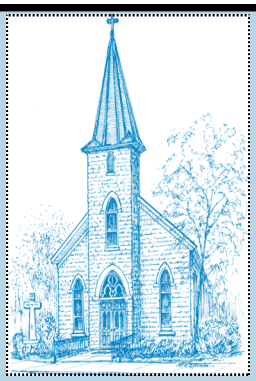
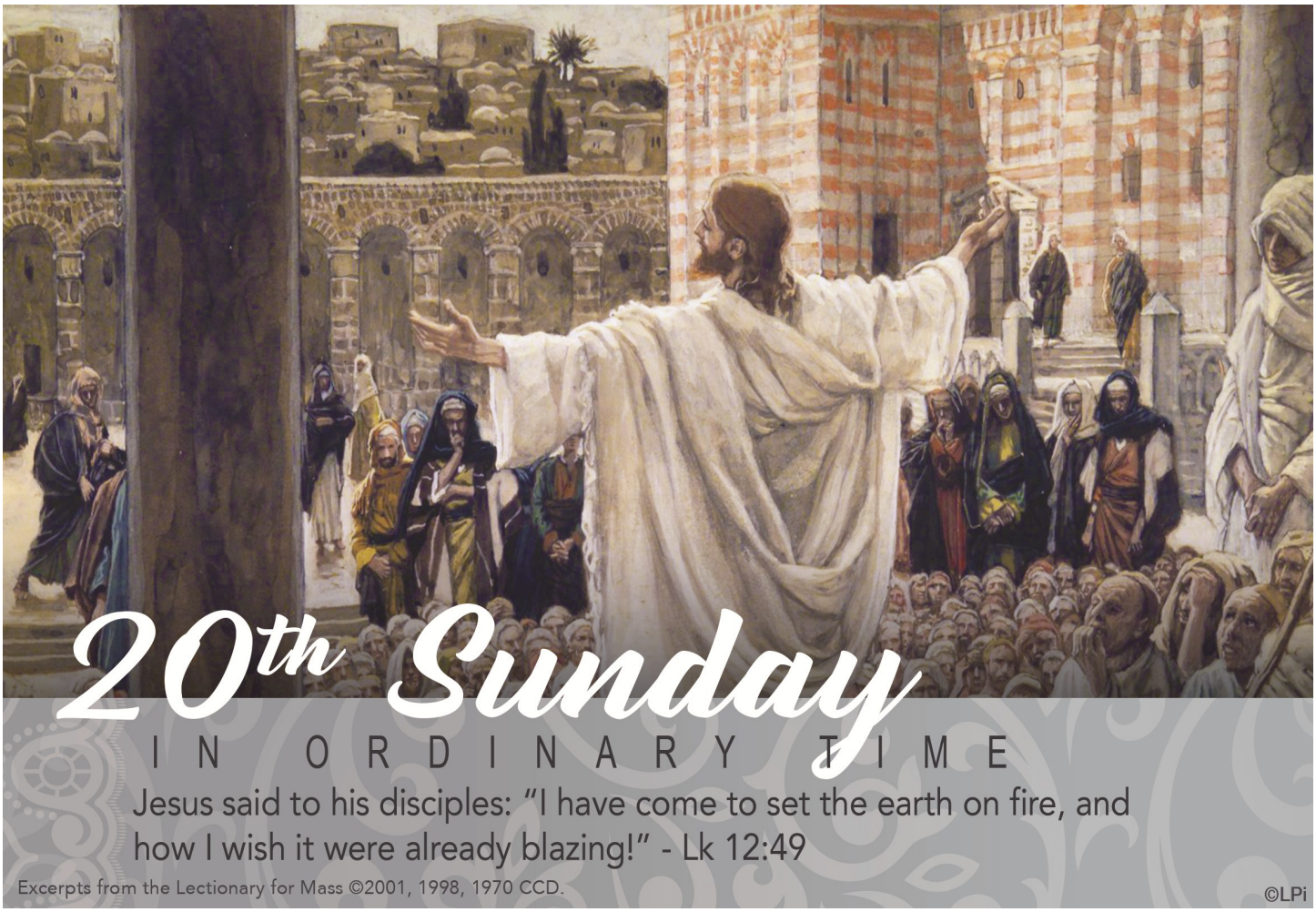


Welcome to

St. Joseph Catholic Parish

A Faith Community Since 1868

August 17, 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
1st Friday: 12:05 p.m. Mass with Adoration to Follow

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

Knights of Columbus: Contact John Walters at 630-303-0075 for information on becoming a Knight.

