



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Joliet, Illinois

AUGUST 23, 2026 | 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome!

St. Joseph Church Catholic Church

416 N. Chicago Street
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

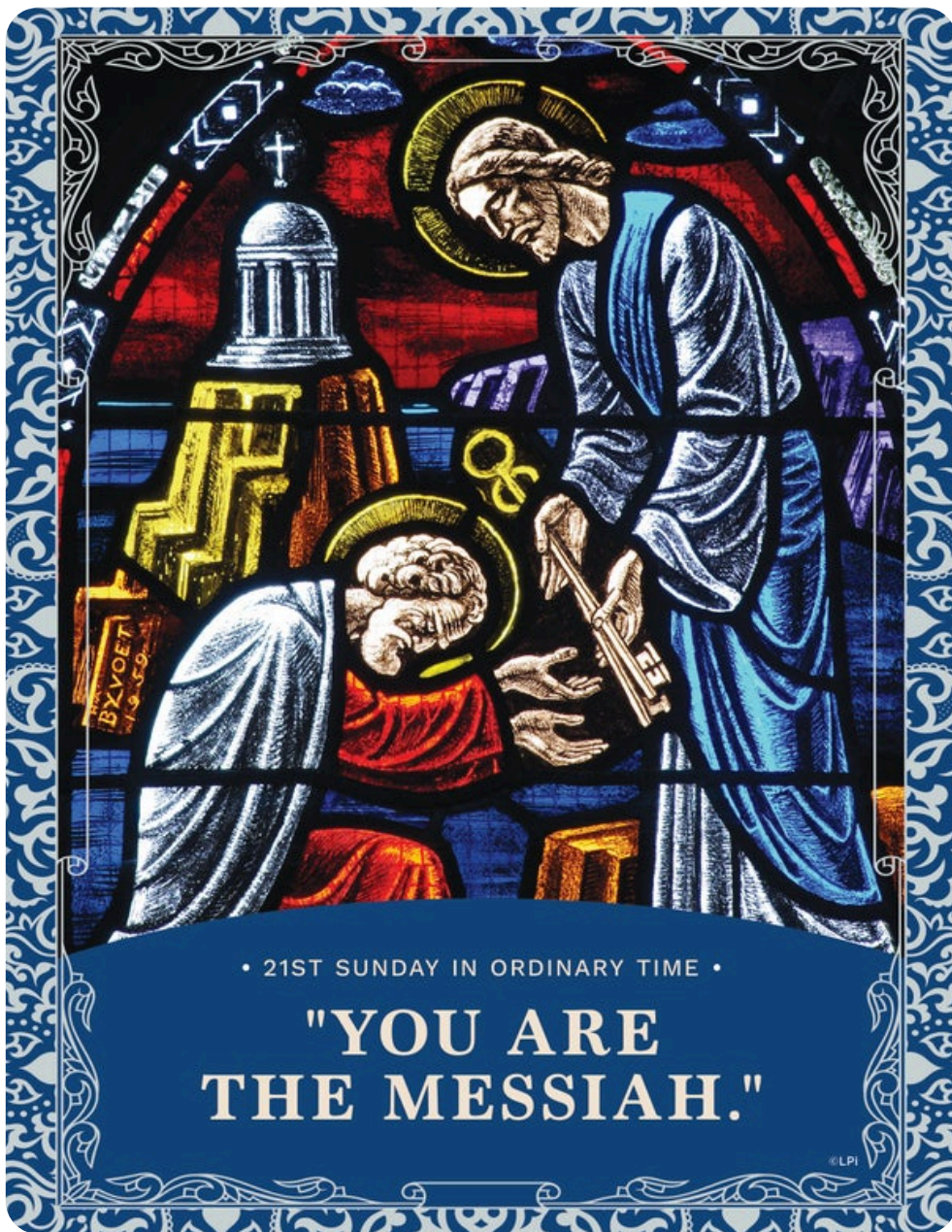
Monday 8:30 am
Tuesday 8:30 am
Wednesday 8:30 am
Thursday 8:30 am
Friday 8:30 am

Confession

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

DONATE ONLINE

Donating online is easy! Just aim your phone camera at the QR Code and follow the link. Thank you!



