



# ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Joliet, Illinois

MAY 3, 2026 | 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## Welcome!

### St. Joseph Church Catholic Church

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Joliet, IL 60432  
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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend Masses

Saturday 4:00 pm Vigil  
Sunday 8:30 am, 10:30 am, 7:00 pm

### Weekday Masses

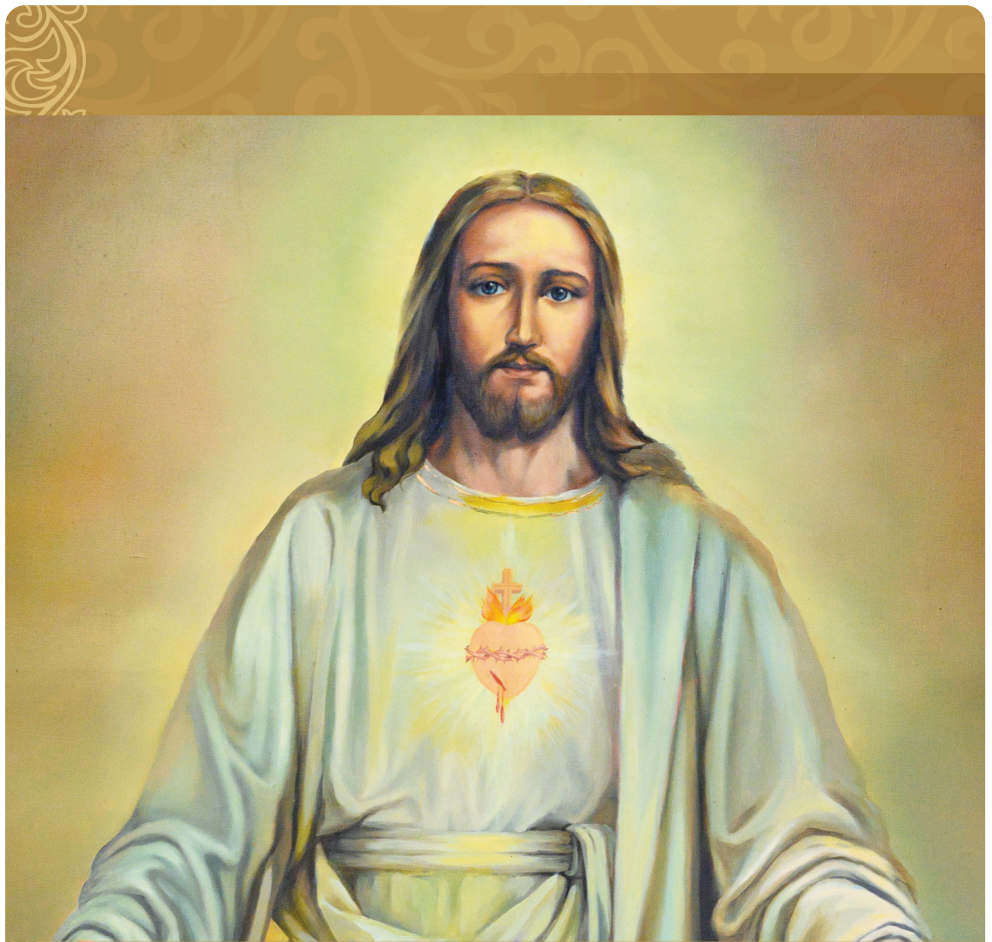
Monday 8:30 am  
Tuesday 8:30 am  
Wednesday 8:30 am  
Thursday 8:30 am  
Friday 8:30 am

### Confession

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

## DONATE ONLINE

Donating online is easy!  
Just aim your phone  
camera at the QR Code  
and follow the link.  
Thank you!



## 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have  
faith in God; have faith also in me." John 14:1

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## 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 CLERGY**

**Pastor**

Rev. John Hornicak  
jhornicak@stjosephjoliet.org

**Pastoral Vicar**

Rev. Roger Kutzner  
rkutzner@stjosephjoliet.org



**STEWARDSHIP**

**APRIL 26, 2026**

Weekly Offering.....\$8,349.00  
Weekly Budgeted.....\$8,173.00  
Maintenance & Repair.....\$ 645.00  
Home Missions.....\$2,081.00

*Thank you for your  
continued generosity!*

**BAPTISM**

We congratulate the Hernandez family and welcome their son into our parish family. May the Holy Spirit guide him throughout his life and may God bless him always.

**Marcelo E. Hernandez**  
Son of Daniel & Lena



We congratulate the Knapp family and welcome their son into our parish family. May the Holy Spirit guide him throughout his life and may God bless him always.

