



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Joliet, Illinois

AUGUST 9, 2026 | 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome!

St. Joseph Church Catholic Church

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Joliet, IL 60432
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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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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peter said to him in reply, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus. - Mt 14:28-29

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

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STEWARDSHIP

August 2, 2026
Weekly.....\$9,295.00
Weekly Budgeted.....\$10,798.00*
Maint. & Repair.....\$4,085.00
**This figure reflects the new fiscal year weekly budgeted amount needed.*

Thank you for your continued generosity!

MARRIAGE BANNS

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

I Zachary Bertino & Karli Puleo
August 28, 2026

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 8 & 9

Lector
4:00 PM B. Zelinski
8:30 AM M. Budzinski
10:30 AM S. Orozco
7:00 PM C. Gimbel

Extraordinary Ministers

D. Zelinski, E. Zelinski, O. Zelinski
Dcn. Eric, A. Bruno, T. Osburn
Dcn. Eric, N. Churnovic, R. Churnovic
B. Gimbel

August 15 & 16

Lector
4:00 PM D. Dodson
8:30 AM M. Bruno
10:30 AM D. Mackley
7:00 PM P. Draksler

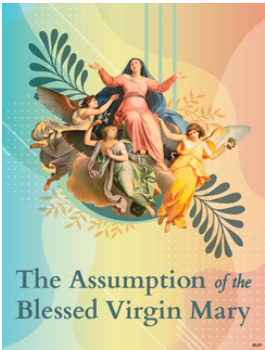
Extraordinary Ministers

Dcn. Eric, C. Kadela, B. Strahanoski
B. Zelinski, E. Zelinski, O. Zelinski
A. Camacho, G. Dau, A. Urbancic
Dcn. Eric



FLAME OF FAITH

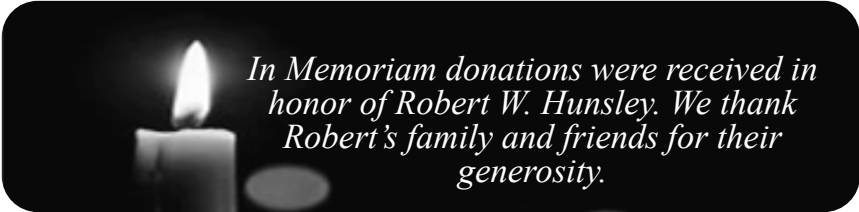
William J. & Lucille J. Dragovan
Brian Muren
Richard M. Wojnarowski



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 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

Monday, August 10

Saint Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr

8:30am For the Health & Blessings of Fr. Timothy P.
Andres, O. Carm (Lyn Michalak)

8:30am Genevieve Klanisek (Joyce Vicich)

Tuesday, August 11

Saint Clare, Virgin

8:30am Furdek Family (Family)

8:30am For the Health & Blessings of Caitlin
Wierzbinski (Michalak Family)

Wednesday, August 12

Weekday

8:30am Ted Benedick (Janet Russ Family)

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

8:30am John & Dorothy Koncar (Ray Koncar Family)

Thursday, August 13

Weekday

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

8:30am Marija Cebasek-Neubauer & Parents
(Husband & Family)

Friday, August 14

Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr

8:30am Patricia & Jerome Levandowski
(Ann Levandowski)

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

Saturday, August 15

Vigil, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9:00am For the Living and Deceased Parishioners of
St. Joseph Parish

4:00pm Edward Kadela (A) (Family)

4:00pm Stephen L. Sefick (A) (Family)

Sunday August 16

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am For the Living & Deceased Parishioners
of St. Joseph Parish

10:30am Bernardine Russ (Serdar Family)

10:30am Josephine White (John & Julie Starasinich)

7:00pm Alice Govednik-Brandolino (Family)

7:00pm Mary Lou Kronke (Family)



WEEKLY READINGS

**For the Week of
August 9-16**

Sunday:

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a

Rom 9:1-5

Mt 14:22-33

Monday:

2 Cor 9:6-10

Jn 12:24-26

Tuesday:

Ez 2:8-3:4

Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday:

Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22

Mt 18:15-20

Thursday:

Ez 12:1-12

Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday:

Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or

Ez 16:59-63

Mt 19:3-12

Saturday:

*The Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary*

Vigil:

1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2

1 Cor 15:54b-57

Lk 11:27-28

Day:

Rv11:19a;12:1-6a, 10ab

1 Cor 15:2-27

Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday:

Is 56:1, 6-7

Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

Mt 15:21-28

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

04 • WORSHIP TOGETHER

RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Looking for God

What do we think when we see Jesus coming to save us?

The first thing the Apostles scream is “Ghost!” when they catch sight of Jesus walking towards them on water. That always makes me laugh. After all they have witnessed thus far as the companions of the Messiah, they see someone walking on water and they still react like extras in a bad episode of Scooby-Doo.

We are always more quick to believe a bad thing than a good thing. We can easily believe gossip and hearsay about a friend, but we fear being taken for a fool when it comes to faith. We would rather look cynical than stupid.

“Save me, God, for the waters have reached my neck,” reads Psalm 69. “My eyes fail, from looking for my God.”

I think back on my life, on all the various ways that God has rescued me from slipping beneath the surface. Rarely did it ever occur to me, in the midst of it, that I was being rescued. In fact, I usually thought I was being held underwater. Did I hear His voice directing me, or did I only hear my own despairing? “Save me, God.” Was I looking for Him, or were my eyes shut in fear? “My eyes fail, from looking for my God.”

It’s never until after the fact — sometimes years after, or decades — that we see things clearly. That we see Christ in the situation, making his way toward us, hand outstretched.

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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.

