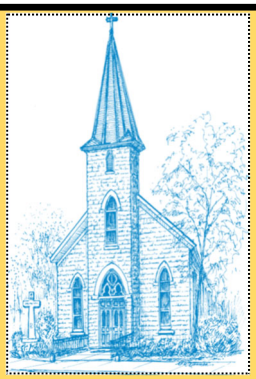

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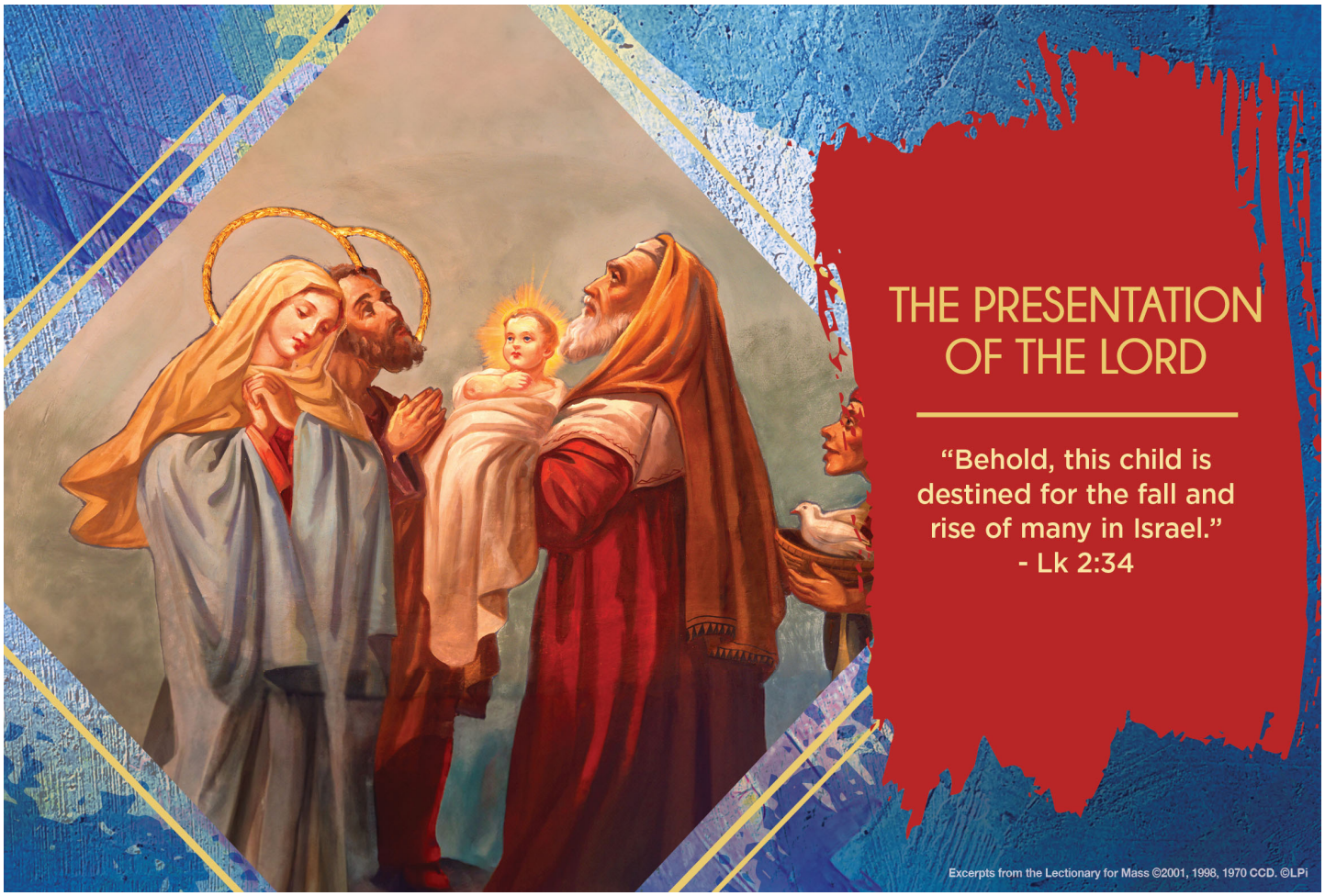
St. Joseph Catholic Parish

A Faith Community Since 1868

February 2, 2025



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE
Weekday Mass: Mon-Fri.: 7:30 a.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 and Noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturdays: 5:00 p.m. and by appointment.

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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.

O. C. I. A.: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults
Adults and teens wishing to become Catholic and/or be confirmed, please call the parish office.

Hospital/Homebound:
Please notify the rectory office if you or a loved one have been admitted to a hospital or a nursing home. 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 .