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Deadline: Monday	Deadline: Friday
Rectory Office Hours: M-F	8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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MASSES, INTENTIONS, AND EVENTS
August 16-August 24, 2025

SATURDAY, August 16: St. Stephen of Hungary
4:00 p.m. **+ Cindi Buck Anniv. Rem. & Don Carter Birth. Rem. by wife & mother Arlene & Family**
+ Joann North by Gary & Pat Nagel
5:00 p.m. **Confessions**

SUNDAY, August 17: **20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 a.m. **+ Ted Koziel by Wife & Family**
10:00 a.m. **+ Wesley Loboz by Friends & Family**
Noon **+ Tom & Tim Adelmann, & Joseph Cunico by Denise Adelmann**
1:00 p.m. **Baptisms in Church**

MONDAY, August 18:
7:30 a.m. **+ Mary Ellen White by the Morning Mass Family**

TUESDAY, August 19: St. John Eudes
7:30 a.m. **+ Jim Tierney Birth. Rem. by Mary Kay Tierney**
Ezekiel Oprzedek 3rd Birth. Congrats. by Family

WEDNESDAY, August 20: **St. Bernard**
7:30 a.m. **+ Len Skuta by Gini Viskocil**
9:30 a.m. **A.A. Meeting in Church Basement**

THURSDAY, August 21: **St. Pius X**
7:30 a.m. **+ Fr. Andrew Buczyna by the Weck Family**

FRIDAY, August 22: **The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin**
7:30 a.m. **+ Roman Natividad & Family by the Milo Family**
8:00 p.m. **A. A. Meeting in Church Basement**

SATURDAY, August 23: St. Rose of Lima
4:00 p.m. **+ Rose Grant Anniv. Rem. & Linda Favero Anniv. & Birth. Rem.by the Favero Family**

SUNDAY, August 24: **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 a.m. **+ Brian & Bernie Murin by the Hartford Family**
10:00 a.m. **+ Madonna Piazza by Theresa Piazza**
+ Russell Peterson Birth. Rem. by Don & RaeMarie Peterson
Noon **The Parish Family**

Bill Doyle Jr., Connor & Matthais Erickson, Phil Timm, Esmerelda & Gregory Bonk, Luke Bonk, Patrick Bonk, Gary and Mark Ellison, Cora Zgrabik, Brooke Zych, Merle Carrigan, Wyatt Blevins, Marzena Stasieluk, Anonymous Prayer Request, Gerry Timm, Joann Elison, Alfred Péna, Charlotte Mater, Rosemarie Devincenzo, Tim Olson, 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, Joseph Tremback, Natalie Grycko, Marilyn Carrigan, Dan Bryant, Craig Shelton, Mariana Gonzales, Claude Poulsen, Hillary Shelton, and Barbara Majerczyk.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
August 23 & 24

SATURDAY, August 23 @ 4:00 p.m.

Presider:	**Fr. Tom**
Reader:	**R. Favero**
EM:	**D. Haag**
Servers:	**E. Belsan**
Musician:	**V. Moreno ,JR Gillogly**
Ushers:	A. Lostroscio
	G. Nagel
	J. Wisneski

SUNDAY, August 24 @ 8:00A.M.

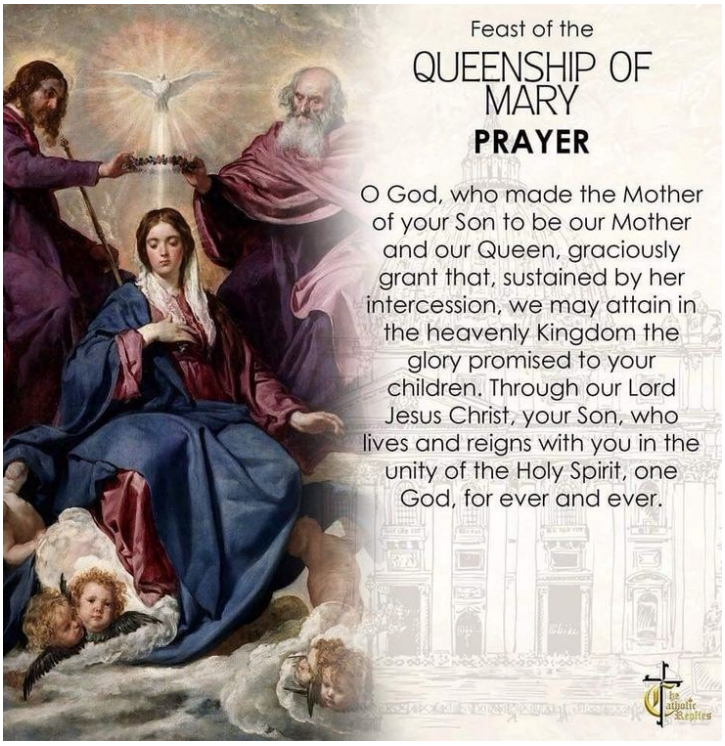
Presider:	**Fr. Tom**
Reader:	**P. Glynn**
EM:	**J. Hartford**
Musicians:	**R. Nicholas, J. Ray**
Ushers:	R. Schenk
	N. Wheeler
	J. Drozdek

