



**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:**

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| John Albrecht | Joe Rende              |
| Nick Cifonie  | Rev. Gregory Rothfuchs |
| Deacon Dennis | Nicole Wasilewski      |
| Nick LaBanca  | Martin Timm            |
| Bill Molony   |                        |

St. Joseph Church  
410 S. Jefferson  
Lockport, Illinois 60441  
Phone: 815-838-0187  
Fax: 815-838-5379  
Email: stjoeckport@comcast.net

**PASTORAL STAFF:**

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|------------------------|------------------|
| Rev. Gregory Rothfuchs | Pastor           |
| Deacon Dominic Cerrato |                  |
| Deacon Dennis Stolarz  |                  |
| Mr. Garry Kearnes      | Business Manager |
| Mrs. Jean Genty        | Church Secretary |

**R.C.I.A.**

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| Mr. John Albrecht          | Director     |
| johnalbrecht47@comcast.net | 312-550-6772 |

**PASTORAL CARE**

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|-------------------------|--------------|
| Rev. Gregory Rothfuchs  | Coordinator  |
| stjoeckport@comcast.net | 815-818-0187 |

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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| Deacon Dennis Stolarz         | Director     |
| stjosephlockportDRE@gmail.com |              |
| Mrs. Kathy Gibbons            | Secretary    |
| St.josephre@aol.com           | 815-838-2112 |

**SCHOOL**

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|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Miss Lynne Scheffler                | Principal        |
| blueribbonprincipal@stjoeschool.com |                  |
| Mrs. Rita Baxter                    | School Secretary |
|                                     | 815-838-8173     |

**ADVANCEMENT**

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|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Mrs. Michelle Ray           | Director     |
| advancement@stjoeschool.com | 815-838-8173 |

**Bulletin Announcements**

Deadline: Monday  
Rectory Office Hours: M-F

**Pulpit Announcements**

Deadline: Friday  
8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

www.stjosephlockport.org  
www.stjoeschool.com

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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!

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|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 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 26-June 2, 2019**

**Sunday, May 26****6th Sunday of Easter**

8:00, 10:00, 11:45 a.m.-Masses

**Monday, May 27****Memorial Day**

7:15 a.m.-Mass

**Tuesday, May 28**

7:15 a.m.-Mass

7:00 p.m.—A.A. Meeting in Church basement

**Wednesday, May 29**

7:15 a.m.-Mass

9:30 a.m. -A.A. Meeting in Church basement

**Thursday, May 30**

7:15 a.m. -Mass

**Friday, May 31**

7:15 a.m.- Mass

8:00 p.m.-A.A. Meeting in Church basement

**Saturday, June 1**

4:00 p.m.-Confessions

5:00 p.m. -Mass

7:00 p.m. -A.A. Meeting in Church basement

**Sunday, June 2****The Ascension of the Lord**

8:00, 10:00, 11:45 a.m.-Masses

**UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

Tuesday, June 4:

- Seniors' Healing Mass in Church at 11 am
- Teen Group Meeting in Activity Center at 6:30 pm

Thursday, June 6: Mass at 7:15 a.m.

Friday, June 7: First Friday Holy Hour for Life after the 7:15 am Mass

Sunday, June 9: Holy Name Breakfast &amp; Meeting in School Hall after the 8 am Mass

**MEMORIAL DAY**  
**MAY 27**

**"Greater love hath  
 No man than this,  
 That a man lay down his life  
 For his friends.**

**John 15:13**

**Mass Schedule & Intentions**  
**Week of May 27-June 2, 2019**

**MONDAY**

7:15 + Donald Carollo by Mary Kay Tierney

**TUESDAY**

7:15 + Adelaida Natividad by the Milo Family

**WEDNESDAY**

7:15 + José Encarnacion by Graham Caprio

**THURSDAY**7:15 + Charles Balskus Sr. Anniv. Rem.  
by Nick & Jackie Mathys**FRIDAY**

7:15 + Intention Available

**SATURDAY**5:00 + Al Miracle Birth.Rem. by the Miracle Family  
+ Jim Kohlman 1 Yr. Anniv. Rem.  
by Dorothy Otten**SUNDAY**8:00 + Robert F. Weber by sister, Daun Konicek  
10:00 + Charles Scervino by the Hafey Family  
+ LeRoy Nagel Anniv. Rem. by Family  
11:45 The Parish Family

*May the memories of loved ones who have died  
 Lighten the sorrow  
 of those who mourn their passing*



