

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

*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 6, 2020*

“If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father.”

— Matthew 18:19



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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.

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Contact: Jean

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Please send 100 bulletins until further notice

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 Nick Cifonie	
Deacon Dennis Stolarz	
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SCHOOL

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blueribbonprincipal@stjoeschool.com	
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	815-838-8173

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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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Connect with us through flocknote.com/stjosephlockport or text ‘lockport’ to 84576 with your mobile device

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
September 6-September 13, 2020

Sunday, September 6

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00, 10:00, Noon -Masses
 Fish Pantry Collection

Monday, September 7

Labor Day

7:15 a.m.-Mass

Tuesday, September 8

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

Wednesday, September 9

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

Thursday, September 10

7:15 a.m. -No Mass

Friday, September 11

7:15 a.m.- No Mass
 8:00 p.m.-A.A. Meeting in Church basement

Saturday, September 12

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

Sunday, September 13

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00, 10:00, Noon -Masses
 Blood Drive in Mobile Coach

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, September 13: Blood Drive in Mobile Coach from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Monday, September 14: 1st Communion Pictures in Church at 6:30 pm

Thursday, September 17: 1st Communion Mass in Church at 6:30pm

Saturday, September 19: 1st Communion in Church at 11:00 am

Thursday, September 24: 1st Communion Mass in Church at 6:30pm

Saturday, September 26:

- • 1st Communion in Church at 11:00 am
- • Quinceanera in Church at 2:00 pm

Mass Schedule & Intentions
Week of September 7-13, 2020

MONDAY

7:15 + Elena Milo by the Milo Family

TUESDAY

7:15 + Deceased Members of the Juban, Dziuban, and Hylek Families by Sylvia Juban

WEDNESDAY

7:15 + Filomena Natividad by the Milo Family
 + Mary Jane Rothlisberger Birth. Rem. by daughter Gail

THURSDAY

7:15 + NO MASS

FRIDAY

7:15 + NO MASS

SATURDAY

4:00 + Angeline Tondini
 by Garrett & Patricia Nagel

SUNDAY

8:00 + Hazel & Charlie Adelman Birth. Rem. by the Hartford Family
 10:00 + The Parish Family
 Noon + Angela Matesi Birth. Rem. by daughter Jeanette



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PLEASE PRAY *for*

Bill Doyle Jr., Jacki Horvath, Erin Connors, Kathy Salvatore, William & Margaret Detloff, Connor & Mathais Erickson, Phil Timm, Alex Bratuljevich, Ezra Singletary, Heather Kubinski, Virginia Butler, Esmerelda & Luke Bonk, Gregory Bonk, 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, Judy Valek, and Harriet Dolosic.

USHERS/CLEANERS
September 12 & 13, 2020

SATURDAY, September 12 @ 4:00 P.M.

Ushers: A. Lostroscio
J. Albrecht
NEEDED

Cleaners: M. Vollmer
C. Vollmer
J. Albrecht
NEEDED

SUNDAY, September 13 @ 8:00A.M.

Ushers: M. Timm
R. Schenk
N. Wheeler

Cleaners: A. Bozych
P. Bozych

SUNDAY, September 13 @ 10:00 A.M.

Ushers: T. Stark
G. Little
J. Blake

Cleaners: K. Abarca
M. Leyva
T. Stark
NEEDED

SUNDAY, September 13 @ NOON

Ushers: M. Adelman
L. Sandoval
J. Ray

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11,
or, for Labor Day, any readings from the
Mass "For the Blessings of Human
Labor," nos. 907-911

Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6;
Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 [18-23]

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-17;
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13; Ps 139:1b-3, 13-
14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3-6, 12;
Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18;
Lk 6:43-49

Sunday: Sir 27:30 — 28:7; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;
Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Monday: Labor Day

Tuesday: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday: St. Peter Claver

Friday: Patriot Day

Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Mary;
Blessed Virgin Mary

A MESSAGE OF LOVE

In the final verses of today's Gospel reading Jesus says that when two or three are gathered in his name, "there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20). So we understand that fraternal correction is always undertaken with Jesus present to us.

Likewise, encouraging the good in others is not only the right thing for us to do, it is a necessity. The Lord tells the prophet Ezekiel that if he "does not speak out" to dissuade a person from evil, then he too will be held responsible.

We live in a "do your own thing" age when moral objectivity is often ignored. Clearly when the message we share with others is one of love, our motives cannot ever be misinterpreted. As St. Paul writes, "Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law" (Romans 13:10).

