



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

As the test of what the potter molds
is in the furnace,
so in tribulation is the test of the just.

Sirach 27:5



Nocturne: Furnace
1879/80
James McNeill Whistler
American, 1834–1903
Art Institute of Chicago

Eighth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time

February 27, 2022

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

(Tuesday School Mass- 8:30 a.m.)

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

www.stjosephlockport.org

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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 1:00 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
Deacon Nick	Rev. Gregory Rothfuchs
Deacon Dennis	Nick LaBanca
John Walters	

Yes, I would like to get involved!

Eucharist Minister	Reader
Altar Server	Usher/Greeter
Choir/Cantor/Musician	Parish Council
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 _____

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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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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
February 27-March 6, 2022

Sunday, February 27**8th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00, 10:00, Noon -Masses
CMAA Commitment Weekend
Hospitality after All Masses

Monday, February 28

7:15 a.m.-Mass

Tuesday, March 1

7:15 a.m.-Mass

Wednesday, March 2**Ash Wednesday**

6:30 a.m.-Mass with Ashes in Church
9:30 a.m.-Mass with Ashes in Activity Center
9:30 a.m.-A.A. Meeting in Church Basement
5:30 p.m.-Word Service with Ashes in Activity Center
7:00 p.m.-Mass with Ashes in Church
Diocesan Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe

Thursday, March 3

7:15 a.m. -Mass

Friday, March 4

7:15 a.m.- Mass

1st Friday Holy Hour for Life following the 7:15 a.m. Mass

7:00 p.m.-Stations of the Cross in Church
8:00 p.m.-A.A. Meeting in Church basement

Saturday, March 5

4:00 p.m.-Mass

5:00 p.m. -Confessions

Sunday, March 6**1st Sunday of Lent**

8:00, 10:00, Noon -Masses

Fish Pantry Weekend**UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER**

Friday, March 11: Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. in Church

Saturday, March 12: Confirmation Retreat at 9:00 a.m.

Friday, March 18: Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. in Church

Sunday, March 20: Blood Drive in Mobile Coach from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Friday, March 25: Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. in Church

Sunday, March 27

- **Diocesan Collection for Catholic Relief**
- **Baptisms in Church at 1:00 p.m.**

Mass Schedule & Intentions
Week of February 28-March 6, 2022

MONDAY

7:15 + Kathryn Tierney Birth. Rem. by Family

TUESDAY

7:15 + Intention Available

WEDNESDAY

6:30 + John & Eleanor Sniegowski by Eleanor
9:30 Birth. Congrats. to Ethan Ranney
& Sharon Hagenow by Family
5:30p Word Service with Ashes
7:00 p Health & Salvation of Veronica LaBanca
by Family

THURSDAY

7:15 + Fr. Richard Ross by the Milo Family

FRIDAY

7:15 Eloise Solene Mangubat 2nd Birth. Congrats.
by Lolo D & Lola Ma

SATURDAY

4:00 + Cecilia Popek by the Cotter Family
+ Robert Solley by Roger & Jan Philpott

SUNDAY

8:00 + Anna & Jan Nieckula by Family & Friends
10:00 + The Parish Family
Noon + Arthur J. Zender Birth. Rem. by Family



Bill Doyle Jr., Bill Doyle, Jacki Horvath, Erin Connors, Connor & Matthais Erickson, Phil Timm, Alex Bratuljevich, Ezra Singletary, Heather Kubinski, Esmerelda & Luke Bonk, Gregory Bonk, Karl Blank, Patrick Bonk, Tom Wojciak, Jennifer Baer, Marilyn Singletary, Gary and Mark

Ellison, Dorothy Manning, Cora Zgrabik, Cindi Carter Buck, Mary Johnson, Mark Kehlenbach, Madelyn Grillo, Naia Peña, Kenneth Wojewocki, Tim Baldwin, Justine Weck, Mary Sterioti, Stelle Tremback, Michael McIntire, Jonathan Cannon, Gabby Matlak, Joann Ellison, Barbara Majerczyk, Paulette Georgantas, David Skrzypczynski, Jeff Campbell, Cindy Conway, Bob Malek, Mary Perry, Nina Olsen, Veronica Wilson, Becky Smith, Carol Preston, David Carrigan, Dawn Ozewski, Betty Baker, Jean Bryan, Phil May, Judy Valek, Tench Garza, Anthony Hames, Lynn Drolet, Anna Pustz, Stephanie Herbst, Brooke Zych, Donna Bennett, Marianne Kowalkowski, Antoinette Zeromski, Gloria Scapilato, Shelly Decicco, Candy Campbell, Matt Carr, Joe Addante, Brenda Teshka, Merle Carrigan, Frank Pagan, Joe McGrath, Dominick Scrom, Sara Zervos, Wyatt Blevins, Pat Bowler, Marzena Stasieluk, Randy Dickson, Anonymous Prayer Request, & Murphy White.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
March 5 & 6, 2022

SATURDAY, March 5 @ 4:00 P.M.

