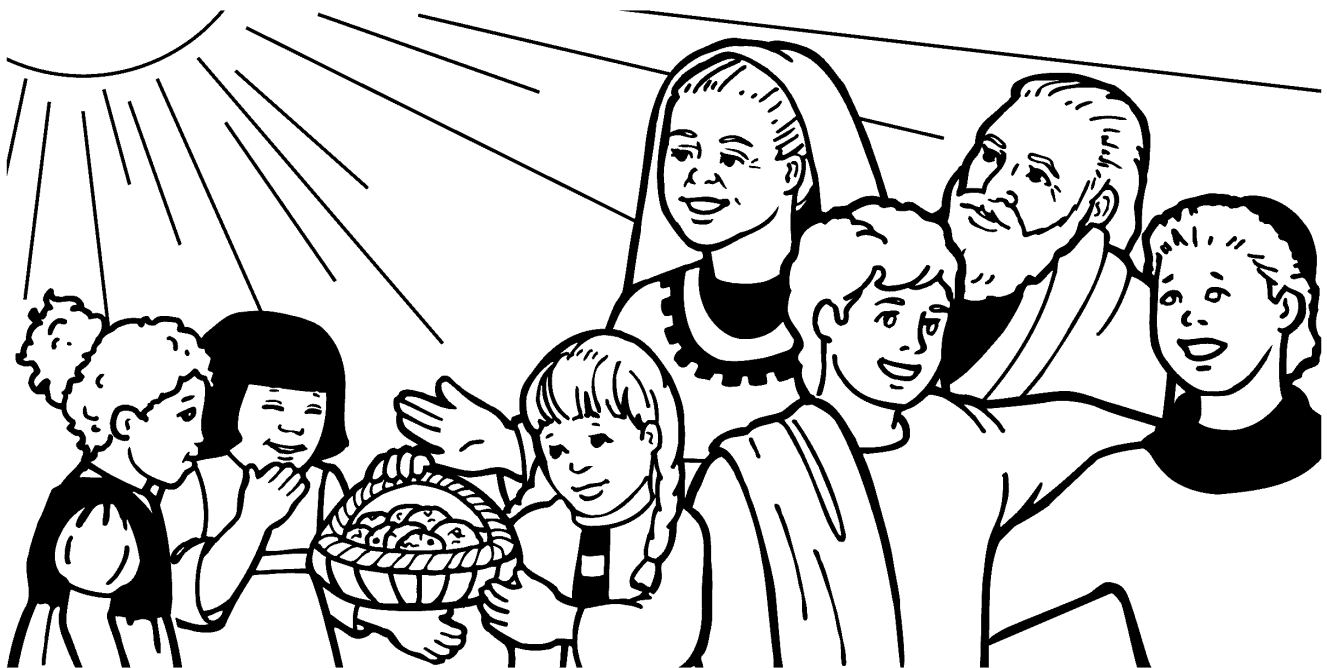


Welcome to
St. Joseph Catholic Parish
A Faith Community Since 1868

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 19, 2020

Those who are just must be kind.
— *Wisdom 12:19*



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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:

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	
Mr. Garry Kearnes	Business Manager
Mrs. Jean Genty	Church Secretary

R.C.I.A.

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SCHOOL

Miss Lynne Scheffler	Principal
blueribbonprincipal@stjoeschool.com	
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	815-838-8173

ADVANCEMENT

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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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.**

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 19-July 26, 2020**

Sunday, July 19

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, July 20

7:15 a.m.-Mass

Tuesday, July 21

7:15 a.m.-Mass

Wednesday, July 22

7:15 a.m.-Mass

Thursday, July 23

7:15 a.m. -Mass

Friday, July 24

7:15 a.m.- Mass

Saturday, July 25

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

Sunday, July 26

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00, 10:00, Noon -Masses

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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.

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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.

**Mass Schedule & Intentions
Week of July 20-July 26, 2020**

MONDAY

7:15 Tod Kilian Birth. Congrats.
by the Kilian Family

TUESDAY

7:15 + Poor Souls in Purgatory by Marie D'Arpa

WEDNESDAY

7:15 + Intention Available

THURSDAY

7:15 + Intention Available

FRIDAY

7:15 + Doug Stolen & Family by the Milo Family

SATURDAY

4:00 + Geraldine & James Rusin
by Husband & Father

SUNDAY

8:00 + The Parish Family
10:00 + Leon Andreshak Anniv. Rem.
by wife Angie
Angela Lauro 104yr old Birth. Congrats.
by Marie D'Arpa
11:45 + Wanda Karbarz & Jozef Reczek Birth. Rem.
by 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 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, 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, 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, Marge Johnson, and Phil May.

**USHERS/CLEANERS
JULY 25-26, 2020**

SATURDAY, JULY 25 @ 4:00 P.M.

Ushers: A. Lostroscio
NEEDED
NEEDED

Cleaners: M. Vollmer
C. Vollmer
NEEDED
NEEDED

SUNDAY, JULY 26 @ 8:00A.M.

