



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Joliet, Illinois

JULY 12, 2026 | 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

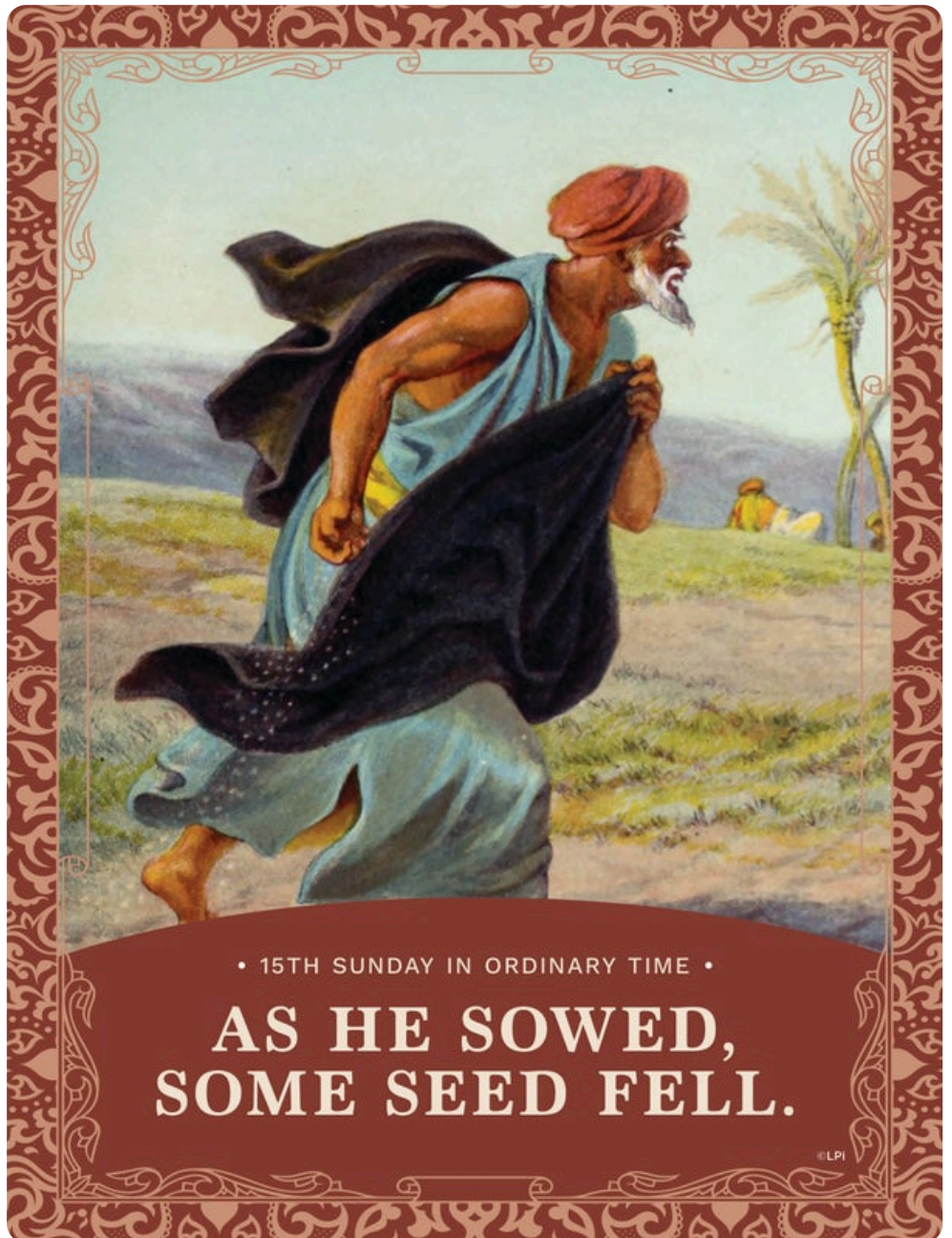
Monday	8:30 am
Tuesday	8:30 am
Wednesday	8:30 am
Thursday	8:30 am
Friday	8:30 am

Confession

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
jhornicak@stjosephjoliet.org

Pastoral Vicar

Rev. Roger Kutzner
rkutzner@stjosephjoliet.org



STEWARDSHIP

June 28, 2026

Weekly Offering..... \$7,708.00
Weekly Budgeted..... \$8,173.00
Maintenance & Repair... \$390.00
Peter's Pence..... \$1,414.00

