



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Joliet, Illinois

SEPTEMBER 6, 2026 | 23RD 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

Adoration

Weekdays After Mass As Scheduled
First Tuesday of the Month from
6-7PM with Confessions Available

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23rd Sunday

I N O R D I N A R Y T I M E

"If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:19-20

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

Pastor

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MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 5 & 6

Lector

4:00 PM V. Devadas
8:30 AM G. Walters
10:30 AM S. Orozco
7:00 PM J. Contorno

Extraordinary Ministers

E. Bravo, D. Dodson, K. Sefcik
Dcn. Eric, V. Gale, S. Walters
Dcn. Eric, L. Engelman, J. Orozco
J. Halsne

September 12 & 13

Lector

4:00 PM M. Mijan
8:30 AM M. Gurka
10:30 AM C. Kadela
7:00 PM M. Strahanoski

Extraordinary Ministers

Dcn. Eric, J. Halsne, K. Sefcik
A. Bruno, M. Bruno, V. Gale
A. Camacho, G. Dau, A. Urbancic
Dcn. Eric



FLAME OF FAITH

*Shirley Colaric
Mr. & Mrs. Ray Grein
Mr. & Mrs. Al Zelinski*

MARRIAGE BANNS

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

II Arthur "Jack" Kraus & Corinne Veazie
September 19, 2026



Second Collection
this weekend is for
Maintenance & Repair



CEMETERY NOTICE

Please remove all summer decorations from graves by October 1st, weather permitting, as the cemetery crew prepares for Winter.

If you'd like to save your items, please be sure to remove them by then. Anything remaining will be discarded.

BULLETIN CONTENT

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August 30, 2026

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continued generosity!**

PRAYER & READINGS • 03

MASS INTENTIONS

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)

Monday, September 7

Weekday, Labor Day

8:30am John Vallrugo (Rosemarie Hamerla)

Tuesday, September 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am Robert Dobczyk (Wife, Agnes)

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

Wednesday, September 9

Saint Peter Claver, Priest

8:30am Nicki Blowers (Family)

8:30am Marie Kanta
(Theresa Chaloka & Sharon Planinsek)

Thursday, September 10

Weekday

8:30am Cecilia Hansen (Michael Hansen)

8:30am Frank C. Mandel Family (Dolores Lange)

Friday, September 11

Weekday, Patriot Day

8:30am Robert W. Hunsley (Frank & Lillian Cepen)

8:30am Thomas Kemp (Wife & Family)

Saturday, September 12

Vigil, The Most Holy Name of Mary

4:00pm Health & Blessings for Jenny & Sal
Cerde (Ashley Degroot)

4:00pm For the Grandparents of the Fordonski
& Pucel Families (Fordonski Family)

4:00pm Robert Vicich
(Raul & Charlene Bravo & Family)

Sunday September 13

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am Joseph & Emerzia Shroba (Barello Family)

10:30am Robert Kendziora (The Kendziora Family)

10:30am Richard Morelli (Wife & Family)

7:00pm For the Living & Deceased Parishioners
of St. Joseph Parish and Those at Mass This
Evening and Their Families



WEEKLY READINGS

**For the Week of
September 6 - 13**

Sunday:

Ez 33:7-9

Rom 13:8-10

Mt 18:15-20

Monday:

1 Cor 5:1-8

Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday:

Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30

Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or

Mt 1:18-23

Wednesday:

1 Cor 7:25-31

Lk 6:20-26

Thursday:

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13

Lk 6:27-38

Friday:

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27

Lk 6:39-42

Saturday:

1 Cor 10:14-22

Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday:

Sir 27:30-28:7

Rom 14:7-9

Mt 18:21-35

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, 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, Kanner Mosher, Andres Nunez, Charles B. Ritzler IV, Augie Spoto



04 • WORSHIP TOGETHER



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



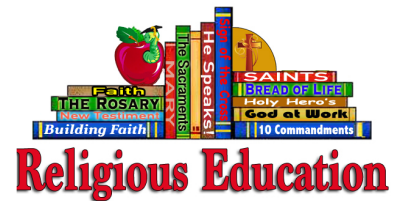
The Blessing of the Community

I have been blessed to be a member of my parish community for 28 years. For much of that time I was serving as a member of the parish staff, but it was still the community that I call home. I have been fortunate to be able to remain in that parish even as my life has encountered new chapters and callings. I am so grateful to God that I have been able to grow, be nourished, and find companionship in a parish for this long of a time.

