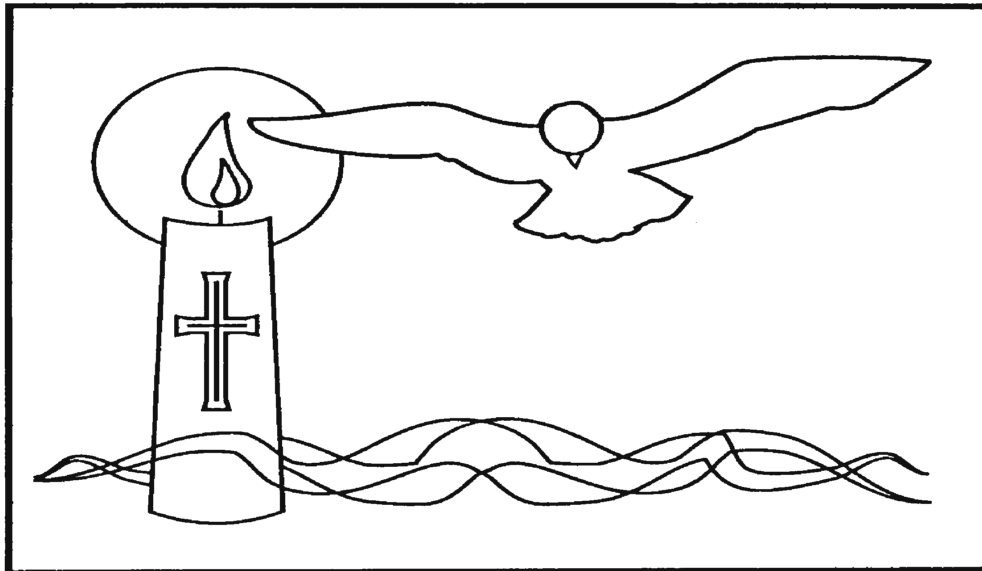


Welcome to
St. Joseph Parish
A Faith Community Since 1868



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The Ascension of the Lord
May 13, 2018
Whoever believes and is baptized
will be saved.

— *Mark 16:16*

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass: Mon-Fri.: 7:15a.m.

(Monday Mass during the School Year: 9:30)

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 and 11:45 a.m.

Holy Days of Obligation: 6:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. and by appointment.

www.stjoeschool.com

www.stjosephlockport.org

<http://stjosephlockport.blogspot.com>

MISSION STATEMENT

We the members of St. Joseph Parish of Lockport, are called to be a community of diverse people, gathered together in faith. As part of the Roman Catholic Church of Joliet, we strive to be the Body of Christ by living the Faith, preaching the Word, building community, serving others, especially the poor, and celebrating our unity through the sacraments. We are committed to bring about the Kingdom of God through the words and actions of our lives.

Membership:

An important part of living the Faith is having a committed relationship of support to a parish. All are welcome to join St. Joseph; please call the parish office or stop by to register.

Baptism:

Baptisms are on the third Sunday of the month at 12:45 p.m. Parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation program, preferably before the baby is born. Before setting any dates for a baptism with family, please call the parish office a few months in advance to make arrangements.

Marriage:

Engaged parishioners must contact the parish office at least six months before their intended wedding date. Do not set any dates before making firm arrangements with the parish.

R. C. I. A.: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
Adults and teens wishing to become Catholic and/or be confirmed, please call the parish office.

Hospital/Homebound: If you are in a local hospital or are homebound, call the parish office if you would like Father to make a sacramental visit.

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

John Albrecht	Bill Molony
Elizabeth Bilotta	Joe Rende
Nick Cifonie	Nichole Wasilewski
Deacon Dennis	Father Greg
Nick LaBanca	Martin Timm

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Deacon Dominic Cerrato	
Deacon Dennis Stolarz	
Mr. Garry Kearnes	Business Manager
Mrs. Jean Genty	Church Secretary

R.C.I.A.

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johnalbrecht47@comcast.net	312-550-6772

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blueribbonprincipal@stjoeschool.com	
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	815-838-8173

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Mrs. Michelle Ray	Director
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Bulletin Announcements

Deadline: Monday

Rectory Office Hours: M-TH—8:15 am-3:45 pm
F—8:15 am-1:45 pm

Pulpit Announcements

Deadline: Friday

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flocknote.com/stjosephlockport or

text ‘lockport’ to 84576 with your mobile device

View bulletins at ONEPARISH.COM

Yes, I would like to get involved!

