



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

Joliet, Illinois

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026 | 25TH 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

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.” - Mt 20:1, 8

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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 STAFF

Pastor
Rev. John Hornicak
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STEWARDSHIP	
September 6, 2026	
Weekly.....	\$10,225.00
Weekly Budgeted.....	\$10,798.00
Maint. & Repair.....	\$7,070.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE		
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
September 26 & 27		
Lector		Extraordinary Ministers
4:00 PM	B. Schelli	Dcn. Eric, B. Zelinski, D. Zelinski
8:30 AM	M. Budzinski	M. Bruno, C. Kadela, A. Koncar
10:30 AM	D. Mackley	A. Camacho, G. Dau, A. Urbancic
7:00 PM	P. Draksler	Dcn. Eric



FLAME OF FAITH

*Joe G. Adamic
Joseph W. Adamic
Bettie Lustick*

MARRIAGE BANNES

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

II Mark Swanson & Haley Gerl
October 2, 2026

I Grant Colgan & Elizabeth Bravo
October 10, 2026

I Michael Wisz & Caroline Contorno
October 10, 2026



CEMETERY NOTICE

Please remove all summer decorations from graves by **October 1st, weather permitting.** If you'd like to save your items, please be sure to remove them by then. Anything remaining will be discarded.

September 13, 2026	
Weekly.....	\$9,986.00
Weekly Budgeted.....	\$10,798.00
Maint. & Repair.....	\$695.00

Dear God,
Bless our classroom and each of us gathered here.
May every moment we spend together be one of grace.
Be with the Catechist who prepares and presents — giving them the right words to convey Your truth.
Be with the students, opening their hearts and minds to learn Your will.
Amen

Thank you for your continued generosity!

PRAYER & READINGS • 03

MASS INTENTIONS

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
Evening and Their Families

Monday, September 21

Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

- 8:30am Martin Pavelek (B) (Family)
8:30am Mr. & Mrs. Luis & Maria Zepeda (Family)

Tuesday, September 22

Weekday

- 8:30am Robert W. Hunsley (Maria Jankowski)
8:30am Genevieve Klainsek (JoAnn Lopykinski)

Wednesday, September 23

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

- 8:30am Kevin Hansen (Mike & Beth Hansen)
8:30am John Hayes (Mike & Beth Hansen)

Thursday, September 24

Weekday

- 8:30am Cheryl Leffelman (Michael Hansen)
8:30am Dave Terdic, Wedding Anniversary (Wife)

Friday, September 25

Weekday

- 8:30am Maria Masterson (Jane & Chuck Corso)
8:30am Mike Slovick (Mike & Beth Hansen)

Saturday, September 26

Vigil

- 4:00pm Fr. Terry Cyr, O. Carm. (A) (Halsne Family)
4:00pm Frank Nemanich (Huston Family)
4:00pm Bob Vicich (Ozzy)

Sunday September 27

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:30am For the Living & Deceased Parishioners
of St. Joseph Parish and the Holy Name
Society
10:30am Angel Arias, Sr. (Family)
10:30am Tom & Pat Marentic, 45th Wedding
Anniversary (Family)
10:30am Frank Ragusa (A) (Family)
7:00pm Raymond Scholp (A) (Mary Dragovan)
7:00pm Mr. & Mrs. Luis & Maria Zepeda (Family)

WEEKLY READINGS

For the Week of September 13 – 20

Sunday:

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

Monday:

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13
Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday:

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13
Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday:

Prv 30:5-9
Lk 9:1-6



Thursday:

Eccl 1:2-11
Lk 9:7-9

Friday:

Eccl 3:1-11
Lk 9:18-22

Saturday:

Eccl 11:9-12:8
Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday:

Ez 18:25-28
Phil 2:1-11 or
Phil 2:1-5
Mt 21:28-32

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, Jeanne Hostert, 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 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

Meeting: **Wednesday, September 23rd**. Prior to the luncheon, **Mass will be celebrated at 11:15 a.m. 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!

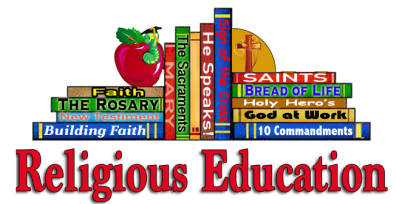
NEW PARISHIONERS

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.

Emily Ezzo & Zachary Freeze, Grace Kadubek, Mary Beth Paul, and Marco Pierce

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.



