paver (A) (Family)

Sunday, November 30— First Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Mary Babich (Family)

8:30 a.m. John & Sharron Zelinski (Zelinski Family)

10:30 a.m. Rafael Arias & Angel Arias, Sr. (Family)

10:30 a.m. Bill Barrett (B) (Wife & Family)

7:00 p.m. Fr. Jack Welch, O. Carm. (Michalak Family)

7:00 p.m. Amanda Michalak, Special Intention (Family)



Flame of Faith

In Memory Of

Louis Clavenna Jaime Ortiz, Sr. Nancy Ursitti

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

November 22 & 23

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Lector</u>	Extraordinary Ministers
4:00 PM	B. Schelli	B. Schelli, M. Schelli, K. Sefcik
8:30 AM	M. Budzinski	M. Bruno, V. Gale, A. Koncar
10:30 AM	J. Hostert	L. Engelman, D. Mackley, J. Orozco
7:00 PM	J. Contorno	B. Strahanoski

November 27, 2025—Thanksgiving Day

<u>Mass</u>	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
8:30 AM	C. Kadela	B. Strahanoski

November 29 & 30

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Lector</u>	Extraordinary Ministers
4:00 PM	S. Vanisko	J. Halsne, K. Sefcik, B. Strahanoski
8:30 AM	G. Walters	M. Bruno, T. Osburn, S. Walters
10:30 AM	D. Mackley	G. Dau, D. Mackley, J. Orozco
7:00 PM	C. Gimbel	B. Gimbel

OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

November 16, 2025

Offertory figures were not available at the time of the bulletin submission.
Figures will appear in a future bulletin.

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.



Prayer for Christ the King

Dear Lord, May your name be praised and blessed forever, you who are our shield and comfort!

May your kingdom come!

Amen.

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The Rectory and Adoration Chapel will close at Noon on Wednesday, November 26th and will remain closed November 27th & 28th.

Happy Thanksgiving from

Fr. John, Fr. Roger and the staff of St. Joseph Parish!

Rectory and Adoration Chapel will reopen on Monday, December 1, 2025





ST. JOHN'S FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION NOVEMBER 22 & 23 "Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want."

> ~ mother teresa 1994 National Prayer Breakfast

Qualified Charitable Distribution to St. Joseph Church

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

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.

Parking Announcement

When parking along the north side of Church on Clay Street, please do not pull forward onto the sidewalk. Many parishioners use the sidewalk to enter through the front doors of Church. It is difficult to use the sidewalk when cars pull up too far. Please be courteous and allow room for the sidewalk to remain clear. Thank you.

ll envelopes received containing the names you have submitted through your All Souls Day envelopes, will be located on the altar wrapped with a purple ribbon. All of these souls are remembered at every Mass celebrated throughout the month of November.

Remembering Our Beloved Dead

During the month of November, our Parish "Book of the Dead" is located in the front of Church by the side altar of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. What better place to put it than before the loving and merciful heart of Jesus our Redeemer. Please write in the names of your beloved deceased in the Book of the Dead.



St. Joseph Parish will once again participate in the **Giving Tree** with local agencies beginning November 22nd. Tags will be placed on the Christmas tree in the rear of church. Each tag has a wish list item for an individual or for the agency itself to be used for their clients.

Please return your gifts or gift cards *unwrapped* to the church or rectory by Sunday, December 7th.

Thank you in advance for your continued support of the Giving Tree. Your generosity and thoughtfulness will brighten the holidays of those who have little. *God bless you!*

Light Up the Holiday Parade—Walk with Us!

All parishioners are invited to join in the fun on **Friday**, **November 28th**, as St. Joseph once again participates in the City's Holiday Parade. **Everyone interested in walking with the St. Joe's float through downtown Joliet should meet in the front of the Church at 4:30 PM on November 28th**. The Light Up the Holiday Parade is fun for everyone age 0 to 110! **Walk with us and help spread Christmas cheer**.

Candy Donations Needed

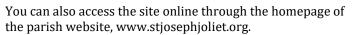
We are once again accepting donations of candy to be used on the parish float at the **Light**

Up the Holiday parade on Friday, November 28th. Donations can be put into the box in the rear of Church.