SUNDAY August 24 @ 10:00 A.M.

Presider:	**Fr. Tom**
Reader:	**J. Ranney**
EM:	**T. Stark**
Servers:	**M. Leyva, C. Ranney**
Musician:	**Choir**
Ushers:	T. Stark
	G. Little
	T. Marcione

SUNDAY, August 24 @ NOON

Presider:	**Fr. Tom**
Reader:	**J. Delfinado**
EM:	**P. Burandt**
Musicians:	**M. Ray**
Ushers:	M. Adelman
	S. Fitzmaurice
	J. Garvey



Readings for the week of August 17, 2025

Sunday:	Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/ Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53
Monday:	Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 3ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/ Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday:	Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/ Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Observances for the week of August 17, 2025

Sunday:	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Tuesday:	St. John Eudes, Priest
Wednesday:	St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:	St. Pius X, Pope
Friday:	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Saturday:	St. Rose of Lima, Virgin
Next Sunday:	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mini reflection: If we let Christ set fire to our lives, what would that fire burn away? What dead and festering undergrowth in our souls would be consumed by the flames? What promise of future holiness would sprout from beneath the ashes?

The Fire

This past week I have been reading a biography of St. Francis of Assisi. I admit I didn't know much about Francis going into the book, but I always had this image of him as a hippie — an easygoing nature-lover who sang about peace and let animals climb on him.

I'm not sure where that caricature of Francis came from, but since I've been reading this book I've come to see that it's not true at all. He was a lover of nature, yes. A poet who sang of God's peace, yes. And I'm sure he let a few animals climb on him from time to time (he did live in a hut in the woods).

But St. Francis of Assisi wasn't the lost fourth member of Peter, Paul and Mary. He was a man on fire. He was a man burning.

Francis walked around barefoot and slept on the ground. He abandoned a life of wealth to embrace the material poverty that Christ experienced. He embarrassed his family and they disowned him. When his father would encounter Francis in the streets of Assisi, he would curse him.

Sometimes we get this idea that Christianity is a comfortable, cozy thing. We give our lives to Christ, and we expect to feel instantly satisfied, happy, safe and warm. But the saints knew better.

The saints knew that Christ had not come to wrap us in a warm blanket. Christ has come to set us on fire. And though fire is often seen as a sign of death and destruction, it is also the precursor of new life.

Think of a field of native plants and how it benefits so richly from a controlled burn — an action that clears away detritus and releases nutrients back into the soil.

If we let Christ set fire to our lives, what would that fire burn away? What dead and festering undergrowth in our souls would be consumed by the flames? What promise of future holiness would sprout from beneath the ashes?

Stewardship

August 10

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	**6470.00**
Weekly Average of all ACH And CC Transactions	**2799.00**
TOTAL	**$9,269.00**
($loose cash: 1,018.00)	

BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: $10150.00

DEFICIT: (881.00)
Assumption : $128.00

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.

August 17, 2025
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Luke 12:49-53

During my baseball career, my best coach often said, "You shouldn't be worried if I yell at you. Be worried if I don't. If I stop pushing you, it means I don't think you have any more potential." He demanded a lot, and I knew it meant he saw that I could be something special on the baseball field.

Jesus says some demanding words to us this week. "Do you think I have come to establish peace on the earth?" he asks, "No, tell you, but rather division" (Luke 12:51). He wants you and me–in fact, all the earth–to participate in the luminous glory of God. That's why he speaks of himself as a divine arsonist. Divine fire is like a good coach: it demands the removal of all that obstructs the achievement of the lofty goal.

