



# St. Joseph Catholic Parish

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**Fr. John Hornicak, Pastor**  
**Fr. Roger Kutzner, Parochial Vicar**  
Deacon Emeritus, Dave Raskowski  
**November 30, 2025**

## 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

## Rectory Hours

Monday — Thursday,  
7:30AM—3:30PM

Friday,  
7:30AM—1:00PM

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## MASS INTENTIONS

### 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)

### Monday, December 1— Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. John & Anna Pilar (Family)  
8:30 a.m. John Rozich (A) (Marianne Phelan)

### Tuesday, December 2— Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. Helen Bacza (Fenoglio Family)  
8:30 a.m. John Bruno (B) (Bruno Family)

### Wednesday, December 3— Saint Francis Xavier, Priest

8:30 a.m. Rosemary Giarrante (Family)  
8:30 a.m. Sr. Vivian Whitehead, OSF (Family)

### Thursday, December 4— Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. Marie Hamm (Family)  
8:30 a.m. France & Ursula Ster (Family)

### Friday, December 5— Advent Weekday

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Altar & Rosary Society  
8:30 a.m. Jack Facinelli (Denise & Rick Ramos)

### Saturday, December 6—Vigil, St. Nicholas, Bishop

4:00 p.m. Michael Bruno (B) (Bruno Family)  
4:00 p.m. David Smrekar (Family)

### Sunday, December 7— Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society  
8:30 a.m. Lou Schmidberger (Anne Johnson)  
10:30 a.m. For the People of St. Joseph Parish, Living & Deceased (Pro Popolo)  
7:00 p.m. Fr. John Comerford, O. Carm. (Michalak Family)  
7:00 p.m. Sheard Family (Michalak Family)



## Flames of Faith

Theresa Chaloka, For Healing  
Raul Juarez  
Sharon Planinsek, For Healing

## Altar & Rosary Invites You

to First Friday Mass, December 5th, at 8:30 AM. Following Mass, we will lead the congregation in prayer of the Rosary.

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### November 29 & 30

Mass	Lector	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

### December 6 & 7

Mass	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
4:00 PM	M. Mijan	A. Camacho, K. Sefcik, B. Strahanoski
8:30 AM	M. Budzinski	V. Gale, A. Koncar, S. Walters
10:30 AM	J. Hostert	L. Engelman, D. Mackley, C. Kadela
7:00 PM	P. Draksler	B. Schelli, M. Schelli

### December 8—The Immaculate Conception

Mass	Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
8:30 AM	D. Mackley	J. Halsne, V. Gale
12:15 PM	M. Mijan	L. Engelman, K. Sefcik
6:00 PM	S. Vanisko	K. Sefcik, B. Strahanoski, 1 EM Needed

## OUR WEEKLY OFFERING

### November 16, 2025

Weekly Offering.....	\$	8,730.00
Maintenance & Repair.....	\$	260.00
Campaign for Human Development.....	\$	1,377.00
Additional.....	\$	291.00

### November 23, 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!***

**Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet Friday,  
December 5th at 9:30 AM in  
Ferdinand Hall.**

## 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.

**The Second Collection**  
**next weekend, December 6 & 7**  
**is for Maintenance & Repair.**



**St. Nicholas will be paying a visit to the children of St. Joseph Parish the weekend of December 6th & 7th.**

## ***Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception***

December 8, 2025  
8:30 AM, 12:15 PM, & 6:00 PM

The Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation.

*Parishioners are encourage to show your devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mother by attending Mass on December 8th.*

## **Blessing of the Advent Wreath**

Lord our God,  
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:  
He is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,  
He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,  
He is the Savior of every nation.  
Lord our God,  
let Your blessing come upon us  
as we light the candles of this wreath.  
May the wreath and its light  
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.  
May He come quickly and not delay.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.



Tucked away in this season of waiting and expectation are a few profoundly pro-life messages — not only based on the very nature of Advent, but through some recently-observed liturgical feasts.

## **The Immaculate Conception**

The December 8 feast of the Immaculate Conception celebrates life's beginning in the womb of St. Anne. Even more, the feast acknowledges God's action toward Mary, from the very first moments of her life. For the rest of believers, forgiveness of original sin occurs through the sacrament of Baptism, celebrated after birth. But for Mary, God spared her of original sin and concupiscence from the first moment she existed. By highlighting the conception of Mary, (and on March 25, the conception of Jesus) the Church conveys the teaching that life begins at conception.

