



Welcome to
St. Joseph Catholic Parish
A Faith Community Since 1868

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 25, 2019

Strengthen your drooping hands and your weak knees. Make straight paths for your feet, that what is lame may not be disjointed but healed.

— *Hebrews 12:12-13*



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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

(Thursday 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://www.facebook.com/St.JosephLockport>

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

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Deacon Dominic Cerrato	
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R.C.I.A.

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Bulletin Announcements

Deadline: Monday
Rectory Office Hours: M-F

Pulpit Announcements

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

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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
August 25-September 1, 2019

Sunday, August 25

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00, 10:00, 11:45 a.m.-Masses
 EM/Reader Training in Church at 9:00 a.m.

Monday, August 26

7:15 a.m.-Mass

Tuesday, August 27

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

Wednesday, August 28

7:15 a.m.-Mass
 9:30 a.m. -A.A. Meeting in Church basement

Thursday, August 29

7:15 a.m. —NO MASS

Friday, August 30

7:15 a.m.- Mass
 8:00 p.m.-A.A. Meeting in Church basement

Saturday, August 31

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

Sunday, September 1

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, September 5: School Mass at 9:30 a.m.

Friday, September 6:

- 1st Friday Holy Hour for Life after the 7:15 a.m. Mass
- Wedding Rehearsal in Church at 6:00 p.m.
- Adult Night Out at 6:30 p.m. in School Hall

Saturday, September 7: Wedding of Kathleen Weidensee and Jesse DeYoung

Sunday, September 8: Holy Name Breakfast & Meeting in the School Hall following the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Tuesday, September 10 & Wednesday, September 11: R.E. Classes in School at 4:30 p.m.

Friday, September 13: Wedding Rehearsal in Church at 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 14: Wedding of Rachelle Sessler & Sean Nicholson

Mass Schedule & Intentions
Week of August 26-September 1, 2019

MONDAY

7:15 + Virginia Reed Birth. Rem. by Gen Zupancic
 Phil & Vicki Forni Wedd. Anniv. Congrats.
 by the Kilian Family

TUESDAY

7:15 + Rich Heiy Jr. Birth. Rem. by sister

WEDNESDAY

7:15 + José Encarnacion by Graham Carpio

THURSDAY

7:15 + NO MASS

FRIDAY

7:15 + Ray Aspel by the Kilian Family

SATURDAY

5:00 The Parish Family

SUNDAY

8:00 + Joyce O'Neil by Gerry Timm
 10:00 + Joyce O'Neil by Audrey Manley
 11:45 In Thanksgiving for Favors Granted
 by the Garvey Family



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PLEASE PRAY *for*

Bill Doyle Jr., Jacki Horvath, Erin Conners, 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, 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, Dolores Kilian, Harvey Mazur, Cindi Carter Buck, Sutton Lowry, Joe & Dolores McGrath, Mary Johnson, Leroy Fleckenstein, Mark Kehlenbach, Roger Matic, Danny Tully, 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, Michael Paggie, MaryAnn Eck, Peter Aument, Dorothy Felak, Joe Addante, Richard Johnson, Brad Golob, Rosalee D, Tom Pierson, Mary Steri-oti, Jan Dreyer, Stelle Tremback, Lillian Mikan, Michael McIntire, Jonathan Cannon, "Nicholas", Bill Wetstein, Gabby Matlak, Joseph Cunico, Maryann Eck, Joann Ellison, Marianne Kowalkowski and Joseph Elhallal.

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, August 31 & Sunday, September 1, 2019
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 P.M.

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

Greeters: R. Anderson
 G. Nagel
 J. Wisneski
 A. Lostroschio
Music: V. Moreno
 M. Cepon

8:00 A.M.

Reader: C. Vollmer
E.M.'s: Deacon Dennis
 NEEDED
 NEEDED
Servers: O. Picciola
 J. Picciola

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

10:00 A.M.

Reader: J. Svoboda
E.M.'s: Deacon Dominic
 J. Svoboda
 B. Svoboda
Servers: K. Timm
 G. Lustig
 E. Svoboda

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

11:45 A.M.

Reader: A. Garvey
E.M.'s: Deacon Dominic
 P. Burandt
 J. Garvey
Servers: E. Lerch
 R. Lerch

Greeters: M. Adelman
 R. West
Music: R. Nicholas
 J. Ray

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
 Mt 23:13-22
 Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139:1-6; Mt 23:23-26
 Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139:7-12ab; Mt 23:27-32
 Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 71:1-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab,
 17;
 Mk 6:17-29
 Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97:1, 2b, 5-6, 10-12;
 Mt 25:1-13
 Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Mt 25:14-30
 Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-7, 10-11;
 Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Tuesday: St. Monica
 Wednesday: St. Augustine
 Thursday: The Passion of St. John the Baptist
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

WELCOME THE STRANGER

We have become accustomed to seeing pictures in the media and stories on the news about immigrants from Latin America and refugees from Syria fleeing violence and destruction in their own countries, trying to make their way to a safe place. We have also seen the reactions of people who want to keep them away from their countries, who fail to welcome the stranger and the helpless children. Have we forgotten Jesus' call to comfort the homeless and the stranger? "They shall bring all your brothers and sisters from all the nations . . . to Jerusalem, my holy mountain, says the LORD."