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

John Albrecht	Donna Cifonie
Bill Molony	Deacon Nick
Deacon Dennis	John Walters

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MASSES, INTENTIONS, AND EVENTS
FEBRUARY 1- February 9, 2025

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1:
4:00 p.m. **+ Jennie & Art Zender by Arlene Carter**
5:00 p.m. **Confessions**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2: THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD
8:00 a.m. **+ Laurie Offerman by the Hartford Family**
10:00 a.m. **+ Ralph Grant Anniv. Rem. by Family**
+ Rick Favero Birth. Rem. by Family
Noon **The Parish Family**

MONDAY, February 3: St Blaise
7:30 a.m. **Joseph Tremback for Healing by Family**

TUESDAY, February 4:
7:30 a.m. **+ Michele Waszak Anniv. Rem. by Family**
8:30 a.m. **School Mass**

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5: St. Agatha
7:30 a.m. **+ Aguedo Vianzon Birth. Rem. by Henry Vianzon**

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6: St. Paul Miki & Companions
7:30 a.m. **+ John Mikula by Jerry Likar**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7: First Friday
12:05 p.m. **+ Dola & Lily Natividad by the Milo Family**
1st Friday Holy Hour following the Noon Mass
8:00 p.m. **A. A. Meeting in Church Basement**

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8: St. Jerome Emiliani, St. Josephine Bakhita
4:00 p.m. **+ Noreen Piazza by her Daughter**
5:00 p.m. **Confessions**

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9: 5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:00 a.m. **The Parish Family**
10:00 a.m. **+ Marianne Kowalkowski by the Paver Family**
Noon **+ Phil O'Keefe Anniv. Rem. by his sister, Peggy**

Knights of Columbus Tamale Sales while Supplies Last

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025

1ST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR FOLLOWING THE NOON MASS

Spend an hour with the Lord in silent prayer, Eucharistic adoration, and benediction.

Bill Doyle Jr., Connor & Matthais Erickson, Phil Timm, Esmerelda & Luke Bonk, Gregory Bonk, Patrick Bonk, Gary and Mark Ellison, Dorothy Manning, Cora Zgrabik, Gabby Matlak, Brooke Zych, Merle Carrigan, Wyatt Blevins, Marzena Stasieluk, Anonymous Prayer Request, Gerry Timm, Joann Elison, Alfred Péna, Charlotte Mater, Rosemarie Devincenzo, Marie D'Arpa, Tim Olson, Kurt Ficek, Colin Perry, Bob Matke, Wayne Allen, Joe Ogronik, Keith Adelmann, Joelee McMaster, Karen Singer, Sean Cio, Gloria Callahan, Mary Kay Tierney, Alan Homerding, Anthony Jadron, Rose Michalski, Regina Piazza Block, Josseph Tremback, and Natalie Grycko..

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
February 8 & 9, 2025

SATURDAY, February 8 @ 4:00 P.M.

Presider:	**Fr. Dan**
Musicians:	**V. Moreno**
Reader:	**D.Haag**
EM:	**L. Gawron**
Servers:	**J. Abarca, E. Belsan**
Ushers:	A. Lostroscio
	J. Wisneski
	G. Nagel

SUNDAY, February 9@ 8:00A.M.

Presider:	**Fr. Dan**
Reader:	**P. Glynn**
EM:	**J. Foresman**
Server;	**E. Cheniak**
Musicians:	**R. Nicholas**
Ushers:	R. Schenk
	N. Wheeler
	J. Drozdek

SUNDAY, February 9 @ 10:00 A.M.

Presider:	**Fr. Dan**
Deacon:	**Deacon Nick**
Musician:	**Choir**
Reader:	**D. Adamski**
EM:	**Deacon Nick**
Servers:	**S. Aragon, J. Domenio**
Ushers:	T. Stark
	G. Little
	T. Marcione

SUNDAY, February 9 @ NOON

Presider:	**Fr. Dan**
Musicians:	**M. Ray**
Reader:	**D. Adelmann**
EM:	**L. Gillogly**
Server;	**J. Stanko**
Ushers:	M. Adelman
	S. Fitzmaurice
	J. Garvey

OCIA—
ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

If you're interested in becoming Catholic, or wish to learn more about Catholicism, NOW is the time.

Sessions are not just for those becoming Catholic, but for ANYONE interested in learning more about their faith.

Come one week, cone to all. We invite you to grow deeper in your faith and experience the beauty, richness, and truth of Catholicism.

Contact the rectory office at
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for further information.

Question:
Luke's Gospel is the only one to mention the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple. What is Luke trying to communicate here and what connection does it have with Mary?

Answer:
February 2 is exactly forty days after December 25, the nativity of Jesus. Jewish law (Ex 13:2, 12) dictated that Jesus, as the firstborn, be consecrated to God. This was done by the parents as they presented their Son in the Temple.

Jewish law further specified (Lv 12:2-8) that a mother was ritually impure after giving birth, and that she had to wait a set period of time (forty days for a boy) before she was to offer a sacrifice to the Lord for purification.

The convergence of these two Jewish regulations occasions Luke's account of both the Presentation of the Lord and the Purification of Mary. These days the liturgical emphasis is more on the Presentation of Jesus. Luke highlights the role of Simeon and Anna, two righteous Jews who recognized Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah and praised God for being able to see and experience such a marvel in their lifetimes.

