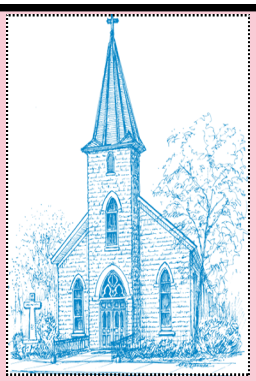

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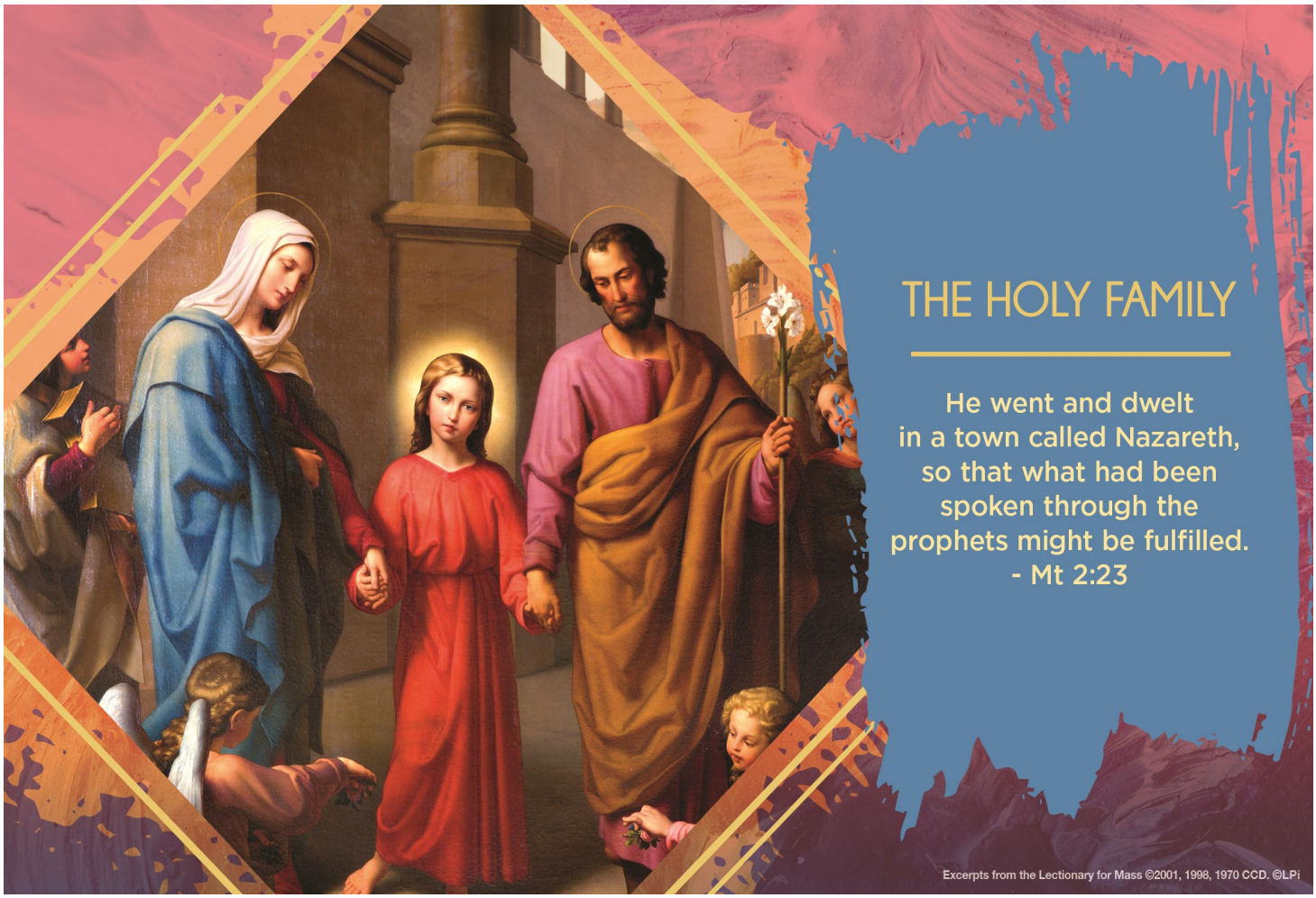
St. Joseph Catholic Parish

