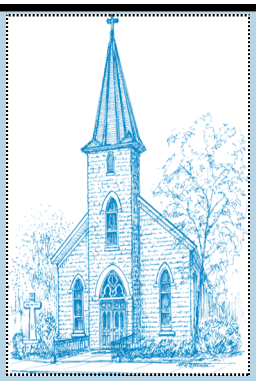

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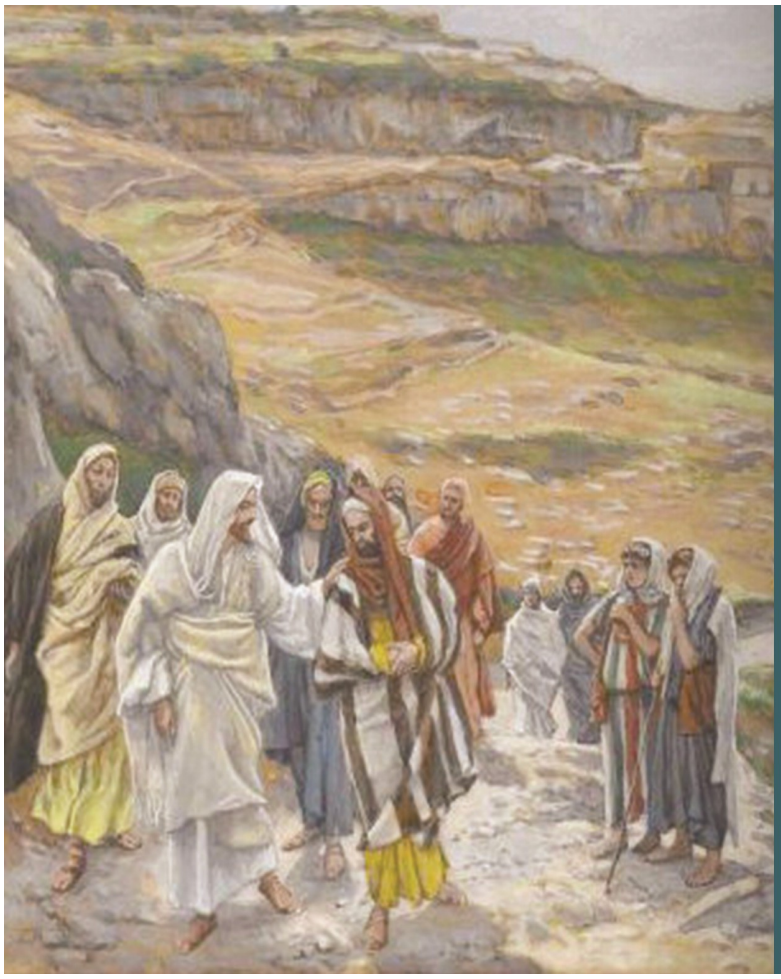
September 7, 2025



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Which of you wishing to construct a tower does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if there is enough for its completion? ... In the same way, anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." - Lk 14:28, 33

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE
Weekday Masses:
Mon-Thurs: 7:30 am
Fri: 12:05 pm
Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00, 10:00, Noon
1st Friday: 12:05 pm Mass with Adoration to Follow
Holy Days of Obligation: 6:30 am, 12:05 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturdays: 5:00 pm 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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Rectory Office Hours: M-F	8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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MASSES, INTENTIONS, AND EVENTS
September 6-September 14, 2025

SATURDAY, September 6:
4:00 p.m. **+ Mary Jane Rothlisberger Birth. Rem. by Family**
5:00 p.m. **Confessions**

SUNDAY, September 7: **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 a.m. **+ Hazel & Charlie Adelman by the Hartford Family**
10:00 a.m. **+ Carissa Wascher by Krista Starasinich**
+ John deSandre Anniv.Rem. by the Andreshak Family
Noon **+ Leo O'Keefe Anniv. Rem. by his Daughter**
+ Jennie Zender Birth. Rem. by Family
Knights of Columbus Tamale Sales after All Masses

MONDAY, September 8: **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
7:30 a.m. **+ Intention Available**

TUESDAY, September 9: **St. Peter Claver**
7:30 a.m. **Elena Milo by the Milo Family**

WEDNESDAY, September 10:
7:30 a.m. **+ Angela Carlini Matesi Birth. Rem. by Daughter**
9:30 a.m. **A.A. Meeting in Church Basement**
4:45 p.m. **R.E. Classes in School**

THURSDAY, September 11:
7:30 a.m. **+ Intention Available**

FRIDAY, September 12:
12:05 p.m. **+ Kathryn Brtko by Kevin Clark**
8:00 p.m. **A. A. Meeting in Church Basement**

SATURDAY, September 13: St. John Chrysostom
4:00 p.m. **+ Joann North by the Rogan Family**
+ Frank "Butch" Bruntjen by Jan Mackay & Family

SUNDAY, September 14: **The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
8:00 a.m. **+ Ted Koziel by Wife & Family**
10:00 a.m. **+ Pauline Homerding by Joseph & Sherry Burzawa**
+ Marianne Kowalkowski by Family
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, Joann Elison, Alfred Péna, Charlotte Mater, Rosemarie Devincenzo, Tim Olson, 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
September 13 & 14, 2025

SATURDAY, September 13 @ 4:00 p.m.