## **Our Lady of Guadalupe**

December 12, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, suggests another pro-life message during this Advent season. The miraculous impression left on St. Juan Diego's *tilma* of *La Virgen Morena* contains many symbols of the Aztec culture. The black ribbon around Our Lady's waist indicates she is with child, allowing us to call to mind Mary's pregnancy and the sacredness of the womb that bore the son of the Eternal Father. The facts surrounding the practices of the Aztec religion at the time of Mary's apparition also lend itself to emphasis the sacredness of life. The Aztecs sacrificed their own infants and children to their false gods. Then Our Lady enters in and points them to the God of Truth, guiding them to abandon those immoral practices. The pro-life movement has taken Our Lady of Guadalupe as its patronesses, and the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in La Crosse, Wisconsin, houses a memorial to the unborn. The apparitions of Our Lady at Tepeyac Hill in Mexico, celebrated during the Advent season, remind all believers of the sacredness of human life.

## **The Advent Season**

Every Advent is an anticipation of waiting in the final weeks and days of Mary's pregnancy (in addition to our vigil awaiting the Lord's return in glory). In the days of the *O Antiphons*, our liturgical readings sequentially lead us to Christ's birth. We hear about miraculous conceptions in the lives of Elizabeth and Mary and the joy of John the Baptist leaping in Elizabeth's womb. We see statues of Joseph leading the pregnant Mary on a donkey to Bethlehem, and some people re-live the Holy Family's experience through the *Las Posadas* tradition. In these days of Advent, the whole world awaits the birth of an infant who will take away the sins of the world. We journey with the pregnant Mary and await the day the prophets foretold. Our liturgical observance conveys a subtle pro-life message as we wait with expectation. As we live these Advent days, be sure to celebrate life!



## St. Joseph Parish Giving Tree

Tags are available 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. **Gift cards for the giving tree can be put into the collection basket** for organizations, Pregnancy Center & Guardian Angel, that are in need of: Walmart, Aldi, Amazon, Marshalls, TJMAXX, Burlington, Gas station cards, Uber (for rides to work or appointments in bad weather).

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

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!*

### ***Calling All Bakers!*** ***Save the Date for our Parish's Annual Christmas Cookie Sale***

We will hold our annual Christmas Cookie sale **December 20th & 21st**, in Ferdinand Hall after all Masses.



**We ask all bakers of the parish to donate cookies to this event.**

Cookies can be dropped off at the rectory December 18th or 19th (before Noon) or to Ferdinand Hall before you attend Mass.

Parishioners are invited to purchase delicious cookies to complete their holiday trays. By baking and purchasing cookies you will make this a successful fundraiser for our parish.

### ***WAIT...Don't Miss the Annual Christmas Cookie Sale Raffle!***

Tickets are \$1 each or 7 for \$5. Winners will be selected and contacted at the conclusion of the Cookie Sale on Sunday, December 21st.

This year's raffle items include: Potica, Strudel, Handcrafted Afghan with Cozy Socks, and more.

### ***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.

### ***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.



You can also access the site online through the homepage of the parish website, [www.stjosephjoliet.org](http://www.stjosephjoliet.org).

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

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# Hallow

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

[Hallow.com/Advent25kickoff](http://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

possible? For the 25 days leading up to Christmas, we'll walk alongside Mary and Joseph and learn from their holy examples. Guided by the Infancy Narratives and Caryll Houselander's *The Reed of God*, explore how stillness and surrender can anchor your heart in Jesus. Finally, claim peace amid life's chaos by drawing on wisdom from John Mark Comer's *Ruthless Elimination of Hurry* and the writings of the Saints."

## 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**

**Join the Neo-Catechumenal Way for Morning Prayer, Monday thru Friday, December 1st—19th from 5-6 AM in Church.**



**SPEND AN HOUR IN HIS PRESENCE  
MONTHLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION  
AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH**

**December 2nd,  
6:00-7:00 PM  
and every first  
Tuesday of  
the month**

*"Every Time We Look  
at The Blessed  
Sacrament Our Place  
in Heaven is Raised  
Forever."  
-St. Gertrude  
the Great*



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**WITH  
DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

The St. Joseph Parish Family joins in prayerful remembrance of those who have died recently:

**Mario Anthony Mendoza**

**May the soul of the faithful departed rest in peace.** Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, let the perpetual light shine upon them.



