



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Joliet, Illinois

FEBRUARY 15, 2026 | SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome!

St. Joseph Church Catholic Church

416 N. Chicago Street
Joliet, IL 60432
815-727-9378
office@stjosephjoliet.org
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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6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother
will be liable to judgment." - Mt 5:22a**

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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."

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PARISH CLERGY

Pastor
Rev. John Hornicak
jhornicak@stjosephjoliet.org

Pastoral Vicar
Rev. Roger Kutzner
rkutzner@stjosephjoliet.org



STEWARDSHIP

February 8, 2026

Weekly Offering.....\$7,946.00
Weekly Budgeted.....\$8,173.00
Maintenance & Repair.....\$1,340.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

BULLETIN CONTENT

If you want to submit content to feature in the bulletin, please send to:
office@stjosephjoliet.org.
Content must be submitted on the Friday, at least two weeks prior to the requested date.

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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 J. Halsne, L. Michalak, K. Sefcik A. Koncar, B. Zelinski, D. Zelinski R. Churnovic, C. Kadela, D. Mackley L. Engelman
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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
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FEBRUARY 21 & 22

Lector 4:00 PM B. Schelli 8:30 AM C. Goetze 10:30 AM L. Orozco 7:00 PM J. Contorno	Extraordinary Ministers B. Schelli, M. Schelli, D. Zelinski M. Bruno, T. Osburn, S. Walters G. Dau, L. Engelman, J. Orozco B. Strahanoski
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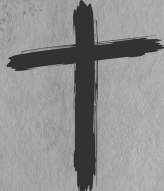
Daniel Bravo Avila
Julie Shreve
Cecil Underhill

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!



Ash Wednesday
SERVICE

February 18, 2026
Masses: 8:30 AM & 6:00 PM
Distribution of Ashes: 12:15 PM
St. Joseph Church
416 N. Chicago Street
Joliet, IL 60432

PRAYER & READINGS • 03

MASS INTENTIONS

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 Nikki Blowers

7:00pm Bob Vicich

Monday, February 16

Weekday

8:30am Marija Cebasek-Neubauer &

Parents

8:30am Phil Troha

Tuesday, February 17

Weekday

8:30am Rudolph Klancher

8:30am Sharon Planinsek, Special

Intention

Wednesday, February 18

Ash Wednesday

8:30am & 6:00pm

For the Living & Deceased

Members of St. Joseph Parish

12:15pm Distribution of Ashes S

Thursday, February 19

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

8:30am Stephen Kimak

8:30am Richard M. Wojnarowski (A)

Friday, February 20

Friday after Ash Wednesday

8:30am Joseph Gale

8:30am Art Hoff

Saturday, February 21

Vigil

4:00pm Frances M. Sefcik

4:00pm Karen Schmidberger

Sunday, February 22

1st Sunday of Lent

8:30am Frank Nemanich

8:30am Mr. & Mrs. Luis Zepeda

10:30am David & Barb Dornan

10:30am Ray Valentino

7:00pm For the Living & Deceased

Members of St. Joseph Parish



WEEKLY READINGS

For the Week of February 15 - 22, 2026

Sunday

Sir 15:15-20

1 Cor 2:6-10

Mt 5:17-37 or

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

Monday

Jas 1:1-11

Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday

Jas 1:12-18

Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday

Jl 2:12-18

2 Cor 5:20-6:2

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

Dt 30:15-20

Lk 9:22-25

Friday

Is 58:1-9a

Mt 9:14-15

Saturday

Is 58:9b-14

Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7

Rom 5:12-19 or Rom 5:12, 17-19

Mt 4:1-11



In Memoriam donations were received in honor of Patrick Briscoe. We thank Patrick's family and friends for their generosity.

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 Eagglhoff, Linda Evans, Walter Ferguson, Sharon Boris Fonck, Amy Gahan, Lois Geary, Irene Gordan, Carolyn Grady, Jean Haas, Carrie Harth, Janet Horvath, Ray Horvatin, 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, Nancy Sraj, Arleen Dusa Stahl, 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, April 11, 2026**, at 9:00 AM in Ferdinand Hall. To register, please call the rectory at 815-727-9378 at least one week prior.

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

Nicholas Joseph Keefer
Son of William and Nicole



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.



ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

A few years into my priesthood, I hit a wall. I had taken on too many commitments: Masses, meetings, ministries, projects. I couldn't keep up. I was double-booking, forgetting things, running late, and letting people down. My boss at the time, a wise priest, and our shared secretary, noticed. For my birthday, the two gave me a stack of 100 flashcards, each with one word printed in a different language: "NO." It was funny, but also painfully true. If I couldn't say no, my yes was in danger.

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus says, "Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the Evil One" (Matthew 5:37). He's not just giving advice about polite speech. He's showing us something about the freedom of Christian discipleship. The follower of Christ is called to speak clearly, simply, and honestly. There is joy in that kind of freedom.