July 5, 2026

Weekly Offering..... \$9,722.00
Weekly Budgeted..... \$8,173.00
Maintenance & Repair... \$5,066.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

July 11 & 12

Lector

4:00 PM M. Mijan
8:30 AM G. Walters
10:30 AM C. Kadela
7:00 PM P. Draksler

Extraordinary Ministers

L. Michalak, M. Schelli, K. Sefcik
Dcn. Eric, E. Zelinski, O. Zelinski
Dcn. Eric, J. Orozco, A. Urbancic
L. Engelman

July 18 & 19

Lector

4:00 PM J. Halsne
8:30 AM M. Gurka
10:30 AM H. Snyder
7:00 PM J. Contorno

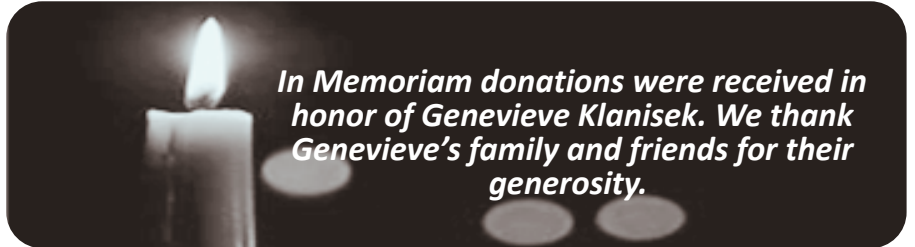
Extraordinary Ministers

Dcn. Eric, E. Bravo, J. Halsne
V. Gale, T. Osburn, S. Walters
N. Churnovic, R. Churnovic, D. Mackley
Dcn. Eric



FLAME OF FAITH

*Frank Brozovich
Millie Brozovich
John Zelinski*



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.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 11

Vigil

4:00pm Ty Miller (A) (Mike & Lynn Miller)

4:00pm Michele T. Scholes (Mary Alyce)

4:00pm Stephen Zmolek (B)
(Friends & Family)

Sunday, July 12

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Joseph & Emerzia Shroba
(Barello Family)

8:30am Mario Smoglian (Family)

10:30am Jim Olznoi (Matt Twardosz)

10:30am Joseph R. Zak (Kendziora Family)

7:00pm Richard "Bud" Colbert
(Gimbel Family)

7:00pm Doris Warren (Mary Smaron)

Monday, July 13

Weekday

8:30am Dolores Fornelli (Sandy Gregorash)

8:30am Ursula Sass (Family)

Tuesday, July 14

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

8:30am Phyllis Binzen (A)

(Janet & Frank Jurmann)

8:30am Luis & Maria Zepeda (Family)

Wednesday, July 15

Saint Bonaventure, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

8:30am Marcella Benedick

(Janet Russ & Family)

8:30am Frank J. Mandel (Dolores Lange)

8:30am Ken Vertin (William & Lisa Vertin)

Thursday, July 16

Weekday, Our Lady of Mount Carmel

8:30am Fr. Devin Griffin, O. Carm. (A)

(Family)

8:30am Kathy Kinmonth-Shafer (B)

(Mom, Dad & Dan)

Friday, July 17

Weekday

8:30am John Facinelli (Family)

8:30am David Lawson (Mike & Beth Hansen)

Saturday, July 18

Vigil

4:00pm For The Living & Deceased

Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish

Sunday, July 19

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Dorothy Armbruster (Husband)

8:30am Dermot Sheedy (Family)

10:30am Frank Nemanich (Huston Family)

10:30am Pauline Zvonkovich

(Peggy & Dave Draksler)

7:00pm Nicki Blowers (Family)

7:00pm Jack "Mac" McDonald

(Bob & Debby Komp)

WEEKLY READINGS

For the Week of July 12- 19, 2026

Sunday

Is 55:10-11

Rom 8:18-23

Mt 13:1-23 or

Mt 13:1-9

Monday

Is 1:10-17

Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday

Is 7:1-9

Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16

Mt 11:25-27



Thursday

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19

Mt 11:28-30

Friday

Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8

Mt 12:1-8

Saturday

Mi 2:1-5

Mt 12:14-21

Next Sunday

Wis 12:13, 16-19

Rom 8:26-27

Mt 13:24-43 or

Mt 13:24-30

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, Walter Ferguson, Sharon Boris Fonck, Amy Gahan, Irene Gordan, Carolyn Grady, Jean Haas, Carrie Harth, Janet Horvath, Ray Horvatin, Jake Jakovich Jr., Bob Keca, Joan Kernc, Kathy Kibler, Gail Kolenc, Michael Kuhel, Richard Lenzen, Mary Loucks, Todd Lukas, Bettie Lustick, Frank Markun, Mary Ann Mavrin, Greg Munich, Troy Oesterblad, 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, 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

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

Beyond All Expectations: Faith that Elevates!