Eucharist Minister	Reader
Altar Server	Usher/Greeter
Choir/Cantor/Musician	Parish Council
Holy Name Society	Worship Commission

Circle any ministry you would be interested in and return this form to the rectory, or place it in the collection basket. We will contact you.

NAME

PHONE or EMAIL

Need a visit? Let us know

Please notify the rectory office if you or a loved one have been admitted to a hospital or a nursing home. We are not automatically notified. Also, please notify us if someone is homebound and wishes Communion or a visit.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Parishioners who are homebound or in nursing homes and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the rectory at 815-838-0187.

**THIS WEEK AT ST JOSEPH
May 13-May 20, 2018**

Sunday, May 13

The Ascension of the Lord

Mother's Day

8:00, 10:00, 11:45 a.m.-Masses
Holy Name Breakfast & Meeting after the 7:15 a.m. Mass

Monday, May 14

9:30 a.m.-Mass in Church

Tuesday, May 15

7:15 a.m.-Mass
7:00 p.m.—A.A. Meeting in Church Basement

Wednesday, May 16

7:15 a.m.-Mass
9:30 a.m. -A.A. Meeting in Church Basement
2:45 p.m.-Troop Meeting in Church Basement
5:45 p.m.-St. Joseph cooks at Daybreak Center

Thursday, May 17

7:15 a.m. -NO MASS

Friday, May 18

7:15 a.m.- NO MASS
2:45 p.m.-Troop Meeting in Church Basement
8:00 p.m.-A.A. Meeting in Church Basement

Saturday, May 19

4:00 p.m.-Confessions
5:00 p.m. -Mass
7:00 p.m. -A.A. Meeting in Church Basement

Sunday, May 20

8:00, 10:00, 11:45 a.m.-Masses
12:45 p.m.-Baptisms in Church

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, May 28: (Memorial Day) Mass at 7:15 a.m. (All parish offices are closed)

Tuesday, June 5: Seniors' Healing Mass at 11 a.m. with lunch at Cog Hill afterward

Sunday, June 10: Holy Name Breakfast after the 8 am Mass (last one till September)

***Come and Enjoy
Pope Francis' Exhortation
"Rejoice and Be Glad"***
Wednesday Afternoons
beginning at 1pm-2:30pm
May 16th, 23rd, 30th



**Our Mother of Good Counsel Parish
16043 South Bell Road, Homer Glen**

Fr. Joseph will lead prayer, fellowship and discussion. Please call our Faith Formation (708) 301 -0214 Office to enroll in these discussion sessions!!! Bring a friend!!

**Mass Schedule & Intentions
Week of May 14-May 20, 2018**

MONDAY

9:30 + Marge Beavers from the St. Joseph Family

TUESDAY

7:15 + James Timm Anniv. Rem. by Gerry Timm

WEDNESDAY

7:15 + Richard Heiy Anniv. Rem. by Children
+ Marilyn Cullen Birth. Rem.
by Rosemarie Pendziszewski

THURSDAY

7:15 NO MASS

FRIDAY

7:15 NO MASS

SATURDAY

5:00 + Geraldine & James Rusin
by Husband & Father

SUNDAY

8:00 + Pilar Udarbe & Family by the Milo Family
10:00 + Jeff Broad Anniv. Rem.
by Grandmother Angie
11:45 + Ruth Wetstein by Family
+ Francis & John Klen, Ann Gosack,
And Mary Kapinus by Family



