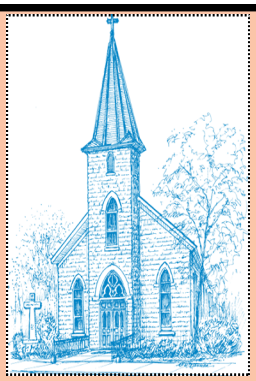

Welcome to

St. Joseph Catholic Parish

A Faith Community Since 1868

September 14, 2025

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him.
- Jn 3:13, 17

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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 13-September 21, 2025

SATURDAY, September 13: St. John Chrysostom
4:00 p.m. **+ Joann North by the Rogan Family**
+ Frank "Butch" Bruntjen by Jan Mackay & Family
5:00 p.m. **Confessions**

SUNDAY, September 14: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
8:00 a.m. **+ Ted Koziel by Wife & Family**
+ Jan Hajl Birth. Rem. of 50 yrs. by Family
10:00 a.m. **+ Pauline Homerding by Joseph & Sherry Burzawa**
+ Marianne Kowalkowski by Family
Noon **The Parish Family**

MONDAY, September 15: Our Lady of Sorrows
7:30 a.m. **+ Filomena Natividad by the Milo Family**

TUESDAY, September 16: Sts. Cornelius & Cyprian
7:30 a.m. **NO MASS**

WEDNESDAY, September 17: Sts. Robert Bellamine & Hildegard
7:30 a.m. **NO MASS**
9:30 a.m. **A.A. Meeting in Church Basement**
4:45 p.m. **R.E. Classes in School**

THURSDAY, September 18:
7:30 a.m. **Patrick Oldendorf for Healing**
Noon **Adult Luncheon at Coom's Corner**
6:30 p.m. **Rosary with the Knights in Church**

FRIDAY, September 19: St. Januarius
12:05 p.m. **Intention Available**
8:00 p.m. **A. A. Meeting in Church Basement**

SATURDAY, September 20: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn & Paul Chŏng Ha-sang
4:00 p.m. **+ Kenneth Ramos by Richard & Rosalie Ward**
Alexander S. Vianzon Birth. Congrats.
by Lolo D & Lola Ma Vianzon

SUNDAY, September 21: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. **+ Judy Borgman by the Hartford Family**
10:00 a.m. **+ Justin Vanderveen by Family**
Noon **The Parish Family**
1:00 p.m. **Baptisms in Church**

Bill Doyle Jr., Connor & Matthais Erickson, Phil Timm, Esmerelda & Gregory Bonk, Luke Bonk, Patrick Bonk, Gary and Mark Ellison, Cora Zgrabik, Brooke Zych, Wyatt Blevins, Marzena Stasieluk, Anonymous Prayer Request, Joann Elison, Alfred Péna, Charlotte Mater, Rosalie 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, Patrick Oldendorf, and Ted Stevenson.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
September 20 & 21

SATURDAY, September 20@ 4:00 p.m.
Presider: **Fr. Larry**
Reader: **D. Haag**
EM: **L. Gawron**
Musician: **B. Webster**
Ushers: A. Lostroscio
G. Nagel
J. Wisneski

SUNDAY, September 21 @ 8:00A.M.
Presider: **Fr. Larry**
Reader: **P. Glynn**
EM: **J. Hartford**
Musicians: **R. Nicholas, Moira O'CP**
Ushers: R. Schenk
N. Wheeler
J. Drozdek

SUNDAY September 21@ 10:00 A.M.
Presider: **Fr. Larry**
Reader: **T. Governale**
EM: **R. Peterson**
Musician: **Choir**
Ushers: T. Stark
G. Little
T. Marcione

SUNDAY, September 21 @ NOON
Presider: **Fr. Tom**
Reader: **J. Delfinado**
EM: **J. Garvey**
Musicians: **M. Ray**
Ushers: M. Adelman
S. Fitzmaurice
J. Garvey

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

Readings for the week of September 14, 2025

Sunday:	Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/ Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
Monday:	1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Tuesday:	1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/ Lk 7:11-17
Wednesday:	1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Lk 7:31-35
Thursday:	1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50
Friday:	1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/ Lk 8:1-3
Saturday:	1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

Observances for the week of September 14, 2025

Sunday:	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Monday:	Our Lady of Sorrows
Tuesday:	Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
Wednesday:	St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church; St. Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	St. Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
Saturday:	Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs [M]

Stewardship

September 7, 2025

SUNDAY COLLECTION: **6473.00**
Weekly Average of all ACH And CC Transactions **2799.00**
TOTAL **$9,272.00**
($loose cash: 996.00)
Deficit: $878.00

August 31, 2025

SUNDAY COLLECTION: **10664.00**
Weekly Average of all ACH And CC Transactions **2799.00**
TOTAL **$13,463.00**
($loose cash: 943.00)

Assumption: $120.00

BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: $10.150.00

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.

