



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Joliet, Illinois

FEBRUARY 8, 2026 | FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome!

St. Joseph Church Catholic Church

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www.stjosephjoliet.org

MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

Saturday | 4:00 pm Vigil
Sunday | 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 7:00 pm

Weekday Masses

Monday | 8:30 am
Tuesday | 8:30 am
Wednesday | 8:30 am
Thursday | 8:30 am
Friday | 8:30 am

Confession

Saturday | 3:00 pm - 3:30 pm
Other | By Appointment

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5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

— ❖ —
"You are the light of the world. A city set on a
mountain cannot be hidden." - Mt 5:14

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OUR MISSION

"As living members of the Body of Christ, the people of St. Joseph Parish embrace the Traditions of the Church as given to us by Christ. Empowered by the Holy Spirit we teach, live, and love one another as brothers and sisters in Christ, and celebrate the Word of God as a faith-filled community that welcomes all who seek the truth. We celebrate the presence of God in our midst through worship, service, and catechesis. In accordance with the teachings of the Church, we work to assist all parish members in discerning the truths of our faith and the moral obligation to which we are called to live the Gospel."

02 • GET TO KNOW US

PARISH CLERGY

Pastor

Rev. John Hornicak

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Pastoral Vicar

Rev. Roger Kutzner

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STEWARDSHIP

February 1, 2026

Weekly Offering..... \$8,333.00

Maintenance & Repair..... \$4,440.00

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continued generosity!*

BULLETIN CONTENT

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY 7 & 8

Lector

4:00 PM D. Dodson

8:30 AM G. Walters

10:30 AM H. Snyder

7:00 PM J. Contorno

Extraordinary Ministers

A. Camacho, D. Dodson, K. Sefcik

M. Bruno, C. Goetze, S. Walters

N. Churnovic, R. Churnovic, G. Dau

B. Strahanoski

FEBRUARY 14 & 15

Lector

4:00 PM S. Vanisko

8:30 AM B. Zelinski

10:30 AM J. Hostert

7:00 PM P. Draksler

Extraordinary Ministers

A. Camacho, D. Dodson, K. Sefcik

M. Bruno, C. Goetze, S. Walters

N. Churnovic, R. Churnovic, G. Dau

B. Strahanoski

FEBRUARY 18 - Ash Wednesday

Lector

8:30 AM D. Mackley

12:15 PM K. Sefcik

6:00 PM D. Dodson

Extraordinary Ministers

J. Halsne, C. Kadela, D. Mackley

N. Churnovic, R. Churnovic, L. Engelman

D. Dodson, K. Sefcik, B. Strahanoski



FLAME OF FAITH

Thomas Paul Hrvatin

Bill Laken

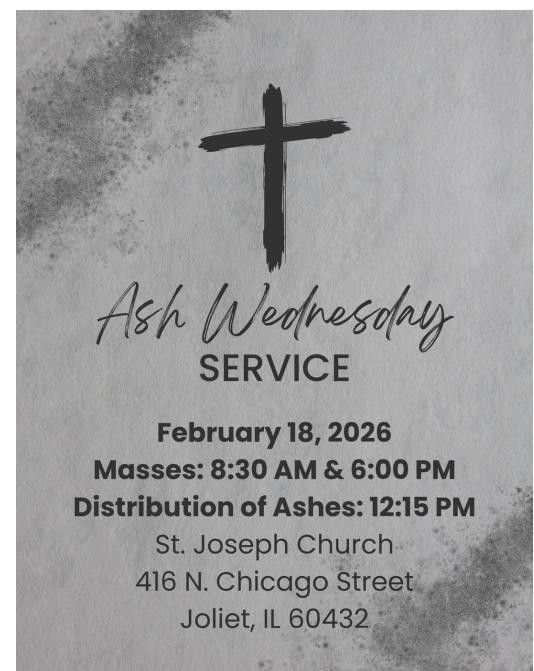
Jim Olznoi

**THE RECTORY AND
ADORATION
CHAPEL
WILL BE CLOSED
ON MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 16TH, FOR
PRESIDENTS DAY.**

WE LOOK FOWARD TO YOUR FEEDBACK.