Presider: N/A
Musicians: N/A
Reader: D. Haag
EM: R. Ward
 Ushers: A. Lostroscio
 J. Wisneski
 G. Nagel

SUNDAY, March 6 @ 8:00A.M.

Presider: N/A
Deacon: Deacon Nick
Musicians: N/A
Reader: K. Timm
EM: Deacon Nick
 Ushers: R. Schenk
 N. Wheeler
 J. Rende

SUNDAY, March 6 @ 10:00 A.M.

Presider: N/A
Musician: N/A
Reader: R. Favero
EM: T. Stark
 Ushers: T. Stark
 G. Little
 J. Blake

SUNDAY, March 6 @ NOON

Presider: N/A
Deacon: Deacon Dominic
Reader: C. Walters
EM: Deacon Dominic
Musicians: N/A
 Ushers: M. Adelman
 S. Fitzmaurice
 J. Garvey

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Pt 1:3-9; Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c;
 Mk 10:17-27
 Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16; Ps 98:1-4; Mk 10:28-31
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17;
 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
 Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-15;
 Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Tuesday: Mardi Gras; Shrove Tuesday
 Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence;
 Almsgiving
 Thursday: St. Katharine Drexel
 Friday: St. Casimir; First Friday; Abstinence;
 World Day of Prayer
 Saturday: First Saturday

WE ARE KNOWN BY OUR FRUIT

This week, Jesus tells us that we must examine our own inner selves, our attitudes and dispositions, virtues and faults, rather than judging others. What is in our hearts comes out in what and how we speak. If our hearts are filled with kindness and compassion, those qualities will be evident in our speaking, just as beautiful, wholesome fruit comes only from healthy trees. And vice-versa. The Wisdom writer Sirach in the first reading agrees with this concept—that we will be judged by our words. Paul reminds us that the reward of discipleship is eternal life. Today's psalm of thanksgiving and praise reminds us of God's kindness and faithfulness, which we are to emulate in our thoughts, words, and deeds. We are known, each of us, by our own fruit.

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK**Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Grant us, O Lord, we pray,
 that the course of our world
 may be directed by your peaceful rule
 and that your Church may rejoice,
 untroubled in her devotion.
 Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
 who lives and reigns with you
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
 God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

How can I help bring about God's peaceful reign?
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Lenten Regulations

1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.
2. All from the age of 18 years up to the beginning of their 60th year are bound to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
3. On these two days of fast and abstinence, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is sinful.
5. Lent is the principal season of penance in the Church year. Therefore, all of the faithful are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial. All Catholics are encouraged to support generously the charitable works of the whole Church, pray and perform works of charity and mercy.
6. Those who are sick, pregnant, or nursing, or whose health would adversely be affected by fasting or abstinence, should not consider themselves bound by these norms.

Dr. David Castronovo, JD, JCD
Chancellor

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS
EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT
DURING LENT
AT 7:00 P.M.
IN CHURCH**

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**LENTEN CONFESSIONS
EVERY SATURDAY AT 5:00
(except April 16)**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 5 AT 7:00 P.M.
FRIDAY, APRIL 15 AT NOON**

By your almighty power you opened the eyes of the blind, and showed yourself to them. Turn our eyes away from worthless things, and lead us to love you sincerely, through your mercy



Stewardship

February 20, 2022

SUNDAY COLLECTION:*	3983.00
Weekly Average of All ACH And CC Transactions	<u>3242.00</u>
Total	\$7,225.00
(\$ loose cash: 492.00)	

BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED:
\$11,150.00
DEFICIT: (3925.00)

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 January 2022

PAST DUE HEALTH – 193,304.00

PROPERTY PURCHASED: PRINCIPAL : 18,855.73

INTEREST : 39.36

TOTAL: \$212,199.07

END OF YEAR TAX LETTERS

If you would like a year-end statement of contributions to the church, please call the rectory at 815-838-0187. Because of current tax laws, we will NOT automatically provide a statement unless requested.