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 16, 2026

Weekly.....	\$8,688.00
Weekly Budgeted.....	\$10,798.00*
Maint. & Repair.....	\$275.00
The Assumption.....	\$1,640.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

August 22 & 23

Lector		Extraordinary Ministers
4:00 PM	S. Vanisko	C. Kadela, L. Michalak, K. Sefcik
8:30 AM	G. Walters	Dcn. Eric, A. Camacho, S. Walters
10:30 AM	H. Snyder	Dcn. Eric, L. Engelman, N. Szalinski
7:00 PM	M. Strahanoski	B. Strahanoski

August 29 & 30

Lector		Extraordinary Ministers
4:00 PM	M. Mijan	Dcn. Eric, D. Dodson, K. Sefcik
8:30 AM	M. Gurka	M. Bruno, A. Bruno, C. Goetze
10:30 AM	L. Orozco	G. Dau, D. Mackley, J. Orozco
7:00 PM	J. Contorno	Dcn. Eric



FLAME OF FAITH

Guido Del Rose
Jim Olznoi

MARRIAGE BANNS

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

III Zachary Bertino & Karli Puleo
August 28, 2026

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

BULLETIN CONTENT

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PRAYER & READINGS • 03

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, August 24

Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

8:30am Thomas Kemp (Wife & Family)

8:30am Dave Terdic (B) (Family)

Tuesday, August 25

Weekday

8:30am Ed Matesevac (LTHS Girls Bowling)

8:30am Jim Olznoi (B) (Joanie Olznoi & Family)

Wednesday, August 26

Weekday

8:30am Elizabeth Horvat (Family)

8:30am Gerald Russ (A) (Family)

Thursday, August 27

Saint Monica

8:30am Lucille Griffin (A) (Family)

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

Friday, August 28

Saint Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30am For the Health & Blessings of Wellington
Jackson (Michalak Family)

8:30am Dominic Ragusa (Jim Sefcik)

Saturday, August 29

Vigil, The Passion of Saint John the Baptist

4:00pm Fredrick & Agnes Horvat (Family)

4:00pm Frank & Mary Ann Ragusa, Wedding
Anniversary (Family)

4:00pm Martin Uremovic (Family)

Sunday August 30

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Angel Arias, Sr. (Family)

8:30am Mary Ann Ragusa (A) (Family)

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

7:00pm Frank & Donna Nemanich (Huston Family)

7:00pm Ursula Sass (Family)



WEEKLY READINGS

**For the Week of
August 23- 30**

Sunday:

Is 22:19-23

Rom 11:33-36

Mt 16:13-20

Monday:

Rv 21:9b-14

Jn 1:45-51

Tuesday:

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17

Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday:

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18

Mt 23:27-32

Thursday:

1 Cor 1:1-9

Mt 24:42-51

Friday:

1 Cor 1:17-25

Mt 25:1-13

Saturday:

1 Cor 1:26-31

Mk 6:17-29

Next Sunday:

Jer 20:7-9

Rom 12:1-2

Mt 16:21-27

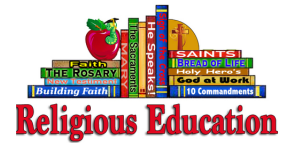
THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

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





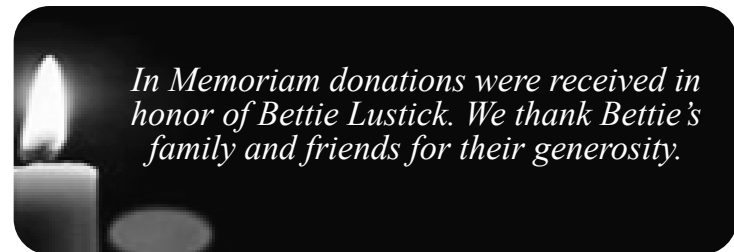
Register Your Children

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.

Please Welcome



Hello, my name is Peter Davis and I am in my third year at Mundelein Seminary. This means I will be ordained a deacon in 2027, and a priest in the summer of 2028, God willing! I was born in Naperville and grew up there with my two older sisters, Therese and Patricia. Growing up, I loved being an altar server, but didn't know yet that the Lord was inviting me to seminary. I attended Naperville Central High School and then started college at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The witness of joy and faith in the Catholic community on this campus inspired me to grow deeper in my faith, and I began to feel a strong desire to spend more time in prayer. Over the following years I continued to experience God's love and mercy deeper and deeper in my life and the desire to join seminary was undeniable. I entered Saint John Vianney College Seminary in 2021, and truly every day has been a gift from the Lord. I am very excited to be with you at St. Joseph's and Our Lady of Perpetual Help for these coming years!



