



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Joliet, Illinois

AUGUST 16, 2026 | 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome!

St. Joseph Church Catholic Church

416 N. Chicago Street
Joliet, IL 60432
815-727-9378
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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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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:28

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 STAFF

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STEWARDSHIP

August 9, 2026

Weekly.....	\$9,514.00
Weekly Budgeted.....	\$10,798.00*
Maint. & Repair.....	\$1,483.00

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

Thank you for your continued generosity!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

August 22 & 23

Lector	
4:00 PM	S. Vanisko
8:30 AM	G. Walters
10:30 AM	H. Snyder
7:00 PM	M. Strahanoski

Extraordinary Ministers
C. Kadela, L. Michalak, K. Sefcik
Dcn. Eric, A. Camacho, S. Walters
Dcn. Eric, L. Engelman, N. Szalinski
B. Strahanoski



FLAME OF FAITH

Stephen L. Sefcik
Diane Wynne

MARRIAGE BANNS

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

II Zachary Bertino & Karli Puleo
August 28, 2026



BAPTISM

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

Tadeo Oziel Camarena
Son of Christian & Cristina

BULLETIN CONTENT

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PRAYER & READINGS • 03

MASS INTENTIONS

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)

Monday, August 17

Weekday

8:30am Robert Hunsley (Jim Sefcik)

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

Tuesday, August 18

Weekday

8:30am Marie Kanta (Family)

8:30am Robert Hunsley (Dave & Karen Mackley)

Wednesday, August 19

Weekday

8:30am Robert Hunsley
(Theresa Chaloka & Sharon Planinsek)

Thursday, August 20

Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

8:30am Chelsie Leffelman (Michael Hansen)

Friday, August 21

Saint Pius X, Pope

8:30am John Facinelli (Family)

8:30am Bettie Lustick (Husband, Cal & Family)

Saturday, August 22

Vigil, The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00pm For the Health & Blessings of Fr. John
Hornicak (Jenny & Sal Cerda)

4:00pm Isabelle F. Russ (A) (Family)

6:00 pm For the 100th Anniversary of the Slovenian
Union of America

Sunday August 23

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Mary Dobelmann (A) (Friend)

8:30am Bob Vicich
(Theresa Chaloka & Sharon Planinsek)

10:30am Pasich & Butterbach Families (Family)

10:30am Pauline Zvonkovich (Peggy & Dave Draksler)

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



WEEKLY READINGS

**For the Week of
August 16- 23**

Sunday:

Is 56:1, 6-7

Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

Mt 15:21-28

Monday:

Ez 24:15-23

Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday:

Ez 28:1-10

Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday:

Ez 34:1-11

Mt 20:1-16

Thursday:

Ez 36:23-28

Mt 22:1-14

Friday:

Ez 37:1-14

Mt 22:34-40

Saturday:

Ez 43:1-7ab

Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday:

Is 22:19-23

Rom 11:33-36

Mt 16:13-20

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, AJ Masterson, 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

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: \$3,824
AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$50,383 2026 REBATE: \$1,301
AMOUNT PAID: \$46,559

ST. JOSEPH SENIORS

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

Unfortunately, no new reservations can be accepted at this time.

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.



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.

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 15th

9:00am Mass for 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 16th

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

Monday, August 17th

8:30am Mass
 9-10am Adoration Chapel

Tuesday, August 18th

8:30am Mass
 9-11am Adoration Chapel
 6:00pm MAKE Committee Mtg, FH

Wednesday, August 19th

8:30am Mass
 9-11am Adoration Chapel
 12-1pm Confessions
 12:00pm St. Joseph Senior Steak Fry

Thursday, August 20th

8:30am Mass
 9am-12pm Adoration Chapel
 5:00 PM Private Event, Park

Friday, August 21st

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

Saturday, August 22nd

3:00pm Mammo-Palooza, Park
 3:00pm Confessions, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Litany, Rosary
 4:00pm Mass
 6:00pm SUA 100th Anniversary Mass

Sunday, August 23rd

8:30am Mass
 10:30am Mass
 Noon St. Mary Nativity Picnic, Park
 7:00pm Mass



THE ASSUMPTION: A SIGN OF HOPE

Is the resurrection a concept or reality? For many of us, the resurrection of the dead may be a stray idea recited in the Nicene Creed. Heaven we discuss. But resurrection? The feast of the Assumption is a reminder to us that heaven gets even better! We pray that the souls of the faithful departed would soon be united to God in heaven. The truth is, the separation between our souls and our bodies was not God's original plan for things. It's one of the results of the Fall, of original sin. At the end of time and Jesus' second coming, our bodies and souls will be reunited. Lest we forget, Mary's Assumption is the reminder. Today, we celebrate that Mary is enjoying what we, too, hope to participate in — complete joy in heaven with our God, experienced body and soul. Today and every day, let's pray for those who have died and that we may meet them again in the heavenly kingdom.