**Elias Stone Ambrozich**  
Son of Derek & Amy

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

**May 2 & 3**

**Lector**

4:00 PM S. Vanisko  
8:30 AM G. Walters  
10:30 AM L. Orozco  
7:00 PM M. Strahanoski

**Extraordinary Ministers**

D. Dodson, B. Zelinski, D. Zelinski  
Deacon Eric, A. Bruno, S. Walters  
Deacon Eric, G. Dau, C. Kadela  
B. Strahanoski

**May 9 & 10**

**Lector**

4:00 PM J. Halsne  
8:30 AM M. Budzinski  
10:30 AM J. Hostert  
7:00 PM J. Contorno

**Extraordinary Ministers**

Deacon Eric, L. Michalak, B. Strahanoski  
C. Goetze, T. Osburn, S. Walters  
C. Kadela, G. Dau, A. Urbancic  
Deacon Eric



**FLAME OF FAITH**

Art & Dorothy Cwudzinski  
Anna Dragovan & Betty Scholp  
Fran Mali



The Second Collection this weekend is for Maintenance & Repair

The Second Collection Next Week, May 9 & 10, is for Kankakee County Storm Relief



**May 3, 2026 at 10:30 AM MASS, ST. JOSEPH CHURCH**

Cecelia Chocron will crown our Blessed Mother.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, May 2

#### Vigil

4:00pm Jim & Jan Coats, 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

4:00pm Eunice Ward (Tony LaPaso & Family)

### Sunday, May 3

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30am Frances Gale (Family)

8:30am Bob Vicich (Ray & Vicky Soliman)

10:30am Sophie Kolakowski (Sister, Lorraine Belom)

10:30am Cheryl Maas (Kendziora Family)

7:00pm For the Living & Deceased Members of  
St. Joseph Parish

### Monday, May 4

Easter Weekday

8:30am Fr. Tim Andres, O. Carm., Health & Blessings  
(Jim Armbruster)

8:30am Patricia Sterr (David & Karen Mackley)

### Tuesday, May 5

Easter Weekday

8:30am Cruz Guvara (A) (Family)

8:30am Julia Mandel (B) (Dolores Lange)

### Wednesday, May 6

Easter Weekday

8:30am Dorothy Armbruster (Husband)

8:30am Dermot Sheedy (Family)

### Thursday, May 7

Easter Weekday, National Day of Prayer

8:30am Edward & Frances Lauric (A)  
(Mary Petrella & Family)

8:30am Fr. Thaddeus Trpin, OFM  
(Altar & Rosary Society)

### Friday, May 8

Easter Weekday

8:30am Robert (A) & Jean Wolz (Family)

8:30am Robert Wolz (Bob & Debby Komp)

### Saturday, May 9

Vigil

4:00pm For the Living & Deceased Members of  
St. Joseph Parish

### Sunday, May 10

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day

8:30am Jerry Martinez (Family)

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

10:30am Marie K. Alexander (Emil & Liz Engelman)

10:30am Ray & Nan Horvatin (Family)

10:30am John & Helen Mozina  
(Tom & Bev Kotowicz & Family)

7:00pm Charlie Kirk & Family (Louie Zepeda)

7:00pm Frank & Donna Nemanich (Huston Family)

## WEEKLY READINGS

For the Week of  
May 3 - 10, 2026



### Sunday

Acts 6:1-7

1 Pt 2:4-9

Jn 14:1-12

### Monday

Acts 14:5-18

Jn 14:21-26

### Tuesday

Acts 14:19-28

Jn 14:27-31a

### Wednesday

Acts 15:1-6

Jn 15:1-8

### Thursday

Acts 15:7-21

Jn 15:9-11

### Friday

Acts 15:22-31

Jn 15:12-17

### Saturday

Acts 16:1-10

Jn 15:18-21

### Next Sunday

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

1 Pt 3:15-18

Jn 14:15-21

## 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, Genevieve Dumyahn, Linda Evans, Walter Ferguson, Sharon Boris Fonck, Lois Geary, Irene Gordan, Carolyn Grady, Jean Haas, Carrie Harth, Janet Horvath, Ray Horvatin, Jake Jakovich Jr., Bob Keca, Joan Kernc, Gail Kolenc, Michael Kuhel, Richard Lenzen, Mary Loucks, Todd Lukas, Bettie Lustick, Frank Markun, Mary Ann Mavrin, Greg Munich, Sharon Planinsek, Susan Platts, Rafael Quiroz, 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, 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



