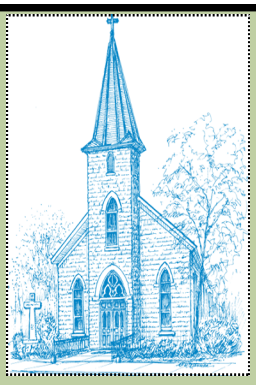
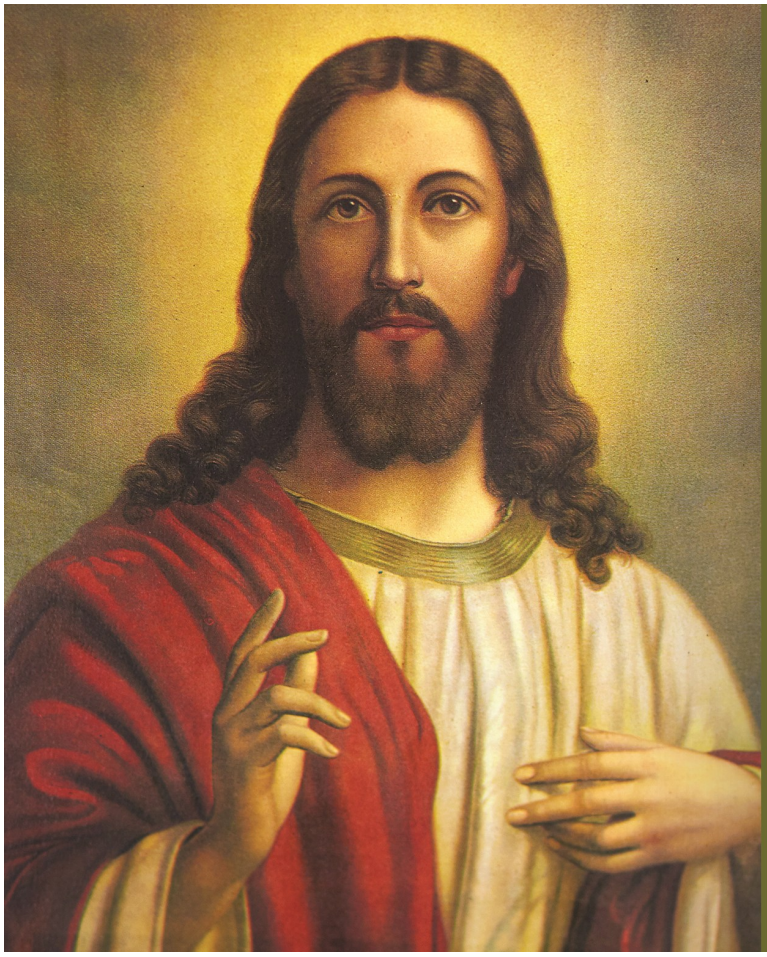


Welcome to

St. Joseph Catholic Parish

A Faith Community Since 1868

August 24, 2025



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"People will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God. For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last." - Lk 13:29-30

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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.

Saints Dennis and Joseph Catholic Academy

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Bulletin Announcements	Pulpit Announcements
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 23-August 31, 2025

SATURDAY, August 23: St. Rose of Lima
4:00 p.m. **+ Linda Favero Anniv. & Birth. Rem. by the Favero Family**
+ Rose Grant Anniv. Rem. by the Favero Family
5:00 p.m. **Confessions**

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

MONDAY, August 25: St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
7:30 a.m. **+ Agueda Vianzon Anniv. Rem. by Henry Vianzon**

TUESDAY, August 26:
7:30 a.m. **+ Rhonda Kelly by John & Joan Mulryan & Family**
8:30 a.m. **School Mass**

WEDNESDAY, August 27: St. Monica
7:30 a.m. **+ Sara Zervos by her sister Anne**
9:30 a.m. **A.A. Meeting in Church Basement**

THURSDAY, August 28: **St. Augustine, Bishop & Doctor**
7:30 a.m. **+ Tom Mulka Anniv. Rem. by Wally & Diane**