A Faith Community Since 1868

December 28, 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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View bulletins at ONEPARISH.COM

MASSES, INTENTIONS, AND EVENTS
December 27, 2025—January 4, 2026

SATURDAY, December 27: St. John
4:00 p.m. **+ Luke Patrick Smith by Nana & Papa**
+ Robert Solley Anniv. Rem. by Family
5:00 p.m. **Confessions**

SUNDAY, December 28: **The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph**
8:00 a.m. **+ Jim Viskocil & Helen Lauster by Family**
10:00 a.m. **+ Justin Vanderveen by Family**
+ Wesley Loboz by Friends & Family
All R.E. Families
Noon **+ Sara Zervos by her sister, Anne**
+ Brittney M. Bales by Tim, Isabel, Kyle, & Kimberly

MONDAY, December 29: St. Thomas Becket
7:30 a.m. **+ John Drafke Birth. Rem. by Mom & Steve**
+ Jenne Vercelote by Family

TUESDAY, December 30:
7:30 a.m. **+ Sara Zervos Birth. Rem. by her sister, Anne**

WEDNESDAY, December 31: St. Sylvester, Pope
7:30 a.m. **+ Fr. Donald Bates Anniv. Rem. by the Oprzedek Family**
9:30 a.m. **A.A. Meeting in Church Basement**
4:00 p.m. **Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of Mary**

THURSDAY, January 1: **Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**
11:00 a.m. **Mass in Church**

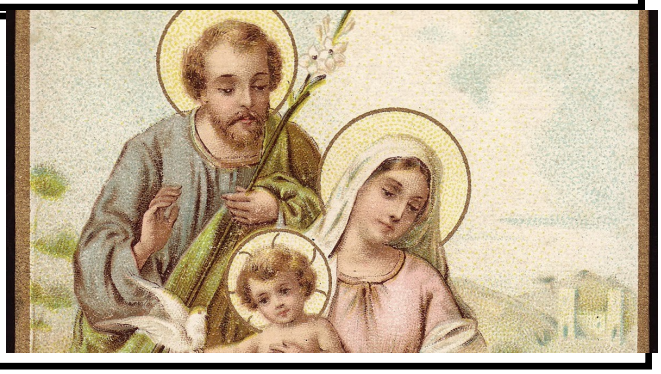
FRIDAY, January 2: **Sts. Basil the Great & St. Gregory Nazienzen, 1st Friday**
12:05 p.m. **+ Fr. Tom McGivney by a Friend**
8:00 p.m. **A. A. Meeting in Church Basement**

SATURDAY, January 3: **The Most Holy Name of Jesus**
4:00 p.m. **+ Mary Ann Kincaid by the Kilian Family**
+ Rice & Rykaczewski Families by Janet Rice

SUNDAY, January 4: **The Epiphany of the Lord**
8:00 a.m. **+ Angela & Michael Kijowski by Grandchildren**
10:00 a.m. **+ Jim Cassidy by Kandy O'Connell**
Noon **+ Connelly Family by Anne Garvey**
+ Mary Ann Pèna by Isabel, Kyle, Tim, & Kimberly

Family Blessing

May God bless, protect, unite, mend, and renew our family.
Help us to be instruments of healing and holiness, breaking generational curses, rewriting scripts, overcoming tribulation, joining in gratitude, and growing in joy … together.