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# Marija Pomagaj Mass



Wednesday, May 27, 2026  
6:30 PM  
St. Joseph Church, Joliet, IL.  
416 N. Chicago Street

*Followed by a reception in Ferdinand Hall  
sponsored by St. Joseph, St. Francis de Sales,  
St. John the Baptist KSKJ Lodges*

## Weekly Calendar

### May 2

3:00pm Confessions, Chaplet of  
Divine Mercy, Litany, Rosary  
4:00pm Mass  
5:00pm Rocket Pro Wrestling  
Gift Shop Open After Mass  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection is for Maintenance &  
Repair

### May 3

8:30am Mass  
10:30am Mass- May Crowning  
Knights of Columbus, St. Joseph Church,  
Rockdale Men's March -  
11:30am - 2:00pm,  
Church & Ferdinand Hall  
7:00pm Mass  
Gift Shop Open After All Masses  
2nd Collection is for Maintenance &  
Repair

### May 4

8:30am Mass  
9:00-10:00am Adoration Chapel

### May 5

8:30am Mass  
9:00-10:00am Adoration Chapel  
5:30pm Religious Education, School  
6:00pm Monthly Adoration

### May 6

8:30am Mass  
9:00am-11:00am Adoration Chapel  
Noon -1:00pm Confessions

### May 7

8:30am Mass  
9:00-Noon Adoration Chapel

### May 8

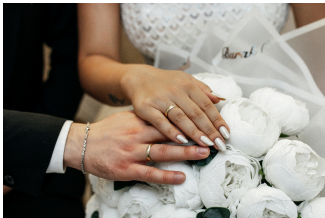
8:30am Mass  
9:00-11:00am Adoration Chapel  
9:30am Prayer Shawl

### May 9

9:00am Baptism Class, Ferdinand Hall  
1:00pm Altar & Rosary Spring Party Event,  
Legion Room, St. Joe's Park  
3:00pm Confessions, Chaplet of  
Divine Mercy, Litany, Rosary  
4:00pm Mass  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection is for Kankakee County  
Storm Relief

### May 10

8:30am Mass  
10:30am Mass  
7:00pm Mass  
2nd Collection is for Kankakee County  
Storm Relief



## MARRIAGE BANNS

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

**I Marcos Singletary & Ellysa SanPedro**  
**May 23, 2026**

## SLOVENIAN UNION OF AMERICA- BRANCH 20

**Tuesday, May 19, 6:00pm Meeting,  
St. Joseph Park**

We will close our year with a banquet honoring  
our **2025 Member of the Year**. During a short  
program at 6:00 pm, **Spiritual Advisor Father  
Tom Paul** will read a special tribute to **Our Lady of  
Brezje** and our Member of the Year will be  
recognized. Dinner is at 6:30 p.m. Musical  
entertainment will be provided. Invitations will be  
sent in advance. Everyone is welcome.

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

### CMAA Pledge Report for St. Joseph Church, Joliet

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**

**AMOUNT PLEDGED: \$43,965**

**AMOUNT PAID: \$34,735**

**REMAINING BALANCE: \$9,237**

**REBATE AMOUNT: 0**



# St. Joseph Parish 135TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



Bring Your Family, Friends, and  
Neighbors as We Honor the Past and  
Embrace the Future.

MAY | 17 | 12 PM

**Mass: 10:30 AM**

St. Joseph Church, 416 N. Chicago St., Joliet

**Dinner at St. Joseph Park following Mass.**

700 Theodore Street, Joliet

*Ticket cost: \$35/person*

*Please contact the Rectory for tickets.*

### 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.

**Gabriel Costilla  
Carmen Williams-Garcia  
Michael Starasinich**

### ST. JOSEPH PARISH SURVEY

**We want your feedback!**  
Scan the QR code below for the "MAKE" Disciples Survey. Paper copies of the survey can be found at all entrances of the church.



**LAST DAY FOR TICKET SALES IS  
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6TH.**

## NEWS & EVENTS • 06

### HOMEcoming RAFFLE TICKETS



Thank you to all who have returned their raffle tickets. If you have not returned yours, please do so now! Don't miss out on your chance to win the Early Bird drawing.

The raffle is a major part of our annual Homecoming Fair, bringing much needed funds. Thank you in advance for your support!

**Early Bird Deadline is May 31<sup>st</sup>.**

### HOMEcoming REUNION CLASSES

Anniversary Classes and the pictures we are missing:

25th - Class of 2001

50th - Class of 1976

(need First Communion (1970) picture)

75th - Class of 1951

(need First Communion (1945) picture)

If you have updated contact information for any of the members of these classes or know where we can get the pictures we need, please contact the rectory or email Ray & Annette Koncar [rfjma@yahoo.com](mailto:rfjma@yahoo.com).

