



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Joliet, Illinois

OCTOBER 18, 2026 | 29TH 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

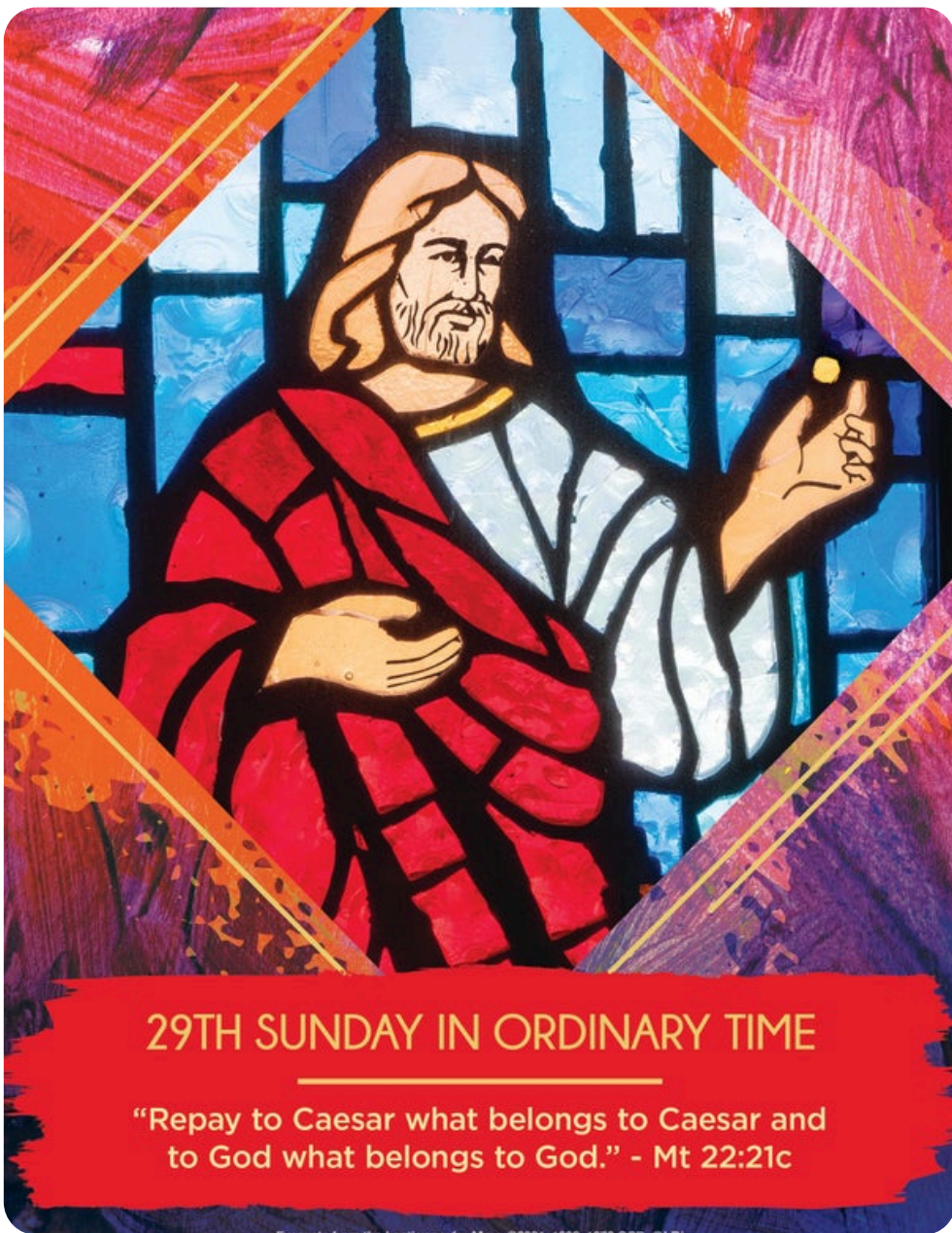
Wednesday Noon-1:00pm
Saturday 3:00 pm - 3:30pm
Other By Appointment