In the three readings for this day, we are told that we are to welcome these strangers, to welcome the discipline of the Lord, which leads to peace, and to "strive to enter through the narrow gate" into the glory of God's own homeland, the reign of God.

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**TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION**

The wonderful diversity of life and worship among Roman Catholics of East and West is an example of God writing straight with crooked lines. The steady hand of the villainous Emperor Diocletian drew a line across Europe and Africa that split the empire in two, and for the most part determined how Christians would worship two thousand years later.

Italy's heel and the far northern city of Trieste fell on the Eastern side, and have had a form of Eastern liturgy ever since. Constantinople, which soon became the seat of the Roman Empire, became a base for Christianizing the East up to Russia and Poland. Poland was on the Eastern side, but a series of wars and medieval mayhem pushed the religious boundary back to the Ukraine, and Poland remains an outpost of the Latin Church to this day.

An old rule of thumb declared that whatever religion was observed by the local prince, the people had to follow. This gave rise to persecution and migration as people sought toleration for their expressions of faith. In the United States, we are accustomed to peaceful collaboration among Christians of East and West, a situation that challenges churches that still feel the pinch of age-old division.

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August 25, 2019
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

With the call of Nathaniel, we have a chance to reflect on how we have responded to our vocation as Christian Stewards. Are we enthusiastic as Nathaniel, or have we become complacent? No matter where we are from, good comes from us. Jesus sees us where we are and invites us to a journey that will lead us to new places.

New Beginnings is a weekly self-help support group for widowed, divorced, or those going through a divorce as we adjust to our new roles as singles again. We also have speakers to inspire us. Come hear Jim Proebstle, September 17, 7:30 p.m. at St. Margaret Mary Parish, 1450 Green Trails Drive, Naperville. **This is a venue change for this talk.**

Nobody will remember a backup college quarterback, but Dick's (Jim's brother) story bridges the glamour of NFL football—its high-profile athletes and the preliminary \$765 million settlement for CTE dementia—with the harsh reality that millions of former amateur players may be suffering anonymously with the same concussion-induced devastation of CTE dementia. Jim is the author of the non-fiction book, *Unintended Impact*, chronicling this tragedy of head concussions in sports.

Join us any time every Tuesday night, 7:30 p.m. (arrive 7:15 p.m.) at St. Raphael's Church, 1215 Modaff Road, Naperville. Besides having speakers, we have a rotating schedule of discussions. See more details and any schedule changes, especially any last minute speaker changes, at <http://www.newbeginnings-naperville.com> and view videos for divorced or widowed experiences. Come see if we can be part of your future.



OUR LADY OF THE BROKEN

Holy Trinity Catholic Parish
 Tuesday, August 27 @ 7 PM
 (Communal Rosary at 6:30 pm)

111S Cass Av., Westmont IL 60559

The Holy Trinity Men's Prayer Group is proud to sponsor a talk and presentation by Mr. Kevin Matthews, former Chicago radio host and convert to Catholicism. Join us in Church on Tuesday, August 27 at 7pm to hear Kevin's story. A \$5 free-will donation will be collected per person. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

If you are interested in becoming Catholic, NOW IS THE TIME. Contact the rectory at 815-838-0187, or email stjoelockport@comcast.net for more information. RCIA sessions are not just for those becoming Catholic, but for ANYONE interested in learning more about the faith. Come one week, come to all. We invite you to grow deeper in your faith and experience the beauty, richness, and truth of Catholicism.

“LIVING THE FAITH” SERIES RETURNS WITH DEACON DOMINIC

TOPIC: THE SACRAMENTS

WATCH FUTURE BULLETINS FOR TIME, LOCATION AND DATES!

Stewardship

August 18, 2019

SUNDAY COLLECTION:*	6585.00
Weekly Average of All ACH	
And CC Transactions	3943.00
Total	\$10,528.00

(\$ loose cash: 624.00)

Assumption: \$1,268.00

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.



BAPTISMS



July

Rachel Morgan Wasilewski
 Daughter of Daniel and Nichole

Parker Josephine Johnson
 Daughter of Elizabeth Boba

August

Nathan Robert Bernard
 Son of Jason and Michelle

Greyson Alexander Kulovits
 Son of Matthew and Erica

Charlie Rae Pipkalejs
 Daughter of Andrew and Gina

We welcome you into our Catholic Faith Community!

MASS FOR LIFE

Saturday, August 31
9 AM

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church
701 S Eola Rd., Aurora Illinois

Mass Celebrant:
Most Reverend R. Daniel Conlon

After Mass, join us in a Rosary Procession to Planned Parenthood.