Register Your Children

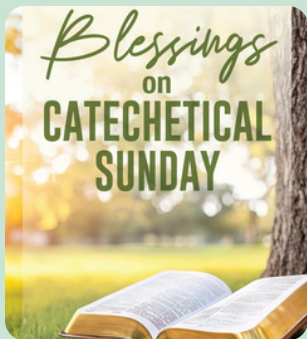
Religious Education Registration is now open. Forms are located at all Church entrances and on the website, www.stjosephjoliet.org. Please contact the rectory at 815-727-9378 with any questions.

**Classes begin
Tuesday, September
22nd at 5:30 PM**

Catechetical Sunday

The word "catechesis" means "to echo." Literally, we are to echo the good news of Jesus Christ to the world. This is not a suggestion; it is a command of our Lord. Some people are called and set apart in our communities as catechists, those formally trained and charged with passing on the Gospel to children and adults, inside and outside of our communities. On Catechetical Sunday, we acknowledge them and remind ourselves of the need for formation and growth in all of us. To be a catechist is a privileged calling, and today be sure to say "thank you" to one in your community.

However, it would be wrong on this day to only look to those bearing the NAME of catechist for an echoing of good news. ALL of us are called to echo and share the Gospel message. Parents are the first and primary catechists in a child's life. But we also are important catechists in the lives of our coworkers, our spouses, our relatives, and our friends. Some say catechesis begins in the home, and while that is true, it carries with it a parent/child connotation. But where does catechesis really begin? It begins in the HEART. This year on Catechetical Sunday, may your heart be moved to motivate you to share with others the good news of Jesus Christ.



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,
September 26th —October 31st
Meet at the clinic at 10 AM

2026 Baby Bottles For Life Campaign

THROUGHOUT THE
MONTH OF OCTOBER



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

September 20, 2026 | 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

HAPPENING THIS MONTH • 05

Weekly Calendar

Saturday, September 19th

3:00pm Confessions, Chaplet of
Divine Mercy, Litany & Rosary
4:00pm Mass
Knights of Columbus #4400-Tootsie Roll Sale

Sunday, September 20th

8:30am Mass
10:30am Mass
11:30am OCIA, FH
7:00pm Mass
Knights of Columbus #4400-Tootsie Roll Sale
8:00am-12:30pm OLPH Pancake Breakfast

Monday, September 21st

8:30am Mass
9-10am Adoration Chapel

Tuesday, September 22nd

8:30am Mass
9-10am Adoration Chapel
5:30pm RE Classes Begin, School

Wednesday, September 23rd

8:30am Mass
9-11am Adoration Chapel
10:30am Altar & Rosary Meeting, Park
11:15am Mass, Park
12:00pm Seniors
12-1pm Confessions

Thursday, September 24th

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

Friday, September 25th

8:30am Mass
9-11am Adoration Chapel

Saturday, September 26th

3:00pm Confessions, Chaplet of
Divine Mercy, Litany & Rosary
4:00pm Mass
St. John Food Pantry Collection
Knights of Columbus #4400-Membership Drive

Sunday, September 27th

8:30am Mass
9:30am Holy Name Society Meeting, FH
10:30am Mass
11:30am OCIA, FH
7:00pm Mass
St. John Food Pantry Collection
Knights of Columbus #4400-Membership Drive

ST. JOSEPH & OUR LADY OF
PERPETUAL HELP PARISHES

PRESENT

BIBLE Study

THURSDAYS,
OCTOBER 1ST -
NOVEMBER 19TH

SESSIONS:
10:00 AM
OLPH GYMNASIUM
201 S. BRIGGS STREET, JOLIET

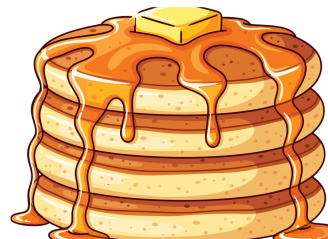
6:00 PM
ST. JOE'S PARK
700 THEODORE ST., JOLIET

SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE LOCATED ON THE USHERS TABLE OR
REGISTER BY CALLING THE RECTORY AT 815-727-9378.



BECOME A MEMBER - KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL #4400 HOLY TRINITY JOLIET

The Knights of Columbus Council #4400 will be in the front entrance of St. Joseph Church, Joliet, the weekends of September 19th & 20th and September 26th & 27th to answer any of your questions and to sign up new members. In addition, the annual **Tootsie Roll Sale to Benefit the Disabled** will be held September 19th & 20th at St. Joseph Church.



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.