Adoration

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

DONATE ONLINE

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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and
to God what belongs to God." - Mt 22:21c**

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

October 11, 2026

Weekly.....\$8,172.13
Weekly Budgeted.....\$10,798.00
Maintenance & Repair.....\$779.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

October 17 & 18

Lector

4:00 PM B. Schelli
8:30 AM G. Walters
10:30 AM D. Mackley
7:00 PM C. Gimbel

Extraordinary Ministers

4:00 PM B. Schelli, M. Schelli, B. Zelinski
8:30 AM C. Kadela, A. Koncar, S. Walters
10:30 AM N. Churnovic, R. Churnovic, A. Urbancic
7:00 PM B. Gimbel

October 24 & 25

Lector

4:00 PM V. Devadas
8:30 AM M. Bruno
10:30 AM N. Szalinski
7:00 PM P. Draksler

Extraordinary Ministers

4:00 PM Dcn. Eric, D. Dodson, L. Michalak
8:30 AM A. Bruno, T. Osburn, S. Walters
10:30 AM R. Churnovic, G. Dau, V. Gale
7:00 PM Dcn. Eric



FLAME OF FAITH

Ronald A. Ziesmer



EMPLOYMENT POSTING

The Diocese of Joliet has announced new positions available. To view full detailed job descriptions, visit: The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois at www.diojoliet.org/offices/careers

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 17

Vigil

- 4:00pm Richard Churnovic, Sr. (B)
(Mike & Lynn Miller)
4:00pm Stephen L. & Frances M. Sefcik (Grandsons)

Sunday October 18

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30am For the Living & Deceased Parishioners of
St. Joseph Parish
8:30am For the Anniversary of the Consecration of
St. Joseph Church
10:30am Dorothy Armbruster (Husband)
10:30am Dermot Sheedy (Family)
7:00pm Health and Blessings of Nate Michalak
(Mark & Lyn Michalak)

Monday, October 19

Saints John de Brebeuf and Isaac Jogue, Priests and Companions, Martyrs

- 8:30am Phyllis Binzen (Janet & Frank Jurmann)
8:30am Ronald A. Ziesmer (Wife & Family)

Tuesday, October 20

Weekday

- 8:30am Robert W. Hunsley (Maria Jankowski)
8:30am Genevieve Klainsek (Rosemary Lopkinski)

Wednesday, October 21

Weekday

- 8:30am Bettie Lustick (Husband, Cal & Family)
8:30am Ursula Sass (Family)

Thursday, October 22

Weekday

- 8:30am Eleanor Kernc (A) (Grandchildren)
8:30am Chelsie Leffelman (Michael Hansen)

Friday, October 23

Weekday

- 8:30am Blaž Markun (Frank & Rosemary Markun)
8:30am Health & Blessings, Maximallian Michalak
(Michalak Family)

Saturday, October 24

Vigil

- 4:00pm George Barr, Jr. (Family)
4:00pm Martin Velmir (A), Peggy Lambert, & Patrick
Monshau (Mike & Beth Hansen)

Sunday October 25

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30am Jerry Mutz (Kerr Family)
10:30am Nicki Blowers (Family)
10:30am John & Dolores Krzysciak (A) (Family)
7:00pm For the Living & Deceased Parishioners of
St. Joseph Parish & Those Attending Mass and
Their Families

PRAYER & READINGS • 03

WEEKLY READINGS

For the Week of October 18 - 25

Sunday:

Is 45:1, 4-6
1 Thes 1:1-5b
Mt 22:15-21

Monday:

Eph 2:1-10
Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday:

Eph 2:12-22
Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday:

Eph 3:2-12
Lk 12:39-48

Thursday:

Eph 3:14-21
Lk 12: 49-53

Friday:

Eph 4:1-6
Lk 12:54-59

Saturday:

Eph 4:7-16
Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday:

Ex 22:2-26
1 Thes 1:5c-10
Mt 22:34-40



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, Lynette 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.

