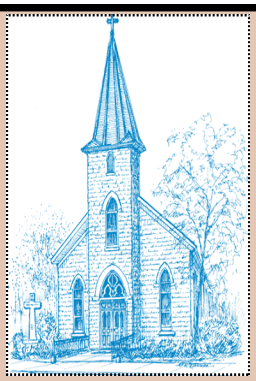
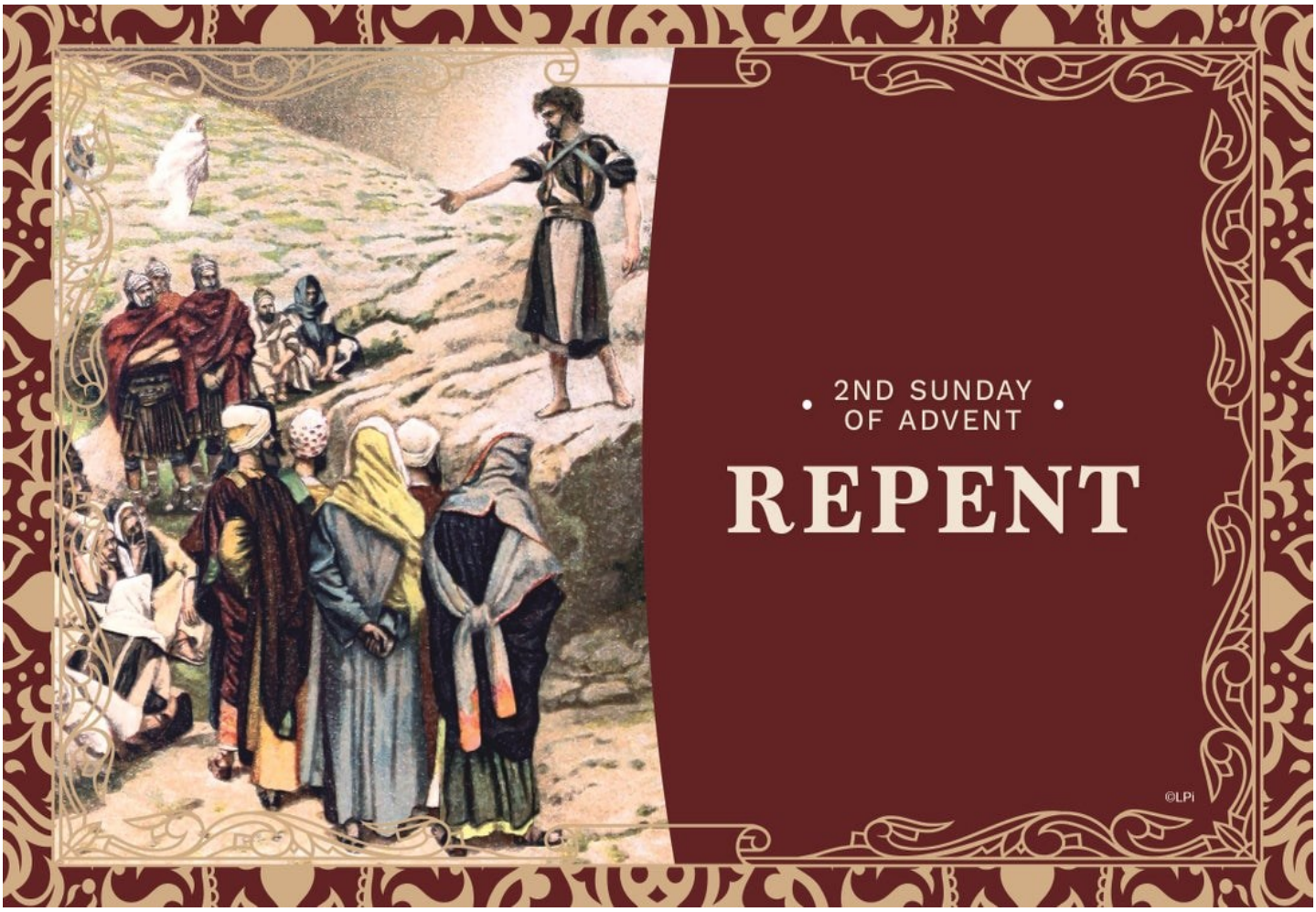


Welcome to

St. Joseph Catholic Parish

A Faith Community Since 1868

December 7, 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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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
December 6—December 14, 2025