Presider:	**Fr. Tom**
Reader:	**R. Ward**
EM:	**R. Ward**
Server:	**E. Belsan**
Musician:	**V. Moreno K. Clark**
Ushers:	A. Lostroscio
	G. Nagel
	J. Wisneski

SUNDAY, September 14 @ 8:00A.M.

Presider:	**Fr. Dan**
Reader:	**J. Drozdek**
EM:	**J. Foresman**
Server:	**R. Pershey**
Musicians:	**R. Nicholas, J. Ray**
Ushers:	R. Schenk
	N. Wheeler
	J. Drozdek

SUNDAY September 14@ 10:00 A.M.

Presider:	**Fr. Dan**
Deacon:	**Deacon Nick**
Reader:	**R. Peterson**
EM:	**Deacon Nick**
Servers:	**J. Domenico, C. Kashirsky, M. Leyva**
Musician:	**Choir**
Ushers:	T. Stark
	G. Little
	T. Marcione

SUNDAY, September 14@ NOON

Presider:	**Fr. Dan**
Reader:	**C. Walters**
EM:	**J. Walters**
Musicians:	**M. Ray**
Ushers:	M. Adelman
	S. Fitzmaurice
	J. Garvey

UNDY SUNDAY 2025

October 19, 2025 ***Most people take things like underwear for granted***. At Catholic Charities, we have found that low-income families and seniors living on poverty-level incomes do not spend money on underwear and desperately need it.

Last year, 50 parishes, schools, and organizations participated in the program. The collection makes a huge difference in the lives of our clients, and we pray that we can provide these much-needed items again this year.

For more information on Undy Sunday or how you can help with a donation, please email Stephanie Hook at shook@cc-doj.org

Readings for the week of September 7, 2025

Sunday:	Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33
Monday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Tuesday:	Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday:	Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/ Lk 6:20-26
Thursday:	Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Lk 6:27-38
Friday:	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42
Saturday:	1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49
Next Sunday:	Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Observances for the week of September 7, 2025

Sunday:	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents' Day
Monday:	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday:	St. Peter Claver, Priest
Thursday:	Patriot Day
Friday:	The Most Holy Name of Mary
Saturday:	St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

OCIA

Order of Christian Initiation of Adults

Interested in becoming Catholic? Or are you a Catholic who needs to complete your sacramental formation?
OCIA is for you.

Weekly classes begin Tuesday, Sept. 23rd.
Contact the parish office for more information.

Mini reflection: For someone who talks about love so much, it seems weird that in today's Gospel Jesus is calling us to hatred. It makes us question everything we think we understand about him, about God, about discipleship.

How to Hate the Christian Way

When I was a kid, we had the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair.

It was a chair in my parents' foyer where an offending child had to sit for five or ten minutes if they uttered the words "dumb," "stupid" or "hate." The rules in my house growing up were very clear. We don't call anyone stupid. We don't call anyone dumb. And we hate no one and nothing.

Well, today, Jesus has to sit in the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair.

For someone who talks about love so much — for whom love is a legacy and a commandment — it seems weird that in today's Gospel Jesus is calling us to hatred. It makes us question everything we think we understand about him, about God, about discipleship.

I'll let you guess which of the kids in my family spent the most time in the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair (Hi! It was me). But I didn't really think my sister was stupid, and I didn't really hate my brother. Those were just the words I used, even though they were strictly forbidden — maybe *because* they were strictly forbidden. They were the strongest words I knew, and you need strong words for strong feelings.

Jesus knew that hate is a really strong word. It's a word that gets people's attention. And I think what he wants to do today, more than anything, is get our attention. He wants to force us to consider the ways in which our attachments to this world — and even to other people — supersede our attachment to God. He wants us to radically evaluate what (and who) we love and how we love it and how much of our souls, our lives, ourselves we have let this love consume.

It's a tough assignment, and we don't like it. Maybe we kind of hate it. That's okay: hate has its place. So take a seat in the chair and give it a ponder.

BIBLE STUDY

Please join our Bible Study group!

WHEN: Thursday mornings at 10:00 am
WHERE: St. Dennis Campus, 13th & Washington

Enter by the Parish Office. You will be directed to the Stalzer Room

Questions? E-mail Denise Adelmann
pray1bake2@gmail.com

Stewardship

August 31, 2025

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

BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: $10.150.00

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Please call Garry Kearnes at the rectory for further information, or stop by and pick up an authorization form.

JOYFUL AGAIN!

Joyful Again! is a spiritual program for widows and widowers who want to resolve the normal grief they feel after losing their spouses and who want to begin to start to live fully again.

This self-help process toward healing is fostered by trained volunteers who have experienced the pain of loss themselves and have moved forward in their healing journey.

At Joyful Again, you will

- • celebrate your loved one's life
- • reflect on the impact your spouse's death has made on your own life
- • share your story with trained facilitators who have also been widowed

Come, join us for a weekend!

