



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Joliet, Illinois

MARCH 29, 2026 | PALM SUNDAY

Welcome!

St. Joseph Church Catholic Church

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MASS SCHEDULE

Weekend Masses

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

Weekday Masses

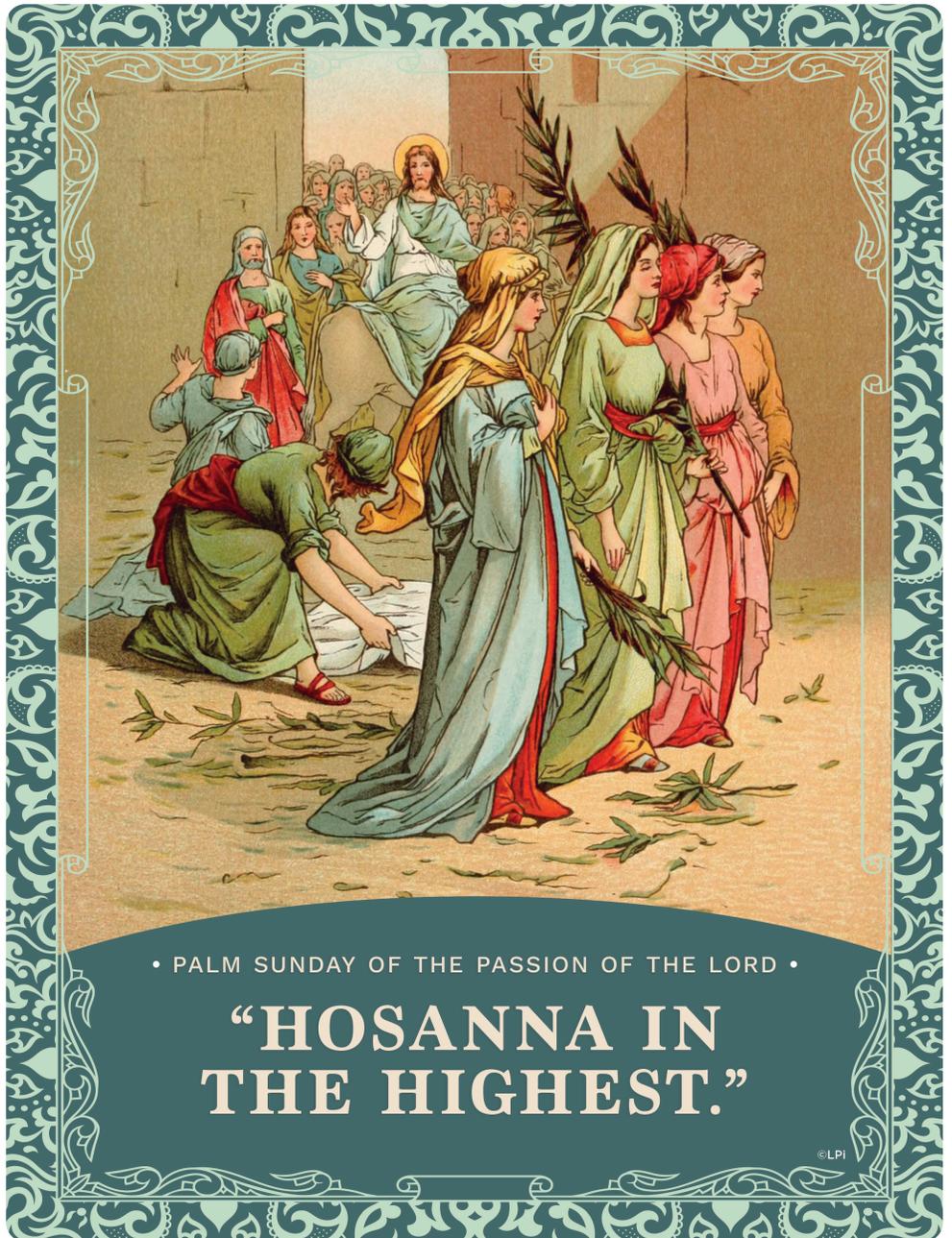
Monday	8:30 am
Tuesday	8:30 am
Wednesday	8:30 am
Thursday	8:30 am
Friday	8:30 am

Confession

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

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and follow the link.
Thank you!



• PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD •

“HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.”

