



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Joliet, Illinois

MAY 17, 2026 | THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Welcome!

St. Joseph Church Catholic Church

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Joliet, IL 60432
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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

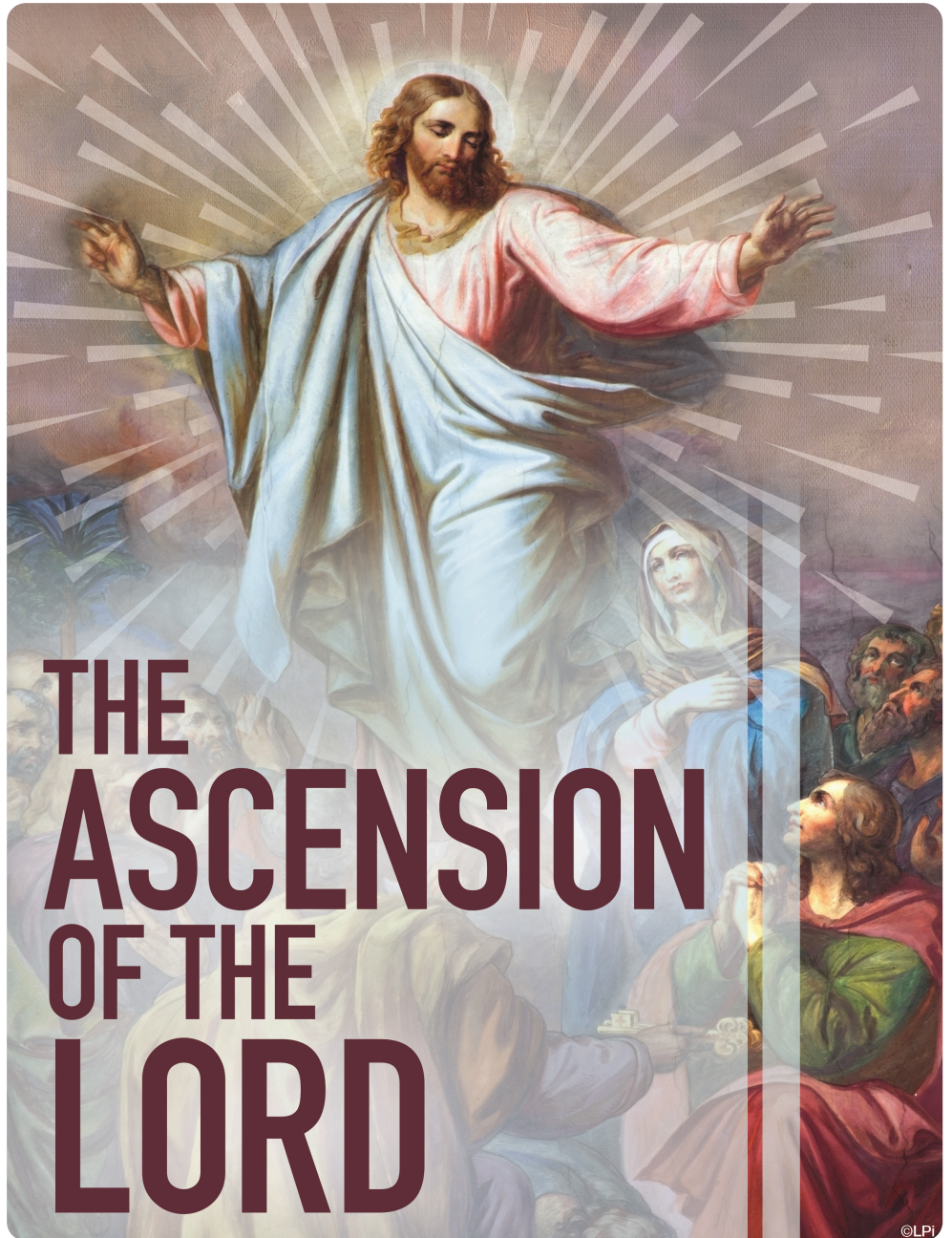
Monday	8:30 am
Tuesday	8:30 am
Wednesday	8:30 am
Thursday	8:30 am
Friday	8:30 am

Confession

Wednesday	Noon-1:00pm
Saturday	3:00 pm - 3:30pm
Other	By Appointment

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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
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Pastoral Vicar

Rev. Roger Kutzner
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STEWARDSHIP

May 10, 2026

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

Thank you for your continued generosity!



