



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Joliet, Illinois

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026 | 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Welcome!

St. Joseph Church Catholic Church

416 N. Chicago Street
Joliet, IL 60432
815-727-9378
office@stjosephjoliet.org
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

Adoration

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

DONATE ONLINE

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24th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"Peter approached Jesus and asked him, 'Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.'" Matthew 18:21-22

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
Rev. John Hornicak
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Parochial Vicar
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STEWARDSHIP
August 30, 2026

Weekly.....\$11,077.00
Weekly Budgeted.....\$10,798.00
Maint. & Repair.....\$500.00

September 6, 2026

Offertory figures were not available at the time of the bulletin submission. Figures will appear in a future bulletin.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

September 12 & 13

Lector		Extraordinary Ministers
4:00 PM	M. Mijan	Dcn. Eric, J. Halsne, K. Sefcik
8:30 AM	M. Gurka	A. Bruno, M. Bruno, V. Gale
10:30 AM	C. Kadela	A. Camacho, G. Dau, A. Urbancic
7:00 PM	M. Strahanoski	Dcn. Eric

September 19 & 20

Lector		Extraordinary Ministers
4:00 PM	S. Vanisko	E. Bravo, D. Dodson, L. Michalak
8:30 AM	G. Walters	Dcn. Eric, T. Osburn, S. Walters
10:30 AM	V. Devadas	Dcn. Eric, L. Engelman, J. Orozco
7:00 PM	C. Gimbel	B. Gimbel



FLAME OF FAITH

*Joe G. Adamic
Joseph W. Adamic
Mr. & Mrs. John Zelinski*

MARRIAGE BANNS

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

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

I Mark Swanson & Haley Gerl
October 2, 2026



NEW PARISHIONERS

We welcome the following individuals into our parish family. May the Holy Spirit guide them throughout their lives and may our gracious and loving God bless them always.

Daniel Hernandez
Raymond & Beverly Kaufman

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 12

Vigil, The Most Holy Name of Mary

- 4:00pm Health & Blessings for Jenny & Sal Cerda
(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 (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

Monday, September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

- 8:30am Patricia & Jerome Levandowski
(Ann Levandowski)
- 8:30am Donald Uremovic (Family)

Tuesday, September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

- 8:30am Pedro Frausto, Jr. (A) (Family)
- 8:30am Mildred Petersen (B) (Bob Kinmonth)

Wednesday, September 16

Saints Cornelius, Pope and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

- 8:30am Mary Chaloka (Family)
- 8:30am Joanne Horvat (B) (Bob Horvat Family)
- 8:30am Jaime Ortiz, Jr. (A) (Family)

Thursday, September 17

Weekday

- 8:30am Mary Dobelmann (B) (Friend)
- 8:30am Judy Schoener (B) (David & Karen Mackley)

Friday, September 18

Weekday

- 8:30am John Facinelli (Family)
- 8:30am Frank Kernc (B) (Grandchildren)

Saturday, September 19

Vigil

- 4:00pm Joseph W. Adamic (A) (Wife & Family)
- 4:00pm George Barr, Jr. (Jane & Ron Kohl)

Sunday September 20

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30am Joseph W. Adamic (A) (Family)
- 8:30am Jim Olznoi (Lynn Laurich)
- 10:30am Bernardine Rutkowski
(Theresa Chaloka & Sharon Planinsek)
- 10:30am Anthony Smrekar (A) (Family)
- 7:00pm For the Living & Deceased Parishioners
of St. Joseph Parish and Those at Mass This
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PRAYER & READINGS • 03

WEEKLY READINGS

**For the Week of
September 13 – 20**



Sunday:

Sir 27:30-28:7
Rom 14:7-9
Mt 18:21-35

Monday:

Nm 21:4b-9
Phil 2:6-11
Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday:

1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday:

1 Cor 12:31-13:13
Lk 7:31-35

Thursday:

1 Cor 15:1-11
Lk 7:36-50

Friday:

1 Cor 15:12-20
Lk 8:1-3

Saturday:

1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49
Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday:

