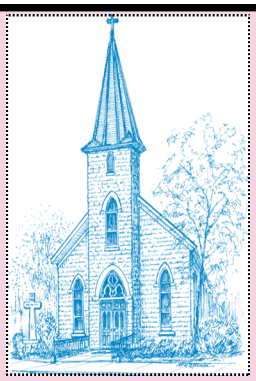

Welcome to

St. Joseph Catholic Parish

A Faith Community Since 1868

November 30, 2025

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake." - Mt 24:43

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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.

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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STJOSEPHLOCKPORT@FLOCKNOTE.COM

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MASSES, INTENTIONS, AND EVENTS
November 29—December 7, 2025

SATURDAY, November 29:
4:00 p.m. **+ Marion E. Masterson Anniv. Rem. by the Rogan Family**
+ Tom Tierney Anniv. Rem. by Mary Kay Tierney
5:00 p.m. **Confessions**

SUNDAY, November 30: **1st Sunday of Advent**
8:00 a.m. **+ Leonard Skuta by the Odle Family**
+ Stanislaw, Katarzyna, & Jan Marszalek by Family
10:00 a.m. **+ James T. Crosby by the Profeta Family**
+ Wally & Stanley Dziadkowiecz by Family
Noon **+ Helina Reczek Birth. Rem. by Family**

MONDAY, December 1:
7:30 a.m. **+ Narcisa Olandes & Family by the Milo Family**

TUESDAY, December 2:
7:30 a.m. **+ Antoinette Matesi Coscio Birth. Rem. by her sister Jeanne**

WEDNESDAY, December 3: St. Francis Xavier
7:30 a.m. **+ Tom Tierney Birth. Rem. by Mary Kay Tierney**
9:30 a.m. **A.A. Meeting in Church Basement**
4:45 p.m. **R.E. Classes in School**

THURSDAY, December 4: St. John Damascene
7:30 a.m. **+ Cecile Padilla 40 Day Anniv. Rem. by the Milo Family**

FRIDAY, December 5:
12:05 p.m. **+ Carolyn Czerkies by the Milo Family**
8:00 p.m. **A. A. Meeting in Church Basement**

SATURDAY, December 6: St. Nicholas
4:00 p.m. **+ Rose & Ralph Grant Birth. Rem. by the Favero Family**
+ Deceased Members of the Rodeghiero & Grant Families by the Favero Family

SUNDAY, December 7: **2nd Sunday of Advent**
8:00 a.m. **+ Len Skuta by Family**
+ Maria Kowalczyk by Daughter & Family
10:00 a.m. **+ Justin Vanderveen by Family**
+ Ruby Stalnaker Anniv. 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, 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, Dan Bryant, Craig Shelton, Mariana Gonzales, Claude Poulsen, Hillary Shelton, Barbara Majerczyk, Ted Stevenson, Thea Oprzedek, Michelle Bensinger., William Vetter, and Dawn Virva.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
December 6 & 7

SATURDAY, December 6 @ 4:00 p.m.

Reader:	**R. Ward**
EM:	**R. Ward**
Musician:	**K. Clark**
Servers:	**C. Glynn, J. Glynn**
Ushers:	A. Lostroscio
	G. Nagel
	J. Wisneski

SUNDAY, December 7 @ 8:00A.M.

Reader:	**M. Schultz**
EM:	**J. Foresman**
Musicians:	**R. Nicholas, Moira O'CP**
Ushers:	R. Schenk
	N. Wheeler
	J. Drozdek

SUNDAY December 7@ 10:00 A.M.

Reader:	**D. Adamski**
EM:	**P. Ciciora**
Servers;	**A. Adamski, J. Domenico, A. Campbell**
Musician:	**Choir**
Ushers:	T. Stark
	G. Little
	T. Marcione

SUNDAY, December 7 @ NOON

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

MONDAY, December 8 @ 12:05

Reader:	**NEEDED**
EM:	**NEEDED**

Readings for the week of November 30, 2025

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
Monday:	Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday:	Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17/Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday:	Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 15:29-37
Thursday:	Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday:	Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Mt 9:27-31
Saturday:	Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday:	Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12

Observances for the week of November 30, 2025

Sunday:	1st Sunday of Advent
Wednesday:	St. Francis Xavier, Priest
Thursday:	St. John Damascene, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Saturday:	St. Nicholas, Bishop
Next Sunday:	2nd 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.