BAPTISM CLASS

The next Baptism Class is scheduled for **Saturday, June 13, 2026** at 9:00 AM in Ferdinand Hall. To register, please call the rectory at 815.727.9378 at least one week prior.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

May 16 & 17

Lector

4:00 PM D. Dodson
8:30 AM G. Walters
10:30 AM H. Snyder
7:00 PM P. Draksler

Extraordinary Ministers

E. Bravo, D. Dodson, K. Sefcik
Deacon Eric, A. Koncar, S. Walters
Deacon Eric, C. Kadela, D. Mackley
V. Gale

May 23 & 24

Lector

4:00 PM S. Vanisko
8:30 AM C. Goetze
10:30 AM N. Szalinski
7:00 PM M. Strahanoski

Extraordinary Ministers

E. Bravo, B. Schelli, M. Schelli
V. Gale, C. Goetze, T. Osburn
N. Churnovic, R. Churnovic, G. Dau
B. Strahanoski



FLAME OF FAITH

Living & Deceased Members of
St. Joseph Parish
Richard & Mary Kubinski
Jim Olznoi



MARRIAGE BANNS

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

**III Marcos Singletary & Ellysa SanPedro
May 23, 2026**

**II Alex Sakleh & Karime Martinez
May 30, 2026**



Marija Pomagaj Mass

Wednesday, May 27, 2026, 6:30 PM

Followed by a reception in Ferdinand Hall.
Sponsored by St. Joseph, St. Francis de Sales,
St. John the Baptist KSKJ Lodges

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 16

Vigil

4:00pm Health & Blessings, Wellington Jackson
(Michalak Family)

4:00pm Jim Olznoi (A) (Joanie Olznoi & Family)

Sunday, May 17

The Ascension of the Lord

8:30am Patricia Levandowski (Ann Levandowski)

8:30am Ursula Sass (Family)

10:30am For the Living & Deceased Members of
St. Joseph Parish on the 135th Anniversary

7:00pm Nicki Blowers (Bob & Debby Komp)

7:00pm Alyssa Shields (Family)

Monday, May 18

Easter Weekday

8:30am Mr. & Mrs. Theodore DeMarco
(Arthur & Nikki Hrvatin)

8:30am Sister Harriet Tezak (Arthur & Nikki Hrvatin)

Tuesday, May 19

Easter Weekday

8:30am Mary (B) & Richard Kubinski (Peggy Kubinski)

8:30am Mike Slovick (Pete & Terry Pilon)

Wednesday, May 20

Easter Weekday

8:30am Domingo Baldivia (A) (Joe, Mandy & Family)

8:30am Bob Eberhard, Jr. (Mary Fran Smaron)

Thursday, May 21

Easter Weekday

8:30am Kevin Hansen (Mike & Beth Hansen)

8:30am Walter Lustik (A) (Wife & Family)

Friday, May 22

Easter Weekday

8:30am Virginia Papesh (B) (McGinnis Family)

8:30am Juliann Torkar Teasdale
(Ruthann Baskerville)

Saturday, May 23

Vigil

4:00pm Deceased Members of the Joseph & Pauline
Russ Family (Family)

4:00pm Eunice Ward (Joan Siegel)

Sunday, May 24

Pentecost Sunday

8:30am Helen Brozovich (A)
(Ron Brozovich & Sandy Gregorash)

8:30am Maria Masterson (Jane & Chuck Corso)

10:30am For the Living & Deceased Members of
St. Joseph Parish

7:00pm Mary Lou Kronke (Family)

7:00pm Lucia Martinez (A) (Family)

7:00pm Bernadine Rutkowski
(Theresa Chaloka & Sharon Planinsek)

WEEKLY READINGS

For the Week of
May 17 - 24, 2026



Sunday

Acts 1:1-11

Eph 1:17-23

Mt 28:16-20

Monday

Acts 19:1-8

Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday

Acts 20:17-27

Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday

Acts 20:28-38

Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday

Acts 22:30;23:6-11

Jn 17:20-26

Friday

Acts 25:13b-21

Jn 21:15-19

Saturday

Acts 28:16-20,3-31

Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday

Acts 2:1-11

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

Jn 20:19-23

THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

Fr. Tim Andres, O. Carm., Fr. Joe Atcher, O. Carm., Joe Babich, Judy Bolte, 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., Bob Keca, Joan Kernc, Gail Kolenc, Michael Kuhel, Richard Lenzen, Mary Loucks, Todd Lukas, Bettie Lustick, Frank Markun, Mary Ann Mavrin, Greg Munich, Sharon Planinsek, Rafael Quiroz, Deacon Dave & Jo Raskowski, Nathan Roszyk, Julia Sarcletti, James Sefcik, Kathleen Smith, Marcia Smith, Mickey Smith, Nancy Sraj, Gerald Tezak, Nasciana Thompson, Diana Tyda, Joyce Vicich, 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, 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

NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome the following individuals into our parish family. May the Holy Spirit guide them throughout their lives and may our gracious and loving God bless them always.