**Our bulletin company, LPI,
has reformatted our parish
bulletin.**

**Please let us know your
thoughts on the new format
and how we can improve
upon it. Thank You!**



PRAYER & READINGS • 03

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 7

Vigil

4:00pm Art Hrvatin, 90th Birthday

4:00pm Anthony Smrekar

Sunday, February 8

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Joseph & Emerzia Shroba

8:30am Bob Vicich

10:30am Esther C. Lopez

10:30am Jim Olznoi

7:00pm For the Living & Deceased
Members of St. Joseph Parish

Monday, February 9

Weekday

8:30am Patricia & Jerome Levandowski

8:30am Sharon Planinsek, Health

Tuesday, February 10

Saint Scholastica, Virgin

8:30am Helen Dominicci

8:30am Andrew & Rose Hrvatin

Wednesday, February 11

Weekday, Our Lady of Lourdes,

World Day of the Sick

8:30am Kevin Hansen

8:30am Raymond Sameck

Thursday, February 12

Weekday

8:30am Rosalie Charletta

8:30am Fr. John Kranjec

8:30am Ursula Sass

Friday, February 13

Weekday

8:30am Jack Facinelli

8:30am Dorothy Juricic

Saturday, February 14

Vigil

4:00pm Earl Baxter, Jr.

4:00pm Don Jankowski

Sunday, February 15

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am For the Living & Deceased
Members of St. Joseph Parish

10:30am John & Marlene Ancel &
John W. Ancel

10:30am Mary Reposh

7:00pm Nicki Blowers

7:00pm Bob Vicich



WEEKLY READINGS

For the Week of February 8 - 15, 2026

Sunday

Is 58:7-10

1 Cor 2:1-5

Mt 5:13-16

Monday

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13

Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30

Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday

1 Kgs 10:1-10

Mk 7:14-23

Thursday

1 Kgs 11:4-13

Mk 7:24-30

Friday

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19

Mk 7:31-37

Saturday

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34

Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday

Sir 15:15-20

1 Cor 2:6-10

Mt 5:17-37 or Mt 5:20-
22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

Fr. Joe Atcher, O. Carm., Joe Babich, Anthony Bendy, Jen Bendy, Judy Bolte, Stephanie Cavanaugh, Erica Ceballos, Markie Cerda, Joe Cimfe, Vijay Devadas, Genevieve Dumyahn, Bruce Eggghoff, Linda Evans, Walter Ferguson, Sharon Boris Fonck, Amy Gahan, Lois Geary, Irene Gordan, Carolyn Grady, Jean Haas, Carrie Harth, Janet Horvath, Ray Hrvatin, Jake Jakovich Jr., Bob Keca, Joan Kernc, Gail Kolenc, Michael Kuhel, Richard Lenzen, Mary Loucks, Todd Lukas, Bettie Lustick, Frank Markun, Mary Ann Mavrin, Terry Meyer, Greg Munich, Judy Philbert, Sharon Planinsek, Rafael Quiroz, Deacon Dave & Jo Raskowski, Raymond Reinke, Lorraine Rolih, Nathan Roszyk, Julia Sarcletti, James Sefcik, Marcia Smith, Mickey Smith, Gavin Springsteen, Nancy Sraj, Kathryn Tamayo, Gerald Tezak, Nasciana Thompson, Diana Tyda, Kristina Valentino, Joyce Vicich, Ann Wojnarowski, Terry Ziesmer, for those in need of prayers, and those who have no one to pray for them.

OUR MILITARY PARISHIONERS

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

BULLETIN SICK LIST

We keep in our hearts and prayers those whose names are listed in our parish bulletin. If you or a loved one would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact the parish office.

Current names will be removed monthly, if we do not hear from you as space is limited.

04 • WORSHIP TOGETHER



BAPTISM

Class

The next Baptism Class is scheduled for Saturday, February 14, 2026, at 9:00 AM in Ferdinand Hall. To register, please call the rectory at 815-727-9378 at least one week prior.



