



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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 22, 2020

*The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not
want.*

— *Psalm 23:1*



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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

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

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 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: 5:00 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	Margarita Levasseur
Donna Cifonie	Bill Molony
Nick Cifonie	Rev. Gregory Rothfuchs
Deacon Dennis	Martin Timm
Nick LaBanca	John Walters

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Deacon Dominic Cerrato	
Deacon Dennis Stolarz	
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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
March 22-March 29, 2020

Sunday, March 22

4th Sunday of Lent

8:00, 10:00, 11:45 a.m.-Masses
 Diocesan Collection for Catholic Relief Services

Monday, March 23

7:15 a.m.-Mass

Tuesday, March 24

7:15 a.m.-Mass
 4:30 p.m.-R.E. Classes in School
 7:00 p.m.-"Living the Faith" series in School hall
 7:00 p.m.- 1st Reconciliation in Church

Wednesday, March 25

7:15 a.m.-Mass
 9:30 a.m. -A.A. Meeting in Church basement
 4:30 p.m.-R.E. Classes in School
 7:00 p.m.-1st Reconciliation in Church

Thursday, March 26

7:15 a.m. -Mass

Friday, March 27

7:15 a.m.- Mass
 6:30 p.m.-Confirmation Rehearsal in Activity Center
 7:00 p.m.-Stations of the Cross in Church
 8:00 p.m.-A.A. Meeting in Church basement

Saturday, March 28

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

Sunday, March 29

5th Sunday of Lent

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

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

**Tuesday, March 31 & Wednesday April 1:
 NO R.E. CLASSES**

**Tuesday, March 31: "Living the Faith" se-
 ries in School hall**

**Wednesday, April 1: Lenten Confessions
 in Church at 7:00 p.m.**

**Friday, April 3: Living Stations of the
 Cross in Church at 7:00 p.m.**

We are using Flocknote.com to help communicate info via email, txt msg and more. There re 2 easy ways to register:

Visit our network at flocknote.com. Click on "Find your Church". St. Joseph Lockport will appear—or text "lockport" to 84576

Mass Schedule & Intentions
Week of March 23—March 29, 2020

MONDAY

7:15 + Edward "Jack" Bowlan
 by the Murray Family

TUESDAY

7:15 + Jim Tierney by Chris Kure

WEDNESDAY

7:15 + Beatrice D'Arpa Birth. Rem.
 by Marie D'Arpa
 100 Yr. Birth. Congrats. to
 Elizabeth Anderson by her St. Joseph Friends

THURSDAY

7:15 + Intention Available

FRIDAY

7:15 + Jaime & Joretta Lim by the Milo Family

SATURDAY

4:00 + Mary Attaway Anniv. Rem. by Janet Jadron

SUNDAY

8:00 + Deceased Members of the Hartford Family
 by Family
 10:00 + John Gerdevich
 by Megan & George Hagemaster
 11:45 + Donald Hendrick by Margo



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PLEASE PRAY *for*

Bill Doyle Jr., Jacki Horvath, Erin Conners, Kathy Salvatore, William & Margaret Detloff, Connor & Matthais Erickson, Phil Timm, Alex Bratuljevich, Ezra Singletary, Heather Kubinski, Virginia Butler, Esmerelda & Luke Bonk, Gregory Bonk, Frank Smunt, Tammy Smunt, Karl Blank, Helen Krumlinde, Patrick Bonk, Tom Wojcik, Jennifer Baer, Marilyn Singletary, Gary and Mark Ellison, Dorothy Manning, Cora Zgrabik, Cindi Carter Buck, Joe & Dolores McGrath, Mary Johnson, Leroy Fleckenstein, Mark Kehlenbach, Roger Matice, Ray Bruemmer, Madelyn Grillo, Naia Peña, Alfred & Maryann Peña, Kenneth Wojewocki, Tim Baldwin, Justine Weck, Michael Haddix, Bernie Muren, Michael Paggie, Peter Aument, Dorothy Felak, Joe Addante, Richard Johnson, Rosalee D, Mary Sterioti, Stelle Tremback, Lillian Mikan, Michael McIntire, Jonathan Cannon, Gabby Matlak, Joseph Cunico, Joann Ellison, Marianne Kowalkowski, Barbara Majerczyk, Mark Babich, Joseph Elhallal, Paulette Georgantas, David Skrzypczynski, Edna Carrigan, Mike O'Malley, Jeff Campbell, Cindy Conway, Bob Malek, Mary Perry, Nina Olsen, Veronica Wilson, Becky Smith, Vivian Schneider, Carol Preston, Nick Mathys, David Carrigan, Rose Russell, Carol Kegley, Dawn Ozewski, and Betty Baker.

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, March 28 & Sunday, March 29, 2019
5th Sunday of Lent

4:00 P.M.

Reader: J. Ranney
E.M.'s: L. Gawron
M. Nicholas
Servers: D. Bibly
M. Burke

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

8:00 A.M.