Exaltation of the Cross

On this Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, our Mother, the Church, sings of the *triumph* of the cross – the instrument of our salvation. It was, of course, through the cross that Christ *triumphed* – i.e.,that he conquered death definitively.

Some years back I visited some of the catacombs in Rome. The catacombs are underground cemeteries that were hewed into the volcanic rock under the city in the first century. One of the things that struck me was the religious art – the paintings of early Christian symbols – that still exists on the walls of these catacombs.

Interestingly, in these catacombs you won't see a cross. This instrument of public torture and humiliation was simply too horrible to look at in those first years. I suspect that it would have seemed disrespectful to associate Jesus Christ with this symbol of his execution; probably kind of like trying to honor Abraham Lincoln with a replica of the pistol that was used to shoot him. Or, as another example, imagine someone presenting a plaque to the widow of JFK in his memory – and on the plaque was a picture of a high-powered rifle.

I am sure that the image of the cross just didn't seem appropriate. The wound was too fresh, the memory too painful. I mention this to emphasize the horror of this form of torture to which Christ subjected himself for us. It was centuries before Christians were able to really look at the cross – and to understand that Jesus wants us to look at the cross – just as God wanted the Israelites to look upon the serpent on the pole.

Notice from the first reading the reason for God's displeasure with the Israelites: They were ungrateful; they were whiners; they didn't think that God could save them, they thought they were going to die in the desert: "Why have you brought us up from Egypt to die in this desert, where there is no food or water? We are disgusted with this wretched food!" And God punished them because of their ingratitude and lack of trust. Many died. The ones who trusted God enough to heed his command to look at the bronze serpent on the pole were saved.

The serpent is an image of the ancient curse that came upon the human race through the sin of the first Adam. Jesus himself took that curse upon himself – as St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Galatians: "Christ ransomed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written, 'Cursed be everyone who hangs on a tree.'" (3:13)

When you look at the cross, does it inspire gratitude? Are you *grateful* that Jesus chose to accept the pain that should have been our just reward?

On this Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, may we rejoice in the victory symbolized by the cross. May we be grateful for the fact that Jesus Christ took our place on that cross. And may our gratitude inspire us to be patient with the crosses that he chooses to let us bear.

Fr. Dan

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.

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

Donations may be brought to the rectory during business hours.

COME SING WITH US!

During the season of Advent, our parish will begin singing our sacred music called Gregorian Chant, and we need more members of our community to assist with the 10am choir to offer this music to God in the liturgy. All skill levels are welcome. Call the rectory if you are interested!

SDJCA NEWS - September 2025 Edition

We are back. We are strong. We are family. We are moving forward...

WE ARE SDJCA.

Dare to be GREAT and BET ON YOURSELF

2025-26

KEEP MOVING FORWARD

Our South Campus family surrounds our new signage that will be installed on all of our buildings soon.

Our faculty and staff gathered for our Me🍔T & Greet to welcome our families back for another great year together!

Oktoberfest

SDJCA - 2025

Celebrating family. Building our community.

All St. Dennis & St. Joseph parishioners were mailed 5 raffle tickets last week. Send those back in with payment for your chance to win BIG!
If needed, there are more tickets at school and parish offices.
Thank you for supporting your parish school!

Our 2025-26 Leaders
Our SDJCA Class of 2026 is off to an amazing start this school year!

We'd like to invite you and your parishioners to join Father Burke, Father Christian, hundreds of other Catholics and non-Catholics, and Jesus Himself on Monday, September 8 at 7:30pm on the south lawn of Hinsdale Village Hall (north of the tracks between Garfield and Washington streets) for a night of prayer, music and adoration. Come and receive the untold graces and blessings by being in the holy presence of Christ as He consecrates the public square and takes His rightful place as King of our nation, community, and hearts.

This would be a great opportunity to bring any fallen away family members, friends, and even non-Catholics to experience the otherworldly peace and transforming love of God in a unique and accessible way, surrounded by candles, incense, music, and a full, fall moon. Please bring chairs or blankets and dress for the weather.

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.

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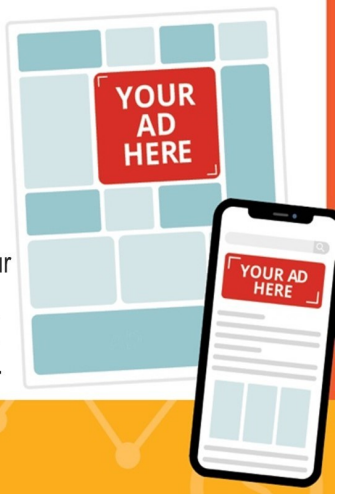
Julie Blanford from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



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