MINISTRY SCHEDULE
December 31, January 1, 3 & 4, 2026

WEDNESDAY, December 31, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.
Reader: **T. Governale**
EM: **P. Burandt**
Musician: **V. Moreno, B. Webster**
Ushers: **T. Loscroscio**

THURSDAY, January 1, 2026 @ 11:00 a.m.
Reader: **C. Walters**
EM: **J. Walters**
Musician: **R. Nicholas, J. Ray**
Ushers: **J. Garvey**

SATURDAY, January 3 @ 4:00 p.m.
Reader: **R. Ward**
EM: **R. Ward**
Musician: **V. Moreno JR Gillogly**
Ushers: A. Lostroscio
G. Nagel
J. Wisneski

SUNDAY, January 4 @ 8:00A.M.
Reader: **M. Schultz**
EM: **J. Hartford**
Musicians: **R. Nicholas, J. Ray**
Ushers: R. Schenk
N. Wheeler
J. Drozdek

SUNDAY January 4 @ 10:00 A.M.
Reader: **T. Governale**
EM: **T. Stark**
Servers: **M. Leyva, L. Leyva**
Musician: **Choir**
Ushers: T. Stark
G. Little
T. Marcione

SUNDAY, January 4 @ NOON
Reader: **D. Adamski**
EM: **J. Garvey**
Server: **A. Adamski**
Musicians: **M. Ray**
Ushers: M. Adelman
S. Fitzmaurice
J. Garvey

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

Readings for the week of December 28, 2025

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13/Jn 1:1-18
Thursday: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 1:19-28
Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6/Jn 1:29-34
Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Observances for the week of December 28, 2025

Sunday: The Holy Family
Wednesday: St. Sylvester I, Pope; *New Year's Eve*
Thursday: Mary, The Holy Mother of God, New Year's Day, World Day of Peace
Friday: Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
Saturday: The Most Holy Name of Jesus
Next Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord

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, Joseph Tremback, Natalie Grycko, Dan Bryant, Craig Shelton, Mariana Gonzales, Claude Poulsen, Hillary Shelton, Barbara Majerczyk, Ted Stevenson, Thea Oprzedek, Michelle Bensinger, Isabel Simon, and Jeff M..

Confessing Sins

Question:
If I go to the Sacrament of Penance and end up repeating the same sins, does that mean I do not have a strong enough intention to amend my life?

Answer:
There is a popular expression that says, "Be patient. God isn't finished with me yet!" Growing in faith and holiness is an ongoing, life-long project, and our struggle with sin is at the heart of it. As St. Paul says, the good he intends to do, he does not do. The evil he does not intend, he does! It is not always a lack of intention, but more often the allure of evil that makes it difficult to change.

When we confess our sins, we are to come with a fully contrite heart. You need to reflect on your true feelings toward your actions before approaching the sacrament. After confession, there are strategies you can make to avoid falling into the same traps of sin. First, pray for and seek out strength and perseverance through multiple sacraments, charitable work, and personal sacrifice. Second, avoid occasions of sin when you might fail or be sorely tempted. In doing these things, remind yourself daily that it is a spiritual war we wage, and with God's grace, we will succeed.

Stewardship

December 14, 2025

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	**6630.00**
Weekly Average of all ACH	
And CC Transactions	**2799.00**
TOTAL	**$9,429.00**
($loose cash: 1,006.00)	

BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: $10.150.00

DEFICIT: (721.00)

Immaculate Conception: $1,476.00
Christmas; $410.00
Religious Retirement: $1, 085.00

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.

1st Friday Holy Hour
January 2, 2026
following the 12:05 pm Mass

God is inviting us to come to Him.

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is a close private conversation with the Risen Christ.

Spend a special hour with Him.

A ROUND OF APPLAUSE!!!!

Thank you to the "behind the scenes" people who made this Christmas beautiful. Whether you helped with decorating, sang or played at the Masses, or ministered in any way, we could not have had such a wonderful celebration of the birth of esus without you!

THANK YOU!!!
Thank you to the generous parishioners of St. Joseph!

We were able to send $1,200.00 in gift cards, plus an abundance of clothing, socks, games, toiletries, and other items to Catholic Charities Daybreak Center, the Veterans Association, and Needy families of the area.