Reader: M. Ardaugh
E.M.'s: N. Glynn
T. Hartford
Servers: M. Ardaugh
O. Picciola
J. Picciola

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

10:00 A.M.

Reader: M. Gacomo
E.M.'s: Deacon Dominic
G. Boswell
J. Delfinado
Servers: M. Giacomo

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

11:45 A.M.

Reader: C. Walters
E.M.'s: Deacon Dennis
J. Walters
P. Burandt
Servers: G. Migliavacca
K. Fleming
M. Fleming

Greeters: M. Adelman
R. West
Music: R. Nicholas
B. Webster

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b;
Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;
Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10;
Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11;
Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Lent
Monday: St. Turibius of Mogrovejo
Tuesday: World Day for Truth Concerning Human
Rights Violations
Wednesday: The Annunciation of the Lord
Friday: Abstinence

LIGHT

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light" (Ephesians 5:14). We are at the midpoint of our Lenten journey of conversion. As always, God never gives up on us, especially those who have "fallen asleep" along the road to conversion. The most powerful stories of conversion are proclaimed during these final weeks of Lent. They have the power to shake us out of our sleep. Today's Gospel story of the healing of the man born blind exposes the real blindness in the time of Christ—the blindness of the self-righteous religious leaders. In a few weeks, at the Easter Vigil, the Church will proclaim "Christ our Light" as the paschal candle is carried into darkened churches throughout the world. May the darkness of sin that still pervades our lives, communities, and world, be dispelled by the Christ who comes to bring sight to the blind and light to the world.

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**SAINT TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO (1538-1606)
March 23**

In times of crisis, God always surprises the Church with unlikely saints, through whom Christ's light radiates beyond their local communities to illumine the universal Church. Charles Borromeo was such a saint: appointed Archbishop of Milan at twenty-one by his papal uncle, epitomizing the corruption that the reformers condemned, Charles instead inspired a revival that reinvigorated a Church devastated by the Reformation. His less well-known contemporary, Turibius of Mogrovejo, was God's "saintly surprise" in the New World. Spanish-born lawyer, professor, head of the feared Inquisition, Turibius was still a layman when a grateful king appointed him Archbishop of far-off Lima. Once in Peru, however, Turibius was appalled at the abuse of indigenous peoples by the occupying *conquistadores*—his fellow countrymen—and by the complicity of the clergy. He became the natives' devoted advocate, building churches, schools, hospitals, and the first seminary in the Americas, publishing catechisms and prayerbooks in the native languages he painstakingly mastered. Four hundred years later, whenever Pope Benedict welcomed Latin American bishops to Rome, he always invoked "the shining example of San Toribio."

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Springtime

Came the Spring with all its splendor

All its birds and all its blossoms

All its flowers, ad leaves, and grasses.

Longfellow, Hiawatha

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1
at 7:00 p.m.**

FRIDAY, APRIL 10 AT NOON



EASTER BASKETS FOR THE CHILDREN AT DAYBREAK CENTER



Daybreak Center has experienced a large influx of families using their facilities at the shelter.

The parish, spear-headed by some of the St. Joseph school children, would like to provide Easter baskets to the children staying at the shelter at Easter time.

Donations of small toys, wrapped candies, fruit snacks, and toothbrushes/toothpaste would help to fill their Easter baskets. Monetary donations are also gladly appreciated.

A bin is located in back of Church for your convenience, or bring your donation to the rectory. Thank you in advance for providing children with joy at Easter.

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**LENTEN ALMSGIVING**

St. Joseph will host our annual Baby Shower during Lent this year. All donations will serve the women and children of Birthright and Daybreak. You may drop off your donations to the back of church or to the rectory.

FOR WOMEN

- BODY WASH
- DEODORANT
- BODY LOTION
- SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER
- LOOFAH SPONGES
- HAIRBRUSHES
- CHAPSTICK
- Q-TIPS

FOR BABIES

- DIAPERS
- DIAPER WIPES
- BABY TOILETRIES
- BABY SOCKS
- NEW/GENTLY USED
- BABY CLOTHES
- FORMULA
- BOTTLES

**BLESSING OF THE FOOD BASKETS**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11**



**PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION**

Children in grades 1 through 4 are invited to participate in the Palm Sunday Procession. The procession will take place at the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the Activity Center on April 5.

Children interested in being part of the procession should first go with their families to get a seat for mass, and then take off their coats. Proceed to the school hall and a coordinator will help you to line up. It is necessary to be in the school hall by 9:30 a.m. in order to receive further instructions.

If there are any questions, please call the rectory at 838-0187.

**Stewardship**

March 15, 2020

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| <b>SUNDAY COLLECTION:*</b>       | N/A                   |
| <b>Weekly Average of All ACH</b> |                       |
| <b>And CC Transactions</b>       | <b><u>4064.00</u></b> |
| <b>Total</b>                     |                       |
| <b>(\$ loose cash: )</b>         |                       |

**BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED:**

**\$11,150.00**

**DEFICIT: ( )**

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.