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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

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

March 28 & 29 - Palm Sunday

Lector

4:00 PM J. Halsne, M. Mijan, S. Vanisko
8:30 AM Dcn. Eric, C. Goetze, M. Gurka
10:30 AM Dcn. Eric, C. Kadela, D. Mackley
7:00 PM J. Contorno, B. Strahanoski, M. Strahanoski

Extraordinary Ministers

4:00 PM E. Bravo, J. Halsne, K. Sefcik
8:30 AM Dcn. Eric, A. Koncar, D. Zelinski
10:30 AM Dcn. Eric, R. Churnovic, D. Mackley
7:00 PM B. Strahanoski

April 2 - Holy Thursday

Lector

7:00 PM S. Vanisko

Extraordinary Ministers

Dcn. Eric, N. Churnovic, R. Churnovic

April 3 - Good Friday

Lector

3:00 PM H. Snyder & M. Mijan

Extraordinary Ministers

Dcn. Eric, D. Mackley, K. Sefcik

April 4 - Easter Vigil

Lector

7:00 PM M. Bruno & B. Schelli

Extraordinary Ministers

Dcn. Eric, B. Schelli, M. Schelli, K. Sefcik

April 5 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Lector

8:30 AM M. Budzinski
10:30 AM D. Mackley
7:00 PM P. Draksler

Extraordinary Ministers

V. Gale, S. Walters, **EM Needed**
Dcn. Eric, C. Kadela, J. Orozco
J. Halsne



STEWARDSHIP

March 22, 2026

Weekly Offering..... \$8,288.00
Weekly Budgeted..... \$8,173.00
Maintenance & Repair..... \$ 835.00
Additional..... \$1,259.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

The rectory will close at noon on Holy Thursday, April 2nd, and will reopen at 7:30 am, Tuesday, April 7th. We wish you a blessed, joyous Easter!

Adoration Chapel will be closed March 30-April 7th in preparation of Easter. The Adoration Chapel will reopen on Wednesday, April 8th.



FLAME OF FAITH

Larry Grein
Thomas Kemp
Juan Sanchez Ramirez

The 2nd Collections this week are:

April 3, Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land

April 4 & 5, Maintenance & Repair



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 28

Vigil

- 4:00pm John Bolte
(Theresa Chaloka & Sharon Planinsek)
4:00pm Rev. Raymond Garbin (Altar & Rosary)
4:00pm Judith Planinc (B) (Family)

Sunday, March 29

Palm Sunday

- 8:30am For the Living & Deceased Members of
St. Joseph Parish
10:30am Nan Horvatin (Family)
10:30am Frank Nemanich (Huston Family)
7:00pm Amos Stackhouse (Family)
7:00pm Michael Terdic Jr. & Robert Terdic (Family)

Monday, March 30

Monday of Holy Week

- 8:30am Mark Michalak, Special Intentions
(Michalak Family)
8:30am Mr. & Mrs. Luis Zepeda (Family)

Tuesday, March 31

Tuesday of Holy Week

- 8:30am Kevin Hansen (Mike & Beth Hansen)
8:30am Sharon Planinsek, Special Intention (Mag)

Wednesday, April 1

Wednesday of Holy Week

- 8:30am Robert Bolte (Family)
8:30am Louis Clavenna (Wife & Family)
8:30am Bob Vicich (John Gudac)

Thursday, April 2

Thursday of Holy Week (Holy Thursday)

- 8:30am No Morning Mass
7:00pm For All the Priests Who Served at St. Joseph
Parish

Friday, April 3

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

- 3:00pm Service & Veneration of the Cross

Saturday, April 4

Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil

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

Sunday, April 5

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

- 8:30am For the Living & Deceased Members of
St. Joseph Parish
10:30am For the Living & Deceased Members of
St. Joseph Parish
7:00pm For the Living & Deceased Members of
St. Joseph Parish

WEEKLY READINGS

For the Week of March 29 – April 5, 2026

Sunday

Mt 21:1-11
Is 50:4-7
Phil 2:6-11
Mt 26:14-27:66 or
Mt 27:11-54

Monday

Is 42:1-7
Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday

Is 49:1-6
Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday

Is 50:4-9a
Mt 26:14-25

Thursday

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14
1 Cor 11:23-26
Jn 13:1-15



Friday

Is 52:13-53:12
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9
Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday

Gn 1:1-2:2 or Gn 1:1, 26-31a
Gn 22:1-18 or
Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18
Ex 14:15-15:1
Is 54:5-14

Is 55:1-11

Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4
Ex 36: 16-17a, 18-28

Rom 6:3-11

Mt 28:1-10

Next Sunday

Acts 10:34a, 37-43
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8
Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10
Evening Mass: Lk 24:13-35

THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

Fr. Tim Andres, O. Carm., 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, 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., Jean Kraus Just, Bob Keca, Joan Kernc, Michael Kuhel, Richard Lenzen, Mary Loucks, Todd Lukas, Bettie Lustick, Frank Markun, Mary Ann Mavrin, Greg Munich, Angela Pantoja, Judy Philbert, Sharon Planinsek, Susan Platts, Rafael Quiroz, Deacon Dave & Jo Raskowski, Raymond Reinke, Lorraine Rohli, Nathan Roszyk, Julia Sarcletti, James Sefcik, Marcia Smith, Mickey Smith, Rosemary Sochen, 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

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.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

April 7, 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.



