



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Joliet, Illinois

AUGUST 2, 2026 | 18TH 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 4:00pm Vigil
Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am, 7:00pm

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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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them
to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.
They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

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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 STAFF

Pastor
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STEWARDSHIP

July 19, 2026
Weekly.....\$8,966.00
Weekly Budgeted.....\$10,798.00*
Maint. & Repair.....\$720.00
July 25, 2026
Weekly.....\$9,182.00
Weekly Budgeted.....\$10,798.00*
Maint. & Repair.....\$545.00

**This figure reflects the new fiscal year weekly budgeted amount needed.*

Thank you for your continued generosity!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 1 & 2

Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
4:00 PM B. Schelli	Dcn. Eric, B. Schelli, M. Schelli
8:30 AM G. Walters	V. Gale, A. Koncar, S. Walters
10:30 AM C. Kadela	A. Camacho, L. Engelman, A. Urbancic
7:00 PM M. Strahanoski	Dcn. Eric

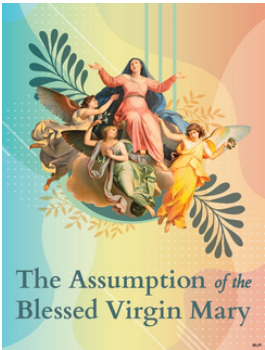
August 8 & 9

Lector	Extraordinary Ministers
4:00 PM B. Zelinski	D. Zelinski, E. Zelinski, O. Zelinski
8:30 AM M. Budzinski	Dcn. Eric, A. Bruno, T. Osburn
10:30 AM S. Orozco	Dcn. Eric, N. Churnovic, R. Churnovic
7:00 PM C. Gimbel	B. Gimbel



FLAME OF FAITH

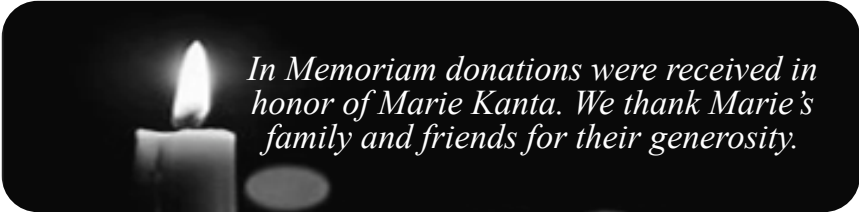
Doreen Dobczyk Howes
Jerry Mutz



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Not a holy day of obligation this year.

Saturday, August 15th
9:00 AM Mass

Because she belonged to Christ, Mary, our queen, is raised on high, a great sign for all who believe in her Son.



BULLETIN CONTENT

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PRAYER & READINGS • 03

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 1

*Vigil; Saint Alphonsus Liguori,
Bishop & Doctor of the Church*

- 4:00pm John & Marlene Ancel & John W. Ancel
(Family)
4:00pm Olga Gregorash (Sandy Gregorash)
4:00pm Eunice Ward (Joanne Papesh)

Sunday, August 2

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30am Joseph & Emerzia Shroba (Barello Family)
8:30am Bob Vicich (Doug & JoAnne Marshall)
10:30am For the Living & Deceased Parishioners of
St. Joseph Parish
7:00pm Joe & Rose Fitzgerald (Family)
7:00pm Marian Schoener (Daughters)

Monday, August 3

Weekday

- 8:30am Fred & Patricia Melones
(Dave & D'Annette Dodson)
8:30am For Health & Blessings of Bennett Michalak
(Michalak Family)

Tuesday, August 4

Saint John Vianney, Priest

- 8:30am Joe & Rose Fitzgerald (Family)
8:30am Stanley Segal (Joseph Segal)

Wednesday, August 5

Weekday

- 8:30am Marie Kanta
(Theresa Chaloka & Sharon Planinsek)
8:30am Kathy Kinmonth Shafer (Mom, Dad, Dan)

Thursday, August 6

Transfiguration of the Lord

- 8:30am Patricia Janes (Family)
8:30am Antonio Petrella (Brad Petrella Family)