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Slovenian
Union of America

The Slovenian Union of America will celebrate its 100th Anniversary with a Mass at 6 pm on Saturday, August 22, 2026, at St. Joseph Church.

An Open House and refreshments will follow at the Slovenian Union of America, 431 North Chicago Street, directly across the street.

06 • NEWS & EVENTS

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

The Jubilee Year of Mercy is now in the history books and looking back I wonder if I have been changed at all by the observance. Certainly the focus on mercy wasn't all about God's mercy toward me? Yes, I focused on my sin and the need for God's forgiveness and grace, but hopefully that changed how I live my life and how I offer mercy to others.

The mercy we receive from God is not something we are to keep bottled up or hidden from others. Jesus taught us to treat others the way we would like to be treated and to love everyone, even our enemies. When Jesus healed the Canaanite woman I wonder what she did next. I would hope she in turn offered mercy and healing to others. Of course, I know she was imperfect just like me so I am sure in no time she was back to needing the mercy of Jesus. Her demon was gone, but there is always a new evil around every corner.

However, the fact that we are a broken people always in need of mercy does not lessen the command for us to offer mercy. Mercy is a gift like so many others that God lavishes on us with great generosity. We are called to cultivate this and share it with others as well. If we cannot do that then what was the real effect of God's mercy in our lives? If we do not allow God to change us into more generous stewards ready to offer mercy and love to all, then perhaps we are fooling ourselves that we are true disciples of Jesus at all.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS
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Earn with your back to school shopping

From school supplies to a new fall wardrobe, there's a gift card for everything on your list.

The 2026 Back to School Shopping Guide is Here

Find popular brands, shop by category, use the shopping list for inspiration, and much more.

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St. Joseph Parish earns a percentage of all gift cards 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.

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!

2026-2027 Raffle

**BUY
TICKETS
NOW!**



Saturday, August 22, 2026

DIOCESE OF JOLIET EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

The Diocese of Joliet has announced new positions available. To view full detailed job descriptions, visit: The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois at www.diojoliet.org/offices/careers



SLOVENIAN GRAPE HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Joliet Historical Museum is holding the 5th Annual Slovenian Grape Harvest Festival on October 4, 2026. It is only because of the volunteers from St. Joseph Parish and the Joliet Slovenian Community that this Festival has been such a success. Please consider helping with the Festival and helping to promote the Slovenian Heritage! To volunteer, please sign up on Sign-up Genius with the link below or email Amy Dorencz at amy.koncar@gmail.com. If you can't volunteer, we hope to see you there to enjoy the festivities!

5th Annual Grape Harvest:

Slovenian Polka Festival

Sunday, October 4th

Croatian Cultural Club
1503 Clement St.
Joliet, IL 60435

1 PM - 8 PM

Live Performances by:

Ray Koncar & the Boys
1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Marela Slovenian Dancers
4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

**Jeff Winard's Polka
Party Band**

Visiting from Milwaukee
Cleveland-Style Polka Hall of Fame Inductee
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM



He walked out the door not knowing where he'd sleep

Kortlan never thought he'd be homeless. He was working, he had an apartment – and then he lost both. He walked out the door that day not knowing where he'd sleep that night. He'd never been to a shelter before. Five months later, he's still moved by how it turned out.

"I'm a living witness – if you work hard on your end, you'll have a happy ending." – Kortlan



Watch the video and see
the good your donation to the CMAA
brings to our community

To Honor the Gravesites of our Unborn Brothers and Sisters National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children Saturday Sept. 12 2026

On Saturday, September 12, pro-life Americans will honor the memory of the more than 66 million unborn victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

Solemn prayer services will be held simultaneously at gravesites around the country where abortion victims have been buried, as well as at many other memorial sites dedicated in their honor.

Join us for the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children and ensure that our unborn brothers and sisters will not be forgotten.

Memorial Service for Victims of Abortion

Date & Time
Saturday, September 12, [1:00 pm]

Location
Resurrection Cemetery
200 W. Romeo Rd. (135th St.)
Romeoville, IL. 60446
Garden of the Angels Section

Details
Presider: Most Rev Dennis E Spies
Auxiliary Bishop, Diocese of Joliet,
Speakers: Dr Monica Migliorino Miller
Ph.D Founder of Citizens for a Pro-Life
Society, Author and Speaker
Sharon Leavitt Letter-to My Unborn Son
Local Contact
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pharmdon@hotmail.com

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For more information on this event, visit NationalDayOfRemembrance.org