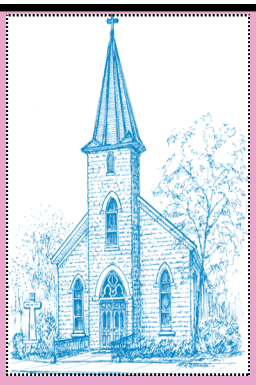
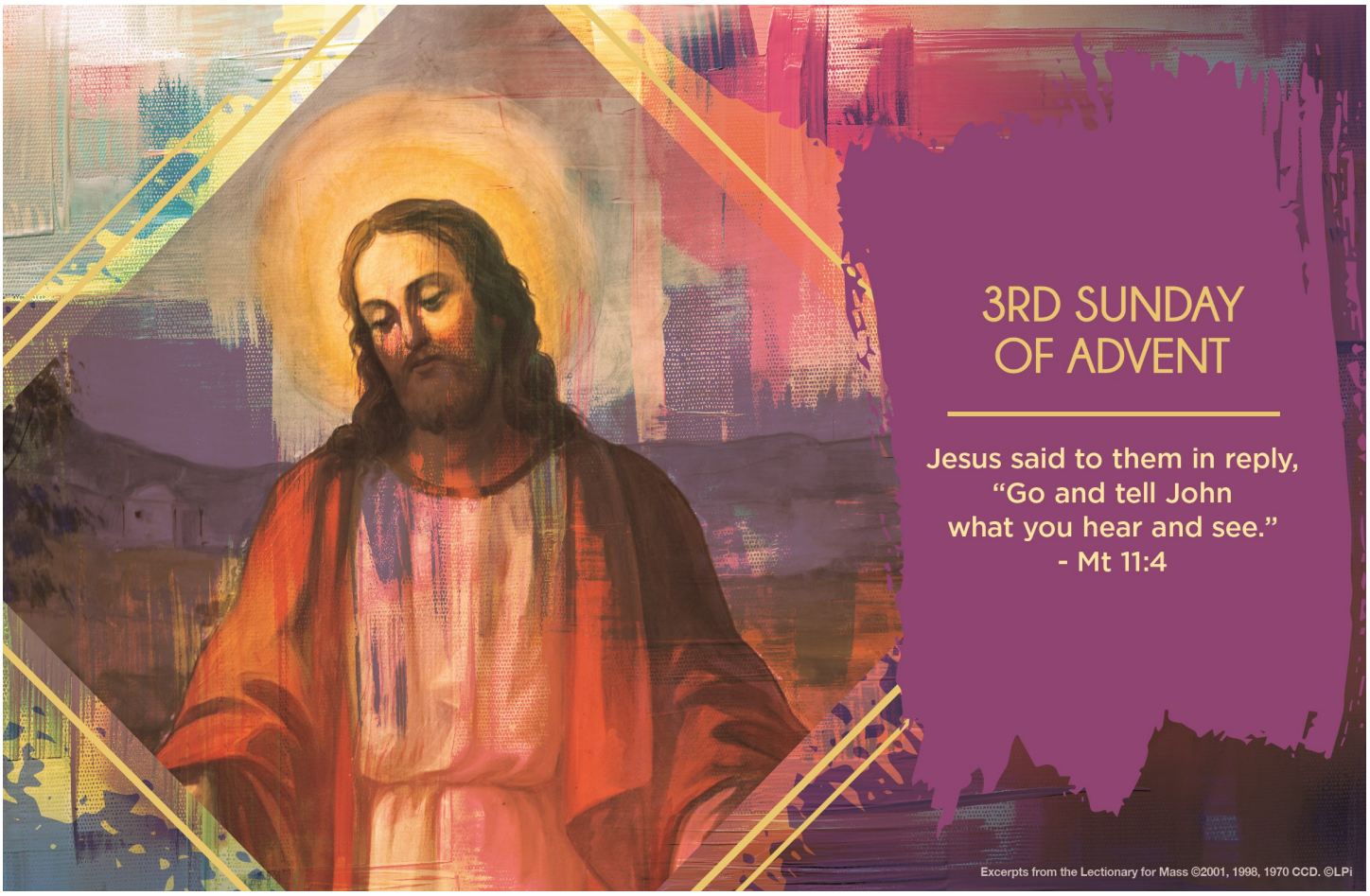


Welcome to

St. Joseph Catholic Parish

A Faith Community Since 1868

December 14, 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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MASSES, INTENTIONS, AND EVENTS
December 13 & 14, 2025

SATURDAY, December 13: St. Lucy
4:00 p.m. + Mary Karn Birth. Rem. by Donna & Doug Heckler
+Dorothy Rogan by the Rogan Family
5:00 p.m. Confessions

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

Diocesan Collection for Religious Retirement

MONDAY, December 15:
7:30 a.m. + Joseph Marconi by Amy Boyer
6:30 p.m. Advent Confessions at St. Dennis