ST. JOSEPH SENIORS

The St. Joseph Seniors Steak Fry is **Wednesday, August 19th, at 12 noon.**

Thanks everyone for making your reservation and payment by the deadline. Unfortunately, no new reservations can be accepted at this time. Please call Marcia at 815-922-1225 if you need to cancel.

Please bring your own plates, utensils, napkins, etc. You may also wish to bring a pair of tongs to cook your steak. There are some seasonings available, but if you have a special one, please bring it. You will be grilling your steak to your liking: rare, medium, well done, or burnt to a crisp, if that’s what you prefer. You are in charge! Sides and drinks will be provided.

This is a non-meeting day. Time to relax and meet with friends. Our next full meeting will be held Sept. 16th.



***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.

TEACHERS & AIDES NEEDED



St. Joseph Parish is 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. 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.

“A teacher’s words can plant seeds of faith that bloom long after the lesson is over.”

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, August 8th

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

Sunday, August 9th

8:30am Mass
10:30am Mass
Noon Baptism
Noon Wish Upon A Star Picnic, Park
7:00pm Mass

Monday, August 10th

8:30am Mass
9-10am Adoration Chapel

Tuesday, August 11th

8:30am Mass
9-11am *No Adoration Chapel*
10:00am Funeral

Wednesday, August 12th

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

Thursday, August 13th

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

Friday, August 14th

8:30am Mass
9-11am Adoration Chapel

Saturday, August 15th

9:00am *Mass-The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary*
Noon Private Event, Park
3:00pm Confessions, Chaplet of
Divine Mercy, Litany, Rosary
4:00pm Mass

Sunday, August 15th

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

Prayer in Faith in Trial

Dear God,

In this time of difficulty, be with me. When I don't feel Your presence or hear Your voice, sustain me. When I don't see the path ahead, guide me. When I don't know the next step, support me. In every day and in every moment, be my strength. Amen.



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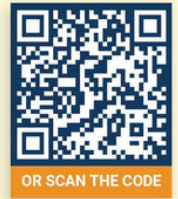


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BAPTISM

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

Henry Dick & Jackson Dick

Sons of Jacob & Sara

06 • NEWS & EVENTS

MARIAN FEASTS

Question:

Why does Mary have so many feast days and names?

Answer:

Christians first began celebrating feast days in honor of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, in the fifth century. That celebration (originally called the Feast of the Dormition and now known by Roman Catholics as the Solemnity of the Assumption) was celebrated on August 15. Very soon, however, other special days dedicated to Mary began to appear in Jerusalem, Rome, and other major cities of the Christian world. These days of feasting became important parts of the life of the community. But, more importantly, each of these unique celebrations became an opportunity to focus on a different facet of the Christian faith, as believers focused their attention on specific events or mysteries of the lives of Mary and her Son.

Over the centuries, some of these celebrations became universal (such as the Assumption on August 15, the Immaculate Conception on December 8, and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God on January 1). Other celebrations were more closely tied to certain religious orders (such as the Carmelites celebration of “Our Lady of Mount Carmel” on July 16 or the Servite Friars feast of the “Seven Sorrows of Mary,” which is now celebrated as the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15).

In more recent times, Marian apparitions (like Guadalupe, Lourdes, and Fatima) have inspired special liturgical celebrations. Pope Francis has added two new celebrations of Mary to the Church’s calendar: The Memorial of Mary, Mother of the Church (on the Monday after Pentecost) and the Commemoration of Our Lady of Loreto (on December 10). The various titles of Mary (like those we find in the Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary) help us to reflect on different aspects of Mary’s faith and the ways that the Holy Spirit is at work in her and through her, especially as the Mother of Jesus.

In the end, whatever the event or mystery being celebrated in a particular liturgy or the title of Mary being used, we are invited to always see Mary in connection with the saving work of her Son. She is, of course, a patroness and protector for every Christian, but she is also a model of discipleship and contemplation: “Having entered deeply into the history of salvation, Mary, in a way, unites in her person and re-echoes the most important doctrines of the faith: and when she is the subject of preaching and worship she prompts the faithful to come to her Son, to his sacrifice and to the love of the Father” (Lumen Gentium, 65).

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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.

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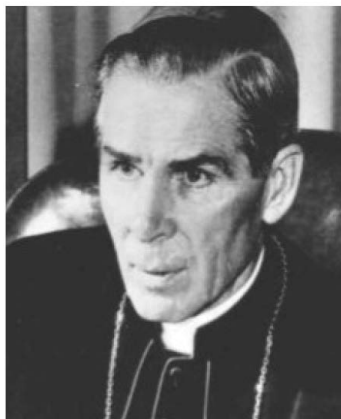
2026-2027 Raffle

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

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

The church has always held to the belief that Mary was assumed, body and soul, into a heavenly state, even though the belief was not declared as dogmatic until 1950. The early church had a robust tradition of revering relics from the saints of the day, and their complete lack of relics from the Mother of Jesus was seen as evidence of this Marian belief. The celebration of the event as a feast dates back to the fourth century in the East and the seventh century in the West.

Since Mary was untouched by the stain of sin, she was unable to experience the "wages of sin," which is death. But her Assumption also says something about humanity as well. Sin only has power over us if we allow it. Mary was freed from this power in her Immaculate Conception, and when she responded "yes" to God. We were freed from that power when Jesus died and rose, conquering death. Now, we must respond "yes" to claim the victory that was already won for us. On this feast, we should not only celebrate the great works God has done for us through Our Lady, but also celebrate the truth that we have the opportunity to one day spend eternity with her and her Son, Jesus.



***The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
Saturday, August 15 at 9:00 AM Mass, St. Joseph Church.***

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