### PARISH PICNIC & HOMEcoming FAIR NEWS

#### Liquor Booth

Monetary donations are being sought for the Liquor Booth at the Fair.

#### Altar & Rosary Booth

We are once again accepting donations of new and unused prizes for our Fair booth.

#### Basket Booth Donations Being Accepted

We are accepting donations for baskets or completed baskets to be raffled. Please call Judy Kendziora (815-545-7024) with questions.

**All donations can be brought to the rectory.**

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

It's not too early!

Volunteers are needed for the for the annual Parish Picnic & Homecoming Fair on Sunday, June 28th.

A couple hours of your time will make the world of difference to the success of our picnic. There are many areas in which to help: bingo, children's area, outside kitchen, beer garden, basket booth, ticket booths, and much more.

Please call the rectory or click the SignUp Genius link on the website to reserve your time slot. Thank you!

### SPECIAL COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND - KANKAKEE COUNTY STORM RELIEF

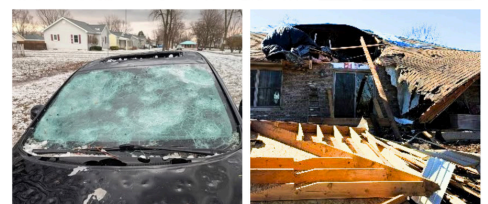
On March 10, severe storms and tornadoes caused widespread destruction in the area, damaging homes, vehicles, Bishop McNamara Catholic School, and affecting families throughout our diocese - including those of some of our priests. Many now face a long and challenging recovery.

Every dollar collected will directly support two urgent needs:

- Families in Need - Catholic Charities of Joliet will administer a grant process to provide financial assistance to families who have suffered significant hardship.
- Bishop McNamara Catholic School - Assistance with repairs to buildings, buses, athletic fields, and other property not covered by insurance.

Thank you for your support, prayers, and generosity.

**"AT ALL TIMES AND SEASONS, IN EVERY COUNTRY AND PLACE, EVERY DAY AND ALL DAY, WE MUST HAVE A TRUE AND HUMBLE FAITH." ~ ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI**



Kankakee County Storm Damage  
3/10/26

# NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

The religious basis of our form of government is: freedom of religion. Indeed, religious freedom is under attack in our country. Nonetheless, it is our duty and responsibility to pray for our country and its leaders. The first Thursday of May has been designated the National Day of Prayer. How are we, who call ourselves Roman Catholic, to pray for a country that practices policies that may go against what the church professes? It is a difficult decision sometimes.

The Scripture verse chosen for this National Day of Prayer may help us in these difficult times. Look at the last few words of the citation: "...your servant is praying in your presence this day." In these last few words, we see very clearly that our prayer is prayed in God's presence. Since we live in the United States, it means that God is already present here and now in the US. All we need to do is accept that presence and put it, God's teaching, into action. For God does not work without our actively doing the work that God leads us to do.

Let us pray...

God of Abraham, Isaac, Moses,  
we cry out to you for wisdom and  
compassion.

You led the early Jews out of slavery, to  
freedom.

You led the disciples of Jesus after the  
crucifixion to courageously preach the  
Gospel.

Today, we seek your wisdom to preach  
the good news in our country.

Grant wisdom and faith to our elected  
leaders, the people we choose to lead  
our country, to make choices that are  
based upon your teaching.

Where laws are made that go against  
your will, give us courage to change  
policy,

not based upon our comfort, but upon  
principles taught in Scripture.

We ask all this in the name of Jesus, our  
brother and Christ, who lives and reign  
with you, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.



**St. Joseph Pro-Life Committee**  
invites you to a

## Baby Shower

throughout the month of May

to benefit

## Birthright of Joliet

**Help us fill the crib located in the back  
of Church with new, unwrapped gifts  
for mom and baby.**

For over 50 years Birthright has been helping women with unplanned pregnancies. They are a charitable organization that relies on the dedication, time and talents of volunteers and the generosity of donations to ensure the organization can persevere in supporting pregnant women.

To learn more, visit [www.birthright.org](http://www.birthright.org)

### Most Needed Items:

Diapers, sizes 4 & 5

18 & 24 month sleepers

Baby Wash

Baby Shampoo

12, 18, & 24 month socks

18 & 24 month girls summer outfits

18 & 24 month boy summer outfits