Simeon's prayer concerning the special role of Jesus states that Jesus is "a light for revelation to the Gentiles." This phrase eventually originated the custom of blessing candles on this day which were to be used in the ceremonies, rituals, and processions throughout the church year. Thus February 2 is also known as Candlemas Day. This day is indeed a rich feast to be savored.

Presentation of the Lord :Luke 2:22-40

What is the secret to sharing in God's power to overcome our difficulties? Mary teaches us this in the prophecy of her pierced heart. This Sunday, the old man Simeon prophecies that when her son faces opposition, Mary's soul will be pierced by a sword. The seemingly pointless agony of a mother helplessly watching her son be mocked, tortured, killed and then cruelly desecrated in death by a spear — somehow this piercing of her heart releases a power by which **"the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed"** (Luke 2:35). What to make of this?

Whatever problems we currently face, the deepest threat is finally that evil thoughts are hidden in the human heart: hatred, envy, pride, lust, greed and so on. Behind every tyrant's injustice, for example, is a heart unpierced by love. Evil hides in our hearts. Mary's pierced heart, and its suffering love for her son, reveals and scatters these evil thoughts, and replaces them with love, forgiveness, generosity and peace.

This week, I invite us to ponder Mary's pierced heart. Her heart is quietly at work for us in the Church and world, exposing our evil thoughts and making a path for her son's divine love. This is how she gently cooperates in our salvation. Closed hearts are our biggest problem; love-pierced hearts are the ultimate power to overcome every difficulty.

— Father John Muir

Readings for the week of February 2, 2025

Monday:	Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/ Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday:	Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/ Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11//Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/ Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/k 6:30-34
Next Sunday:	Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/ Lk 5:1-11

Observances for the week of February 2, 2025

Sunday:	The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life
Monday:	St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
Wednesday:	St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday:	St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Saturday:	St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin; BVM
Next Sunday:	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, World Marriage Day

Stewardship

January 26

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	**4181.00**
Weekly Average of all ACH And CC Transactions	**3857.00**
TOTAL	**$8,038.00**

($loose cash: 889.00)

BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: $11.150.00

DEFICIT: (3,112.00)

Debt/Campus Repair: $100.00
Church in Latin America: $670.00

For your convenience, St. Joseph's offers automatic donations through your credit card or checking accounts.

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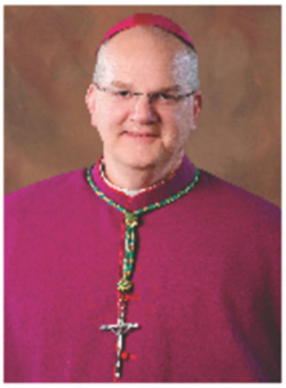
Young Adult Ministry



Bishop Dennis E. Spies

Auxiliary Bishop of Joliet

Bishop Spies was ordained a priest in the Diocese of Joliet on June 1, 2002, by Bishop Joseph L. Imesch at the Cathedral of St. Raymond Nonnatus in Joliet, Illinois. Following ordination, Bishop Spies ministered for many years in the Diocese.

Over the past 18 years, Bishop Spies has given his time and offered ministry in a number of other roles including Diocesan Presbyteral Council, Dean of the Will County Deanery of parishes and priests, Institute of Priestly Formation spiritual director, Cursillo weekend retreats and spiritual leader, and Be Healed weekend retreats and spiritual leader.

Throughout his various ministries, Bishop Spies values the ability to meet and connect with people in a way that allows others to better know Jesus Christ. His life goal is to be known as "one who loved and taught others to love."

Bring all your friends and join us for appetizers, drinks, faith and fellowship!

Thursday March 6th, 2025

Time: 6:30 to 9:30 pm

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St. Blaise: February 3

Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. Very little is known about his life. According to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a bshop. His religion spread through the entire church in the Middle Ages because he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the eighth century, he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat.

BLESS US O" LORD

With your help, St. Joseph Church is scheduled to serve dinner for the guests of DAYBREAK on Wednesday, February 19, 2025. The menu for this month will be mostaccioli with meatballs, with breakfast foods for the next morning. We are expecting more than 70 people, and the following items are needed for the dinner:

8 bags of frozen meatballs
8 boxes of mostaccioli
8 large jars of spaghetti sauce
6 cans of green beans
8 bags of salad mix
4 bottles of salad dressing
8 loaves of garlic bread
Fresh fruit of any kind
Dessert items such as cookies, brownies, etc.
2 gallons milk
4 gallon of orange juice
Breakfast items such as donuts, coffee cakes, boxes of cereal, etc.

Please notify the rectory at 815-838-0187 if you would like to donate food items . Monetary donations are also welcome.

Donations should be brought the the rectory on Tuesday February 18 or Wednesday before 3 pm. Many blessings for your help!

This beautiful picture of our church steeple was taken by one of our parishioners, Mike O'Donnell. Thank you Mike, for sharing!!!

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_____

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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.

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

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