St. Mary's Retreat House
Lemont Illinois
October 15 & 16, 2025

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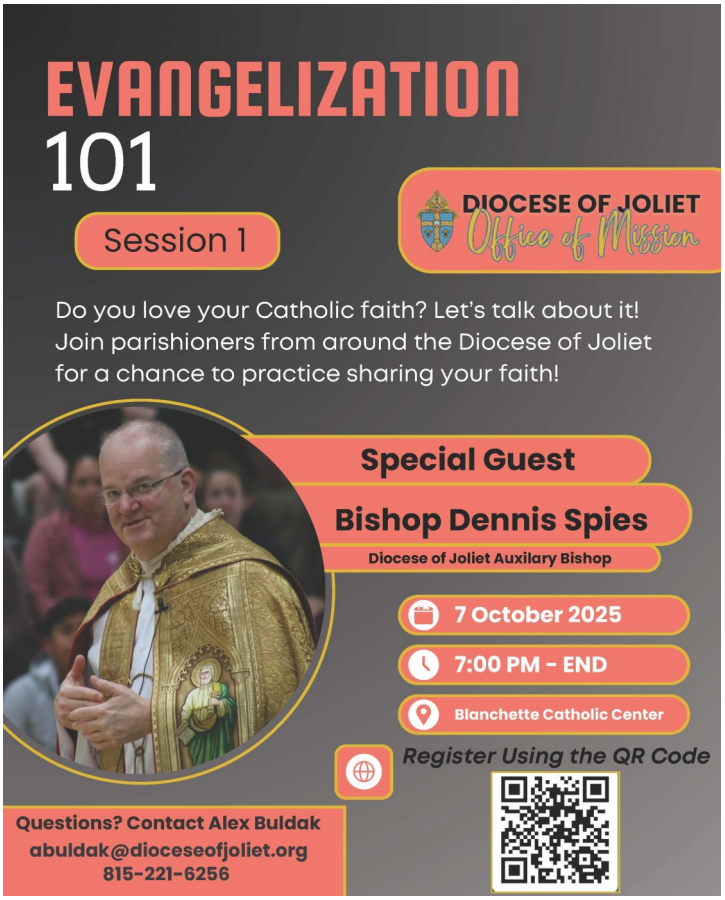

GUTEN TAG (GOOD DAY!)

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
And at the rectory for your convenience.

Bishop Hicks' Column
September 2025
The Leo Effect: Reflecting After 100 Days

In the world of leadership, there is a common practice: after the first one hundred days in office, we pause to reflect. What direction is this new leader taking us in? What tone has been set? Where might we be headed?

In these early months, we are beginning to see the kind of shepherd God has given us. The "Leo Effect," as I like to call it, is the fruit of his presence. It is the blessings, the new stirrings, and the hopeful signs already emerging in our Church and in our world.

At a recent Presbyteral Council meeting, one of our Augustinian priests told me that, since Pope Leo is himself an Augustinian, they have noticed a marked increase in young men expressing interest in the priesthood. That is the Leo Effect in action. These are ripples of inspiration that move from Rome all the way to local parishes and communities like ours.

Another question I have been asked many times in recent weeks is this: will Pope Leo XIV choose Chicagoland as the first place he visits? People have wondered if he might return to his roots in the south suburbs, visit his old neighborhood in Dolton, grab a slice of his favorite pizza, or even celebrate Mass at White Sox Park. As wonderful as that would be, and as much as I would personally love to see it, I usually remind people that his first stop is more likely to be a place in urgent need of healing, reconciliation, or peace. Perhaps the Holy Land, perhaps Ukraine, or perhaps another corner of the world that needs his pastoral presence. But who knows? The Holy Spirit guides these journeys, and for now we simply wait in joyful anticipation.

People close to Pope Leo have said, "He listens more than he talks." That in itself is part of the Leo Effect. In an age of noise and constant headlines, the witness of a leader who listens deeply is striking. His way of leadership is not rooted in quick soundbites but in steady gestures of closeness and compassion. Early in his pontificate, he celebrated Mass with the homeless and then shared a meal with them. He has spoken often of the "fire of love" that must burn within us, not a fire that remains hidden, but one that spreads outward in compassion, justice, and peace.

Another sign of the Leo Effect is his bridge-building across cultures. Born in the United States, formed as a missionary in Peru, and shaped by the Augustinian spirit of community and humility, Pope Leo embodies the universality of the Church. His very life story unites North and South America, English and Spanish, tradition, and modernity.

Pope Leo has also expressed concern about pressing global issues. He has spoken about the moral questions surrounding artificial intelligence, reminding us not to allow technology, money, or power to displace God. He has called for peace in conflict zones, urging the world to pursue reconciliation. He has also reminded us that the greatness of the Church is not measured in status or wealth, but in holiness and service. Recently, he approved a new Mass for the Care of Creation, highlighting his commitment to safeguarding our common home and encouraging all believers to pray and act for the protection of God's earth.

At the same time, he has shown deep respect for tradition. When he walked out onto the balcony of St. Peter's, he reclaimed the use