SATURDAY, December 6: St. Nicholas
- **9:00 a.m.** Blood Drive in Mobile Coach
- **2:00 p.m.** Private Baptism in Church
- **4:00 p.m.** + Rose & Ralph Grant Birth. Rem. by the Favero Family
  + Deceased Members of the Rodeghiero & Grant Families by the Favero Family
- **5:00 p.m.** Confessions

SUNDAY, December 7: 2nd Sunday of Advent

- **8:00 a.m.** + Len Skuta by Family
  + Maria Kowalczyk by Daughter & Family
- **10:00 a.m.** + Ruby Stalnaker Anniv. Rem. by Don & RaeMarie Peterson
  + Justin Vanderveen by Family
- **Noon** The Parish Family

COOKIES AND PICTURES WITH SANTA IN SCHOOL CAFETERIA from 9-11:30

MONDAY, December 8: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- **6:30 a.m.** Intention Available
- **12:05 p.m.** + Ken Ramos by Bev & Tom Kotowicz

TUESDAY, December 9: St. Juan Diego
- **7:30 a.m.** + Josie Encarnacion Birth. Rem. by Rosario Vianzon

WEDNESDAY, December 10: Our Lady of Loreto
- **7:30 a.m.** + Milo & Dacanay Families by the Milo Family
- **9:30 a.m.** A.A. Meeting in Church Basement
- **4:45 p.m.** R.E. Classes in School

THURSDAY, December 11: St. Damasus
- **7:30 a.m.** + Gen Zupancic Anniv.Rem.by Family
  Ted Hendry Birth. Congrats. by Family

FRIDAY, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe
- **12:05 p.m.** + Virginia Guffrie by Anne Garvey
- **7:00 p.m.** Holy Hour with the Knights of Columbus in Church
- **8:00 p.m.** A. A. Meeting in Church Basement

SATURDAY, December 13: St. Lucy
- **4:00 p.m.** + Dorothy Rogan by the Rogan Family
  + Mary Karn Birth. Rem. by Donna & Doug Heckler

SUNDAY, December 14: 3rd Sunday of Advent
- **8:00 a.m.** + Ted Koziel by Wife & Family
- **10:00 a.m.** + Marianne Kowalkowski by Family
  + Rick Favero Anniv . Rem. by the Favero Family
- **Noon** + Helina Reczek Anniv. Rem. by Family
  + Stanley Karbarz Birth. Rem. by Family

Diocesan Collection for Retired Religious

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
December 13 & 14

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

Deacon:	**Deacon Nick**
Reader:	**D. Cifonie**
EM:	**Deacon Nick**
Servers:	**E. Belsan, C. Belsan**
Musician:	**V. Moreno, B. Webster**
Ushers:	A. Lostroscio
	G. Nagel
	J. Wisneski

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

Reader:	**P. Glynn**
EM:	**J. Drozdek**
Server:	**E. Chesniak**
Musicians:	**R. Nicholas, J. Ray**
Ushers:	R. Schenk
	N. Wheeler
	J. Drozdek

SUNDAY December 14@ 10:00 A.M.

Reader:	**R. Peterson**
EM:	**T. Stark**
Servers:	**C. Kashirsky, L. Connors, Q. Hilliard**
Musician:	**Choir**
Ushers:	T. Stark
	G. Little
	T. Marcione

SUNDAY, December 14 @ NOON

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

MINISTRY
DECEMBER 8
12:05 PM

READER: D. Adelmann
EM: P. Burandt
SACRISTAN: J. Walters

Readings for the week of December 7, 2025

Sunday:	Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7)/Rom 15:4-9/Mt 3:1-12
Monday:	Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday:	Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday:	Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday:	Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab/Mt 11:11-15
Friday:	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/J Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Saturday:	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Next Sunday:	Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Observances for the week of December 7, 2025

Sunday:	2nd Sunday of Advent
Monday:	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday:	St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin
Wednesday:	Our Lady of Loreto
Thursday:	St. Damasus I, Pope
Friday:	Our Lady of Guadalupe
Saturday:	St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr
Next Sunday:	3rd Sunday of Advent

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What are the names of the three biblical archangels?

Answer: Gabriel, Michael, and Raphael.

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, Mike Sloan, and Dawn Virva.

Immaculate Conception

Question:
I've heard people call Jesus' conception by the Holy Spirit being "immaculately conceived." Is that what the Immaculate Conception is?

