



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

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12, 2020

*You have crowned the year with your bounty,
and your paths overflow with a rich harvest.
— Psalm 65:12*



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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 typically held on the third Sunday of the month at 12:45 p.m. First-time parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation program before the baby is born. Before setting any dates for a baptism with family, please call the parish office in advance to make arrangements. We ask that the family is registered at the parish.

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 | Margarita Levasseur |
| Donna Cifonie | Bill Molony |
| Nick Cifonie | Rev. Gregory Rothfuchs |
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PASTORAL STAFF:

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|------------------------|------------------|
| Rev. Gregory Rothfuchs | Pastor |
| Deacon Dominic Cerrato | |
| Deacon Dennis Stolarz | |
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R.C.I.A.

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ADVANCEMENT

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| Mrs. Michelle Ray | Director |
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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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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.

Our Homebound Ministers are available to bring Communion to shut-ins at their home or in nursing homes.

Please call the parish office at 815-838-0187 if you would like to set up a home visit .

**THIS WEEK AT ST JOSEPH
July 12-July 19, 2020**

Sunday, July 12

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00, 10:00, Noon -Masses

Monday, July 13

7:15 a.m.-Mass

Tuesday, July 14

7:15 a.m.-Mass

Wednesday, July 15

7:15 a.m.-Mass

Thursday, July 16

7:15 a.m. -Mass

Friday, July 17

7:15 a.m.- Mass

Saturday, July 18

4:00 p.m.-Mass
5:00 p.m. -Confessions

Sunday, July 19

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00, 10:00, Noon -Masses
1:00 p.m.-Baptisms in Activity Center

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**EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY**

**Office Manager**

**Catholic Cemeteries – Romeoville, IL**

The Diocese of Joliet Catholic Cemeteries office is seeking to hire an Office Manager at Catholic Cemeteries in Romeoville, IL. The Office Manager performs a variety of administrative functions to effectively and efficiently meet the administration needs of the Catholic Cemeteries.

College graduate preferred. Minimum three (3) years similar/relevant experience working with executive level personnel. Must have strong organizational skills and value attention to detail. Must be able to multi-task and prioritize, be an independent thinker and have excellent interpersonal and communication skills. Must have proven ability to understand and carry out administrative operations in order to effectively manage and prioritize work. Must have ability to remain tactful under pressure and present a professional demeanor and communication style with a positive and responsive attitude. Must have demonstrated work experience in researching, planning and organization. Must have ability to type a minimum of 55 w.p.m., have experience preparing presentations using Excel, PowerPoint and other Microsoft Office programs, and have spread sheet capability. Bilingual in English and Spanish a plus. To view a full job description, visit:

**Mass Schedule & Intentions  
Week of July 13-July 19, 2020**

**MONDAY**

7:15 + Tony Tadey 20th Yr. Anniv. Rem.  
by wife Doris & Family  
Giggie Payne Birth. Congrats.  
By the Kilian Family

**TUESDAY**

7:15 + Ray & Dave Hostert by the Milo Family

**WEDNESDAY**

7:15 + Charlene Grozik by the Gibbons Family

**THURSDAY**

7:15 + Marge Johnson for Healing  
by the Parish Family

**FRIDAY**

7:15 + John Rothfuchs by wife Merry

**SATURDAY**

4:00 + Leo Andolfi by Ron Burnitz

**SUNDAY**

8:00 + Alice & Tom Hartford Birth. Rem.  
by the Hartford Family  
10:00 + Baby Justin VanderVeen by Family  
11:45 The Parish Family



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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 Wojciak, 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 Maticce, 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, Richard Johnson, Rosalee D, Mary Steriotti, Stelle Tremback, Lillian Mikan, Michael McIntire, Jonathan Cannon, Gabby Matlak, Joseph Cunico, Joann Ellison, Marianne Kowalkowski, Barbara Majerczyk, Mark Babich, 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, Adrienne Sanda, David Carrigan, Carol Kegley, Dawn Ozewski, Betty Baker, Jean Bryan, Daun Konicek, and Marge Johnson..