TUESDAY, December 16:
7:30 a.m. + Walter Zelenika by Harriet & John Kulovits

WEDNESDAY, December 17:
7:30 a.m. + Koga & Natividad 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 18:
7:30 a.m. + Noah & Peter Kucinski by Grandmother & Mother
+ For the Poor Souls in Purgatory by Anne Garvey
6:30 p.m. Rosary with the Knights in Church

FRIDAY, December 19:
12:05 p.m. Intention Available
8:00 p.m. A. A. Meeting in Church Basement

SATURDAY, December 20:
4:00 p.m. + Jane Rogan by the Rogan Family
+ Joe Encarnacion Birth. Rem. by Rosario Vianzon

SUNDAY, December 21: 4th Sunday of Advent
8:00 a.m. + Len Skuta by Family
10:00 a.m. + Stella Tremback Anniv. Rem. by Family
Dr. Erwin Z. Mangubat Birth. Congrats. by D & Ma Vianzon
Noon + Greg, Jozef, & Stanislawa Szuba by Beninda Szuba
1:00 p.m. Baptisms in Church

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: According to tradition, what are the names of Mary's parents?
Answer: St. Anne and St. Joachim.

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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
December 20 & 21

SATURDAY, December 20 @ 4:00 p.m.

Reader:	**D. Haag**
EM:	**L. Gawron**
Musician:	**V. Moreno JR Gillogly**
Ushers:	A. Lostroscio
	G. Nagel
	J. Wisneski

SUNDAY, December 21 @ 8:00A.M.

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

SUNDAY December 21@ 10:00 A.M.

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

SUNDAY, December 21 @ NOON

Deacon:	**Deacon Nick**
Reader:	**D. Cifonie**
EM:	**Deacon Nick**
Musicians:	**M. Ray**
Ushers:	M. Adelman
	S. Fitzmaurice
	J. Garvey

Readings for the week of December 14, 2025

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
Monday:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17
Thursday:	Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25
Friday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
Saturday:	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Next Sunday:	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

Observances for the week of December 14, 2025

Sunday:	3rd Sunday of Advent
Next Sunday:	4th Sunday of Advent

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

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.

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.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS MONDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2025 ST. DENNIS CHURCH

An Act of Contrition

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended you and I detest all my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell. But most of all because I have offended you, my God, who are all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of your grace, to confess my sins, to do penance and to amend my life.
AMEN

THE JOY OF ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY

During the season of Advent, we await the celebration of Christ's birth and His coming again at the end of time. Over four weeks, we prepare our hearts for Christmas in penitential reflection. But in the middle of the season, Gaudete Sunday calls us to rejoice in hope!

What does Gaudete mean?

Gaudete means "rejoice" in Latin.

Why do we light a pink candle on Gaudete Sunday?

The Catholic Church uses the color rose to indicate a joyful feast day or holiday. Gaudete Sunday's counterpart in Lent is Laetare Sunday, another break in penance to rejoice in hope as we approach Easter. During both days, a priest will usually wear rose vestments.

Stewardship

December 7, 2025

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

BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED:
$10.150.00

UNAVAILABLE DUE TO EARLY TRANSMISSION OF BULLETIN

Thanksgiving: $387.00
Human Development: $50.00

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 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.

CHRISTMAS SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Confessions are held every Saturday in Church beginning at 5:00 p.m.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

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

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

Wednesday, December 24

St. Joseph
4:00 p.m.
10:30 p.m.
(10:00 p.m. Scriptures and Caroling)

St. Dennis
3:00 p.m., 4:30 p.m., 9:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

Thursday, December 25

St. Joseph
8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., Noon

St. Dennis
7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

Wednesday, December 31 Vigil Mass

St. Joseph
4:00 p.m.

St. Dennis
4:30 p.m.

Thursday, January 1, 2025

St. Joseph
11:00 a.m.

St. Dennis
7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m.

(Please note: all Masses are in Church)

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:

_____

IN MEMORY OF:

_____

NAME OF PERSON/FAMILY OFFERING A REMEMBRANCE:

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WE NEED CHILI COOKS!!!

St. Joseph Parish
Chili Cook-Off
is scheduled for
February 28, 2026.

We need between
12-15 cooks in order to have enough "samples" for everyone to enjoy.

Call the rectory at
815-838-0187
to enter your
favorite recipe!

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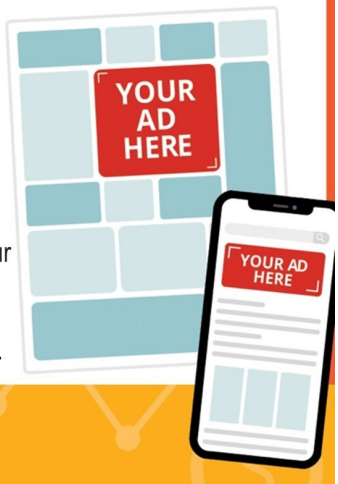
Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

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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