Let RaiseRight Gift Cards Help You Christmas Shop

Order your holiday gift cards through St. Joe's Parish and you will earn rebates for the parish! Order forms are located at all Church entrances.



Christmas orders must be placed no later than December 12th.

Save Gasoline. Save Time. Shop RaiseRight.



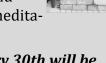
St. Joseph Holy Name Society Meeting

Members of the Holy Name Society will meet in Ferdinand Hall following 8:30 AM Mass on **Sunday, December 7th.** All male parishioners, ages 15 and older are invited to attend.

DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE A PERSONALIZED HOLIDAY GIFT

St. Joseph Prayer Garden

The Prayer Garden was built in memory of past and present parishioners, friends, and supporters of our Church. The garden is open daily during rectory hours as well as during the weekend Mass times. It is a center of quiet meditation, prayer, and peace.



Brick Orders placed by January 30th will be installed in Spring 2026.

Order forms are available at all entrances, website, or in the rectory. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call the rectory at 815-727-9378.





Join Catholic Charities for a beautiful evening of music surrounded by thousands of candles. Holiday favorites will be performed by a live classical string quartet. Proceeds support Catholic Charities' programs and services.

Friday, December 5, 2025 at 7:30PM Hollywood Casino, Joliet Tickets: \$50

To learn more or purchase tickets, scan the QR code or call 815-724-1140.



Hallow

Free this Advent, as a gift from St. Joseph Parish. Join the St. Joseph Parish Page for Advent Pray25!

Hallow.com/Advent25kickoff



"The journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem was one of risk, uncertainty, and chaos — yet, somehow, it remained marked by a sacred stillness and an unshakeable peace. How was this

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And So Much More...

Close your day with Christ through a nightly Examen, Pray the rosary with Mark Wahlberg, or listen to a Bible Story from Fr. Mike Schmitz or Jonathan Roumie.

Steps to join Hallow

Download Hallow on your phone or computer

Locate the Parish Page:

Tap Community

 Located at the bottom right of the Home Screen

Tap Menu Icon

 Located on the upper left of the Community Page

Tap Join a Church

Located on the dropdown Menu

Search for your Parish via Zip Code (60432)

Tap Join

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

Hospitalized & Homebound

Please notify the parish office, 815-727-9378, so that our sick, hospitalized, and/or homebound parishioners may receive the pastoral care of the Church.

Reporting Incidents of Sexual Abuse

Sexual Abuse is a sin and a crime. Victims of sexual abuse, in addition to contacting civil authorities, are asked to come forward in the order to receive pastoral assistance. The Church has a responsibility to help victims of sexual abuse and to ensure that offenders are brought to justice. Reports may be made to any pastor or to the director of the office of child and youth protection, 815-221-6116. Contact DCFS at 1-800-25-ABUSE.

We at St. Joseph Parish, along with the Diocese of Joliet, affirm that we are **Keeping Our Promise to Protect**. Additional information can be found at the Diocese of Joliet website, <u>www.diojoliet.org</u>, under the Child Protection tab.

Thanksgiving Day Prayer

Lord, we thank you for the goodness of our people and for the spirit of justice that fills this nation.

We thank you for the beauty and fullness of the land and the challenge of the cities.

We thank you for our work and our rest, for one another, and for our homes. We thank you, Lord: accept our thanksgiving on this day. We pray and give thanks through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER

Oh Gracious Lord,
We thank You for this beautiful day
and for the precious gift of life
granted to everyone here. Thank You
for Your boundless goodness and
mercies that sustain us in all we do.
Guide our steps, deliver us from evil,
and fill our hearts with love and
understanding for one another. Help us
to be blessings to each other and to
those around us.

We ask that You bless this meal we are about to eat, and let it nourish our bodies and strengthen our spirits.

In Jesus' name, we pray,

Amen



<u>Please do **not** use your regular</u> <u>Christmas Flower</u> <u>envelope for the poinsettias.</u>

Poinsettias in Remembrance

As is our tradition here at St. Joe's, we are giving our parishioners an opportunity to honor those we love, either living or deceased, by purchasing a poinsettia plant that will beautify our Church this Christmas.

