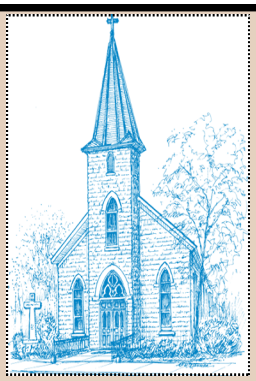

Welcome to

St. Joseph Catholic Parish

A Faith Community Since 1868

November 23, 2025

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.

Saints Dennis and Joseph Catholic Academy

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Deadline: Monday	Deadline: Friday
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MASSES, INTENTIONS, AND EVENTS
November 22-November 30, 2025

SATURDAY, November 22: St. Cecilia
4:00 p.m. **+ Mary Lous Bozich by the Rogan Family**
+ Genevieve & Leroy Nagel Wedd. Anniv. Rem. by Family
5:00 p.m. **Confessions**

SUNDAY, November 23: **Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**
8:00 a.m. **+ Leonard Skuta by the Hartford Family**
10:00 a.m. **+ Ruby Stalnaker Birth. Rem.by Don & RaeMarie Peterson**
+ Wesley Loboz Birth. Rem. by Family
Noon **+ Thomas McGarry by Kevin & Lorna Finnegan and Family**

MONDAY, November 24: St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc
7:30 a.m. **+ Aniela & Stanislaw Szewczyk by Son & Family**
+ Anna & Jan Nieckula by Daughter & Family

TUESDAY, November 25: St. Catherine of Alexandra
7:30 a.m. **+ Dr. Arsenio P. Vianzon Anniv. Rem. by Henry Vianzon**

WEDNESDAY, November 26:
7:30 a.m. **+ Jack Tierney Anniv. Rem. by Mary Kay Tierney**
9:30 a.m. **A.A. Meeting in Church Basement**

THURSDAY, November 27: Thanksgiving Day
9:00 a.m. **Gabrielle & Ted Hendry Wedd. Anniv. Congrats. by Family**

FRIDAY, November 28:
12:05 p.m. **+ Ken Ramos Birth. Rem. by Mike & Char Rogan**
8:00 p.m. **A. A. Meeting in Church Basement**

SATURDAY, November 29:
4:00 p.m. **+ Marion E. Masterson Anniv. Rem. by the Rogan Family**
+ Tom Tierney Anniv. Rem. by Mary Kay Tierney

SUNDAY, November 30: **1st Sunday of Advent**
8:00 a.m. **+ Leonard Skuta by the Odle Family**
+ Stanislaw, Jan, & Katarzyna Marszalek by Family
10:00 a.m. **+ James T. Crosby by the Profeta Family**
Noon **+ Helina Reczek Birth. Rem. by 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, Natalie Grycko, Marilyn Carrigan, Dan Bryant, Craig Shelton, Mariana Gonzales, Claude Poulsen, Hillary Shelton, Barbara Majerczyk, Ted Stevenson, Thea Oprzedek, Michelle Bensinger., William Vetter, Dawn Virva, & Barb Smialek

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
November 29 & 30

SATURDAY, November 29 @ 4:00 p.m.

Reader:	**D. Haag**
EM:	**NEEDED**
Musician:	**V. Moreno JR Gillogly**
Servers:	**C. Glynn, J. Glynn**
Ushers:	A. Lostroscio
	G. Nagel
	J. Wisneski

SUNDAY, November 30 @ 8:00A.M.

Reader:	**M. Schultz**
EM:	**J. Foresman**
Musicians:	**R. Nicholas, J. Ray**
Ushers:	R. Schenk
	N. Wheeler
	J. Drozdek

SUNDAY November 30 @ 10:00 A.M.

Reader:	**J. Ranney**
EM:	**D. Cifonie**
Musician:	**Choir**
Servers:	**C. Ranney, E. Ranney**
Ushers:	T. Stark
	G. Little
	T. Marcione

SUNDAY, November 30 @ NOON

Reader:	**T. Governale**
EM:	**P. Burandt**
Musicians:	**M. Ray**
Ushers:	M. Adelman
	S. Fitzmaurice
	J. Garvey

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.

Readings for the week of November 23, 2025

Sunday	2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/ Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43
Monday:	Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/ Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday:	Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/ Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday:	Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday:	Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74/Lk 21:20-28
Friday:	Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday:	Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/ Lk 21:34-36
Next Sunday:	Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

Observances for the week of November 23, 2025

Sunday: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Monday:	St. Andrew Dũng-Lạc, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Tuesday:	St. Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr
Thursday:	Thanksgiving Day
Next Sunday:	1st Sunday of Advent

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday following the 4:00 p.m. Mass

RECONCILIATION SERVICE
ST. DENNIS

Monday, December 15
6:30 p.m.

OPLATKi:
THE CHRISTMAS WAFER

The word "Bethlehem" means "House of Bread." The breaking of the bread is a sign of charity, unity, and friendship. A beautiful Christmas custom is the Christmas Wafer—Oplatki. Family customs remind us that we seek and obtain salvation with the help of others at all times.

Begin a family tradition this Advent. Stop by the rectory and get a packet of Oplatki for $1.00. Bring Christ back into Christmas.