FRIDAY, August 29: **The Passion of St. John the Baptist**
7:30 a.m. **+ Thomas Connelly by his sister Anne**
8:00 p.m. **A. A. Meeting in Church Basement**

SATURDAY, August 30:
4:00 p.m. **+ Frank "Butch" Bruntjen by Jan Mackay & Family**
+ Marion E. Masterson Birth. Rem. by the Rogan Family

SUNDAY, August 31: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. **+ Bev & Barney Strode by the Hartford Family**
10:00 a.m. **+ Mary Karn by Michele & Bruce Rutter**
Noon **+ Joyce C. Reynolds by the Gibbons Family**
+ Paul Matesi Jr. Birth. Rem. by his sister Jeanette

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, Merle Carrigan, Dan Bryant, Craig Shelton, Mariana Gonzales, Claude Poulsen, Hillary Shelton, Barbara Majerczyk, and Ted Stevenson.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
August 30 & 31

SATURDAY, August 30 @ 4:00 p.m.

Presider:	**Fr. Tom**
Deacon:	**Deacon Nick**
Reader:	**C. Herman**
EM:	**Deacon Nick**
Servers::	**E. Belsan, J. Abarca**
Musician:	**V. Moreno J. Ray**
Ushers:	A. Lostroscio
	G. Nagel
	J. Wisneski

SUNDAY, August 31 @ 8:00A.M.

Presider:	**Fr. Tom**
Reader:	**D. Haag**
EM:	**J. Drozdek**
Musicians:	**R. Nicholas, K. Clark**
Ushers:	R. Schenk
	N. Wheeler
	J. Drozdek

SUNDAY August 31@ 10:00 A.M.

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

SUNDAY, August 31 @ NOON

Presider:	**Fr. Tom**
Reader:	**T. Governale**
EM:	**J. Garvey**
Musicians:	**M. Ray**
Ushers:	M. Adelman
	S. Fitzmaurice

Readings for the week of August 24, 2025

Sunday:	Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/ Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30
Monday:	1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday:	1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday:	1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32
Thursday:	1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51
Friday:	1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:17-29
Saturday:	1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Observances for the week of August 24, 2025

Sunday:	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest
Wednesday:	St. Monica
Thursday:	St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	The Passion of St. John the Baptist

Mini reflection: Jesus' whole thing was that you *can* sit with us, whoever you are, wherever you're from and whatever you've done. But there are a lot of lunch tables in the world, and not everyone wants to be at one with rules like "repent" and "be good to that person you really don't like."

Heaven and Regina George

There are certain phrases that serve as a kind of shibboleth for millennials, a dog whistle that only ears formed between 1981 and 1996 can discern. "You can't sit with us!" is one of those phrases.

It's from the movie *Mean Girls*, (which, I hear from my younger family members, has now become cool with the kids again, so maybe my point about it being niche is incorrect). The character Regina George, merciless ruler of the cool kids, is rejected from the ultra-exclusive lunch table she herself formed when her minions, tired of her cruelty, serve her the most devastating words a teenager can hear in public: "You can't sit with us."

So passes earthly glory, as they say.

At first blush, this Gospel gives "Mean Girls" vibes. We have an image of the unlucky masses clamoring for entry into the kingdom of heaven as God locks the door against them, saying, "I do not know where you are from."

Very "you-can't-sit-with-us."

But we need to remember that the people pounding on the door of heaven in today's Gospel aren't people who wanted a seat at God's lunch table — at least, not until it was the only lunch table left, because they had Regina George'd their way out of all the other ones.

Jesus' whole thing was that you *can* sit with us, whoever you are, wherever you're from and whatever you've done. But there are a lot of lunch tables in the world, and not everyone wants to be at one with rules like "repent" and "be good to that person you really don't like." It's not always an easy table to sit at, especially when there are so many other options.

We have to choose heaven before heaven becomes our only choice.

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 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

Basilica Versus Cathedral

Question:
What is the difference between a basilica and a cathedral?