CONFESSIONS

Last Opportunity before Easter.

Wednesday, April 1st
Noon to 1PM



GOSPEL MEDITATION – ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Just prior to this week’s Passion narrative in St. Matthew’s Gospel, there is a small, striking story describing a woman’s scandalous action toward Jesus: “A woman came up to him with an alabaster jar of costly perfumed oil, and poured it on his head” (Matthew 26:7). The ointment was pure nard, worth more than 300 denarii. A year’s wages. Maybe a dowry, maybe a family inheritance. In any case, she breaks it. She does not measure or ration. She pours it all out, irreversibly, over Jesus. Why does this image begin Holy Week?

Because what she does with the jar, Jesus will soon do with his life. The jar must be broken so the fragrance can be released. Jesus’ body will be broken so his priceless divine and human love can be poured out. She gives everything, just as he is about to give everything. And He sees it: “She has done a good thing for me” (Matthew 26:10). Her act is lavish, impractical, scandalous in its apparent wastefulness. And he loves it. It is what Holy Week is all about.

What jar are you still holding onto? Your time? Your comfort? Your plan for how life should go? Don’t just wave palms today. Let yourself be broken open so your love, too, can be poured out.

— Father John Muir

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Holy Thursday – Nearby Church Adoration Times

St. Joseph Church, Joliet

Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus, Joliet

St. Mary Nativity Church, Joliet

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Joliet

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, Joliet

St. John the Baptist Church, Joliet

Queen of Apostles Church, Joliet

St. Ann Church, Channahon

St. Carlo Acutis Parish, Crest Hill

St. Andrew the Apostle, Romeoville

Holy Family Church, Shorewood

Immaculate Conception, Morris

St. Joseph Church, Lockport

St. Mary Immaculate, Plainfield

Until Midnight

Until 10:00PM

Until 11:30PM

After 7PM in the Hall

Until 10:00PM

9:00PM- 11:20PM

Until Midnight

1 hour after 7PM Mass

7:30PM-10:00PM

8:30PM-11:30PM

8:00PM-Midnight

7:30PM - 10:00PM

Until 10:30PM

Until Midnight in the Hall

HAPPENING THIS MONTH • 05

Weekly Calendar

March 28

3:00pm Confessions, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Litany, Rosary
4:00pm Mass
Gift Shop Open after Mass

March 29

8:30am Mass
10:30am Mass
OCIA, Church
7:00pm Mass
Gift Shop Open after all Masses

Confessions at OLPH following 10:30am Mass

March 30

8:30am Mass
Adoration Chapel, Closed

March 31

8:30am Mass
Adoration Chapel, Closed
No Religious Education Classes

April 1

8:30am Mass
Adoration Chapel, Closed
Noon -1:00pm Confessions
5:00pm Altar Server Triduum Training

April 2

Adoration Chapel, Closed
7:00pm Holy Thursday Mass
Church will remain open until Midnight

April 3

Good Friday Fish Fry, 11:00am - 6:30pm
3:00pm Good Friday Service & Veneration of the Cross

Good Friday Collection is for the Holy Land

April 4

11:30am Blessing of Easter Food
7:00pm Easter Vigil Mass
2nd Collection is for Maintenance & Repair

April 5

8:30am Mass
10:30am Mass
7:00pm Mass
2nd Collection is for Maintenance & Repair

The Gift Shop will be open, March 28th & 29th, after All Masses

EASTER TRIDUUM SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper

April 2nd, 7:00 PM followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until Midnight

Good Friday Service & Veneration of the Cross

April 3rd, 3:00 PM

Good Friday Fish Fry

April 3rd, 11:00 AM-6:30 PM at St. Joseph Park

Blessing of Easter Food

Holy Saturday, April 4th, 11:30 AM

Easter Vigil Mass

Holy Saturday, April 4th, 7:00 PM

Easter Sunday Masses

April 5th, 8:30 AM, 10:30 AM & 7:00 PM



PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION APRIL 3, 2026

During Holy Week, the Gospel readings come to life in a special way as we gather to celebrate the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The readings remind us of our special connection to the Holy Land.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection offers all Catholics an opportunity to express their solidarity with Christians in the Holy Land. A donation to the Holy Father's annual appeal is a direct way to make a difference in the lives of Christians. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.custodia.org and www.myfranciscan.org.