Also, in 2025, Fish Pantry received over $1,000 in cash donations, and a plethora of canned goods and other

Reporting Sexual Abuse
Sexual abuse is a sin and a crime. Victims of sexual abuse, in addition to contacting civil authorities, are asked to come forward in order to receive pastoral assistance. The Church has a responsibility to help victims of sexual abuse and to ensure that offenders are brought to justice. Reports may be made to any pastor or to Mrs. Judith Speckman at 815-263-6467. Contact DCFS at 1-800-25-ABUSE.

Mary, the Holy Mother of God

This solemnity is a rather recent addition to the cycle of seasons, Sundays, and feasts in our liturgical year. We have Pope Paul VI to thank for the 1974 enshrining of the devotion to Mary into our calendar on January 1. It is also a day in our calendar as a World Day for Peace.

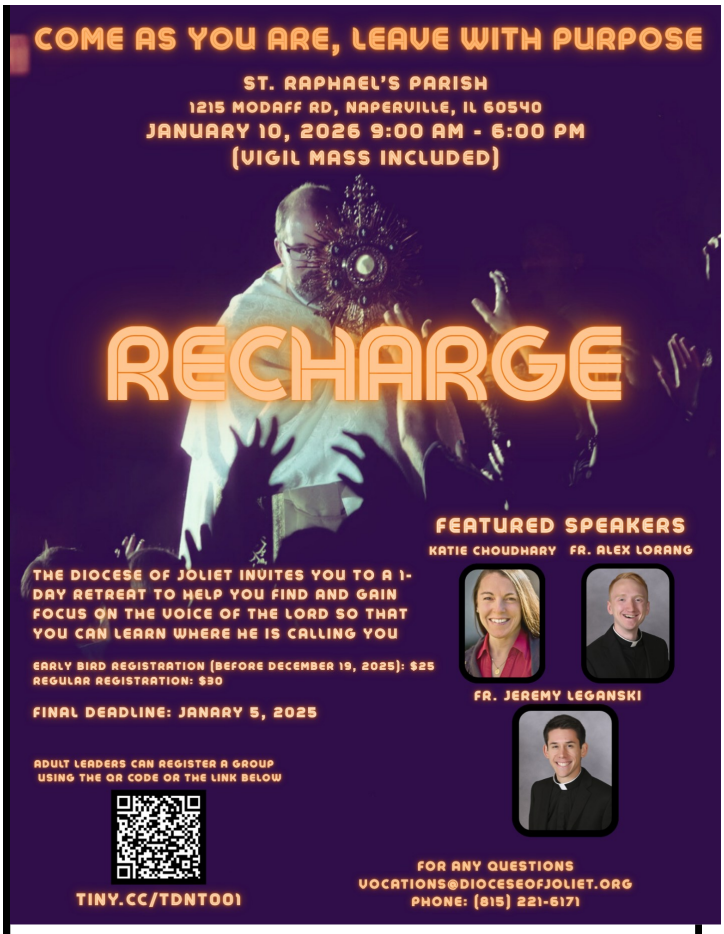
Let us pray...

God of heaven and earth,
you came to us and took our earthly flesh
through the gift of Mary's yes.
She is our Mother in faith,
as she is your earthly mother.

We are thankful beyond our ability to thank you
for the gift of her Son as our brother and savior.
Through her self-giving,
we have been reconciled to you.

Bless us as we begin this New Year
and endow us with the desire and ability
to create a world of peace.

We ask all this,
through the intercession of Mary to you,
one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Amen.



SAVE THE DATE!

Marian Village
BINGO BONANZA
Sunday, January 11, 2026

Doors open at 2;30 pm
Bingo begins at 3:00 pm

RSVP to Raychel Techman at

rtechman@franciscancommunities.org
Or calling
708-401-8622

15624 Marian Dr., Homer Glen, IL 6041

Admission; $5.00 per player

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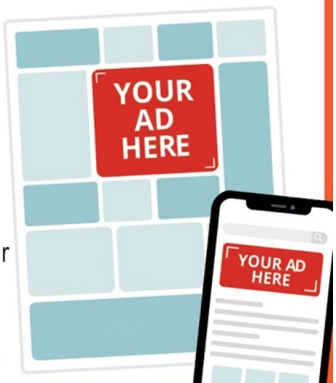
Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

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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