Answer:
Basilicas are churches that are so titled because of their antiquity, dignity, historical importance, or significance as centers of worship. A cathedral is the principal church of a diocese, which contains the chair of the bishop, or "cathedra" in Latin. The chair is the symbol of the bishop's teaching authority.

Stewardship

August 17, 2025

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	**5233.00**
Weekly Average of all ACH And CC Transactions	**2799.00**
TOTAL	**$8, 032.00**

($loose cash: 694.00)

BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: $10.150.00

DEFICIT: (2118.00)

Assumption: $1,246.00

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.

ST. JOSEPH ADULT LUNCHEON

All adults of the parish—and their friends– are invited to a Fall Luncheon at Coom's Corner on

Thursday, September 18, 2025 at Noon.

Call the rectory if you plan on attending. Hope to see you there!

Cost per adult: $15.00

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. Contact the rectory office at 815-838-0187, or email sjchurch@stjoeschool.com for further information.
Classes begin September 23

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 September 10
St.JosephRE@aol.com
or
815-838-2112

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

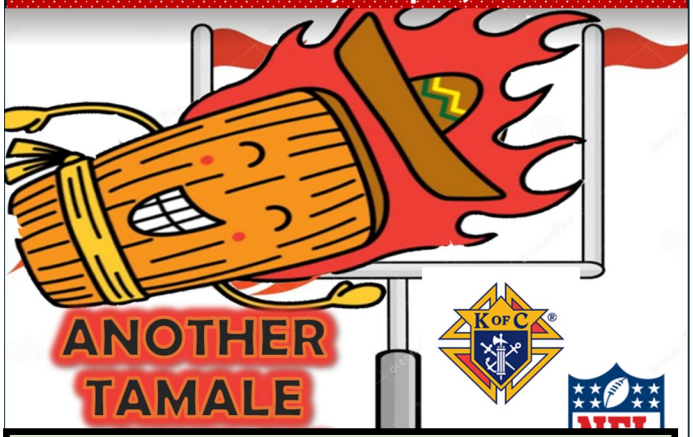
The Knights of Columbus (Council # 18043) are hosting their 3rd Tamale Sale

$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



WORTHY TEACHERS

All who undertake to teach must be endowed with deep love, the greatest patience, and most of all, profound humility. The Lord will find them worthy to become fellow workers with Him in the cause of truth.

St. Joseph Calassanz

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, October 4: 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

SAVE THE DATE!
OKTOBERFEST 2025

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

OKTOBERFEST SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Willkomen!!

SDJAcademy is excited to announce our 27th Annual Oktoberfest.

We are looking for help from the community to make this year the best year ever! We have many sponsorship opportunities available for families and businesses alike.

Please consider sponsoring our FEST today! We would be so grateful to your company, business, and family sponsoring our event! We would love to share this opportunity with you!

Please contact Alisa Cunningham via email at alicunning13@gmail.com
or call
708-415-2500
with any questions.

Flyers are located in back of church at the rectory for your convenience.

FISH PANTRY BACK TO SCHOOL NEEDS

GRANOLA BARS, JUICE BOXES, FRUIT CUPS,
APPLESAUCE, FRESH FRUIT, RAISINS
SMALL BOTTLES OF WATER

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:

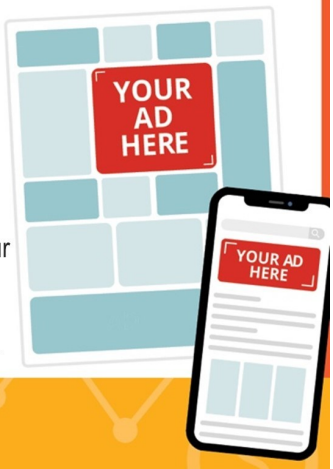
If you have had a change of mailing address, phone number, or email, please notify the rectory or drop this form into the collection basket.

These updates are important in order to guarantee delivery of contribution envelopes, contact information, and parish news and events.

AVAILABLE NOW!
PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Julie Blanford from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



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