HOMECOMING RAFFLE TICKETS



Homecoming Raffle Tickets will be mailed in the coming weeks. Be sure to check your mailbox so you don't miss out on the chance to win the Early Bird Prize!

The raffle is a major part of our annual Homecoming Fair, bringing much needed funds. Thank you in advance for your support!

St. Joseph Church
Fish Fry

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

PARISH PICNIC & HOMECOMING FAIR NEWS

Liquor Booth

Monetary donations are being sought for the Liquor Booth at the Fair.

Altar & Rosary Booth

We are once again accepting new and unused donated prizes for our Fair booth.

Basket Booth Donations Being Accepted

We are accepting donations for baskets or completed baskets to be raffled. Please call Judy Kendziora (815-838-6496) with questions.

All donations can be brought to the rectory.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

It's not too early!

Volunteers are needed for the for the annual Parish Picnic & Homecoming Fair on Sunday, June 22nd.

A couple hours of your time will make the world of difference to the success of our picnic. There are many areas in which to help: bingo, children's area, outside kitchen, beer garden, basket booth, ticket booths, and much more.

Please call the rectory to reserve your time slot. Thank you!

HOMECOMING REUNION CLASSES

Anniversary Classes and the pictures we are missing:

- 25th - Class of 2001
- 50th - Class of 1976
(need First Communion (1970) picture)
- 75th - Class of 1951
(need First Communion (1945) picture)

If you have updated contact information for any of the members of these classes or know where we can get the pictures we need, please contact the rectory or email Ray & Annette Koncar rfjma@yahoo.com.

St. Joseph Church
Parish Picnic & Homecoming Fair



JOHN CHURNOVIC & THE SLIVO EXPRESS
12:30-3:00PM
Fueled by plum brandy & old-world charm, this polka band is the unstoppable party train of the midwest, performing on the small bandstand



RAY KONCAR & THE BOYS
3:30-6:00PM
Polka, ballads, standards, folk, country & rock performing on the small bandstand



THE BAND SUNDANCE
7:00-10:00PM
The best music of the 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's and today, rock, classic rock, R&B, funk and dance performing on the small bandstand



HILLBILLY ROCKSTARZ
6:00-9:00PM
Mashing up influences from Country, Pop, Rock and Dance combined with high energy live music on the main stage on the hill

SUNDAY JUNE 28, 2026
NOON - 10:00PM

 Polka Mass at the Grotto 11:00am	 Bingo 3-6:00pm	 Beer Garden
 Pork Dinner 12-3:00pm	 Kids games	 Pizza, Pepper Steaks, Smokies, Hot Dogs, Chips
 Food Drive at the Grotto Chapel 10:30am-12:30pm	 Raffles	 Reunion years 1951, 1976, 2001

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



Catholic Spirit Radio (89.3 FM) is an important resource in our parish community. Please support them by listening and donating during their upcoming LIVE broadcast of their **Care-a-thon** on **April 7-10th**, 7am-6pm. The theme is "HOLY HEROES" so you can expect four days of special stories about heroes like saints, angels, family, and community members. Additionally, there will be thank you gifts, giveaways (including a Grand Giveaway Vacation Package), and lots of fun! Listen on the radio or by using the Catholic Spirit Talk Radio app, catholicspiritradio.com, Alexa, or Facebook livestream. They are a non-profit, listener-supported organization celebrating 15 years of broadcasting, sharing the beauty, truth, and goodness of Catholicism!



Filled Rice Bowls can be returned and placed on the usher's tables in Church. Thank you for your generosity in assisting Catholic Relief Services in their life-saving work.

MANDATORY ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Altar servers who are serving the Triduum Masses are required to attend training on Wednesday, April 1st at 5:00pm. It is important that all who are serving Holy Week attend this practice. Please call the rectory, 815-727-9378, to confirm that you will be there.



GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY BAKERY NEEDED!!



Bakery can be dropped off at St. Joe's Park on Wednesday, April 1st from 8:00 am - 2pm or Thursday, April 2nd, 8:00am - 11:00 am



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.

Respect Life



Pray. Learn. Serve. Take Action.

"On Good Friday, we remember a life freely given so that all might live — a reminder that every life, from its first heartbeat to its final breath, is sacred and worth protecting."