Robert Decman
Ed Duffy
Nansi Delilah Pintor
Luis Pintor
Luis E. Pintor, Jr.

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From the Pastor's Desk



By the grace of the Holy Spirit, the Church seem to have been blessed with a good number of Baptisms this year. Let us pray that this underserved gift continues and grows like the proverbial mustard seed.

That prayer is one we must make for ourselves too, of course, for our own Baptism is like the weeding and preparation of "good soil" into which the seeds of grace are planted. But we must cooperate with that grace for the new growth to flourish. The cleansing of Baptism is only a first step - and in an important sense, a first step toward the Cross. Baptism gives us the grace to take up the Cross.

It has long been a tradition in the Church to connect Baptism and the Cross. As St. Paul writes in *Romans 6*, "all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death," so that "as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."

We must put to death "the old man" says Paul in Ephesians 4 - the "old man" with its pride, greed, and lust for domination - and rise to put on the "new man," re-made in the image of Christ. But Paul is not making things up on his own authority. He is proclaiming "what had been handed on to him." Let me explain.

Pope Benedict, in his wonderful exposition of the Baptism of Jesus in *Jesus of Nazareth*, asks the question which many have asked: If Baptism is a confession of sins and a putting off of the old, sinful life to receive a new one, is this something Jesus could do? If Jesus was sinless (and He was), why does he get baptized? Indeed, John the Baptist says: "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus replies: "Let it be so now; for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."

"Looking at the events in light of the Cross and Resurrection," wrote Benedict, "the Christian people realized what happened: Jesus loaded the burden of all mankind's guilt upon his shoulders; he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan. He inaugurated his public activity by stepping into the place of sinners. His inaugural gesture is an anticipation of the Cross." He "fulfills all righteousness" with His complete yes to God's will, even to death on the Cross.

Pope Benedict notes three aspects of Jesus's Baptism.

The first is that, as Jesus rises from the waters: "Heaven stands open above Jesus. His communion of will with the Father, his fulfillment of 'all righteousness,' opens heaven, which is essentially the place where God's will is perfectly fulfilled.

The second aspect is "the proclamation of Jesus' mission by God the Father: not only in what He does but by who He is. He is "the beloved Son" who does the will of the Father.

The third aspect of the scene, finally, is the descent of the Holy Spirit. With this, writes Benedict, we find the mystery of the Trinitarian God "beginnings to emerge."

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To some people, the doctrine of the Trinity is a confusing jumble. Why bother with “three persons in one Being?” Can’t we just talk about “God”? We can, and we do, but then we lose something of the inner dynamic character of God.

It is important to understand that God is a threefold communion of love being shared for all eternity between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. That divine love has been extended to us by the Son who takes on our humanity, “becomes flesh,” and dwells among us. This is a transformative love so great that it can transcend even sin and death.

“It is to your benefit that I go away,” Jesus tells his disciples. How could that be better? Because if He does not go, then everyone would constantly be going to *Him* for more bread, more healing, more miracles.

But then we would not be transformed. We are to be the “members” of Christ’s Body in the world. We are to be Christ’s hands, feet, and eyes now.

We do not do this alone. Christ’s promise is that, when He has gone, he will send the Holy Spirit to “spread charity abroad in our hearts” so that we, like Him, “can fulfill all righteousness;” we too can be instruments of God’s will and God’s love.

But we cannot be those instruments of love if we hold onto the “old man” of selfishness and greed and the lust for domination. Those things must be cleansed away. And yet, if it were easy, everyone would be doing it. If it were easy, God would not have had to sacrifice Himself on a Cross.

The thing about that surrender of our selfishness, however- taking that heavy burden of the Cross on ourselves - is that, although at first, we feel its weight, in time, the Cross we think we are bearing is actually lifting us up.

So, when you dip your finger in that holy water font going into the church, you remember we are a baptized people, baptized into Christ’s death and resurrection.

Then you make the Sign of the Cross and say, “In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.” When you do this, whether you think consciously about it or not, you have proclaimed in that gesture the essence of the Christian faith - Baptism, the Cross, the Triune God - even though you have barely crossed the threshold of the church.

You have repeated the essential things, now you are ready to go in and listen and enter more fully into that communion into which we are being invited by a God whose love can reach even into the depths of the most sinful soul.