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**PLEASE PRAY** *for*

Bill Doyle Jr., Jacki Horvath, Erin Connors, Kathy Salvatore, William & Margaret Detloff, Connor & Matthais Erickson, Patrick Lamberty, Craig Corkery, Phil Timm, Alex Bratuljevich, Ezra Singletary, Heather Kubinski, Melanie Williams, Anna Allen, Virginia Butler, Paul & Diane Millies, Caity McIntire, Baby Noah Ryan, Joanne Miracle, Esmerelda & Luke Bonk, Gregory Bonk, Mary Jane Rothlisberger, Frank Smunt, Tammy Smunt, Karl Blank, Helen Krumlinde, Judy Grant, Patrick Bonk, Tom Wojciak, Jennifer Baer, Marilyn Singletary, Gary and Mark Ellison, Dorothy Manning, Cora Zgrabik, Delores Kilian, Harvey Mazur, Cindi Carter Buck, Sutton Lowry, Joe & Dolores McGrath, Mary Johnson, Leroy Fleckenstein, Mark Kehlenbach, Roger Matice, Danny Tully, Joanne Ellison, Andrew Guschwan, Ray Bruemmer, Madelyn Grillo, Naia Peña, Alfred & Maryann Peña, Kenneth Wojewocki, Marilyn Jarczyk, Tim Baldwin, Justine Weck, Bob Philbin, Michael Haddix, Bernie Muren, Stelle Trembak, Michael Paggie, MaryAnn Eck, Peter Aument, Dorothy Felak, Joe Addante, Richard Johnson, Brad Golob, Joyce O'Neil, Rosalee D, Peter Caracello, Tom Pierson, Baby Lorenzo Longano, Mary Steriotti, Jan Dreyer, Stelle Tremback, Lillian Mikan, Charles Trayer, Michael McIntire, Jonathan Cannon, and "Nicholas."

**LITURGICAL ROLES**  
**Saturday, June 1 & Sunday, June 2, 2019**  
**The Ascension of the Lord**

**5:00 P.M.**

**Reader:** E. Long  
**E.M.'s:** Deacon Dominic  
 L. Gawron  
 NEEDED  
**Servers:** R. Potrawski  
 C. Potrawski  
 R. Ryan

**Greeters:** R. Anderson  
 G. Nagel  
 J. Wisneski  
 A. Lostroschio  
**Music:** V. Moreno  
 N. Cifonie

**8:00 A.M.**

**Reader:** V. Vollmer  
**E.M.'s:** Deacon Dominic  
 J. Hartford  
 NEEDED  
**Servers:** N. Shinners  
 NEEDED

**Greeters:** J. Rende  
 D. Dornan  
 M. Timm  
 M. Ardaugh  
**Music:** B. Webster

**10:00 A.M.**

**Reader:** A. Shields  
**E.M.'s:** Deacon Dennis  
 R. Peterson  
 G. Boswell  
**Servers:** N. Lorek  
 D. Lorek  
 A. Coyle

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

**11:45 A.M.**

**Reader:** A. Garvey  
**E.M.'s:** Deacon Dennis  
 J. Garvey  
 A. Connery  
**Servers:** M. Fleming  
 K. Fleming

**Greeters:** M. Adelmann  
 R. West  
**Music:** N. Gillogly

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;  
 Jn 15:26 — 16:4a  
 Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11  
 Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15  
 Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23  
 or  
 Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53 (for Ascension); otherwise Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20  
 Friday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56  
 Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28  
 Sunday: Acts 7:55-60; Ps 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Rv 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Jn 17:20-26; or, for Ascension, Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

**THE GIFT OF PEACE**

“There arose no little dissension and debate.” Did that happen at work this week? Most of us can recall run-ins with coworkers, even with the boss. Did it happen while socializing with friends? Go easy on politics, religion . . . even sports. At home? Even the most peaceful household experiences a little “give and take” now and then. So where was it that “there arose no little dissension and debate”? That tumultuous conflict occurred among our first Christian ancestors, disrupting the community life of the early church. But today’s Acts of the Apostles shows how beautifully the Holy Spirit, promised by Jesus in today’s Gospel, helped the church achieve a grace-filled resolution. What evolved was that “reconciled diversity,” often encouraged by Pope Francis and even envisioned in today’s Revelation passage; and a wondrous experience of Jesus’ promised Gospel gift: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.”