ST. MONICA

Holiness Runs in the Family

Raising faithful children is no easy task. For St. Monica, it seemed nearly impossible. Her husband wasn't Christian and often mocked her faith. Their son, Augustine, fell quickly into wild ways. He and his friends drank, stole, and caroused throughout town. Monica never stopped praying for Augustine, no matter how far he strayed. Augustine became swept up in heresy, a false form of Christianity. He lived with a mistress and had a child out of wedlock. All the while, Monica kept praying. Conversion came slowly to Augustine, but at age 32, he was finally baptized. Augustine would go on to become a priest, then bishop, then world-renowned theologian whose works have stood the test of time. May St. Monica and St. Augustine inspire us to never stop praying for our loved ones. ©LPi



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 Mass Intention Book for 2026 has limited weekday availability remaining.

The Mass Intention Book for 2027 is now open for all months. Please contact the rectory to schedule your Mass requests following the guidelines below.

Mass Intention Guidelines:

- A maximum of two (2) Intentions per Mass is allowed. If a Mass is scheduled "For the People", a second intention will not be accepted.
- Only one intention per week is allowed for a requested individual (Saturday – Sunday).
- Holy Day of Obligation Intentions will be listed as either "For the People" or for "Presider Intention."
- We kindly ask that once a Mass intention is scheduled, the date remain as assigned and not be changed, except in extraordinary circumstances.
- A stipend of \$10.00 per intention is requested.

As an alternative, if the requested date is unavailable, with your permission, the Parish Office can submit your request to the Diocese of Joliet, Retired Religious, to be celebrated on the days you request. The Mass stipends will be sent to the Retired Religious for the Masses they celebrate.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we strive to accommodate the many requests we receive each year. If you have any questions regarding the Mass Intention process, please contact the Parish Office at 815-727-9378.

Parish Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday, 7:30 AM – 3:30 PM; Friday, 7:30 AM – 1:00 PM



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 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.

06 • NEWS & EVENTS



MAKE

DON'T MISS THIS INSPIRING PARISH LEADERSHIP EVENT!

Making Disciples for Jesus and Transforming Parishes



Date:

Tuesday, August 25
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM



Location:

St. Mary Immaculate Parish
15629 Route 59, Plainfield, IL 60544



Featuring:

Bishop Dennis E. Spies and Fr. John Ricardo (Acts XXIX Ministries)



Join us for a powerful evening of renewal and mission to re-energize parish leaders to lean more boldly into the mission entrusted by Jesus: making disciples in homes, classrooms, and every parish ministry.



The event is designed for parish and school leaders including Priests, Deacons, Business Managers, DREs, Youth Ministers, Adult Faith/Evangelization Leaders, Catechists, and School Principals.



REGISTER TODAY!



eventbrite.com/e/1994917794826



JOYFUL AGAIN BEREAVEMENT RETREAT

If you have lost a spouse over six months ago or if your loss happened some time ago, this program is designed to support you. It helps you take steps forward while continuing to honor and cherish the meaningful memories of your spouse.

Joyful Again! is for both men and women (all ages) who have been widowed and are still trying to find hope and new joy in life. The next Overnight Retreat/Workshop will be held at this location. All are welcome!

2 Day Overnight Retreat/Workshop for
Widowed Men & Women

Sept. 12 & 13, 2026
University of St. Mary of the Lake, Mundelein, IL

For more information on this retreat or to register, visit our website: www.joyfulagain.org

For more information call: 708-354-7211

or e-mail us at info@joyfulagain.org



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.

JOIN BISHOP SPIES, PRIESTS & DEACONS
ACROSS THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET FOR

A Night of Prayer, Music, & Adoration



This will be
outside.
Please bring
your own
blanket or
chair

Wednesday, September 23rd

7:00PM

Dupage County Campus
503 N. County Farm Road, Wheaton

As our nation marks its 250th anniversary, people across the Diocese of Joliet are invited to gather for a historic public Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Join Bishop Spies, priests, deacons, and people across the Diocese for an hour of candlelit Eucharistic Adoration as we pray for our nation.



MORE INFO

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: \$50,383

AMOUNT PAID: \$46,559

PLEDGES DUE: \$3,824

2026 REBATE: \$1,301

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



BE FORMED



SEASON 13

THE CREED: THE HOLY SPIRIT

REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 15!

SEPTEMBER 14 - DECEMBER 12, 2026

Join BE FORMED this Fall to learn more about the Creed, the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Catholic Church!



WWW.BEFORMED.NET



National Day of Remembrance for the Unborn on Sept. 12

Join the Diocese of Joliet for a prayer service for the National Day of Remembrance for the Unborn at 1 pm on September 12, 2026 at Resurrection Cemetery, 200 W. Romeo Road, Romeoville, IL.

President: Most Rev. Dennis E. Spies
Speaker: Dr. Monica Migliorino Miller, Ph.D.
Founder, Citizens for a Pro-Life Society
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