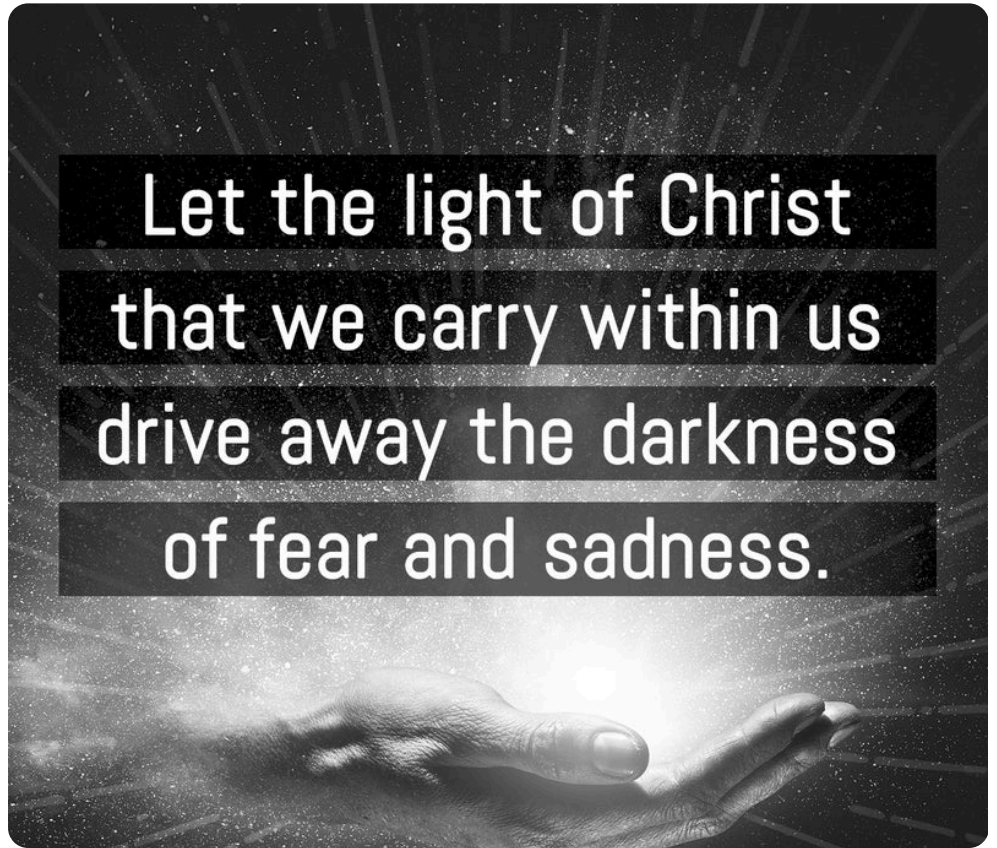
Sunday, February 8th



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

March 3, 2026

Spend an hour in His presence for Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph Church from 6-PM. **Confessions will be available during this Holy hour.**



EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

I recently watched the film adaptation of "Godspell" with my teenage daughter. I had such fond memories of watching it when I was young, back in the day. I listened to the sound-track so many times and learned to play many of the songs on my guitar. The exclamation from the show, "You are the light of the world!" has always been firmly planted in my mind.

After about ten minutes, my daughter looked at me with that look only a teenage girl can display. "What is this?" she asked with a certain level of condescension. Yes, the film did not hold up so well in the eyes of the twenty-first-century critic. So we laughed most of the way through it.

What attracted me to the film and the soundtrack in the first place wasn't Jesus in a Superman shirt or the idea of the apostles wondering around the urban jungle. I was attracted to the message. I was attracted to that assertion in the song, "You are the light of the world."

There will always be people who see the Gospel of Jesus Christ as dated, irrelevant, and even hokey. You and I are called to be the light of the world? Good stewards must never shy away from living lives that truly bear witness to the reality of the Gospel. The parables of Jesus have as much meaning for us today as ever. Look around. The world we live in needs a little light for sure.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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Calling all Prayer Warriors! We need YOU to help with Prayer Chain requests. Requests are shared via email. If interested, please call the rectory or email Judy at jhalsne@stjosephjoliet.org.