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PLEASE PRAY for

Bill Doyle Jr., Jacki Horvath, Erin Conners, Kathy Salvatore, William & Margaret Detloff, Nancy Almer, Connor & Matthais Erickson, Patrick Lamberty, Craig Corkery, Phil Timm, Robert Weber, Nathaniel Thomas Johnson, Patricia Sirmetz, Alex Bratuljevich, Ezra Singletary, Shirley Polmann, Heather Kubinski, Melanie Williams, Anna Allen, Jerry Young, Eleana Winters, Cora Zgrabik, Virginia Butler, Paul & Diane Millies, Caitly McIntire, Daniel Preston, Baby Noah Ryan, Joanne Miracle, Esmerelda Bonk, Gregory Bonk, Mary Jane Rothlisberger, Frank Smunt, Marilyn Mackey, Tammy Smunt, Karl Blank, Neal Gutsch, "Buzz", Helen Krumlinde, Judy Grant, Patrick Bonk, Tom Wojciak, Jennifer Baer, Marilyn Singletary, Gary and Mark Ellison, Ruthann Neal, Eileen Madden Kenny, Dorothy Manning, Delores Kilian, Irene Nancisi, Beverly Miller, Mr. Katello, Sally Horschler Smith, Harvey Mazur, Cindi Carter Buck, Sutton Lowry, Meghan Higham, Larry Watson, Jim Tierney, Sharon Hagenow, Phil O'Keefe, Joe & Dolores McGrath, Jose and Josie Encarnacion, Mary Johnson, Leroy Fleckenstein, Mark Kehlenbach, Roger Matice, Danny Tully, Luke Bonk, Joanne Ellison, Helen Escobedo, Andrew Guschwan, Ray Bruemmer, Janice Lane, John Drafke, Camilla Adelman, Bill Hydo, Madelyn Grillo, Bob Philbin, Larry Sanda, Richard Galgano, Naia Peña, Alfred & Maryann Peña, Bill Gura, Dan Fleming, and Bob Webster.

LITURGICAL ROLES
Saturday, May 19 & Sunday, May 20, 2018
Pentecost Sunday

5:00 P.M.

Reader: J. Ranney
E.M.'s: Deacon Dominic
Servers: C. Hurtado
 I. Hurtado

Greeters: R. Anderson
 G. Nagel
 J. Wisneski
Music: V. Moreno
 J. Ray

8:00 A.M.

Reader: J. Gorecki
E.M.'s: Deacon Dominic
 J. Hartford
 T. Hartford
Servers: C. Piazza
 J. Piazza

Greeters: J. Rende
 D. Dornan
 M. Timm
 M. Ardaugh
Music: R. Nicholas
 M. O'CP

10:00 A.M.

Reader: E. Bilotta
E.M.'s: Deacon Dennis
 E. Bilotta
 G. Boswell
Servers: I. Dixon
 T. Dixon
 O. Stepanek

Greeters: J. Blake
 A. Jomant
 F. Kucer
Music: S. Lebensorger
 Choir

11:45 A.M.

Reader: A. Garvey
E.M.'s: Deacon Dennis
 V. Gontarz
 J. Garvey
Servers: R. Ryan
 A. Mungca
 P. Mungcal

Greeters: M. Adelman
 R. West
Music: R. Nicholas
 N. Gillogly

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
 Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21;
 Jn 17:1-11a
 Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab;
 Jn 17:11b-19
 Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11;
 Jn 17:20-26
 Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab;
 Jn 21:15-19
 Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7;
 Jn 21:20-25
 Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or
 Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35,
 27-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34;
 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25;
 Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord; Mother's Day;
 World Communications Day
 Monday: St. Matthias
 Tuesday: St. Isidore the Farmer
 Thursday: Julian Calendar Ascension
 Friday: St. John I
 Saturday: Armed Forces Day; Vigil of Pentecost;
 Shavuot (Jewish observance) begins at sunset

MISSION STATEMENT

Today we celebrate Christ's ascension into heaven and his commissioning of the disciples to carry on his mission in the world. First we hear Luke's description of those events in the opening verses of the Acts of the Apostles. Next we hear words of encouragement and guidance from the Letter to the Ephesians. Finally we hear Mark's account of the Ascension, foretelling the mighty words and acts the Christian community would do in Jesus' name.

Together these scriptures give us a vision of the mission of the church of Jesus Christ—a mission statement of sorts. Like mission statements in our parishes and corporations, this mission statement can help us set priorities and focus our activities. It can guide and support us as we strive to continue Christ's messianic mission on earth.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In Ireland and the United Kingdom, Mother's Day is over. "Mothering Sunday" was on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Long ago, people were freed from work to travel on this day to the parish where they were baptized, their "Mother Church." Often, people were reunited with their mothers on this day. Employers would release their workers and servants for this visit. The American celebration, while based on this custom, really has to do with an anti-war movement of mothers in Civil War times. They crusaded for better sanitary conditions for their sons. When President Wilson instituted the first Mother's Day in 1912, it was a day to fly the flag in honor of mothers whose children had died in battle. Knowing the tradition is a good balance to our celebration today. We can enfold in prayer the mothers who have suffered the loss of their children in war.

—Rev. James Field, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Before he ascended into heaven, Jesus instructed his disciples to proclaim the gospel to all of creation. As stewards of this legacy, we too are called to give witness to the Gospel of Jesus.