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

Why is it still Easter? The lilies have long since faded. The roots of our tradition of fifty days of rejoicing from Easter to Pentecost lie in the seven-day rhythm of the Jewish week, drawn from the six days of creation plus a Sabbath day. A favorite name for the Lord’s Day among our ancestors in the faith was “The Eighth Day,” meaning that in Christ a breakthrough to a new humanity was achieved. With that inner architecture, it makes sense to see Pentecost as a week of weeks, forty-nine days plus one, again signaling that a new age has begun in Christ and the outpouring of his Spirit. The Jewish appreciation for Pentecost gave rise to the Jubilee year, the fiftieth year, when debts were released and prisoners set free. Today, the character of our Easter Sundays is conveyed by joyful Alleluias and the rite of sprinkling at Mass. Long ago, people expressed this joy by suspending all rules of fasting and by never kneeling at liturgy.

These customs all point to our conviction that time is holy. There is an elegant balance to the Christian year: forty days of Lenten fast and discipline give way to fifty days of unrestrained rejoicing. That’s why it is still Easter!

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**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter  
 Monday: St. Augustine of Canterbury; Memorial Day  
 Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord  
 (unless transferred to Sunday)  
 Friday: Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
 Saturday: St. Justin; First Saturday



**MAY BAPTISMS**

**ELOISE IRENE CONNORS  
&  
LUCY BROOK CONNORS**  
Daughters of Daniel and Car-ly



**ROLDAN VENTURA CONNORS**  
Son of Shawn and Jessica

**CHARLOTTE ANN MATHIAS**  
Daughter of Robert and Nicole

**LILYANA JOAN SENESE**  
Daughter of Daniel and Margaret

We welcome you to our Catholic Community!

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**CATHOLIC CHARITIES BACK TO  
SCHOOL FAIR**



We are requesting your assistance to provide much needed supplies to distribute to those in need. We would greatly appreciate spiral notebooks, folders, lined index cards, highlighters, and pencil sharpeners. Last year, new and gently used books were also distributed. We will accept any new or "like new" books appropriate for children from preschool through 12th grade.

There will be a bin in back of church for your donations.



**ST JOSEPH SENIORS  
HEALING MASS  
& LUNCHEON**

All Seniors of St. Joseph Parish are invited to a Healing Mass on Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in Church. After Mass, you are invited to have lunch at Al's Steak House in Joliet at 1:00 p.m.

The menu choices are:  
Roast Sirloin of Beef: \$14.50  
Chicken Marsala: \$13.95  
Broiled Tilapia: \$15.95  
Broiled Salmon: \$16.95

All entrees are served with House Salad, Vegetable Medley, Baked, Mashed, Greek Style Potatoes or Rice Pilaf; (A double baked potato may be substituted for \$1:00)

Warm Fresh rolls and Butter, Vanilla ice Cream or Rainbow Sherbet; Coffee or Tea

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 29.

**Stewardship**

May 19, 2019

SUNDAY COLLECTION:*	5214.00
Weekly Average of All ACH	
And CC Transactions	4189.00
Total	\$9,403.00
(\$ loose cash: 810.00)	

Debt Reduction: \$25.00  
Easter: \$5.00

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.



**ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL  
REGISTRATION 2019-20 SCHOOL  
YEAR**

St. Joseph School is currently accepting registration for the 2019-20 school year. Have your child attend this 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 grades 1-8.

Please contact Miss Scheffler at [blueribbonprincipal@stjosephschool.com](mailto:blueribbonprincipal@stjosephschool.com) or call 815-838-8173

to find out more about our amazing school and available scholarships

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION  
2019-20**

Registrations forms for 2019-20 were sent home before Easter to all current families. Completed registration forms and 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](mailto:St.JosephRE@aol.com)  
or  
815-838-2112



**TRUE WEALTH**

Measure wealth not be the things you have, but by the things you have for which you would not take money.

-Anonymous

On June 20, after the 6 p.m. Mass at St. Isaac Jogues Catholic Church, Hinsdale, come and be a literal follower of Jesus and take part in this awe-inspiring, musical, festive, candlelight procession of praise and pageantry, marching shoulder-to-shoulder with hundreds of Catholics alongside seminarians, priests, nuns in a powerful public witness, bringing Jesus out into the public square, and letting Him transform our families, parishes and communities.

Enjoy an unforgettable mile-long stroll, or ride the trolleys on a spring evening with families, friends and Jesus Himself from St. Isaac Jogues in Hinsdale to Notre Dame in Clarendon Hills on the Feast of Corpus Christi, followed by a unique, moving benediction, food, drink, and Christian community.

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**Paid Nurse and Sonographer Opportunities Available**

Waterleaf Women's Center, a Catholic pro-life pregnancy center located in Aurora, **is seeking RNs, LPNs Medical Techs or Assistants, and sonographers (RDMS certified)** who support our mission to be the chosen destination for women and men facing an unplanned pregnancy, transforming their fear into confidence, by addressing their physical, spiritual and emotional needs, and equipping them to make healthy life-affirming decisions.