Answer:
While these two events are often confused, they are not the same thing. We celebrated the conception of Jesus on March 25th, the feast of the Annunciation. While that was surely miraculous, it isn't what we refer to as the "immaculate conception." The Immaculate Conception is *Mary's* conception, and we typically celebrate it on December 8th. If the 8th happens to be a Sunday, the Church moves the feast to December 9th. It is a holy day of obligation. Why does the Church consider it so important to celebrate?

Mary's conception is immaculate because she was conceived without original sin. The angel Gabriel acknowledges this when he hails Mary as "full of grace" (Luke 1:28). Scripture scholars identify several theological ideas that confirm this. In the Old Testament, the sacred, pristine Ark of the Covenant held the presence of God. The presence of God is now held within a new "arc" — the womb of Mary. Genesis 3 also prophesies of a woman who would oppose the devil and whose child would crush the devil's head. Christ is the "New Adam." This passage sets up Mary, then, as the "New Eve." Jesus and Mary are the beginnings of a new creation, one we all can participate in through the grace of our baptism. After all, God's love is more "original" than our sin!

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
MASS TIMES

6:30 A.M.
12:05 P.M.
AT ST. JOSEPH

7:30 A.M.
6:30 P.M.
AT ST. DENNIS

Stewardship

November 23, 2025

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	**5336.00**
Weekly Average of all ACH And CC Transactions	**2799.00**
TOTAL	**$8,135.00**

($loose cash: 1067.00)

BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: $10.150.00

DEFICIT: (2,015.00)
Immaculate Conception: $5.00

November 30, 2025

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	**5336.00**
Weekly Average of all ACH And CC Transactions	**2799.00**
TOTAL	**$8,135.00**

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BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: $10.150.00

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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.

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.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

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

Monday, December 15
6:30 p.m.
St. Dennis

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.

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Holy Hour in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Friday, December 12, 7:00 p.m.
St. Joseph Church
500 S Jefferson St, Lockport IL

The Sacred Heart Holy Hour will include readings from Sacred Scripture and reflections on the Sacred Heart of Jesus, as well as the Divine Mercy Chaplet. The prayer service will lead all present to grow in their love of God and devotion to his Most Sacred Heart.

This hour of reflection and prayer, flows from the jubilee for the 350th anniversary of the apparitions of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque. An icon depicting the most famous image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, painted in 1767 by Pompeo Batoni and now venerated in the Church of the Gesu in Rome, will be displayed which joins more than 300 icons traveling across the world as part of the Knights of Columbus Pilgrim Icon Program.

We warmly invite you to this hour of reflection and hope that "In the heart of Christ, we see the heart of the Father. And we ask Our Lord to help us make his heart our own, so that we may see and love in others what he sees and loves in us."

-Supreme Knight Patrick Kelly

For more information, visit:
kofc18043.org/sacred heart

Or contact Bob Webster at:
312-859-2322

Residents of Lockport Township may contact the Supervisor's Office to borrow medical equipment on a temporary basis. The use of the equipment is free of charge and it may be picked up at the Supervisor's Office. We are accepting medical donations at this time.

Equipment available:

- ***Canes***
- ***Crutches***
- ***Walkers***
- ***Wheelchairs***

For more information about our medical closet, please call 815-838-0380.
Lockport Township
1463 S Farrell Rd
9:00 am—4:00 pm M-F
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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:

_____

2025 ADVENT GOSPEL FILM SERIES

Facilitators:
Kathy Brady-Murtin
Sr. Mya Lambert, sscm

When:
Sunday, December 14
Sunday, December 21
3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

Where:
Online via our ZOOM online platform

Sponsored by:
Servants of the Hoy Heat of Mary

To register, contact Susan Amann
samann@sscm-usa.org

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:

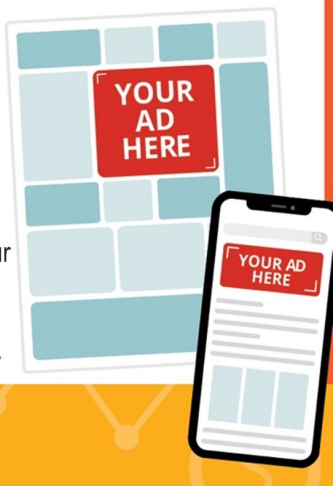
If you have had a change of mailing address, phone number, or email, please notify the rectory or drop this form into the collection basket.

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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