It is a natural tendency for human beings to desire belonging to something bigger than themselves. Not everyone is fortunate enough to find the community, big or small, that fulfills that need. Unfortunately, that means that many communities suffer from not having the benefit of the gifts, skills, and talents that any member can offer. Communities are in many ways living organisms that move and breathe based upon the individuals who form that body. A community is truly the sum of its parts.

Your parish community reflects you and everyone else in that community. The more each member gives to the community, the stronger that community finds itself. If you hold back, your community suffers, and you gain little. I know firsthand what being a part of a community can mean to a person. I would be no one at all – and you would not be reading this – if it weren't for the life I have had in my parish community.

– Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPI



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 Parish needs additional Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, and Sacristans for all Masses. These ministries are significant to our Parish Life. We ask you to prayerfully consider becoming a Lector, Extraordinary Minister, and Sacristan. For information, call the rectory at 815-727-9378.



"BROADCASTING WITH A CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE - 24 HOURS A DAY, 365 DAYS A YEAR!"



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

Weekly Calendar

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

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observance of Labor Day*

Tuesday, September 8th

8:30am Mass
9-10am Adoration Chapel
5:30pm RE Catechist Meeting, FH

Wednesday, September 9th

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

Thursday, September 10th

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

Friday, September 11th

8:30am Mass
9-11am Adoration Chapel

Saturday, September 12th

9:00am Baptism Class, FH
3:00pm Confessions, Chaplet of
Divine Mercy, Litany & Rosary
4:00pm Mass
5:00pm Rocket Pro Wrestling, Park

Sunday, September 13th

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

ST. JOSEPH HOLY NAME SOCIETY MEETING

Members of the Holy Name Society will meet in Ferdinand Hall following 8:30 AM Mass on Sunday, September 27, 2026. All male parishioners, ages 15 and older are invited to attend.

ST. JOSEPH SENIORS

We hope you are enjoying the final weeks of summer!

After a pleasant summer break, our Senior group will begin the new year with a luncheon and meeting on **Wednesday, September 23rd**. Prior to the luncheon, Mass will be celebrated at 11:15 a.m.

Lillian is planning a delicious luncheon for the day, and as usual, we will conclude with Bingo for anyone who would like to play.

If you have not already made your reservation, please contact Marcia Smith at 815-922-1225 no later than Sunday, September 13th. The September luncheon is \$8 for members and caregivers and \$10 for nonmembers. This luncheon is free for those celebrating birthdays in August or September.

SAVE THE DATE! The annual Senior "St. Joseph Holiday Craft Fair and Market" will be held on November 14th. Raffle donations and baskets may be brought to the September meeting. We also ask that you consider volunteering your time and/or donating baked goods for the fair. Your help is greatly appreciated and very much needed. Contact Marcia if you have questions regarding the Fair!

RETROUVAILLE PROGRAM

Retrouvaille - Unique Among Marriage Programs
Retrouvaille (pronounced "Retro-Vie," French for "Rediscovery") is an international community committed to helping couples heal their marriages. We believe every marriage deserves the chance to heal and thrive. Retrouvaille is where we found hope, and we are dedicated to helping couples worldwide find hope. It is a program that can truly be life-changing.

Designed for All Couples Seeking Renewal
Whether you're struggling with communication, considering separation, or facing other challenges, Retrouvaille offers support for couples at every level of difficulty. Sessions are available worldwide and begin with a weekend experience, followed by additional sessions and ongoing support to continue healing and solidify progress. From minor issues to serious crises, over a hundred thousand couples have found renewed hope in Retrouvaille. The program is rooted in Christian values and Catholic tradition but welcomes couples of all faiths or no faith. Optional religious services are available during the weekend.

For more information visit <https://helpourmarriage.org/>