Weekly Calendar

February 8

8:30am Mass
10:30am Mass
7:00pm Mass
Gift Shop Open After All Masses
CMAA Announcement Weekend

February 9

8:30am Mass
9:00-10:00am Adoration Chapel

February 10

8:30am Mass
9:00-10:00am Adoration Chapel
5:00pm Worship Meeting,
Ferdinand Hall
5:30pm Religious Education, School
6:00pm SUA Meeting, Legion Room

February 11

8:30am Mass
8:00-11:00am Adoration Chapel

February 12

8:30am Mass
9:00-Noon Adoration Chapel

February 13

8:30am Mass
9:00-1:00am Adoration Chapel

February 14

9:00am Baptism Class
3:00pm Confessions, Chaplet
of Divine Mercy, Litany,
Rosary
4:00pm Mass
5:00pm Private Event, Park

February 15

8:30am Mass
10:30am Mass
11:30am OCIA, Ferdinand Hall
7:00pm Mass



Soup & Salad

Volunteers Needed

Join us following Stations of the Cross on Fridays, February 20-March 27 in Ferdinand Hall for Soup & Salad. Contact Liz Engelman for details at 815.236.8084



**The Gift Shop
will be open
this weekend,
February
7 & 8,
after all
Masses**



February 11th

Let us raise our prayers to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Health of the Sick, asking her to assist all who suffer and are in need of compassion, consolation and a listening ear. Let us seek her intercession with this ancient prayer, that has been invoked in families for those living with illness and pain:

*Sweet Mother, do not part from me.
Turn not your eyes away from me.
Walk with me at every moment
and never leave me alone.
You who always protect me
as a true Mother,
obtain for me the blessing of the Father,
Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

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ST. JOSEPH SENIORS

February Meeting

Important: Our February luncheon/meeting date has been changed to **February 25th**, due to Ash Wednesday occurring on our regular scheduled date. The Annual Fish Fry takes place on February 18th. Hope you are planning to attend! Please mark these dates on your calendar. If you made a reservation at the January meeting, thank you. If not, please call Mary Barrett @ 815-741-0358, no later than Sunday, February 22nd, to make a reservation or if you need to cancel this month. Bingo will be played after the meeting! Hope to see you at the luncheon!

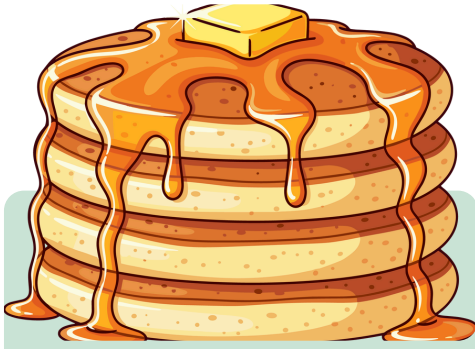


BAKING ROSKY WITH LIZ

**February 28th, 10AM-12:30PM,
St. Joe's Park**

Pronounced Roosh-ky, these treats are a treat anytime, but especially during Christmas. Have you ever wanted to learn how to make them? Liz Engelman will teach you how. Attendees are asked to bring a rolling pin and cutting board. *To register, please call Liz at 815.236.8084.*

06 • NEWS & EVENTS



PANCAKE BREAKFAST Sunday, February 15th

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
201 S. Briggs St., Joliet
8:00 AM until 12:30 PM in the Gym

Donation : Adults \$10
Kids and Veterans \$6

Fresh and Delicious All You Can Eat
Pancakes with Biscuits & Gravy,
Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Coffee, Milke
& Orange Juice



FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

Next Collection for
St. John's Food Pantry is
February 21st & 22nd

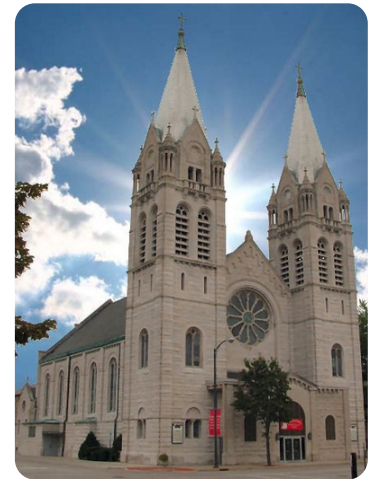
SLOVENIAN UNION OF AMERICA – BRANCH 20

Tuesday, February 10 at
6PM, St. Joseph Park

Member Georgene Agnich will
present a video on bobbin
lace-making from the
Slovenian Heritage Museum.
Hostesses are Georgene
Agnich and Liz Engelman.