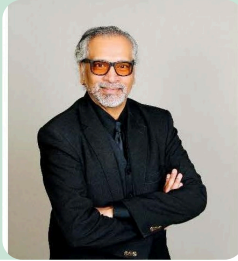
OUR MILITARY PARISHIONERS

Spec. Rafael Arias, Andrew Bender, 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, PV 2 Joseph Kraus, Wyatt Lawson, Jared Anthony Mason, Kannen Mosher, Andres Nunez, Charles B. Ritzler IV, Augie Spoto



04 • WORSHIP TOGETHER

On Friday, October 23rd, at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, Darien, Bishop Dennis Edward Spies will institute Vijay Devadas to the ministry of acolyte as part of the Permanent Diaconate Formation Program. This ministry is a sacred trust, calling each acolyte to be closely united to the Eucharist, to serve with humility, and to grow in holiness through the example of Christ's self-giving love. May God bless Vijay as he walks this path of service, and may the Church pray for him in this journey toward the diaconate.



Devotions, Explained!



The Rosary,

Christians have used beads to mark the recitation of prayers since ancient times. In the 12th century, the Rosary emerged as a meditative devotion centering on significant moments in the lives of Jesus and Mary. In the words of St. Leo XIII, "there is no more excellent way of praying."

The Rosary is traditionally attributed to a Marian vision received by St. Dominic de Guzman (1170-1221). Though scholarship on this point is uncertain, the Dominican Order was undoubtedly crucial in establishing and evangelizing the Rosary as a devotional prayer.

Over the centuries, the formula of the devotion eventually took the shape of 50 Hail Marys divided into five "decades," with each decade focused on a different mystery. The Church has defined the Joyful Mysteries (to be recited on Saturdays and Mondays), the Glorious Mysteries (Sundays and Wednesdays), the Sorrowful Mysteries (Tuesdays and Fridays), and most recently the Luminous Mysteries (to be recited on Thursdays).

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ST. JOSEPH HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR & MARKET

Anyone wanting their finished basket donation picked up, please call Joanie at (815) 603-7033 or Peggy at (815) 355-0452.

GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

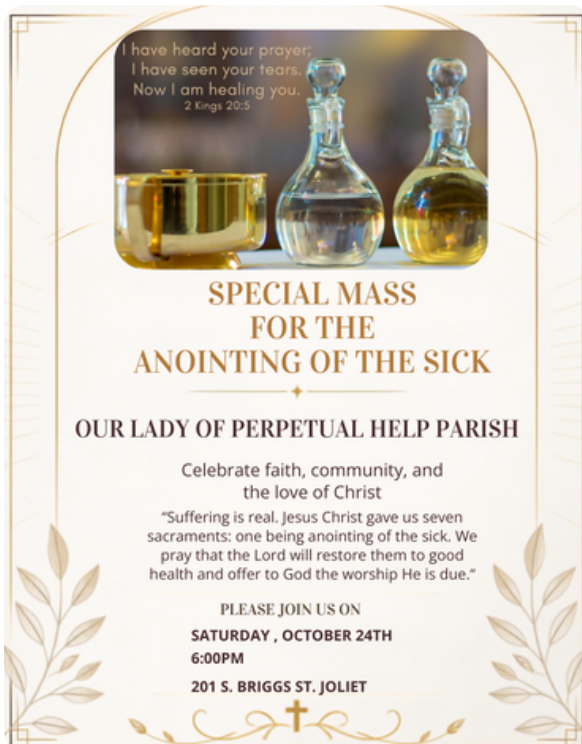
Occasionally, I'll slip into a parish I've never visited before, pick up the bulletin, and find one of my Gospel reflections. My heart usually swells with a bit of affection for my creation. I imprint a bit of myself into my little "literary labors of love." Anyone who has created something — a piece of writing, a garden, a meal, a child — knows that feeling. We love the things into which we put ourselves. We are happy when they return to us.