Friday, August 7

First Friday

- 8:30am Living & Deceased Members
of the Altar & Rosary Society
8:30am Jim Olznoi (Doug & JoAnne Marshall)

Saturday, August 8

Vigil; Saint Dominic, Priest

- 4:00pm George Barr, Jr. (Jason Jakovich Family)
4:00pm Jake & Marilyn Jakovich
(Jason Jakovich Family)

Sunday August 9

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30am Walter & Frances Smaron (Daughter)
8:30am Victoria Rodriguez & Rosa Soto (Family)
10:30am Bob Figuirowski (Wife & Family)
10:30am Jerry Mutz (Wife & Family)
7:00pm For the Living & Deceased Parishioners
of St. Joseph Parish & For Those in
Attendance and Their Families

WEEKLY READINGS

**For the Week of
August 2 - 9**

Sunday:

Is 55:1-3
Rom 8:35, 37-39
Mt 14:13-21

Monday:

Jer 28:1-17
Mt 14:22-36

Tuesday:

Jer 30:1-2, 12-22
Mt 14:22-36 or
Mt 15:1-2, 10-14,

Wednesday:

Jer 31:1-7
Mt 15:21-28

Thursday:

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14
2 Pt 1:16-19
Mt 17:1-9

Friday:

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7
Mt 16:24-28

Saturday:

Hb 1:12-2:4
Mt 17:14-20

Next Sunday:

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a
Rom 9:1-5
Mt 14:22-33



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, Pat Figuirowski, 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, Frank Markun, Mary Ann Mavrin, Jerome Meehan, Greg Munich, Dominick Nolan, Troy Oesterblad, Martin Pavelek, Sharon Planinsek, Rafael Quiroz, Carol Rangel, 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

AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$49,860

AMOUNT PAID: \$45,567

PLEDGES DUE: \$4,293

REBATE: \$607

04 • WORSHIP TOGETHER

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY

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

Robert Hunsley
Bettie Lustick
Lillian Murphy

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

Register Your Children

Religious Education Registration is now open.

Forms are located at all Church entrances
and on the website, www.stjosephjoliet.org.
Please contact the rectory at 815-727-9378
with any questions.



SPEND AN HOUR IN HIS PRESENCE MONTHLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

August 4th,
6:00-7:00 PM
and every first
Tuesday of
the month

Confessions
will be
available
during this hour



*"Every Time We Look at
The Blessed Sacrament,
Our Place in Heaven is
Raised Forever."
-St. Gertrude
the Great*

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**We invite you to Eucharistic Adoration, for a time of
personal reflection, silent prayer, and a chance to enter
more deeply into your faith.
You do not have to stay the full hour.**

Would you like to become Catholic? Would you like to receive Sacraments in the Catholic Church?

O.C.I.A., which stands for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a program through which adults can join
the Catholic Church or can complete their initiation by receiving their Sacraments.

Is OCIA for me?

OCIA is for three groups of people:

- * Those who are not baptized.
- * Those who were baptized into another Christian
denomination and wish to enter into full
communion with the Catholic Church.
- * Baptized Catholics who were not fully formed in the
Catholic faith and have not completed their
initiation, who have not received either the Sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation.

OCIA classes are held for a six-month period. **There is no cost for the OCIA program.**

Anyone interested in learning more about the OCIA program, please call the rectory 815-727-9378.

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, August 1st

1:00pm Baptism
3:00pm Confessions, Chaplet of
Divine Mercy, Litany, Rosary
4:00pm Mass
2nd Collection is for Maintenance
& Repair

Sunday, August 2nd

8:30am Mass
10:30am Mass
Noon-10pm St. George Serbian Church Picnic,
Park
7:00pm Mass
2nd Collection is for Maintenance
& Repair

Monday, August 3rd

8:30am Mass
9-10am Adoration Chapel

Tuesday, August 4th

8:30am Mass
9-10am Adoration Chapel
6-7pm Monthly Adoration & Confessions

Wednesday, August 5th

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

Thursday, August 6th

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

Friday, August 7th

8:30am Mass
9-11am Adoration Chapel
9:30am Prayer Shawl, Ferdinand Hall

Saturday, August 8th

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

Sunday, August 9th

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



Earn with your back to
school shopping

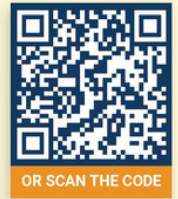


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use the shopping list for inspiration,
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purchased through the Raise Right program. You
purchase the gift cards as you would normally purchase
them from the store. Call the rectory for more info.



