



Welcome to  
**St. Joseph Catholic Parish**

**A Faith Community Since 1868**

***Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time***  
***July 26, 2020***

***All things work for good for those who love God.***

***— Romans 8:28a***



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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 Noon

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](http://www.stjoeschool.com)

[www.stjosephlockport.org](http://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 |
| Deacon Dennis | Martin Timm            |
| Nick LaBanca  | John Walters           |

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Fax: 815-838-5379

Email: [stjoelockport@comcast.net](mailto:stjoelockport@comcast.net)

**PASTORAL STAFF:**

- |                        |                  |
|------------------------|------------------|
| 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     |
| <a href="mailto:johnalbrecht47@comcast.net">johnalbrecht47@comcast.net</a> | 312-550-6772 |

**PASTORAL CARE**

- |  |              |
|--|--------------|
| Rev. Gregory Rothfuchs   | Coordinator  |
| <a href="mailto:stjoelockport@comcast.net">stjoelockport@comcast.net</a> | 815-818-0187 |

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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| Mrs. Kathy Gibbons   | Secretary    |
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**SCHOOL**

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| Miss Lynne Scheffler   | Principal        |
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| Mrs. Rita Baxter   | School Secretary |
|  | 815-838-8173     |

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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 26-August 2, 2020**

**Sunday, July 26****17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00, 10:00, Noon -Masses

**Monday, July 27**

7:15 a.m.-Mass

**Tuesday, July 28**

7:15 a.m.-Mass

**Wednesday, July 29**

7:15 a.m.-Mass

**Thursday, July 30**

7:15 a.m. -Mass

**Friday, July 31**

7:15 a.m.- Mass

**Saturday, August 1**

4:00 p.m.-Mass

5:00 p.m. -Confessions

**Sunday, August 2****18h Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00, 10:00, Noon -Masses

**DIOCESE OF JOLIET ANNOUNCES**  
**APPOINTMENT OF NEW BISHOP**  
**MOST REVEREND RONALD A. HICKS**

Pope Francis announced that he has named Bishop Ronald A. Hicks, Vicar General of the Archdiocese of Chicago, as the sixth Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Joliet, IL. Pope Francis had previously accepted the resignation of Bishop Emeritus R. Daniel Conlon and had named Bishop Richard E. Pates as Apostolic Administrator of the diocese until a new bishop could be appointed. Bishop Hicks, 52, will be installed at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet, IL on September 29, 2020.

"The Diocese of Joliet is most grateful to Pope Francis for the appointment of Bishop Ronald Hicks as its sixth bishop," said Bishop Pates. "The bishop owns a reputation for pastoral leadership and is totally committed to the ongoing renewal of the Catholic Church. He is a worthy successor to Bishop Conlon and his predecessors."

Bishop Hicks is a native of Harvey IL and grew up in South Holland IL where he attended St. Jude the Apostle Parish and grade school. He graduated from Quigley Seminary South in 1985 and received his B.A. in Philosophy from Niles College of Loyola in 1989, his Master of Divinity degree in 1994 and his Doctor of Ministry in 2003, both from the University of St. Mary of the Lake in Mundelein, IL.

**Mass Schedule & Intentions**  
**Week of July 27-August 2, 2020**

**MONDAY**

7:15 + Ed Kure Anniv. Rem. by wife Chris

**TUESDAY**7:15 + Agnes DeSandre Anniv. Rem.  
by daughter Angie  
Clif & Elaine Kilian by the Kilian Family**WEDNESDAY**7:15 + Cenon Vianzon Anniv. Rem.  
by Henry Vianzon**THURSDAY**

7:15 + John Rothfuchs by wife Merry

**FRIDAY**

7:15 + Jose Milo &amp; Family by the Milo Family

**SATURDAY**4:00 + Wojtowicz & Burzawa Family Members  
by Family  
Catherine & Dan Brady  
50th Wedd. Anniv. Congrats**SUNDAY**8:00 + Deceased Members of the  
Juban/Dziuban, Hylek Families  
by Sylvia Juban10:00 + Jeff Wilson by St. Joseph Parish  
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 & Matthias 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, Phil May, and Andrea Mason.

**USHERS/CLEANERS  
AUGUST 2& 3, 2020**

**SATURDAY, August 1 @ 4:00 P.M.**

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

**SUNDAY, August 2 @ 8:00A.M.**

Ushers: M. Timm  
R. Schenk  
N. Wheeler  
Cleaners: NEEDED  
M. Timm  
K. Timm

**SUNDAY, August 2 @ 10:00 A.M.**

Ushers: T. Stark  
G. Little  
J. Blake  
Cleaners: K. Abarca  
M. Leyva  
T. Stark

**SUNDAY, August 2 @ NOON**

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Jer 13:1-11; Dt 32:18-21; Mt 13:31-35  
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;  
Mt 13:36-43  
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27  
or Lk 10:38-42  
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53  
Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14;  
Mt 13:54-58  
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31,  
33-34;  
Mt 14:1-12  
Sunday: Is 55:1-3; Ps 145:8-9, 15-18;  
Rom 8:35, 37-39; Mt 14:13-21

**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Wednesday: St. Martha  
Thursday: St. Peter Chrysologus  
Friday: St. Ignatius of Loyola  
Saturday: St. Alphonse Liguori; First Saturday