With this in mind, listen to Jesus' classic line in this Sunday's Gospel: "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God" (Matthew 22:21). He presents this little riddle to deepen the theme from taxes to human beings. A Roman coin bears Caesar's image, so it belongs to Caesar. Therefore, he has a legitimate claim to it. Fair enough. But what belongs to God? What bears His image? Every human being. God has imprinted Himself on every person. Which means everyone — including Caesar — belongs entirely to Him. Jesus, who is God's perfect image, has come to draw everyone back to God.

We can be tempted to imagine that our lives are made up of "things for God" and "things not for God." The good news is that no such division is possible because everything in life is a gift from God to us. Therefore, all is meant to be placed at the service of God's kingdom. He loves everything He has created. We have the privilege of giving it all back to Him.

— Father John Muir

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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



HAPPENING THIS MONTH • 05

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, October 17th

10:00am Cooking Class, Park
1:00 pm Baptism
3:00pm Confessions, Chaplet of
Divine Mercy, Litany & Rosary
4:00pm Mass

*2nd Collection is for World Mission Sunday
SUA Bake Sale
Undy Sunday Donations Begin*

Sunday, October 18th

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

*2nd Collection is for World Mission Sunday
SUA Bake Sale at 8:30 & 10:30 AM Masses
OLPH Pancake Breakfast, 8:00AM - 12:30 PM
Undy Sunday Donations Begin*

Monday, October 19th

8:30am Mass
9-10am Adoration Chapel

Tuesday, October 20th

8:30am Mass
9-10am Adoration Chapel
5:30pm RE Class, School
6:00pm SUA Meeting, Legion Room

Wednesday, October 21st

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

Thursday, October 22nd

8:30am Mass
9am-12pm Adoration Chapel
6:00pm Bible Study, Park - Legion Room

Friday, October 23rd

8:30am Mass
9-11am Adoration Chapel

Saturday, October 24th

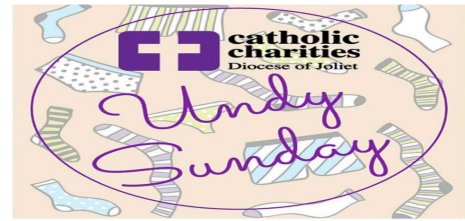
3:00pm Confessions, Chaplet of
Divine Mercy, Litany & Rosary
4:00pm Mass
6:00pm Anointing Mass, OLPH

*JCA Raffle Tickets and Cub Scout Popcorn Sales
After Mass*

Sunday, October 25th

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

*JCA Raffle Tickets and Cub Scout Popcorn Sales
After 8:30 & 10:30 AM Masses*



COLLECTION DRIVE TO BENEFIT THE CLIENTS
OF CATHOLIC CHARITIES.

OCTOBER 17th- 25th

St. Joseph Parish will collect donations of basic needs items for the clients of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet at the Parish the weekends of October 17 - 25. **Any donation of new underwear, socks, and diapers are welcome.** Catholic Charities has requested that we focus on the following items this year:

- Diapers (size 4, 5, 6)
- Pull Up Training Diapers (sizes 2-3T, 3-4T, 5-6T)
- Baby wipes
- Boy's underwear (size 3T -5/6)
- Girl's underwear (size 3T - 5/6)
- Boy's socks (all sizes, especially crew socks)
- Girl's socks (all sizes)

*Thank you for caring
for the poor and
vulnerable in our
community.*



**St. Joseph
Holiday
Craft Fair & Market**

★ Date: November 14th, 2026
📍 Location: St. Joseph's Park Hall
700 Theodore Street, Joliet
🕒 Time: 10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

**Join Us for a Festive
Holiday Shopping Experience!**

Celebrate the season with
family and friends!

- 🎁 Admission Is Free • Plenty of Free Parking
- 🛍️ Homemade Crafts, Gifts, Bakery Items
& Slovenian Goodies
- ☕ Refreshments Available for Purchase
- 🎟️ Amazing Raffle Baskets &
50/50 Raffles, Too

Hope to See You at the Fair!

🍂 Celebrate Autumn • Welcome Winter ❄️

*Don't miss one of the area's
favorite holiday traditions!*