*In Memoriam donations were received in
honor of Bettie Lustick. We thank Bettie's
family and friends for their generosity.*

Cunningham Neighborhood Council

The Cunningham Neighborhood Council will meet on
Wednesday, August 5th from 6:30-7:30 PM at the Moran A.C.,
1207 Nicholson St. The CNC works in conjunction with the
police department. All are invited & encouraged to attend.

06 • NEWS & EVENTS



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.

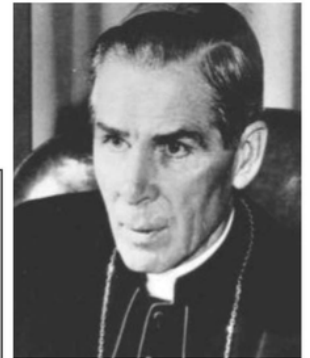


On behalf of the Robert W. Hunsley family, we would like to thank all the parishioners of St. Joseph Parish for their support and kindness during this difficult time. Your prayers have given us comfort. God Bless.

*Carol Hunsley,
Kimberly & Mark Sefcik*

Beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen

Attend the Beatification
of Archbishop Fulton
Sheen on September 24,
2026 in St. Louis, MO.



Get your tickets here:



240 Raffle Tickets are Still Available

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!

2025-2026 Raffle

**BUY
TICKETS
NOW!**



SLOVENIAN CATHOLIC CENTER BIG ANNUAL PICNIC

Sunday, August 9

The annual Center picnic is our largest fundraiser and is an established tradition that begins each year with Holy Mass followed by food, music, dancing and entertainment on the Hill. Members of the Center prepare the meat and barbecue it. There is a great deal of preparation done on the Saturday before the picnic. Barbecue pits are set up and the meat has to be prepared. Early on Sunday morning, the team barbecues whole pigs, lambs and chicken. In 2024: 13 pigs, 9 lambs, 90 chickens and 1800 čevapčiči were prepared!

11am Mass at the Grotto.

**Traditional Roasted Pork and Lamb Dinner,
Bakery and Bar Tents, Bags, Volleyball,
Children games and Playground.
Live music and Pavilion dancing.**

\$10,000 GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE

For Raffle tickets, please call

Lillian at 815-726-3521 or any Board Members

Slovenian Catholic Center, 14252 Main Street Lemont IL

**JOIN US ON FRIDAY, AUGUST 7TH FOLLOWING MORNING
MASS, AT 8:30AM, FOR FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION.**

The First Friday Devotion is a Catholic practice of receiving Holy Communion on the first Friday of nine consecutive months in reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, promising final perseverance and special graces.

BAPTISM



We congratulate the Gonzalez family and welcome their sons into our parish family. May the Holy Spirit guide them always.

**Eli Alexander Gonzalez
Levi Isaiah Gonzalez**

Sons of Gustavo & Lorena

We congratulate the Koncar family and welcome their son into our parish family. May the Holy Spirit guide him always.

**Theodore Robert Tweedle
Koncar**

Son of Robert & Jamie

**BAPTISM CLASS WILL BE HELD
SATURDAY, AUGUST 8TH AT 9:00AM IN FERDINAND HALL.
PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY TO REGISTER.**

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DATE: Wednesday,
Nov. 18, 2026

TIME: 7 - 9:30 PM

AUDIENCE: Adults and
teens aged 12 and up

LOCATION: St. Mary
Immaculate, 15629
Illinois Rte 59, 60544

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