Is 55:6-9
Phil 1:20c-24, 27a
Mt 20:1-16a

THOSE IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

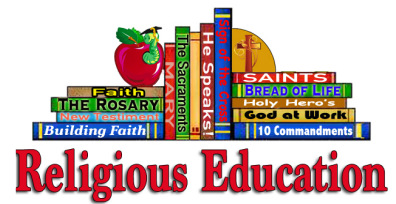
Fr. Tim Andres. O. Carm., Fr. Joe Atcher, O. Carm., Joe Babich, Judy Bolte, Diane Carter, Erica Ceballos, Markie Cerda, Joe Cimfe, Vijay Devadas, Walter Ferguson, Pat Figuirowski, Sharon Boris Fonck, Amy Gahan, Irene Gordan, Carolyn Grady, Jean Haas, Carrie Harth, Bob Horvat, Janet Horvath, Ray Horvatin, Jake Jakovich Jr., Bob Keca, Joan Kernc, Kathy Kibler, Gail Kolenc, Michael Kuhel, Richard Lenzen, Mary Loucks, Todd Lukas, Frank Markun, Christine Martin-Burd, 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 Sarcelletti, 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, Commander Suzanne Meehan USN, Kannen Mosher, Andres Nunez, Charles B. Ritzler IV, Augie Spoto



04 • WORSHIP TOGETHER



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!

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.

The first day of Religious Education classes are September 22nd.

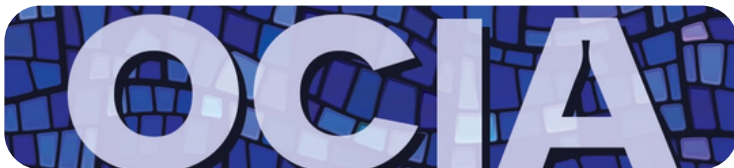
EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Should I Stay or Should I Go?

Life is not always easy on us and it can be hard to figure out the next step to take in our journey. We can even become immobilized by indecisiveness and fear about making the wrong move or choosing the incorrect path. I think of the song, *Should I Stay, or Should I Go*, as a mantra for many times in my life. Should I stay in this house, this job, or this car? Should I go here or there? When those times of decision surface, I usually turn to my wife, my friends, or even my children. Talking it out can help, and their perspectives give me more data to consider. When I lean on others to help me make a decision, it helps me become more confident in my choices.

Discerning the will of God is not easy either. Rarely do we understand God's calling clearly at first. God's calling is always more easily discerned within a community of faithful disciples. Our stewardship way of life can suffer greatly if we refuse to allow others to assist us in the process of discernment. What gifts or talents are needed for the task at hand? Where do I fit best into God's plan? Where is God leading me? No one should have to decide the answers to these questions alone. We need to always lean on the Body of Christ to help us see the path that God has laid before us. Without a little help along the journey, over time we might find ourselves stuck in the same place where we started.

– Tracy Earl Welliver
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Prayer for an OCIA Class

Dear God,
You never cease calling each of us to You.
Be with our OCIA class as we journey to know You better.
Inspire our conversations, guide our lessons,
and direct our hearts as each of us seeks Your will.
Amen.



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.



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HAPPENING THIS MONTH • 05

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.

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, September 12th

9:00am Baptism Class, Ferdinand Hall
3:00pm Confessions, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Litany & Rosary
4:00pm Mass
5:00pm Rocket ProWrestling, Park

Sunday, September 13th

8:30am Mass
10:30am Mass
11:30am OCIA Begins, Ferdinand Hall
7:00pm Mass

Monday, September 14th

8:30am Mass
9-10am Adoration Chapel
5pm Knight of Columbus Meeting, Ferdinand Hall

Tuesday, September 15th

8:30am Mass
9-10am Adoration Chapel
5:30pm RE Parent Meeting, Ferdinand Hall
6:00pm SUA Meeting & Picnic, Legion Room

Wednesday, September 16th

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

Thursday, September 17th

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

Friday, September 18th

8:30am Mass
9-11am Adoration Chapel

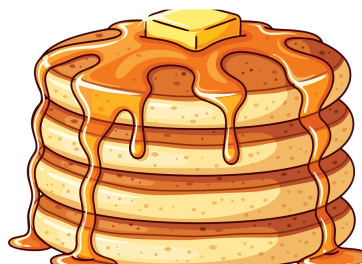
Saturday, September 19th

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

Sunday, September 20th

8:30am Mass
10:30am Mass
11:30am OCIA, FH
7:00pm Mass

8:00am-12:30pm OLPH Pancake Breakfast



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Sunday, September 20th

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish
201 S. Briggs St., Joliet
8:00 AM until 12:30 PM in the Gym

Donation: Adults \$10; Kids and Veterans \$6

Fresh and Delicious All You Can Eat Pancakes, bacon waffles, with Biscuits & Gravy, Scrambled Eggs, Sausage, Coffee, Milk, & Orange Juice.



Saturday, September 12th
St. Joe's Park
700 Theodore St., Joliet
Doors open at 4PM, show begins at 5PM.