Christ in our words and actions; in how we live and how we treat others. Are we sharing the life of Christ with others in our day-to-day lives? In what ways do we see ourselves proclaiming the Gospel? In what ways can we do better?



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*God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy;
 the LORD, amid trumpet blasts.*

Psalm 47:6

**ST JOSEPH SENIORS
HEALING MASS
& LUNCHEON**



**All Seniors of St. Joseph
Parish are invited to a Healing Mass on
Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. in Church.
After mass, you are invited to have lunch at
Cog Hill at 1:00 p.m.**

**The menu choices are:
Pot Roast
Champagne Chicken
Tilapia**

**All meals include soup, salad, rolls, dessert,
coffee, tea, & soft drinks**

**Please call Gwen Boswell or Lynn Drolet with
your menu choice.**

**Gwen: 815-609-4067
Lynn: 815-838-2476**

**Please call in your reservation on or before
Wednesday, May 30.**

**A Letter from the President of Catholic Relief
Services (Rice Bowls)**

Dear Friends,

Thank you for being a supporter of Catholic Relief Services. Your donation touches many lives. Among the people helped through your generosity are the children, parents and teachers in Afghanistan who hang their hopes on open classroom doors.

Decades of war and poverty have made education inaccessible to many boys and girls in remote areas of the country. School enrollment and dropout rates are among the worst in the world, that's why CRS is working to introduce community-based classes in more than 120 of Afghanistan's most underserved communities.

Farida teaches 2nd grade thanks to the training and other support provided through donors like you. And she's not only educating students, she is helping to support her family.

"I am very proud of my students and all the improvements they've made in reading and writing," she says, adding that the experience has helped her become more courageous too. "This job has allowed me to let go of my tragedy and start a new life with many opportunities."

Because of people like you, Farida, her students, and their parents have the blessing of school - and the promise of a better future. On behalf of the people whose lives are being transformed with your support, thank you.

Peace & Light,
Sean L. Callahan, President & CEO

Stewardship

May 6, 2018

SUNDAY COLLECTION:*	7565.00
Weekly Average of All ACH	
And CC Transactions	<u>4187.50</u>
Total	\$11,752.50
(\$ loose cash: 574.00)	

All Saints: \$4.00
Immaculate Conception: \$4.00
Solemnity of Mary: \$4.00
Catholic Home Missions: \$60.00

For your convenience, St. Joseph's offers automatic donations through your credit card or checking accounts.

Please call Garry Kearnes at the rectory for further information, or stop by and pick up an authorization form.

PARISH DEBT AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2013

PAST DUE HEALTH: 215,524.62
PROPERTY PURCHASED: PRINCIPAL – 192,837.38
INTEREST – 51,408.28

PARISH LOAN: PRINCIPAL – 78,178.38
INTEREST: - 14,330.00

TOTAL: \$552,278.66

PARISH DEBT AS OF April 2018

PAST DUE HEALTH – 211,024.62
PROPERTY PURCHASED: PRINCIPAL :164,876.59
INTEREST: 307.17

TOTAL: \$376,208.38

**SINCE 2013, THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF
OUR PARISHIONERS, THE PARISH DEBT HAS
BEEN REDUCED BY \$176,070.28. THANK YOU!!!**

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL REGISTRATION 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR

St. Joseph School is currently accepting registration for the 2018-19 school year. Have your child attend th Christ-centered, nationally award-winning school with a nationally award-winning principal and pastor. We are proud to offer the best in education with half and full day Early Childhood programs for 3 & 4 year olds, a full day Kindergarten program, and unmatched curriculum in 1-8 grades.

Please contact Miss Scheffler at

blueribbonprincipal@stjosephschool.com
or call

815-838-8173

to find out more about our amazing school and
available scholarships

Bless Us O'Lord

With your help St. Joseph Church is scheduled to serve dinner for the guests of DAYBREAK on Wednesday, May 16, 2018. The menu for the month will be Sloppy Joes, with breakfast food for the next morning. We are expecting 100+ clients

The following items are needed for the dinner:

- 20 - Two pounds of pre-made sloppy joes.
- 20 packs of 8 count hamburger buns.
- 4 - 5lb bowls of potato salad
- 10 - bags of chips
- 12 - cans of green beans
- 8 - bags of salad mix
- 3 - jars of salad dressing
- Fresh fruit of any kind
- Dessert items (cookies, rice crispy treats, brownies) e
- 10 - gallons of assorted fruit drinks
- 4 - gallons of milk
- 5 dozen hard boiled eggs
- Breakfast items (donuts, coffeecakes, boxes of cereal, bagels, etc)



Please notify the rectory, 815-838-0187, if you would like to donate food items. Donations should be brought to the school kitchen on Tuesday, May 15 or Wednesday, May 16 between 8 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Label all donation with your name and "DAYBREAK".

BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE

St Joseph Parish has once again conducted its Baby Bottles for Life campaign to benefit, support and educate pregnant women facing crisis or unintended pregnancies.

The funds collected through the Bottles for Life campaign support the programs and services of the Waterleaf Medical Clinic and Education and Resource Center located in Aurora.

Bottles should be returned to the parish this weekend, May 12th & 13th. Please make checks payable to Waterleaf. Your support is greatly appreciated.

You may also drop off your bottles to the rectory this week.

15th Annual Baby Shower:

Many thanks to our generous parishioners for the new and gently used items donated to our Baby Shower. You have helped many babies and parents to care for their precious child. Thank you for your continuous generosity.

DEEP DEBT

My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual, and physical education I received from her.

George Washington

Help Us Celebrate Our Sesquicentennial!

5 original "Joe's" began our parish.

- Joseph Bohle Joseph Drymiller
- Joseph Leiser Joseph Wierscham
- Joseph Wittenkeller

Are you a relative? We would love to learn more about our founders and where their extended families are now!

Call or email us at
815-838-0187 or stjoeLOCKPORT@comcast.net

EASE the KNEES



THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR OVERWHELMING GENEROSITY TOWARD THIS PROJECT. IN LESS THAN TWO WEEKS WE HAVE MET AND EXCEEDED OUR GOAL.

MORE DETAILS WILL BE FORTHCOMING IN FUTURE ARTICLES. ALL KNEELERS SHOULD BE COMPLETED BY THE END OF SUMMER.

WE OWE A SPECIAL NOTE OF THANKS TO TOM HARTFORD FOR DOING THE MANUAL LABOR ON ALL 75 KNEELERS!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2018-19

Registrations forms for 2018-19 were sent home before Easter to all current families. Completed registration forms and the \$50 deposit are due now.

Registration is now open to any new families wishing to register for 1st - 8th grade. Please contact the Religious Education Office for a registration form and new family information form:

St.JosephRE@aol.com
or
815-838-2112

A NOTE OF THANKS FROM THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



To Our Religious Education Teachers and Aides,

Thank you for your dedication to our Religious Education Program. Your hours of hard work and your sacrifice of personal time in order to provide spiritual growth to our students was an inspiration to me. I could not have gotten through the year without you!

Enjoy the summer knowing that you have impacted the lives of many students, and showed them the meaning of living a Christ-centered life.

See you in the Fall!
Deacon Dennis

100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The family of Dorothy Anderson invites all St. Joseph parishioners to attend her birthday celebration of 100 years on Saturday, June 23, 2018 From 1-3 p.m.

Dorothy is residing at Our Lady of Angels Retirement Home 1201 Wyoming Avenue in Joliet if you would like to send her a card.



Mayslake Ministries, a leader in the ministry of spiritual direction, is now taking applications for our Spiritual Director Formation Program.

Earn a professional Certification in Spiritual Direction

This intensive ten-month program, beginning in September 2018, provides men and women with the spiritual formation and skills necessary to answer God's call to the ministry of Spiritual Direction. The program is staffed by a team of practicing Mayslake Ministries Spiritual Directors and affiliates who for decades, have companioned spiritual seekers on their journey to grow closer to God.

For more information please contact:

Dr. Mary Amore, Executive Director
630-852-9000
mamore@mayslakeministries.org

Welcome to St. Joseph Parish

So that we might better serve your needs, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office (410 S. Jefferson St., Lockport, IL 60441). Thank you.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

____ New Parishioner ____ Moving Out of Parish

____ New Address ____ Returning to Parish

____ Send Envelopes ____ Interested in R.C.I.A.

____ Interested in School

____ Interested in Religious Education

“Joyful Again!”

**Retreat/workshop for Widows & Widowers
June 23 & 24
St. Julie’s - Tinley Park**

Feeling Stuck? Learn how to move from confusion to new hope.

To register call
Joyful Again! **708-354-7211** or email us
at **joyfulagain7211@gmail.com**