The Church Fathers often linked this kind of straightforward truthfulness with spiritual maturity. The devil is the father of lies, but Jesus is the Word made flesh. When we hedge, flatter, exaggerate, or avoid, we open space for the shadows to creep in. That little stack of flashcards reminded me that God does not want us enslaved to the expectations of others or to the fear of disappointing them. He wants us to enjoy the peace of saying yes and meaning it, and saying no, and meaning it, too.

Lenten Challenge: Practice one moment of honest, peaceful speech this week. Maybe it's a sincere "yes" to something important, or a humble "no" to something you cannot do. Let it be a quiet step into the freedom Jesus offers.

— Father John Muir
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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!

PRAYER CHAIN

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 15

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

February 16

8:30am Mass
Rectory & Adoration Chapel is Closed

February 17

8:30am Mass
9:00-10:00am Adoration Chapel
5:30pm Religious Education, School
Pro Life Meeting, 6:30pm,
Ferdinand Hall

February 18

8:30am Ash Wednesday Mass
Adoration Chapel is Closed
11am-6:30pm Ash Wednesday Fish
Fry, St. Joe's Park
12:15pm Distribution of Ashes
6:00pm Ash Wednesday Mass

February 19

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

February 20

8:30am Mass
9:00-1:00am Adoration Chapel
6:00pm Stations of the Cross
followed by Soup &
Salad in Ferdinand Hall

February 21

3:00pm Confessions, Chaplet
of Divine Mercy, Litany,
Rosary
4:00pm Mass
Food Pantry Collection

February 22

8:30am Mass
10:30am Mass
7:00pm Mass
Food Pantry Collection



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



Parishioners are encouraged to bring their old palm branches to Church throughout the month of February. A box is located in the rear of the Church by the usher's table.

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

**Wednesdays,
Starting February 25th
Noon to 1PM
St. Joseph Church,
Joliet**

SAINT CYRIL & SAINT METHODIUS

"Cyril and Methodius must have wondered, as we do today, how God could bring spiritual meaning out of worldly concerns. Every mission they went on, every struggle they fought was a result of political battles, not spiritual, and yet the political battles are forgotten and their work lives on in the Slavic peoples and their literature." ~ Catholic Online

SAINT VALENTINE

A kind-hearted Roman priest, St. Valentine aided young Christians being persecuted by Claudius II and was imprisoned. While in custody, he converted 46 members of a guards family to Christianity. Upon discovering this Claudius sentenced St. Valentine to death. His is the patron of love, young people, and happy marriage.

St. Joseph Parish, Joliet

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAYS, DURING LENT
beginning February 20th

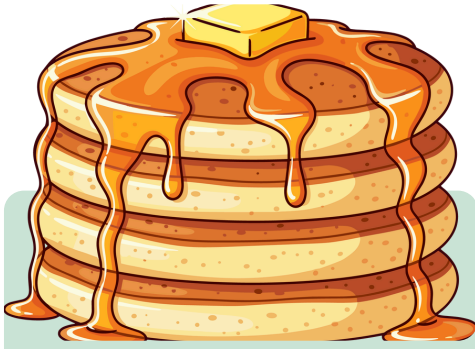
6:00 PM

Walk the Way of the Cross with Our Lord

Everyone is invited.

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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, Milk
& Orange Juice

BAKERY NEEDED Ash Wednesday Fish Fry

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.*



FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION

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

Ash Wednesday Fish Fry

February 18, 2026

**11:00 AM-6:30PM
St. Joe's Park,
700 Theodore St. Joliet**

CASH ONLY (Dine In or Carry Out)

- Hand Breaded Fried Cod: 2 Piece \$16/ 1 Piece \$12
- Golden Shrimp Basket (6) \$15
- Combo: 1 Cod & 3 Shrimp \$17
- Mac 'n Cheese \$7 (*potato not included*)
- Extra Piece of Cod \$6

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



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.*

The family of Gavin Springsteen would like to thank the St. Joseph Parish family for all the prayers and support given to Gavin and his family during his battle with stage 4 high risk neuroblastoma. Gavin passed from this life to the next February 4th at the age of 9.

His mother, Allie wrote: "Our sweet angel went to be with Jesus this morning. After 1,966 days of fighting, he no longer needs to fight. He never got to be cancer-free or ring the bell- it was always a constant battle for him." Gavin is the great-nephew of the Michalak family from St. Joseph Parish. Many of our parishioners followed Gavin on the Facebook account Gavin Strong III as well as prayed for him through the parish prayer chain and bulletin prayer list.

Please continue to pray for Gavin's parents, Michael and Allie, his siblings, and for all who love him. To Gavin's family, may you feel God's love surround you especially during this time. May you continue to feel our love and prayers. It was an honor to be a part of Gavin's life. God bless you all.



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!*



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.



**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.



Pro-Life Meeting

Tuesday, February 17th,
6:30 PM in
Ferdinand Hall
*New members are
always welcome.*