**Saturday, December 6th**

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

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



## Parish Events

### **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception,**

*( a Holy Day of Obligation),*

December 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM, 12:15 PM, 6:00 PM

### **Gift Shop Open**

December 6th & 7th and 13th & 14th

### **Parish Advent Penance Service,**

December 16th, 7:00 PM

### **Altar & Rosary Meeting/ Mass**

December 17th, 10:30 AM /11:15 AM

### **St. Joe's Seniors Holiday Luncheon**

December 17th, 12 PM

### **Food Pantry collection,**

December 20th & 21st

### **Christmas Cookie Sale,**

December 20th & 21st, Ferdinand Hall

### **Decorating for Christmas,**

December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 9 AM

### **Christmas Eve Masses,**

December 24<sup>th</sup>, 3 PM & Midnight

### **Christmas Day Masses,**

December 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 AM & 10:30 AM

*Candlelight*  
CHRISTMAS  
CONCERT



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.



## Last Chance for Poinsettia Orders

Orders **MUST** be turned in by  
Monday, December 1st

### ***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

\_\_\_\_\_

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***This form must be returned to the rectory***

**no later than Dec. 1st**

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**Please do not use your regular Christmas Flower envelope for the poinsettias.**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### **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**

### **Monday, December 1— Advent Weekday**

Neo-Catechumenal Way Morning Prayer, 5AM  
Daily Mass, 8:30 AM  
Adoration Chapel, 9:00 AM—10:00 AM

### **Tuesday, December 2— Advent Weekday**

Neo-Catechumenal Way Morning Prayer, 5AM  
Daily Mass, 8:30 AM  
Adoration Chapel, 9:00 AM—10:00 AM  
Religious Education Classes, 5:30 PM, St. Joseph School  
Monthly Adoration, 6:00 PM

### **Wednesday, December 3— Saint Francis Xavier, Priest**

Neo-Catechumenal Way Morning Prayer, 5AM  
Daily Mass, 8:30 AM  
Adoration Chapel, 9:00 AM—Noon

### **Thursday, December 4— Advent Weekday**

Neo-Catechumenal Way Morning Prayer, 5AM  
Daily Mass, 8:30 AM  
Adoration Chapel, 9:00 AM—Noon

### **Friday, December 5— Advent Weekday**

Neo-Catechumenal Way Morning Prayer, 5AM  
Daily Mass, 8:30 AM  
Adoration Chapel, 9:00 AM—11:00 AM  
Prayer Shawl, 9:30 AM, Ferdinand Hall

### **Saturday, December 6 — Vigil, Saint Nicholas, Bishop**

Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Litany, & Rosary, 3—3:45 PM  
Confessions, 3:00-3:30 PM  
Mass, 4:00 PM; St. Nicholas Visits  
Gift Shop Open  
Second Collection is for Maintenance & Repair

### **Sunday, December 7— Second Sunday of Advent**

Masses, 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM & 7:00 PM; St. Nicholas Visits  
Holy Name Society, after 8:30 AM Mass, Ferdinand Hall  
OCIA, following 10:30 AM Mass, St. Joseph Church  
Gift Shop Open, after all Masses  
Second Collection is for Maintenance & Repair

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

11/30/25 Is 2:1-5/Rom 13:11-14/ Mt 24:37-44  
12/01/25 Is 4:2-6/ Mt 8:5-11  
12/02/25 Is 11:1-10/Lk 10:21-24  
12/03/25 Is 25:6-10a/ Mt 15:29-37  
12/04/25 Is 26:1-6/ Mt 7:21, 24-27  
12/05/25 Is 29:17-24/ Mt 9:27-31  
12/06/25 Is 30:19-21, 23-26/ Mt 9:35- 10:1, 5a, 6-8

## PLEASE PRAY FOR...

### Marriage Banns



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

II Gordon Johnson & Alexis Johnson  
Convalidation  
December 12, 2025

### Baptism

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

**Jaxon Blake Rosales**  
Son of Miguel and Ashlin

### 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 Gerwadowski, 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 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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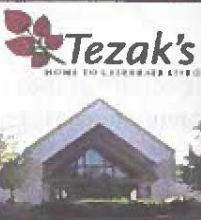
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