REMEMBER ST. JOSEPH PARISH IN YOUR ESTATE PLANS

As stewards of God's gifts,
we have opportunities to
provide lasting legacies.
Imagine the possibilities if
every parishioner
remembered St. Joseph
Church, whatever the gift
amount, in their estate
plans. We are often solicited
by our alma maters, area
museums, zoos, nationwide
non-profit health related
organizations, and many
other non-profit
organizations to remember
them in our estate plans.
The Church and its
ministries, as an important
part of our parishioners lives,
should be at the forefront of
their thoughts when
designing their estate plans.
Your gift to St. Joseph
Church is appreciated and
will be used in accordance
to your wishes. For more
information, call the Rectory
at 815-727-9378.



ST. JOSEPH PRAYER GARDEN BRICKS

Last Call for Orders

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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Ash Wednesday Fish Fry

Hello everyone! It is
that time of year
where we begin
preparing for our Ash
Wednesday Fish Fry.
Students needing
service hours are
most welcome!

**Visit the Parish
website to click our
link to SignUpGenius
or call the rectory.**

stjosephjoliet.org

BAKERY NEEDED

Bakery is needed for
the Ash Wednesday
Fish Fry! Bakery can
be dropped off at
St. Joe's Park on:
Tuesday, February 17th
from 8AM-1PM;
Wednesday, February
18th from 8AM-Noon.
*Thank you in
advance for your
bakery donations.*

St. Joseph Church
Fish Fry

Ash Wednesday
February 18, 2026

Good Friday
April 3, 2026

11am - 6:30pm

CASH ONLY
Dine In or
Carryout

Hand Breaded Fried Cod 2 piece \$16	Golden Shrimp Basket 6 piece \$15	Mac 'n Cheese *Potato not included \$7
Hand Breaded Fried Cod 1 piece \$12	Combo 1 Cod 3 Shrimp \$17	Extra Piece of Cod \$6

*all dinners include Slovenian potatoes or baked potato, homemade coleslaw, bread & butter

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

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

Beyond All Expectations: Faith that Elevates!

Your gift to CMAA makes an impact!

The 2026 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) Opening Report is in today's bulletin. As Christians, we are called to elevate our faith beyond all expectations in service to our brothers and sisters in need.

Through the CMAA, we serve the most vulnerable in our community, and our parish benefits from many CMAA-supported ministries including vocations, Catholic education, and faith formation.

Our parish goal is **\$44,700**. The diocese returns 70% of any amount raised over goal to our parish. Please review your mailing from the Diocese of Joliet and prayerfully consider your gift. *Thank You!*



**ST. JOSEPH PARISH
INVITES YOU TO
JOIN US FOR
SUNDAY, 7:00 PM MASS!**

**Everyone is invited to worship
with us and encounter
Jesus Christ in His Sacraments.**

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

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

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



These ministries are significant to our Parish Life. We ask you to prayerfully consider becoming a Lector, Extraordinary Minister, and Sacristan.

For information, call the rectory at 815-727-9378.



PRAYER TO MAKE DISCIPLES

Ever loving God,
maker of all good things,
you made us in your image and
called us through baptism.
Give us now the grace to be made
into your disciples, and grant that
in being so made,
we will do as you have
commanded to go and make
other disciples as we catechize,
evangelize, and put our faith into
action. Through the intercession of
our patron, St. Francis Xavier,
St. Joseph,
the Blessed Virgin Mary
and all the saints,
we humbly make our prayer.
Amen.

PRAYER FOR LIFE



Pray. Learn. Serve. Take Action.

O Jesus, you came that we might have life—and have it in abundance. Together with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you form us in our mothers' wombs and call us to love you for all eternity.

As your most precious gift of human life is attacked, draw us ever closer to your Real Presence in the Eucharist. Dispel the darkness of the culture of death, for you are the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

By the power of your Eucharistic Presence, help us to defend the life of every human person at every stage. Transform our hearts to protect and cherish all whose lives are most vulnerable.

For you are God, forever and ever. Amen.