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

PLEDGES DUE: \$6,557

AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$47,920

AMOUNT PAID: \$41,363

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BAPTISM

Class

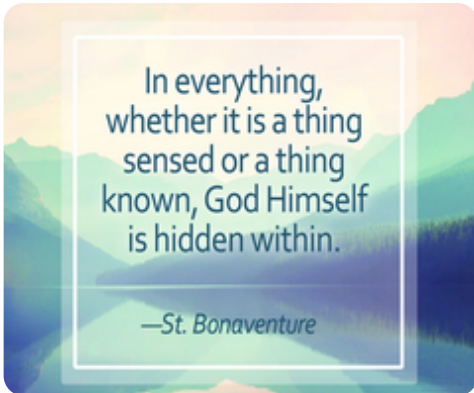
The next Baptism Class is scheduled for **Saturday, August 8, 2026**, at 9:00 AM in Ferdinand Hall. To register, please call the rectory at 815-727-9378 at least one week prior.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

August 4, 2026, 6PM-7PM

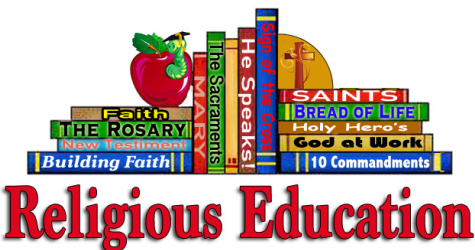
Spend an hour in His presence for Eucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph Church. **Confessions will be available during this Holy hour.**



JULY – THE MONTH OF THE PRECIOUS BLOOD

The month of July is dedicated to the Precious Blood. The feast of the Precious Blood of our Lord was instituted in 1849 by Pius IX, but the devotion is as old as Christianity. The early Fathers say that the Church was born from the pierced side of Christ, and that the sacraments were brought forth through His Blood.

"The Precious Blood which we worship is the Blood which the Savior shed for us on Calvary and reassumed at His glorious Resurrection; it is the Blood which courses through the veins of His risen, glorified, living body at the right hand of God the Father in heaven; it is the Blood made present on our altars by the words of Consecration; it is the Blood which merited sanctifying grace for us and through it washes and beautifies our soul and inaugurates the beginning of eternal life in it."



Religious Education



TEACHERS/AIDES NEEDED

We are looking for dedicated people to join our Religious Education team. Teachers and Aides help guide our young people as they grow in their faith. Whether you are an experienced teacher, or just looking to get involved - we have a place for you. The commitment is one day a week during the school year and all training and tools will be provided. By saying "yes" you will make a difference in the lives of our parish children, the future of our wonderful church. We are specifically looking for catechists and aids for our younger classrooms. Please contact Elizabeth Bravo, Director of Religious Education at 815-603-3101, email: ebravo@stjosephjoliet.org, or call the rectory at 815-727-9378.



Weekly Calendar

Saturday, July 11

9:00am Baptism Class, Ferdinand Hall
 10:30pm Baptism
 3:00pm Confessions, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Litany, Rosary
 4:00pm Mass

Sunday, July 12

8:30am Mass
 10:30am Mass
 7:00pm Mass

Monday, July 13

8:30am Mass
 9-10am Adoration Chapel

Tuesday, July 14

8:30am Mass
 9-10am Adoration Chapel

Wednesday, July 15

8:30am Mass
 9-11am Adoration Chapel
 12-1pm Confessions

Thursday, July 16

8:30am Mass
 9am-12pm Adoration Chapel

Friday, July 17

8:30am Mass
 9-11am Adoration Chapel

Saturday, July 18

10:00am Funeral
 3:00pm Confessions, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Litany, Rosary
 4:00pm Mass

Sunday, July 19

8:30am Mass
 10:30am Mass
 7:00pm Mass

St. Joseph Homecoming Fair & Parish Picnic

As another Homecoming Fair comes to a close, Bob and I would like to extend our deepest gratitude to our incredible co-chairs, parish staff, volunteers, and everyone who helped make this year's picnic such a tremendous success.