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SAINT PETER CLAVER (1581-1654)
September 9

Nearly two hundred years before the Declaration of Independence proclaimed "that all men are created equal," two hundred fifty years before the Emancipation Proclamation mandated an end to slavery, three hundred fifty years before Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream," and four hundred years before the election of an American president boasting African heritage, Peter Claver left his native Spain behind to volunteer for the Jesuit missions in Colombia. There, he was horrified both by slavery as an institution and by the inhuman brutality inflicted upon the slaves. He solemnly vowed to become "the slave of the slaves," and lived that vow heroically for close to forty years. Not knowing their language, Peter began his ministry among the slaves by using the universal language of practical charity, providing medical care and a tangible though wordless assertion of their human dignity: "We spoke to them not with words but with our hands, kneeling beside them, bathing their faces and bodies, encouraging them with friendly gestures" (see *Liturgy of the Hours, Volume 4*, p. 2018). Then came evangelization and baptism. Holiness as human wholeness: Peter Claver's enduring witness.

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LABOR DAY

We pray the blessing of Ecclesiastes upon each worker, "That everyone may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all his toil – this is the gift of God." (Ecclesiastes 3:13 NIV)

Keep our workers healthy, safe and strong. May the work of their hands provide the means they need to care for themselves and their families.

Grant them work environments that allow them to do their jobs in safety, where they are respected and valued by their superiors and where they are rewarded by a sense of accomplishment.



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

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
(Bring your donations to the rectory)

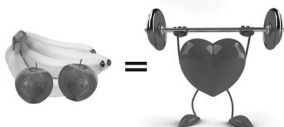
Skipping Breakfast

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!



Stewardship

August 30, 2020

SUNDAY COLLECTION:*	4488.00
Weekly Average of All ACH	
And CC Transactions	4064.00
Total	\$9,552.00
(\$ loose cash: 250.00)	

BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED:

\$11,150.00
DEFICIT: (2,59800)

Assumption: \$7.00

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 August 2020

PAST DUE HEALTH – 193,304.00

PROPERTY PURCHASED: PRINCIPAL – 70,589.13
INTEREST 114.06

TOTAL: \$264,007.19



At Catholic Charities, we have found that low-income families and seniors living on poverty-level incomes do not spend money on underwear and they desperately need it.

Due to the COVID pandemic, our 18th Annual Undy Sunday will be quite different this year. Instead of requesting that parishes, schools, and other organizations collect underwear, socks, and other essential items for us, we are asking for cash donations and/or purchases from our Undy Sunday Amazon Wish List. Cash donations will be used to purchase the Undy Sunday items that our clients most-need. Items purchased from the Amazon Wish List will be sent directly to Catholic Charities. Last year, 50 parishes, schools and organizations participated in the program. The collection make a huge difference in the lives of our clients and we pray that we can provide these much-needed items again this year.

You may drop off your cash donations to the rectory during office hours. Thank you in advance for helping those less fortunate.



People Need People

GIVE BLOOD

Schedule an appointment today.

SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 13

8:30 AM-12:30 PM

St. Joseph Catholic Parish—Lockport

BLOOD DRIVE

All blood donations will be tested for COVID-19 antibodies as part of standard testing procedures

On the Mobile coach

Supporting Social Distancing
Appointments Preferred
Masks Required

To schedule, contact Chelsea via call or text at
734-755-7245 or via email at
cljohnson@versiti.org

Or call Jean at the rectory at 815-838-0187

EVERY DONATION HELPS TO SAVE 3 LIVES!

Helpful tip: Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

Photo ID is required



**Part-time Parish Secretary –
St. Scholastica Parish, Woodridge, IL**

St. Scholastica Parish in Woodridge, IL, is currently searching for a part-time (20 hours) Parish Secretary. This is a shared position.

Responsibilities & Requirements

- Ability to juggle multiple projects with superb accuracy
- Strong administrative skills
- Exceptional customer service skills, over the phone and in person, with our parishioners and internal departments

Qualifications

- Bilingual English/Spanish a plus.
- Must be computer savvy and proficient in Microsoft Office
- Experience with Parish Data Systems a plus
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills

Salary depends on skills and experience.

To apply, please send resume to Lianda Valentine at **lvalentine@stscholasticaparish.org**

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**Full-Time Maintenance Position,  
St. Mary Immaculate, Plainfield, IL**

St. Mary Immaculate Parish in Plainfield has a full-time, benefitted position available in our maintenance/custodial department. Candidates must be able to lift 50 lbs., climb ladders and be in good physical condition. Work is inside and outside in various types of weather, Monday through Friday. All applicants are required to undergo a background check and complete the Protecting God’s Children course, as required for all parish staff. For more information, please contact Steve Perez, Building Services Supervisor, at 815-436-2651, ext. 820, or to be considered for the position, please send a cover letter and resume to [sperez@smip.org](mailto:sperez@smip.org).

**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.**