Weekly Calendar

May 16

3:00pm Confessions, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Litany, Rosary

4:00pm Mass

May 17

8:30am Mass

10:30am 135th Anniversary Mass

12:00pm 135th Anniversary Dinner, Park

7:00pm Mass

May 18

8:30am Mass

9:00-10:00am Adoration Chapel

6:00pm SUA Meeting, Park

May 19

8:30am Mass

9:00-10:00am Adoration Chapel

12:00pm St. Joe’s Seniors, Park

5:00pm Finance Meeting, Rectory

May 20

8:30am Mass

9:00am-11:00am Adoration Chapel

Noon -1:00pm Confessions

May 21

8:30am Mass

9:00-Noon Adoration Chapel

May 22

8:30am Mass

9:00-11:00am Adoration Chapel

5:30pm Wedding Rehearsal

May 23

9:00am Funeral

1:00pm Wedding

3:00pm Confessions, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Litany, Rosary

4:00pm Mass

May 24

8:30am, 10:30am, & 7:00pm Masses

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HOMECOMING RAFFLE TICKETS



Thank you to all who have returned their raffle tickets. If you have not returned yours, please do so now! Don't miss out on your chance to win the Early Bird drawing.

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

Early Bird Deadline is May 31st.

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.

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 donations of new and unused 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 (815-545-7024) with questions.

All donations can be brought to the rectory.

Bakery donations will be accepted the day of the Fair.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Have you signed up to work a shift or two yet?

Volunteers are needed for the for the annual Parish Picnic & Homecoming Fair on Sunday, June 28th.

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 or click the SignUp Genius link on the website to reserve your time slot. Thank you!

St. Joseph Holy Name Society has started selling the 2026/2027 - 240 Raffle tickets

Two \$100 winners are drawn for each month for twelve months. Only 240 tickets will be sold for \$20 each. To purchase a ticket, contact a Holy Name officer or use the form below. As always, the Holy Name Society thanks you for your support.

Send your completed form with \$20 per ticket purchased, with a check made out to St. Joseph Church to: Bradley Petrella, 24007 Majestic Dr, Minooka, Il 60447.

Thank you for your support of this fundraiser for the Holy Name Society!

2026-2027

HNS 240 Raffle

Two \$100 Winners

Each Month for One Year

Only 240 Tickets Sold

\$20 per ticket

Thank you for supporting

St. Joseph Holy Name Society

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Winners need not be present to win. Valid for 12 months.

Good Luck!

2026-2027 Raffle



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Foster Grandparent Program: Volunteers Needed

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet is now accepting applications for its Foster Grandparent Program. Volunteers serve in Head Start sites and local schools in Will County, providing support and encouragement to children in the classroom. New volunteer training will take place on June 29–30 and July 13–14, with placements beginning in August and September. Eligible volunteers may receive a tax-free stipend, along with training and support.

Apply by June 1. Space is limited.

For more information or to apply, contact Deb Sirek at 815-724-1157 or dsirek@cc-doj.org



ST. JOSEPH PRO-LIFE BABY SHOWER
Benefiting Birthright of Joliet

Help us fill the crib located in the back of Church with new, unwrapped gifts for mom and baby.

Items Needed: Diapers, sizes 4 & 5
Baby Wash 18 & 24 month Sleepers
Baby Shampoo 12, 18, & 24 month socks
18 & 24 month girls summer outfits
18 & 24 month boy summer outfits

ST. JOSEPH PARISH SURVEY

We want your feedback!
Scan the QR code below for the **“MAKE”** Disciples Survey. Paper copies of the survey can be found at all entrances of the church.



SLOVENIAN UNION OF AMERICA—BRANCH 20
Tuesday, May 19, 6:00pm Meeting,
St. Joseph Park

We will close our year with a banquet honoring our **2025 Member of the Year**. During a short program at 6:00 pm, **Spiritual Advisor Father Tom Paul** will read a special tribute to **Our Lady of Brezje** and our Member of the Year will be recognized. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Musical entertainment will be provided. Invitations will be sent in advance. Everyone is welcome.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

CMAA Pledge Report for St. Joseph Church, Joliet

Monthly pledge payments are due in the next few days. These Payments are essential to reaching our parish goal. Once we reach our goal in paid pledges, 70% of the amount over goal will be returned to our parish for our needs.

PARISH GOAL: \$44,700

AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$46,398	AMOUNT PAID: \$37,625
REMAINING BALANCE: \$8,773	REBATE AMOUNT: 0