**USHERS/CLEANERS  
JULY 18 & 19, 2020**

**SATURDAY, JULY 18 @ 4:00 P.M.**

Ushers: A. Lostroscio  
J. Albrecht  
NEEDED  
Cleaners: M. Vollmer  
C. Vollmer  
J. Albrecht  
J. McBride

**SUNDAY, JULY 19 @ 8:00A.M.**

Ushers: M. Timm  
R. Schenk  
N. Wheeler  
Cleaners: A. Bozych  
P. Bozych  
K. Timm  
M. Timm

**SUNDAY, JULY 19 @ 10:00 A.M.**

Ushers: T. Stark  
C. Morfoot  
T. Marcione  
Cleaners: NEEDED  
M. Leyva  
T. Stark  
NEEDED

**SUNDAY, JULY 19 @ NOON**

Ushers: M. Adelman  
L. Sandoval  
J. Ray  
Cleaners: M. Ray  
L. Sandoval  
J. Genty  
L. Sandoval

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Is 1:10-17; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23;  
Mt 10:34 — 11:1  
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9; Ps 48:2-8; Mt 11:20-24  
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16; Ps 94:5-10, 14-15;  
Mt 11:25-27  
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Ps 102:13-14ab, 15-  
21;  
Mt 11:28-30  
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Is 38:10-12abcd, 16;  
Mt 12:1-8  
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5; Ps 10:1-4, 7-8, 14; Mt 12:14-21  
Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16;  
Rom 8:26-27; Mt 13:24-43 [24-30]

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: St. Henry  
Tuesday: St. Kateri Tekakwitha  
Wednesday: St. Bonaventure  
Thursday: Our Lady of Mount Carmel  
Saturday: St. Camillus de Lellis; Blessed Virgin Mary

**GOD'S WORDS**

Each day we are bombarded with thousands of words. From the moment our clock radios click on in the morning, until the last moment of the day when the television is turned off or someone bids us "good-night," our life is filled with words. Some words that we hear bring news that leaves us feeling low. Some words lift our spirits. Many of the words we hear are trying to get us to buy something. Some words are hurtful. Today the Church focuses our attention on hearing the word of God. Are God's words just more of the same—part of the endless stream of words that flow into our ears each day? The challenge today is to allow God's word to inspire us in new ways so that our outlook and attitudes align themselves more closely with the heart and mind of Christ Jesus.

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**SAINT KATERI TEKAKWITHA (1656-1680)  
July 14**

Though the New York State Thruway runs close by the North American Martyrs' Shrine, traffic's roar never pierces the peace enveloping Auriesville—Ossernon to Native Americans—in the lovely Mohawk Valley, where Kateri Tekakwitha was born barely ten years after the martyrdom of Isaac Jogues and his Jesuit and lay companions. Daughter of a Christian Algonquin mother and non-Christian Mohawk chief, Kateri's parents died in a smallpox epidemic widely blamed on the missionaries. Moreover, many Native Americans had experienced exploitation at the hands of "Christian" traders and trappers, further discrediting the faith Kateri embraced in baptism, then pledged to live even more intensely in vowed virginity. Misunderstanding led to harassment, prompting her move to a Christian village farther north along the Saint Lawrence River. Despite this, Kateri's faith remained undaunted, her selfless charity undiminished. Both before and after her death at twenty-four, this young "Lily of the Mohawks" drew countless converts to Christ by the fragrance of her goodness. Through us, does "the aroma of Christ" (2 Corinthians 2:15), attract others to the beauty of his gospel?

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**LIVE TODAY**

Live today the way you will wish you had lived when you stand in judgment before God.



**WILL COUNTY BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR**

The 28th Annual Will County Back to school Fair, coordinated by Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet is scheduled for Thursday, July 30, 2020 from 10 am to 5 pm at Joliet Catholic Academy.

Like most communities across our nation, Will County has been deeply affected by the COVID-19 outbreak and its effects on friends, neighbors, families and ourselves.

We are asking the generous parishioners of St. Joseph parish, Lockport, to donate 12" plastic rulers, and any other school supply you may collect. The Fair is also accepting new and gently used books appropriate for children from pre-school through 12th grade. Cash donations are also accepted and appreciated.

You may bring your donations to the rectory Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 3 pm. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

**ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL  
REGISTRATION  
2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR**



St. Joseph School is currently accepting registration for the 2020-21 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.