Salary full and part-time positions are available. Please contact Anne-Marie Cronin at [annemariec@waterleafwc.org](mailto:annemariec@waterleafwc.org) or at 630-701-6270.

**Attention SJS Teens - Open House!**

Calling all 2019 8th grade grads and High School students! Come join your peers as we kick-off our SJS Teen program.

Join us on Tuesday, June 4th from 6:30 to 8:00 in the activity center for fellowship, food, and some friendly sports competition. We'll discuss your ideas for upcoming events, trips, and projects, and finish with pizza and basketball. (not necessarily in that order) Bring your gym shoes!

This is open to HS students from inside and outside of our parish, so bring a friend!

Questions can be answered by calling Nick Cifonie at 815 836-4663, or at [SJSteens.com](http://SJSteens.com) .



**St. Joe's Pony Baseball Summer Picnic**



Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 (12:00-9:00 PM)  
St. Joseph Park, 700 Theodore Street, Joliet

Featuring Live Entertainment from Chicks with Picks, Grace & John, and Sundance.

**Featured at the Picnic: Live Entertainment, Beer Garden, Raffles, Bake Sale, Bingo, Concession Stand, Kids Games, Bags Tournament, Dunk Tank and Liquor Raffle Booth.**

For more information please contact [info@stjoesponybaseball.com](mailto:info@stjoesponybaseball.com) or visit us on Facebook-Under

'Pages,' St. Joe's Pony Baseball- Joliet, IL.

P.O Box 3599, Joliet, Illinois 60434, 815-714-2628  
[www.stjoesponybaseball.com](http://www.stjoesponybaseball.com)

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**NATIONAL EVENT FOR SINGLE CATHOLICS**

Looking for more Catholic community and spiritual enrichment? Join like-minded single Catholics, from all over the country, at an upcoming retreat near Chicago, IL, July 26th - 28th 2019. Fr. Thomas Loya and Jim Martini will be presenting on the theme of **"Remaining Relational in an Unrelational World."** The weekend will also include music, time for reflection, Mass, fellowship and more. Space is limited so register now! For more details and to register visit [www.JPIIevents.com](http://www.JPIIevents.com) (Can't find your question answered on the website? Call 512-766-5798.)

The Diocese of Joliet offers NFP classes at the Blanchette Catholic Center at 16555 Weber Road in Crest Hill. Classes are on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of each month from 7:00-9:00pm. To register or for information, contact 815-838-5334 or [familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org)

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**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING**



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The Couple to Couple League offers live virtual NFP classes online. Upcoming classes begin on:

- Friday, June 7. Contact Lloyd and Monica at 847-724-7206 or [monccas@comcast.net](mailto:monccas@comcast.net)
- Thursday, June 20. Contact Paul and Monica at 419-660-0534 or [Pdepinet@gmail.com](mailto:Pdepinet@gmail.com)
- Sunday, July 21. Contact Edmond and Sharon at 847-231-0567 or [edmondmharri-gan@gmail.com](mailto:edmondmharri-gan@gmail.com)

To register visit <https://register.ccli.org/> or find more information at [livethelove.org](http://livethelove.org)



**Retreat/ workshop  
For widowed men/women  
Beyond grieving there is new life!**

Feeling “stuck”? Need something to get you “over the hump”? Have you reached a “turning point” after your loss? Come join us for a weekend especially designed for you. See new possibilities.

Upcoming programs

June 22 & 23 - St. Julie's, Tinley Park

July 20 & 21 - Holy Family, Inverness

Sept 7 & 8 – Mary Queen of Heaven Parish, Elmhurst

For more information contact us at Joyful Again! Widowed Ministry

Ph: 1-708-354-7211

E-mail : joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

Website: www.joyfulagain.org

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**JOB OPPORTUNITY**

St. Thomas the Apostle is seeking an accomplished professional with training/education and experience in areas of graphic design, editing website content, and desktop publishing. The ability to take knowledge and transform it into exciting and useful messages, and disseminate it to the right audiences is critical. This is a part-time position. To view a job description, visit: <http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/hr/listjobs.php>

Qualified applicants please send a cover letter and resume to: Janet Simmons, 1500 Brookdale Road, Naperville, IL 60563 or [jsimmons@stapostle.org](mailto:jsimmons@stapostle.org). Please include three professional references.

**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



**OLD CANAL  
DAYS**

JUNE 14, 15, 16

Sister City Program  
Tent



Corner of 8th & Hamilton

Asiago cheese, rigoni jams,  
biscotti, watermelon, Italian beer,  
ice cold water

Hope to see you there!