



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Joliet, Illinois

OCTOBER 4, 2026 | 27TH 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

Adoration

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

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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." - Mt 21:43

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
Rev. John Hornicak
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STEWARDSHIP

September 27, 2026

Weekly.....\$8,970.00
Weekly Budgeted.....\$10,798.00
Maintenance & Repair.....\$260.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 3 & 4

Lector		Extraordinary Ministers
4:00 PM	M. Mijan	A. Camacho, D. Dodson, K. Sefcik
8:30 AM	M. Budzinski	Needed , A. Koncar, S. Walters
10:30 AM	D. Mackley	Needed , L. Engelman, C. Kadela
7:00 PM	J. Contorno	B. Strahanoski

October 10 & 11

Lector		Extraordinary Ministers
4:00 PM	S. Vanisko	Dcn. Eric, C. Kadela, K. Sefcik
8:30 AM	M. Gurka	Dcn. Eric, A. Bruno, T. Osburn
10:30 AM	L. Orozco	Dcn. Eric, G. Dau, J. Orozco
7:00 PM	M. Strahanoski	Dcn. Eric, B. Strahanoski



FLAME OF FAITH

Frank L. Mali

MARRIAGE BANNES

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

III Grant Colgan & Elizabeth Bravo
October 10, 2026

III Michael Wisz & Caroline Contorno
October 10, 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.

Ricardo “Rich”, Elizabeth, Stefanie & Richard J. Pacheco

MONTH OF THE Rosary

PRAYER & READINGS • 03

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 3

Vigil

- 4:00pm Gerry Kubinski (Peggy Kubinski)
4:00pm Jim Olznoi (Maria Prilesnik & Family)

Sunday October 4

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30am Brent Gunier (A) (Family)
8:30am Joseph & Emerzia Shroba (Barello Family)
10:30am Patricia & Jerome Levandowski
(Ann Levandowski)
10:30am Doug Petan (Tom & Bev Kotowicz & Family)
7:00pm For the Living & Deceased Parishioners of
St. Joseph Parish and For Those at Mass Tonight
and Their Families

Monday, October 5

Weekday

- 8:30am Esther Lopez (A) (Family)
8:30am For the Health & Blessings of Carol Terdic
(William and Lisa Vertin)

Tuesday, October 6

Weekday

- 8:30am David Michael Hurd (A) (Family)
8:30am Marian Schoener (Daughters)

Wednesday, October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

- 8:30am James Frieders (A) (Frieders Family)
8:30am Donna Nemanich (Huston Family)

Thursday, October 8

Weekday

- 8:30am Elizabeth Hansen (Michael Hansen)
8:30am Jack "Mac" McDonald (Bob & Debby Komp)

Friday, October 9

Weekday

- 8:30am Marija Cebasek-Neubauer & Parents
(Husband & Family)
8:30am Robert W. Hunsley (Wife, Carol)

Saturday, October 10

Vigil

- 4:00pm William Griffin (A) (Family)
4:00pm Donald Jankowski (B) (Wife & Family)

Sunday October 11

Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30am Tamerla Eleby-Gordan (A) (Family)
8:30am Kociancic & Smaron Family (Smaron Family)
10:30am Ronald A. Ziesmer (B) (Rehak-Ziesmer Family)
10:30am Robert (B) & Jean Wolz (Family)
7:00pm For the Living & Deceased Parishioners of
St. Joseph Parish and For Those at Mass Tonight
and Their Families

WEEKLY READINGS

For the Week of October 4 - 11

Sunday:

Is 5:1-7
Phil 4:6-9
Mt 21:33-43

Monday:

Gal 1:6-12
Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday:

Gal 1:13-24
Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday:

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14
Lk 11:1-4



Thursday:

Gal 3:1-5
Lk 11:5-13

Friday:

Gal 3:7-14
Lk 11:15-26

Saturday:

Gal 3:22-29
Lk 11:27-28

Next Sunday:

Is 25:6-10a
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20
Mt 22: 1-14 or
Mt 22:1-10

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, Lynn Dezelan, Walter Ferguson, Pat Figuirowski, Sharon Boris Fonck, Amy Gahan, Irene Gordan, Carolyn Grady, Jean Haas, Carrie Harth, Bob Horvat, Janet Horvath, Ray Horvatin, Jeanne Hostert, Maximus Hrvatin, 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, 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

ST. JOSEPH SENIORS

Wednesday, October 14th is the day for our Luncheon/Meeting at St. Joseph Park Hall. This is a week earlier than the normal 3rd Wednesday. The menu includes: Brats, German potato salad, sauerkraut, and dessert, a wonderful Autumn menu! Hope to see you at 12 noon!

Hope all of you made your October reservation at the September meeting. If you have not, call/text Marcia Smith at (815) 922-1225, no later than October 11th. Also, if you have made a reservation, but now cannot attend, please contact Marcia ASAP. Members/caregivers are \$8; guests are \$10. See you there!