Prayer for the first week of Advent

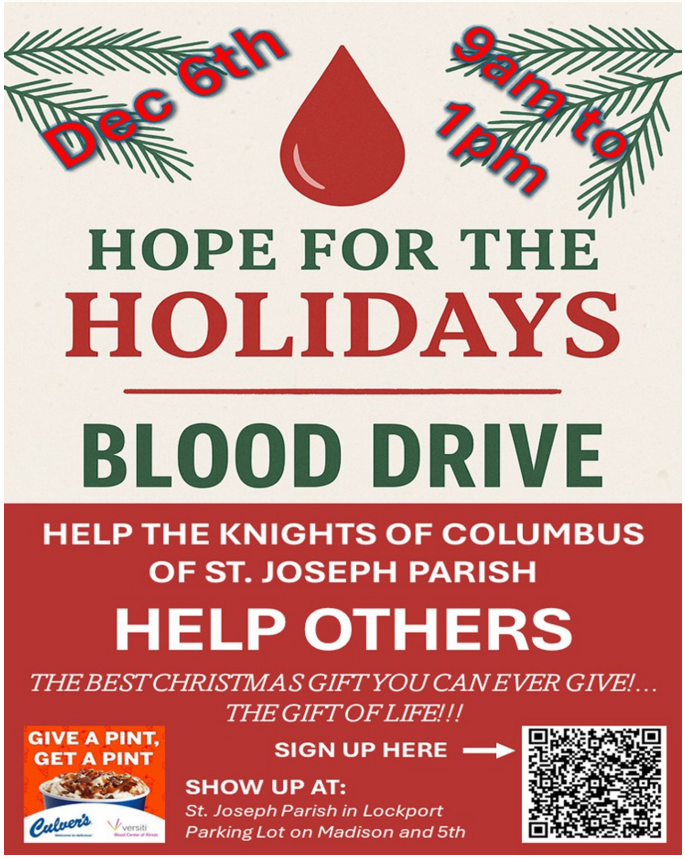
Prayer of Expectation

Dear God,

As we prepare for Your arrival, align our hearts and homes to Your will.

Pour into us Your grace, as we wait in joyful expectation.

Amen



Stewardship

November 16, 2025

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	**6578.00**
Weekly Average of all ACH And CC Transactions	**2799.00**
TOTAL	**$9,377.00**

($loose cash: 1,000.00)

BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: $10.150.00

DEFICIT: (773.00)
Human Development: $812.00
Seminarian Endowment: 250.00
All Saints: $5.00
Debt/Campus Repair: $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.

Advent
At Home Program

At some level, we know that the season of Advent is…well, a season. But the shape of our lives often looks a little different: we race from Halloween, around the bend to Thanksgiving, and into the homestretch of the most wonderful (stressful?) time of year—Christmas! What if we took a moment and considered how we might make space in our lives for Advent this year, so that we might make space in our hearts for Christ's coming?

Take a moment with *How to Advent on Formed.org*

This four-part video series and discussion questions are available on Formed.org. Get your free account at formed.org/signup.
Use the zip code 60441 to sign up under the St. Joseph/St. Dennis account.

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END OF THE YEAR TAX STATEMENTS

If you would like a year-end statement of contributions to the church, please call the rectory at 815-838-0187, and we will gladly send one out to you.

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 529 S. Madison Street, Lockport IL

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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.

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
2026 calendars

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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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.

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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Mother Daughter Retreat
For girls (5th—12th grade) & their moms

Friday, January 30
6:30—9:30 pm
St. Dennis Church
1214 S Hamilton St, Lockport

$25 per family

Register by 1/19

www.contagiouslight.org/stdennisretreat

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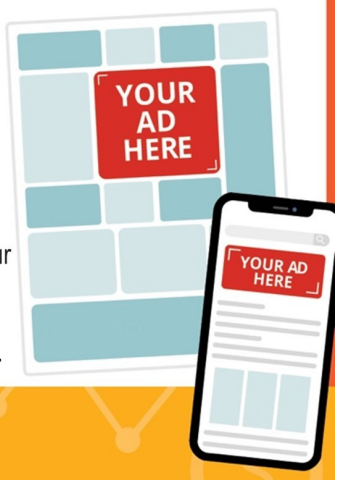
Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

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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