First, a special thank you to Fr. John for beginning our Homecoming Fair with the beautiful Grotto Mass. Celebrating the Eucharist together before a day of fellowship, fun, and service reminds us that our parish family is rooted in faith. It is a meaningful tradition that sets the tone for our entire day, and we are grateful for his leadership and support.

Our Homecoming Fair is so much more than a fundraiser, it's a celebration of our parish family. It takes months of planning, countless volunteer hours, and the dedication of many generous people to make it all happen. Whether you chaired a booth, prepared food, baked desserts, sold tickets, entertained guests, donated prizes, worked behind the scenes, or simply gave your time wherever it was needed, your contributions made a difference.

Thank you to our outstanding co-chairs who accepted the responsibility of leading each area of the fair. Your organization, creativity, and willingness to serve made our jobs easier and helped create another successful event for our parish. We are truly blessed to work alongside such a dedicated team.

We are also grateful to everyone who attended, supported, and prayed for the success of our picnic. Because of your generosity, we not only enjoyed a wonderful day of faith, fellowship, food, and fun, but we also raised important funds that will support our parish.

Bob and I are honored to serve as your Homecoming Fair Chairs. Thank you for your commitment, your countless hours of hard work, and the love you continue to show our parish community. May God bless each of you, and we look forward to celebrating together again next year!

With heartfelt appreciation,

Debbie & Bob Zelinski
 Homecoming Fair Chairs

Thank you!

ST. JOSEPH SENIORS

Just a reminder that St. Joseph Seniors will NOT meet in July.

06 • NEWS & EVENTS



JOLIET TOWNSHIP RECOGNIZES ST. JOSEPH CHURCH FOR OUR 135TH ANNIVERSARY.

From Left to Right:

Mary Petrella, Cesar Guerrero, Betty Washington, Jeff Wallace, Nancy Churnovic, Brad Petrella, Marcia Smith, Rich Churnovic, Ron Erjavec, Rose Ciolkosz, Kendra Landfair, Andrea Bibian, and Archie Gavin

Included within the July 12th bulletin is a copy of the Proclamation presented to the Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish on Tuesday, June 23, 2026 at the Joliet Township Meeting.

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

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



**Barbara J. Bricco
Marie Kanta
Merle Carrigan
Pamela A. Dalman
Shirley A. Dalman
Pedro Figueroa
Dora McCormick
Nancy Ursitti**

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

HOMECOMING FAIR RAFFLE WINNERS

1st Prize	\$2,000	Georgette Allen
2nd Prize	\$1,100	Steve Vanisko
3rd Prize	\$750	Linda Ziesmer
Early Bird	\$250	Liz Engelman

Congratulations to our Winners!

HOMECOMING FAIR CHAIRPERSONS

We extend our deepest thanks to the Chairpersons of our Parish Picnic & Homecoming Fair, who have been working tirelessly for months to make the Fair a special, fun, and profitable day for our parish. When you see these wonderful people at Church, please give them your thanks.

Parish Fair Chairpersons: Bob & Debbie Zelinski

Advertising: Fr. John Hornicak & Kim Sefcik

Altar & Rosary: Kathy Gunier

Bakery: Brian Pruitt & Catherine Flynn

Bar: Brad & Mary Petrella

Basket Booth: Judy & Bill Kendziora

Big Wheel: Alan Mihelich & Mike Ramsak

Bingo: Steve & Sue Vanisko

Concessions: Olivia Zelinski & Rick Cabay

Finance: Joanne Papesh

Food Drive: Kim & Mark Sefcik

Kids Games: Adam Urbancic

Liquor Booth: Diana Tyda

Outside Kitchen: Raul & Charlene Bravo

Raffle: Barb Hallick

Rectory: Judy Halsne & Kim Sefcik

Reunion Booth: Annette & Ray Koncar

Split the pot: Dave & Peggy Draksler

Dinner: Lillian Cepon

Ticket Booth: Colleen & Bob Krzysciak

SUA: Liz Engleman

Pro-Life: Jackie Kibler

Car Show: Doug Starasinich

thank you!