Ushers: M. Timm
R. Schenk
N. Wheeler

Cleaners: D. Schenk
M. Timm
K. Timm

SUNDAY, JULY 26 @ 10:00 A.M.

Ushers: T. Stark
A. Marcione
J. Blake

Cleaners: NEEDED
M. Leyva
T. Stark
NEEDED

SUNDAY, JULY 26 @ NOON

Ushers: M. Adelman
L. Sandoval
J. Ray

Cleaners: M. Ray
L. Sandoval
J. Genty
L. Gillogly

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8; Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21,

23; Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 85:2-8; Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17;

Ps 63:2-6, 8-9; Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-11;
Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17; Jer 31:10-12abcd, 13;
Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28

Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12; Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77,
127-130; Rom 8:28-30; Mt 13:44-52
[44-46]

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: St. Apollinaris

Tuesday: St. Lawrence of Brindisi

Wednesday: St. Mary Magdalene

Thursday: St. Bridget

Friday: St. Sharbel Makhlūf

Saturday: St. James

GOOD SEEDS

Today Jesus continues to speak to his followers using parables. What a rich treasure we are given today in three parables about the kingdom of heaven! The kingdom is likened to a man sowing good seed in his field, a mustard seed, and yeast mixed with flour. As they did last week, today the disciples press Jesus for an interpretation of one of the parables—the parable of the man sowing good seed. Let us think that these parables are simply amusing little anecdotes, Jesus' interpretation should be seen for what it is—a warning. Wailing and grinding of teeth in a fiery furnace await those who are children of the evil one. This parable points to the struggle for today's believer. Sometimes, through sin, we sow weeds and prevent the love of Christ from blossoming. Let today's Gospel help put us back on track. Let us recommit ourselves to preparing for the last days, the harvest, by blossoming as the good seeds we were created in love to be.

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**SAINT SHARBEL MAKHLŪF (1828-1898)
July 24**

The convenience store owner chatted animatedly in Arabic with coworkers, but hardly at all with his American clientele. So soon after 9/11, he probably figured, with my accent, the less said, the better. That changed when an American customer recognized Saint Sharbel's portrait on the wall: "So you're Lebanese Maronites!" The owner was happily incredulous: "You know our saint?" "Not at first," the customer admitted. "But we help the Catholic Near East Welfare Association, and their magazine published that picture and called Sharbel the 'Paradoxical Artisan of Peace.'" "Everyone thinks we're Muslims," said the owner, "and some of my workers are. Saint Sharbel helps us live together in peace!" A hermit for twenty-three years, little is known of Sharbel's life. He died after suffering a stroke while celebrating the liturgy. Miracles attributed to his intercession number in the thousands, and in war-torn Lebanon, Catholics, Orthodox, and Muslims pray together where his incorrupt body is entombed. How lovely if after our passing, we too could be remembered for having brought very different people to the one God, together in peace.

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QUO VADIS DAYS

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for High School Young Men

August 2-5, 2020

Loyola Retreat & Ecology Center

What should I do?
What is God's will?
What's my life about?

Call the Vocations Office of the
Diocese of Joliet for further information.
815-221-6171

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.

Please contact Miss Scheffler at blueribbonprincipal@stjosephschool.com or call **815-838-8173**

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



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Stewardship

July 11, 2020

SUNDAY COLLECTION:*

Weekly Average of All ACH	5242.00
And CC Transactions	<u>4996.00</u>
Total	\$10,238.00

(\$ loose cash: 135.00)

BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED:
\$11,150.00
DEFICIT: (912.00)

- Debt Reduction: \$900.00**
- Peter's Pence: \$50.00**
- Priests' Pension: \$55.00**
- Easter: \$10.00**
- Good Friday: \$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.

PARISH DEBT AS OF June 2020

PAST DUE HEALTH –	193,304.00
PROPERTY PURCHASED: PRINCIPAL –	78,389.13
INTEREST	139.22
TOTAL:	\$271,832.35

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- Do you fell alone?
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- Do you argue;;;or have you just stopped talking to each other?
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The Lockport Resource Center and Thrift Store are made possible through the efforts and contributions community volunteers and our customers and clients.

We offer several programs to Lockport and Homer area residents as well as members of the churches in those communities. Programs include:

- The Emergency Relief Loan Program offers help with rent, utilities, prescriptions, or other emergencies.
- The Scholarship Program offers tuition assistance s for those seeking to better themselves through education.
- The LRC Thrift Shop offers a variety of items including: clothing, household items, and small appliances.

Part of our funding supports the FISH Food Pantry in Lockport.

Hours: Tuesday and Wednesday 10 til 4 , Thursday 12 til 6 , Friday and Saturday 10 til 2

Donation Guidelines: Donations are accepted during normal business hours ONLY. Please do not leave donations when the store is closed.

The Lockport Resource Center can not accept the following items as donations –

Televisions or Video players, Microwave or Toaster Ovens, Flip-Flops or Shower Shoes, Computer Programs or Accessories including , Printers and Monitors, Underwear, Socks or Swimsuits

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 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 _____

*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.