The St. Joseph Holiday Craft Fair and Market takes place Saturday, Nov. 14th. Please bring any raffle baskets or items you wish to donate to the luncheon. Volunteers are also needed for the event. Please call Marcia Smith or you can sign up at the luncheon. Please share the word about this event to friends and family.

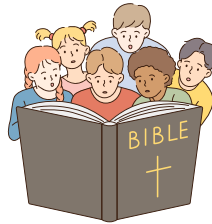
BIBLE STUDY

Thursdays, October 1st - November 19th

10:00AM - Our Lady of Perpetual Help Gymnasium
201 S. Briggs Street, Joliet

6:00 PM - St. Joseph Park
700 Theodore St., Joliet

To register, please contact the rectory at 815.727.9378



**SPEND AN HOUR IN HIS PRESENCE
MONTHLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION
AT ST. JOSEPH CHURCH**

**October 6th
6:00-7:00 PM**
and every first
Tuesday of
the Month

*Confessions
will be
available
during this hour*



*"Every Time We Look
at The Blessed
Sacrament Our Place
in Heaven is Raised
Forever."
~St. Gertrude the
Great*

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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: \$3,443

AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$51,175

2026 REBATE: \$2,122

AMOUNT PAID: \$47,732



Join the Pro-Life Committee as we pray
for the lives of the unborn.

Aurora Planned Parenthood
3051 E. New York St., Aurora, IL.
Every Saturday
through October 31st
Meet at the clinic at 10 AM

2026 Baby Bottles For Life Campaign

**THROUGHOUT THE
MONTH OF OCTOBER**



Weekly Calendar

Saturday, October 3rd

10:00am Pet Blessing, Prayer Garden
 3:00pm Confessions, Chaplet of
 Divine Mercy, Litany & Rosary
 4:00pm Mass
 5:00pm Rocket Pro Wrestling, Park
Second Collection is for Maintenance & Repair
Gift Shop Open
JCA Raffle Ticket Sales

Sunday, October 4th

8:30am Mass
 10:30am Mass
 11:30am OCIA, FH
 7:00pm Mass
Second Collection is for Maintenance & Repair
Gift Shop Open
Cub Scout Popcorn Sale after 8:30 & 10:30 AM
Masses

Monday, October 5th

8:30am Mass
 9-10am Adoration Chapel

Tuesday, October 6th

8:30am Mass
 9-10am Adoration Chapel
 5:30pm RE Class, School
 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration & Confessions

Wednesday, October 7th

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

Thursday, October 8th

8:30am Mass
 9am-12pm Adoration Chapel
 12:00pm Will Co. Seniors, Park
 6:00pm Bible Study, Park - Legion Room
 5:00pm Wedding Rehearsal

Friday, October 9th

8:30am Mass
 9-11am Adoration Chapel
 3:30pm Wedding Rehearsal

Saturday, October 10th

10:00am Baptism Class, FH
 1:00pm Wedding
 3:00pm Confessions, Chaplet of
 Divine Mercy, Litany & Rosary
 4:00pm Mass
 4:00pm Private Event, Park
 5:30pm Wedding

Sunday, October 11th

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

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS

Gifts Given to Share

My oldest two children took piano lessons when they were younger. In fact, it was because my oldest wanted to learn to play so badly that we purchased a piano. He would use it for practice during his few years of lessons, and then my daughter took up the instrument. After a few years of lessons for each, restlessness set in and a type of indifference took over. The lessons and the practicing came to an end.

My youngest had not expressed much interest in piano when he was younger. Then when he was a teenager, he asked for lessons. He began to play and now he plays even for fun and to relax. When his siblings try to play, they are stuck with the truth that those days are gone and since they gave it up years ago, they can no longer really play. In many ways, they were given a gift, but since they did not use and cultivate it, they lost it.

God gives us gifts every day and we too often act like those gifts will simply always be there. The truth is, unlike God Himself, many of those gifts are not eternal. If we fail to acknowledge them and put them to use, we risk losing them in the end. What a shame. What gifts might be slowly slipping away from each of us due to our lack of interest and indifference? They might not be there if and when we change our minds.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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From now through the end of October, Respect Life Month, the USCCB Committee on Pro Life Activities is inviting Catholics to join a focused effort of prayer and action to stop the spread of abortion pills. Thank you for your prayers and actions to protect innocent children and their vulnerable mothers from the evil of abortion. St. Joseph, Defender of Life, pray for us!

A Prayer to St. Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest St. Joseph, at the word of an angel, you lovingly took Mary into your home. As God's humble servant, you guided the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem, welcomed Jesus as your own son in the shelter of a manger, and fled far from your homeland for the safety of both Mother and Child. We praise God that as their faithful protector, you never hesitated to sacrifice for those entrusted to you. May your example inspire us also to welcome, cherish, and safeguard God's most precious gift of life. Help us to faithfully commit ourselves to the service and defense of human life - especially where it is vulnerable or threatened. Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. Amen.