The price per poinsettia is **\$20**. The name of the person you are honoring will be printed in the parish bulletin the week of Christmas.

Please return your completed order form below with payment no later than Monday, Dec. 1st.



I wish to remember the following person by purchasing a poinsettia plant that will be used to decorate our Church this Christmas.

Name of Poinsettia Recipient:

Please check one: Living:	_ Deceased:
Enclosed is my donation of \$	(\$20 each)
My Name	
Telephone	

This form must be returned to the rectory no later than Dec.1st

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, November 22— Vigil

Baptism, 1:30 PM

Giving Tree Begins

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

Confessions, 3:00-3:30 PM

Polka Mass, 4:00 PM

Szalinski Children Raffle Sale for Queen of Apostles School St. John's Food Pantry Collection

Sunday, November 23 — Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Giving Tree Begins

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

OCIA, following 10:30 AM Mass, Ferdinand Hall

Szalinski Children Raffle Sale for Queen of Apostles School

St. John's Food Pantry Collection

Monday, November 24— Saint Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest and Companions, Martyrs

Daily Mass, 8:30 AM

Adoration Chapel, 9:00 AM-10:00 AM

Tuesday, November 25— Weekday

Daily Mass, 8:30 AM

Adoration Chapel, 9:00 AM—10:00 AM

Religious Education Classes, NO CLASSES

Wednesday, November 26—Weekday

Daily Mass, 8:30 AM

Adoration Chapel, 9:00 AM—11:00 AM

Rectory Closes at Noon

Thursday, November 27— Weekday, Thanksgiving Day

Thanksgiving Day Mass, 8:30 AM

Rectory, Closed

Adoration Chapel, Closed

Friday, November 28—Weekday

Daily Mass, 8:30 AM

Rectory, Closed

Adoration Chapel, Closed

Light Up the Holiday Parade, 4:30 PM, in front of Church

Saturday, November 29— Vigil

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

Confessions, 3:00-3:30 PM

Mass, 4:00 PM

Sunday, November 30— First Sunday of Advent

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

NO OCIA CLASS

Cunningham Neighborhood Council Wednesday, December 3rd 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.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

11/23/25 2 Sm 5:1-3/ Col 1:12-20/ Lk 23:35-43

11/24/25 Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/ Lk 21:1-4

11/25/25 Dn 2:31-45/ Lk 21:5-11

11/26/25 Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/ Lk 21:12-19

11/27/25 Dn 6:12-28/ Lk 21:20-28 or for Thanksgiving Day, any readings from the Mass "In Thanksgiving to

God"

11/28/25 Dn 7:2-14/ Lk 21:29-33

11/29/25 Dn 7:15-27/ Lk 21:34-36

PLEASE PRAY FOR...

Marriage Banns



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

I Gordon Johnson & Alexis Johnson Convalidation December 12, 2025

Our Sick

Fr. Joe Atcher, O. Carm., Joe Babich, Anthony Bendy, Jen Bendy, Nicki Blowers, Judy Bolte, Patrick Briscoe, Stephanie Cavanaugh, Erica Ceballos, Tyler Centorbi, Markie Cerda, Joe Cimfe, Vijay Devadas, Genevieve Dumyahn, Bruce Eagglhoff, Linda Evans, Veronica Fairman, Walter Ferguson, Sharon Boris Fonck, Lois Geary, Roger Gerwatowski, Irene Gordan, Carolyn Grady, Jean Haas, Carrie Harth, Andy Honiotes, Janet Horvath, Ray Horvatin, Kendall Jackson, Jake Jakovich Jr., Bob Keca, Joan Kernc, Patricia Koefoed, Gail Kolenc, Michael Kuhel, Richard Lenzen, Mary Loucks, Todd Lukas, Frank Markun, Mary Ann Mavrin, Terry Meyer, Greg Munich, Andy Nunez, Judy Philbert, Sharon Planinsek, 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, Kristina Valentino, Joyce Vicich, Terry & Linda 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 EricksonGresens, Anthony Gayton, Melissa Gonzalez, Sgt. John M.
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