Christ the King

"Hail the King of the Jews." The kingship of Christ has always been different than the world expected. Many of Jesus' disciples hoped for an earthly Messiah who would overthrow the Romans. But, as Jesus says in today's Gospel, his kingdom is "not of this world." And yet it is a very real kingdom. Jesus is a very real Lord. And we are called to invite Jesus to be king of our lives. In the early 20th century, disillusionment with authority of all kinds was growing. Revolutions, atheistic thinkers, and World War I contributed to a rejection of faith. In 1925, Pope Pius XI called the Church and the world back to a sense of hope in Christ. He instituted the solemnity of Christ the King on the last Sunday before Advent. How is Jesus king of your life today?

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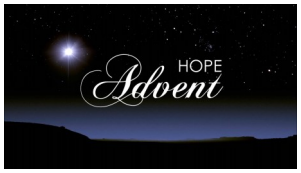

The Advent Season Begins November 30

Marking the beginning of the Church's liturgical year, the four weeks of Advent lead us to the celebration of Christmas. Advent's familiar sights and sounds stir un us a readiness to receive our Savior, while sharpening our sense of the world's need for redemption and of the great mystery of God's becoming human for us.

Advent is a Latin word meaning *the coming or arrival.* The season of Advent is a time to prepare to celebrate the three arrivals of Christ: his lowly birth in the past, his mysterious coming to the Christian community in the present, and his promised return as our judge at the
End of time.

THANKSGIVING MASS
THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 27, 2025

St. Dennis—7:30 a.m.
St. Joseph—9:00 a.m.

Stewardship

November 16, 2025

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	**6457.00**
Weekly Average of all ACH And CC Transactions	**2799.00**
TOTAL	**$9,256.00**

($loose cash: 1,018.00)

BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: $10.150.00

DEFICIT: (894.00)
Easter: $85.00
Debt/Campus Repair: $753.00
Holy Land: $103.00
Catholic Relief: 420.00

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.

HOLIDAY OF HOPE

GIVE THE GIFT OF **HOPE** THIS SEASON

DONATE BLOOD

Saturday
December
6
9:00AM – 1:00PM

Helpful tip:
Make sure to eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of water before donating.

1-800-7TO-GIVE

Saint Joseph Catholic Church
Blood Drive

Location: Saint Joseph Versiti Mobile

410 S. Jefferson Street
Lockport, IL 60441

Appointments appreciated; Walk-Ins welcome!
To schedule, go to www.versiti.org/IL, load the Versiti Donor app, call (800) 7TO-GIVE, or scan the QR code

Photo ID Required

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ST. JOSEPH ADULT CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4

PAPA JOE'S OF LOCKPORT

944 E. NINTH STREET, LOCKPORT

Come celebrate the season with your friends, and join us for a St. Nicholas Luncheon at Papa Joe's!
$15.00 per person

Call the rectory at 815-838-0187 for reservations.
And wear red or green!

ADVENT ALMSGIVING AT ST. JOSEPH PARISH

With the unrest in our world, and the suffering of so many, this Advent, we will dedicate our Advent Almsgiving to various agencies.

The needs of this Christmas season are great!

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, MANTENO
Men's sweatpants—L, XL—4XL
Dress Shirts & neckties
Sunglasses
Eyeglass neck holders
Sugar/sweetener packets
Individual liquid coffee creamers
Canned coffee (no decaf)
Gatorade
Pop, root beer
Individually wrapped snack cakes
Individually wrapped mini-donut packs

Catholic Charities Head Start Program is asking for
donations of hats & gloves
Throw blankets (new)
Hygiene items
Holiday socks
Hot cocoa packets

The Giving Tree will be located in back of church for your contributions. Cash donations and gift cards can be placed in an envelope marked "Giving Tree" .

There will be bins in back of church for your convenience, or bring your items to the rectory.

Items will be collected through December 18 to allow for time for delivery before Christmas. Monetary donations and gift cards are also acceptable.

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An opportunity to give toys to Santa!

You are invited to join us for a special event to meet Santa and donate a toy for local children in need. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Holy Name Council #18043.

Enjoy home-baked goodies and refreshments while you visit with "the jolly old elf" himself!

Bring a new toy for Santa to be donated to Catholic Charities. Monetary donations are also welcome.

Date: Sunday December 7 from 9:00am (after 8am Mass) through 11:30am

Place: Saints Dennis and Joseph Catholic Academy North Campus Cafeteria
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Flowers for St. Joseph Church During the Christmas Season

This holiday season, you have the opportunity of remembering and honoring a loved one by donating to our Christmas Fund. With your donation, your loved one will be remembered during the Christmas season. Money generated will also be used to beautify the Activity Center for this most unusual Christmas.

Write the name of the person you wish to remember on the appropriate line and return in the collection basket or to the rectory in an envelope marked "Christmas Flowers". Please submit the form by December 19 in order for their names to be in the bulletin for Christmas.

IN HONOR OF:

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IN MEMORY OF:

_____

NAME OF PERSON/FAMILY OFFERING A REMEMBRANCE:

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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.

Let's MAKE Disciples for Jesus!

Download and read Bishop Hicks' new pastoral letter, MAKE, to discover how you and your loved ones can live as disciples and help make other disciples in your community.

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A Pastoral Letter for the People of the **Diocese of Joliet**

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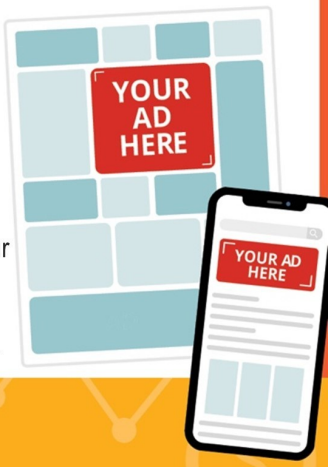

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