**A SHARE IN GOD'S KINGDOM**

Today concludes a three-week series of Gospel texts in which we have listened to a total of seven parables about the Kingdom. The believer is asked to consider the request that God made of Solomon in today's first reading: "Ask something of me and I will give it to you" (1 Kings 3:5). Today's parables about the treasure buried in the field and the pearl of great price should prompt us to answer, "A share in your kingdom, O God!" Today we discover that the kingdom of God is beyond value, a priceless treasure. Unfortunately, our culture bombards us with things that it believes are priceless treasures—the bigger and better SUVs, anti-aging and anti-balding creams and salves, miracle diets, and so much more. Having a share in God's kingdom and helping to bring about that kingdom are the greatest treasures that we can ever hope to gain.

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**SAINT MARTHA (first century)  
July 29**

Whether you find Martha Stewart admirable or annoying, she has the perfect patron saint. Luke describes Martha—saint, not Stewart—as "burdened with much serving" (Luke 10:40). About Mary, seated, listening to Jesus, Martha complained, "Do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?" Jesus' response, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things . . . Mary has chosen the better part" (10:41, 42), suggests to some the superiority of the contemplative life, leaving the rest of us, supporting families, earning livings, (helping others?), as second-class Christians. But Luke introduces Martha and Mary immediately after Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan, whom Jesus recommends as a model of practical compassion, concluding, "Go and do likewise" (10:37). Go and do! Sit and listen! Discipleship is never either/or but both/and. Jesus ministered in prayerful silence *and* hospitable service. Monastic calendars add Martha's sister, Mary, and brother, Lazarus, calling all three "hosts of the Lord," recalling their welcome of Jesus to their home in Bethany, reminding us Whom we welcome whenever we extend summertime hospitality!

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**RCIA-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](mailto:stjoelockport@comcast.net) for more info.

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.

**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**

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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**



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**Stewardship**

July 19, 2020

**SUNDAY COLLECTION:\***

Weekly Average of All ACH	5797.00
And CC Transactions	4064.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,861.00</b>

(\$ loose cash: 313.00)

**BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED:**

	\$11,150.00
<b>DEFICIT:</b>	<b>( 1,28900 )</b>

Debt Reduction: \$70.00  
Peter's Pence: \$25.00  
Priests' Pension: \$20.00

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**

**JULY BAPTISMS**

**SLOANE HAZEL BILLER**  
Daughter of Christopher and Morgan

**ALAINA SANDRA DE SANTIAGO**  
Daughter of Justin and Vivian

**COSIMA LYNN VAN ALLEN**  
Daughter of Jason and Rachael

**JADEN NATHANIEL HEINZEL**  
Son of Lisa

*We welcome you into our  
Catholic Community!*



### DAYBREAK

St. Joseph is scheduled to serve dinner for the guests of DAYBREAK on Wednesday, August 19. The menu this month will be fried chicken, with breakfast foods for the next morning. We are expecting approximately 100 people, and the following items are needed for the dinner:

- 4—five pound containers of potato salad
- 10—bags of potato chips
- 12—cans of baked beans
- 8—bags of salad
- 3—jars of salad dressing
- Fresh fruit of any kind
- 4—gallons of juice/lemonade
- Dessert items
- Breakfast foods:
- Orange juice
- Cereal
- Hard boiled eggs
- Bagels/cream cheese



**Feeding the Community**

Please call the rectory at 815-838-0187 if you would like to donate food. Monetary donations will also be appreciated to offset the cost of the fried chicken.

Donations can be brought to the rectory on Tuesday, August 18, or Wednesday morning, August 19.

If you would like to help serve at Daybreak, call the rectory and we will be glad to give you information on the time and meeting place for that evening.

**QUO VADIS DAYS**  
**“Manfully Alive”**  
**A 3-Day Camp**  
**for High School Young Men**  
**August 2-5, 2020**  
**Loyola Retreat & Ecology Center**

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

**42nd WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS 2020**  
**Live-Streamed only**  
**from the Cathedral of St. Raymond**

The Forty-second Annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday, August 23, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.** Live-Streamed at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. Registered Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years, **are welcome to view the Mass online** and will receive an anniversary certificate in the mail. Bishop Richard E. Pates will celebrate the Mass and will lead all couples in a special renewal of wedding promises. Pre-registration is required. For more information, please call 815-838-5334.



### 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>

### 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.

### 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 at the rectory. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

**RETRouvaille OF JOLIET ILLINOIS**

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- Are you frustrated or angry with each other?
- Do you argue; or have you just stopped talking to each other?
- Does talking about it only make it worse?

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It is a program that focuses on improving communication, building a stronger marriage, and helping couples rediscover the love they once had for one another.

For confidential information about the program, email us at the address above.



**Reporting Sexual Abuse**

Sexual abuse is a sin and a crime. Victims of sexual abuse, in addition to contacting civil authorities, are asked to come forward in order to receive pastoral assistance. The Church has a responsibility to help victims of sexual abuse and to ensure that offenders are brought to justice. Reports may be made to any pastor or to Mrs. Judith Speckman at 815-263-6467. Contact DCFS at 1-800-25-ABUSE.

**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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 \*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.**

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