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to find out more about our amazing school and available scholarships

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION  
2020-2021**

Registrations forms for 2020-21 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**  
or  
**815-838-2112**



**Stewardship**

July 4, 2020

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|----------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>SUNDAY COLLECTION:*</b> |                   |
| Weekly Average of All ACH  | 5242.00           |
| And CC Transactions        | 4064.00           |
| <b>Total</b>               | <b>\$9,306.00</b> |
| (\$ loose cash: 250.00)    |                   |

**BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED:**  
\$11,150.00  
**DEFICIT:** ( 1,844.00 )

**Debt Reduction: \$714.00**  
**Peter's Pence: \$80.00**  
**Priests' Pension: \$100.00**

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 June 2020

|                                 |            |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| PAST DUE HEALTH –               | 193,304.00 |
| PROPERTY PURCHASED: PRINCIPAL – | 78,389.13  |
| INTEREST                        | 139.22     |
| <b>TOTAL: \$271,832.35</b>      |            |



**REST IN PEACE**



- Rose A Russell—June 26
- Edna Kucharz - June 11
- Geraldine M. Kowalski—May 30
- Kenneth S Janisek—May 29
- Margaret M Detloff—May 28
- Ralph J Weidensee—May 18
- Charlene Grozik—May 6
- Carmen DeSoto—April 21
- Eugene Gawlik—April 21

May all who have died enjoy the blessings of God's light and love

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**Baby Shower  
for Birthright and  
Daybreak Shelter**

New or gently used baby items will be delivered to Birthright (a pregnancy counseling center) and Daybreak Shelter this summer. You may drop off your donations in the container in the back of our church or drop it off at the rectory. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



**BABY BOTTLES FOR LIFE**

Our parish will support the life-saving work of Waterleaf, a Catholic pregnancy center with offices in Aurora.

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.

Waterleaf provides practical help; pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, STD testing and treatment as well as continuing education and support for women in our community who would otherwise be at risk for choosing abortion. You may pick up a baby bottle at the rectory or in back of church.



**A BIG "THANK YOU"  
TO OUR GENEROUS PARISHIONERS!**

*Even in these difficult times, the parishioners of St. Joseph have once again supported those in need.*

*Fish Pantry to date:  
\$2,347.00*

*Waterleaf Baby Bottle Collection:  
\$92.00*

*Rice Bowl:  
\$234.00*


*Easter:  
\$11,160.00*

*Stop by the rectory to pick up a baby bottle or drop off / new and gently new baby items.*

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**"Speak Lord, for Your Servant is Listening"**

**SAMUEL GROUP  
 DIOCESE OF JOLIET  
 YOUNG ADULTS AGES 20-35**

Samuel Group is a community where young adults can learn how to make decisions according to God's will. The program consists of one monthly meeting which includes adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, talks and group sharing. In between sessions each participant will also need to meet with a spiritual director to continue his/her discernment journey.

The commitment to the program lasts seven months and helps give direction to a young adult's freedom and creativity, so that he/she may discover his/her role in the Church and in the world. The program has a three-fold goal for each candidate:

- To know oneself
- To know Jesus
- To know one's role in the Church and in the world

Learn tools that will help you make important decisions in life:

- Marriage
- Vocation
- Dating
- Move to new city
- Job opportunity
- Ministry



**WHEN AND WHERE**  
 Blanchette Catholic Center  
 16555 Weber Road, Crest Hill, IL 60403  
 1:00 pm-5:00 pm  
 Sunday, September 20  
 Sunday, October 18  
 Sunday, November 15  
 Sunday, January 24  
 Sunday, February 21  
 Sunday, March 21  
 Sunday, April 18

For more information: Contact Mayra Price at 815-221-6235

Theology on Tap 2020: Lockport

In cooperation with the Diocese of Joliet Young Adult Ministry, the Catholic parishes of Lockport (including St. Joseph Lockport) are happy to announce this summer's Theology on Tap sessions at Embers Tap House. This is an event for young adults ages 18-39. All sessions will be on Wednesday evenings, starting at 7 PM on the second floor of Embers. Below are the speakers for each night, and the titles of their talks:

July 15: Spiritual Warfare: Am I being spiritually attacked? - Melissa Novak

July 29: The Battle Over the Body - Fr. Thomas Loya of Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Parish

August 12th: The Forgotten Vice of Acedia: Why Identifying and Struggling Against this Sin is Absolutely Necessary for those Seeking to Grow in Their Spiritual Life - Fr. Max Behna

August 19th: The Bedroom, the Eucharist and the Sanctity of Life: Why belief in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist really matters - By Fr. Thomas Loya

For other Theology on Tap Dates during the week, check out the Diocese of Joliet website:

http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/yam/sectioncontent.php?secid=6

Also, to ensure that we have an accurate headcount on visitors during this time, we ask that ALL who will be attending please register using the link below:

https://bit.ly/3iCD9lv



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 \_\_\_\_\_

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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.

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