



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Joliet, Illinois

AUGUST 30, 2026 | 22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome!

St. Joseph Church Catholic Church

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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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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it." - Mt 16:24b-25

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
August 23, 2026

Weekly.....	\$7,946.00
Weekly Budgeted.....	\$10,798.00*
Maint. & Repair.....	\$95.00
The Assumption.....	\$86.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

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

September 5 & 6

Lector		Extraordinary Ministers
4:00 PM	V. Devadas	E. Bravo, D. Dodson, K. Sefcik
8:30 AM	G. Walters	Dcn. Eric, V. Gale, S. Walters
10:30 AM	S. Orozco	Dcn. Eric, L. Engelman, J. Orozco
7:00 PM	J. Contorno	J. Halsne



FLAME OF FAITH

Marija Cebasek- Neubauer
Robert W. Hunsley
Rose Paver

MARRIAGE BANNS

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

I Arthur “Jack” Kraus & Corinne Veazie
September 19, 2026

Second Collection
next weekend,
September 5 & 6
is for
Maintenace & Repair

BULLETIN CONTENT

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PRAYER & READINGS • 03

MASS INTENTIONS

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)

Monday, August 31

Weekday

- 8:30am Sammy Cucci (A) (Family)
 8:30am Marie Kanta (Doug & JoAnne Marshall)

Tuesday, September 1

Weekday, World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

- 8:30am Bob Vicich (Doug & JoAnne Marshall)
 8:30am Luis & Maria Zepeda (Family)

Wednesday, September 2

Weekday

- 8:30am Dolores Fornelli (Sandy Gregorash)
 8:30am Gen Klainsek (Bernie & Nancy Lovati)

Thursday, September 3

Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

- 8:30am Elizabeth Hansen (Michael Hansen)
 8:30am Marian Schoener (Daughters)

Friday, September 4

Weekday

- 8:30am The Living & Deceased Members of the Altar
 & Rosary Society
 8:30am Trudy Kaiser (A) (Frieders Family)

Saturday, September 5

Vigil, Saint Teresa of Calcutta

- 4:00pm Joan Cromer (B) (Family)
 4:00pm Mark Valentino (A) (Family)

Sunday September 6

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30 am For the Living & Deceased Parishioners
 of St. Joseph Parish
 10:30am Dorothy Armbruster (Husband)
 10:30am Dermot Sheedy (Family)
 7:00pm Richard Butterbach (Family)
 7:00pm Fran Smaron & Niece, Nancy (B) (Mary Fran)

St. Gregory the Great | September 3

Often called the father of the medieval papacy and Apostle of the English, Saint Gregory (540-604) became Pope in 590. He is known for his reform of the liturgy, the consolidation of papal power, and the conversion of England.



WEEKLY READINGS

**For the Week of
August 30– September 6**

Sunday:

Jer 20:7-9
 Rom 12:1-2
 Mt 16:21-27

Monday:

1 Cor 2:1-5
 Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday:

1 Cor 2:10b-16
 Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday:

1 Cor 3:1-9
 Lk 4:38-44

Thursday:

1 Cor 3:18-23
 Lk 5:1-11

Friday:

1 Cor 4:1-5
 Lk 5:33-39

Saturday:

1 Cor 4:6b-15
 Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday:

Ez 33:7-9
 Rom 13:8-10
 Mt 18:15-20

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, Bob Horvat, 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

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!

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: \$3,799
AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$50,720 2026 REBATE: \$1,554
AMOUNT PAID: \$46,921



*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.

There is no cost for the OCIA program.

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Do you know what it is like to be thrilled by the power of Christian faith one moment and then utterly fail in it the next? I do. That is Peter in today's Gospel. After last week's bold confession, he now hears Jesus speak of suffering and death, and something in him recoils. He takes Jesus aside and tries to correct him. Jesus responds with the shocking rebuke, "Get behind me, Satan."

Peter is the mirror of every disciple. We love Jesus until he contradicts the script we have written for our lives. Peter does not reject Jesus. He rejects a suffering Jesus. So do we, whenever we avoid a hard responsibility, resist a demanding relationship, or cling to comfort instead of choosing love. We want a Lord who supports our plans, not one who overturns them.

Yet Jesus does not discard Peter. He redirects him. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." In effect, Jesus says, stop trying to lead me. Let me lead you. Discipleship does not begin with heroism or clarity but with surrender. It means trusting that God's path to life often passes through places we would never choose.

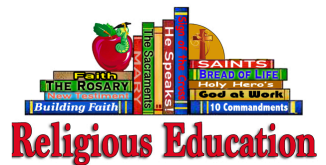
Peter is all of us. We move from insight to confusion, from confidence to correction. That is why we should have hope. Jesus patiently teaches us again and again. Trust me. Get behind me. Follow me. When we stop fighting the crosses that come and start carrying them with him, we discover a freedom deeper than comfort and a love stronger than fear.

— Father John Muir

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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.



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.

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, August 29th

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

Sunday, August 30th

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

Monday, August 31st

8:30am Mass
9-10am Adoration Chapel

Tuesday, September 1st

8:30am Mass
9-11am Adoration Chapel
6:00pm Monthly Adoration with
Confessions

Wednesday, September 2nd

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

Thursday, September 3rd

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

Friday, September 4th

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

Saturday, September 5th

3:00pm Confessions, Chaplet of
Divine Mercy, Litany, Rosary
4:00pm Mass
*Second Collection is for
Maintenance & Repair*

Sunday, September 6th

8:30am Mass
10:30am Mass
Noon Crest Hill Lions Club Picnic, Park
7:00pm Mass
*Second Collection is for
Maintenance & Repair*

Monday, September 7th

8:30am Mass

*The Rectory and Adoration Chapel are closed
in observance of Labor Day*



**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



**The Rectory and
Adoration Chapel will
be closed on Monday,
September 7th in
observance of Labor
Day.**

JOYFUL AGAIN – BEREAVEMENT RETREAT

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!

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