How is your life demanding right now? That inconvenient family situation, the unfair boss at work, the kids who reject their parents' wishes, the nagging health issue? Maybe things would be more peaceful devoid of these seemingly arbitrary difficulties. But for us who believe in the one who comes to set the earth of fire, we should be much more worried if he stops demanding so much from us. In fact, let's thank him for it. He sees how glorious we can become.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2025-26

Registration is open to any families wishing to register for 1st - 8th grade.

Please contact the Religious Education Office for a registration form.

All R.E. classes will be held at SDJA North Campus beginning in September.

St.JosephRE@aol.com
or
815-838-2112

READY FOR NFL FOOTBALL???...
READY FOR MORE TAMALES???

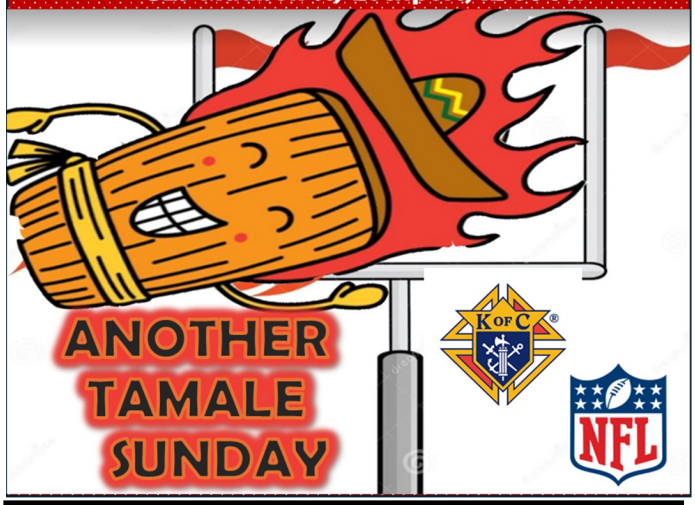
The Knights of Columbus (Council # 18043) are hosting their 3rd Tamale Sale

$12 per ½ Dozen

Chicken – Pork - Jalapeño Cheese

SEPTEMBER 7th

Before and After EVERY Sunday Mass
7:30am to 1:30pm / WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!
St. Joseph's Church Activity Center
529 Madison St, Lockport, IL 60441



SAVE THE DATE!
OKTOBERFEST 2025

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5

GUTEN TAG (GOOD DAY!)

Crafters, vendors, and businesses are cordially invited to participate in the Craft Show and Business Expo, as part of our annual Oktoberfest , hosted by **SDJAcademy.**

Saturday, October4: 11 am-5 pm
Sunday, October 5: 11 am-5 pm

There are a limited number of spaces available on a first come basis.

10x6' spaces are provided with two chairs and one 6' table, to accommodate your display needs.

For more information and an application, please e-mail
sdjoktoberfestcraft@gmail.com

DAYBREAK

St. Joseph is scheduled to serve dinner for the guests of DAYBREAK on Wednesday, August 20. The menu this month will be fried chicken, with breakfast foods for the next morning. We are expecting approximately 75 people, and the following items are needed for the dinner:

4—five pound containers of potato salad
8—bags of potato chips
8—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

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 19, or Wednesday morning, August 20

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: In what form did the Holy Spirit appear to the Apostles during Pentecost?

Answer: Tongues of fire.

The Knights of Columbus invite you for a special
rosary-centered prayer service:

The Silver Rose:
Sharing the Message of
Our Lady of Guadalupe
Saturday August 30, 10:00 AM
St. Dennis Church
1214 S. Hamilton St Lockport, IL
Followed by refreshments

Each year, from early March through Mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus Councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes stops throughout the pilgrimage to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

"Through [the Silver Rose Program] we honor not only Our Lady of Guadalupe and express the unity of the [the Knights of Columbus], but we also reaffirm [our] dedication to the sanctity of human life. It is to the Blessed Mother that we turn in prayer as we work to end the Culture of Death that grips our society. As we think in terms of 'One Life, One Rose,' it is most appropriate that we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made known her will through Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses."

– Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

For more information, visit:
illinoisknights.org/faithinaction/life/silver-rose

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Tickets are available for Catholic Charities' annual golf outing fundraiser,

A Swing and a Prayer!

Date: Tuesday, August 26
Start Time: 9:00 AM Shotgun Start
Cog Hill Golf & Country Club, Lemont

Pricing:
Single Golfer: $175
Foursome: $700
Cocktail Hour & Dinner Only: $75

Your ticket includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch at the turn, drinks on the course, cocktail hour, buffet dinner, and on-course contests with prizes!

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet |
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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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