**LIVING THE FAITH"**

Living the Faith is an adult formation series that focuses on relevancy of our Holy Catholic faith to everyday life. Its aim is to draw you into a deeper, more intimate relationship with Jesus and His Church so that you can become a better husband or wife, a better mother or father, a better friend and neighbor.

The series is taught by Deacon Dominic Cerrato on Tuesday evenings, 7-9 pm in the school cafeteria. It is based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church which will be made available at the sessions if you do not have one.

**THE LIVING THE FAITH SERIES HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

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HOLY THURSDAY FOOT WASHING

Holy Thursday, April 9, is the Celebration of the Last supper when Jesus washed the feet of his twelve disciples.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:00 p.m. needs twelve volunteers who would be willing to have their feet washed as a symbol of this most sacred event. Volunteers will be instructed before Mass as to what will be expected of them.

There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the back of church. If you are willing to have your feet washed, please put your name and phone number on the list, or call the rectory and we will include you on that list.





DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

Solemn Novena of Divine Mercy
 Good Friday, April 10 at 8:00 a.m.
 Holy Saturday, April 11 at 8:00 a.m.
 Easter Sunday, April 12: Pray Privately
 Monday, April 13 thru Friday, April 17: Following the 7:15 a.m. Mass
 Saturday, April 18: 8:00 am.



Divine Mercy Sunday: April 19

Hour of Great Mercy: 3:00 p.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Benediction,
 Blessing of Religious Articles

The Divine Mercy Message and Devotion

The message of The Divine Mercy is simple. It is that God loves us – all of us. And, He wants us to recognize that His mercy is greater than our sins, so that we will call upon Him with trust, receive His mercy, and let it flow through us to others. Thus, all will come to share His joy.

The Divine Mercy message is one we can call to mind simply by remembering “ABC”:

- A - Ask for His Mercy. God wants us to approach Him in prayer constantly, repenting of our sins and asking Him to pour His mercy out upon us and upon the whole world.
- B - Be merciful. God wants us to receive His mercy and let it flow through us to others. He wants us to extend love and forgiveness to others just as He does to us.
- C - Completely trust in Jesus. God wants us to know that the graces of His mercy are dependent upon our trust. The more we trust in Jesus, the more we will receive.

This message and devotion to Jesus as The Divine Mercy is based on the writings of Saint Faustina Kowalska, an uneducated Polish nun who, in obedience to her spiritual director, wrote a diary of about 600 pages recording the revelations she received about God's mercy. Even before her death in 1938, the devotion to The Divine Mercy had begun to spread.

The message and devotional practices proposed in the *Diary of Saint Faustina* and set forth in this web site and other publications of the Marians of the Immaculate Conception are completely in accordance with the teachings of the Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Savior. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ.

The main reason that Jesus wanted this Feast to be established is that He wanted to “throw a lifeline,” so to speak, to souls who are perishing, souls who are drowning in sin and despair. That lifeline is this Feast, with all the tremendous promises of graces and benefits which Jesus attached to it. Jesus gave us this Feast as both a comfort and a lifeline for souls.

In three places in her *Diary*, St Faustina records our Lord's promises of specific, extraordinary graces. To receive these graces, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the Vigil celebration) by making a good confession beforehand and staying in the state of grace and trusting in His Divine Mercy. By these conditions, our Lord is emphasizing the value of confession and Holy Communion as miracles of mercy.

The Eucharist is Jesus, Himself, the Living God, longing to pour Himself as Mercy into our hearts.

Pope St. John Paul II established that Divine Mercy Sunday be enriched by a plenary indulgence. In order to obtain a plenary indulgence (which can only be received once a day), normal conditions must be followed.

Normal conditions for receiving a plenary indulgence:

- It is necessary that the faithful be in the state of grace at least at the time the indulgenced work is completed.
 - Have the interior disposition of complete detachment from sin, even venial sin.
 - Have sacramentally confessed their sins.
- Receive the Holy Eucharist (it is certainly better to receive it while participating in Holy Mass, but for the indulgence only Holy Communion is required)
 - Pray for the intentions of the Supreme Pontiff.

<http://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/>

**Flowers for St. Joseph Church
During the Easter Season**

This Easter season, you have the opportunity of remembering and honoring a loved one by donating to our Easter Flower Fund. With your donation, your loved one will be remembered during the Easter season and their name will be posted in future bulletins.

Write the name of the person you wish to remember, and the amount you donate, on the appropriate line and return in the collection basket or to the rectory in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers". If you prefer, you may also e-mail your request to stjoelockport@comcast.net.

Please submit the form by **Monday, April 6**, and their names will be in the bulletin for Easter.

IN MEMORY OF:

IN HONOR OF:

OFFERED BY:



**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.