OKTOBERFEST 2019
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION
 2019-20**

Register Today for 2019-20 Religious Education!
 Registration is now open to any families wishing to register for 1st - 8th grade Religious Education classes. Classes are filling up fast! Classes begin on Tuesday, September 10 or Wednesday, September 11.

Please contact the Religious Education Office for registration forms and any questions.
 815-838-2112 or e-mail :
 st.josephre@aol.com
 deacondennis@stjoeschool.com

WEDNESDAY CATECHIST NEEDED!

Do you have a gift for working with children? Do you feel comfortable sharing your faith with others? If so, perhaps God is calling you to this ministry, and **WE NEED YOU!** **We are currently looking for a catechist for our 4th grade class on Wednesdays.** Wednesday classes meet from 4:30-6:00 PM. beginning on September 11.

As catechists, our role is to support parents in their role as the primary religious educators of their children.

Together, we help our students encounter the person of Jesus as they grow in their faith.

If you are called to this most important ministry, contact Deacon Dennis Stolarz at the Religious Education Office .



HOLY NAME BEGINS!



Please join us on Friday, September 6, for the first Holy Name Adult Night Out of the season! All adults 21 and over are welcome to share good food and fellowship for just \$10.00! Come taste the cooking of our parish chef, Tom Hartford, and stay for games and cards.

On Sunday, September 8, the Holy Name will sponsor a breakfast and meeting in the school hall following the 8:00 a.m. Mass. There is no charge, but a good will offering will be gladly accepted.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE
BE A BEACON OF HOPE
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2019
8:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

All donors will receive a voucher for an official NFL licensed Chicago Bears long-sleeved shirt as a special thank you.

To schedule an appointment, please call the rectory at 815-838-0187 or sign up online at versiti.org/IL

Appointments are appreciated; walk-ins welcome!

PHOTO ID REQUIRED



ST JOSEPH IS COLLECTING BREAKFAST ITEMS DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.

LET'S PACK THE PANTRY WITH HEALTHY CHOICES FOR CHILDREN!

GRANOLA BARS
SINGLE-SERVE FRUIT CUPS
100% JUICE BOXES
SINGLE-SERVE RAISINS AND OTHER DRIED FRUITS
WHOLE GRAIN CEREAL

Skipping Breakfast
 Some kids skip breakfast because they sleep too late or because they think it's a way to stay thin. But people who skip breakfast tend to eat more calories throughout the day. If you find yourself skipping breakfast because you're too rushed, try these quick breakfasts. They're easy to grab on the way out the door or get ready the night before:

- single servings of whole-grain, low-sugar cereal
- yogurt
- fresh fruit
- whole-grain muffin
- trail mix

What Else Should I Know?
 Just in case you need more evidence that eating breakfast is the way to go, kids who don't eat breakfast are less able to learn at school, get less iron (an important nutrient) in their diets, and are more likely to have a higher body mass index (BMI), which is a sign they may be overweight. On the other hand, kids who eat breakfast do better in school, are more likely to participate in physical activities, and eat healthier overall. So tomorrow morning, don't run out the door on an empty stomach. Fuel up with a healthy breakfast!

**St. Mary Immaculate Parish, Plainfield
to Sponsor
Catholic High School Information Fair
on Sept. 8**

Representatives from several outstanding area Catholic high schools will be at St. Mary Immaculate Church in Plainfield to share information on their schools at the Annual Catholic High School Information Fair. Prospective students and their families can stop by the St. Mary Immaculate Gym anytime Sunday morning, Sept. 8, between 8:30 a.m. and noon to talk with the school staff and even some current high school students. You can learn about everything from academics and athletics to tuition and uniforms. You can also hear about shadow days, open houses, and other campus visit opportunities. Come and get all your questions answered!

Here's the schools that will be represented:

- + Aurora Central Catholic High School (Aurora)
- + Montini Catholic High School (Lombard)
- + Benet Academy (Lisle)
- + Providence Catholic High School (New Lenox)
- + Joliet Catholic Academy (Joliet)
- + Rosary High School (Aurora)
- + Marmion Academy (Aurora)
- + St. Francis High School (Wheaton)

CAREGIVER EDUCATION SERIES

Catholic Charities Diocese of Joliet

Caring for an Older Family Member?

Caregiver Support Group is held on the 1st Wednesday of each month from 12 noon-1:15 pm at Kankakee First Church of the Nazarene (1000 N Entrance Av, Kankakee) A light lunch will be provided.

To register, call 815-523-9918

**St. Joseph Parish New Parishioner/
Change of Address**

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 _____

*Email _____

_____ New Parishioner

Change of Address _____

Change of Phone _____

Change of Email _____

_____ Moving Out of Parish

***MANDATORY FIELDS**

PLEASE NOTE:

If you have had a change of mailing address, phone number, or email, please notify the rectory or drop this form into the collection basket.

These updates are important in order to guarantee delivery of contribution envelopes, contact information, and parish news and events.