DON'T STOP BELIEVIN''

*Join us on the JOURNEY to
support St. Joseph*

St. Joseph Dinner Dance & Auction

*Public Landing
April 9, 2022*

**6 pm Open Bar & Silent Auction
7 pm Dinner
8 pm Live Auction & Dancing**

**\$75.00 per person
\$65.00 Senior Rate per person**

HAVING A PLAN FOR LENT

Guest post by Deacon Dominic Cerrato, director of the Pastoral Solutions Spiritual Direction Services

It's very easy, amid the hustle and bustle of life, to allow Lent to sneak up on us. As a result, we may find ourselves receiving ashes without any clear idea how to participate in the grace that is Lent. Like many, we may simply default to what we did last year perhaps giving up sweets or adding prayer or even volunteering in some corporal work of mercy. While these are certainly good, in themselves and without the proper spiritual disposition, they can lead to simply fulfilling our obligations and nothing more. Lent, like all things important, needs a plan; a specific strategy with one goal in mind, to enter more fully into Christ's passion so that, on Easter, we may enter more fully into His resurrection.

Prior to the Second Vatican Council, the Church specifically set aside a liturgical time to prepare for Lent. Lasting from what was called Septuagesima Sunday to Shrove Tuesday, this three-week period just prior to Lent reminded the faithful that the Lenten season was right around the corner and to get ready. The old English word Shrove means "to hear" as in hearing confessions. Thus, among other things, it was the practice to enter Lent in a state of grace and not wait until Holy Week. This medieval practice should give us a hint as to the first step in any Lenten plan. By entering Lent in a state of grace, we are better able to practice Lent with the spiritual vigor necessary to embrace our Lord's passion.

Beyond making a good confession, and following the prescribed Lenten days of fast and abstinence, it is customary for Catholics to engage in additional penitential practices for the whole of Lent. Though they can fall into three general categories (prayer, fasting and almsgiving); these additional practices, while strongly encouraged, are not regulated by the Church. I typically advise my spiritual directees, as we devise their Lenten plan, to consider a practice counter to one of their biggest spiritual challenges. If, for example, custody of the tongue (gossip) is an issue, we can develop a plan around this vice with corresponding virtues that may include more prayer, fasting and corporal works of mercy. This approach, which can continue in some form beyond Lent, enables them to address specific attitudes and behaviors that impede greater intimate communion with Jesus Christ.

There are three guiding principles that can make a Lenten plan successful. First, it needs to be clearly focused on one major spiritual challenge. To be sure, we all struggle with many challenges, but if we try to address all or even some of them together, we can become easily overwhelmed. Second, the penitential practice should be reasonable and measured. This is where a confessor, spiritual director or even confidant can be helpful. Third, make some provision for failure. Circumstances may change or we may become weak and, as a result, fail to fulfill some of our plan. The danger here is an abandonment of the plan all together. This is why I suggest building into the plan a way to "bounce-back."

Just as the cross is essential to the resurrection, so a good Lent is essential to a good Easter. Taking some time to plan provides the opportunity to pick up our cross and more closely follow Jesus who, in the midst of our Lent, draws so close to us that he can embrace us.

For spiritual direction, contact us at 740-266-6461 or visit us at <https://www.catholiccounselors.com/spiritual-direction/>

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SUNDAY MARCH 20, 2022
IN OUR MOBILE COACH
8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

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for appointment
assistance

Each donation helps
saves up to 3 lives!



Part-time Parish Secretary – St. John Vianney Catholic Church, Lockport, IL

St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Lockport is seeking to hire a part-time parish secretary. This person will be responsible for answering phones, maintaining sacramental and parish records, gathering information for upcoming parish events, providing secretarial assistance for pastor and parish ministries, managing parish calendar, managing parish website, and editing parish bulletin. Person applying should have ability to communicate, along with organizational skills, experience using Microsoft Office Suite and Publisher, bookkeeping skills, and willingness to learn parish software. Understanding of the Polish Language is a plus. For further details and to apply, submit resume and cover letter to Father Steven Bondi at stevo1359@gmail.com.

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

This Easter season, you have the opportunity to remember and honor 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 sjchurch@stjoeschool.com

Please submit the form by **Monday, April 11** and their names will be in the bulletin for Easter.

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**St. Joseph Parish New Parishioner/
Change of Address**

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*Name _____

*Address _____

*City _____ Zip _____

*Phone _____

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_____ New Parishioner

Change of Address _____

Change of Phone _____

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_____ Moving Out of Parish

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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.