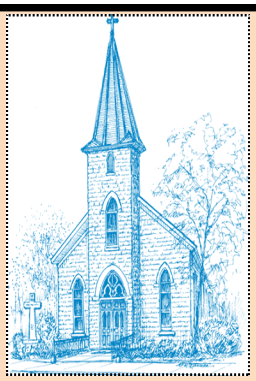

Welcome to

St. Joseph Catholic Parish

A Faith Community Since 1868

January 11, 2026

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
January 10-January 18, 2026

SATURDAY, January 10:	
4:00 p.m.	**+ Luke Patrick Smith by Nana & Papa**
	+ Joseph Kowalczyk by Daughter & Family
5:00 p.m.	**Confessions**
SUNDAY, January 11:	**The Baptism of the Lord**
8:00 a.m.	**+ Frank Kijowski by Nieces and Nephews**
10:00 a.m.	**+ Marianne Kowalkowski by Family**
	+ Jozef Reczek Anniv. Rem. by Daughter and Family
Noon	**+ Michael McGarry by Kevin & Lorna Finnegan**
	Justin Weck Jr. for Healing by Isabel, Tim, Kyle, & Kimberly
MONDAY, January 12:	
7:30 a.m.	**Suzanne Prudlow by Kat Smith**
TUESDAY, January 13:	St. Hilary
7:30 a.m.	**+ Patricia Surane by Therese Piazza**
8:30 a.m.	**School Mass**
WEDNESDAY, January 14:	
7:30 a.m.	**+ Jack 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, January 15:	
7:30 a.m.	**Intention Available**
6:30 p.m.	**Rosary with the Knights in Church**
FRIDAY, January 16:	
12:05 p.m.	**+ Genoveva Siazon by the Milo Family**
8:00 p.m.	**A. A. Meeting in Church Basement**
SATURDAY, January 17:	**St. Anthony**
4:00 p.m.	**+ Peter Tondini Birth. Rem. by Family**
	+ Walsh & Wisniowski Families by Janet Rice
SUNDAY, January 18:	**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 a.m.	**+ Frank & Cecilia Popek by Children and Grandchildren**
10:00 a.m.	**+ Guy Mace Jr. by John and Joan Mulryan Family**
	Suzanne Prudlow by KatSmith
Noon	**+ Matthew Weck & Nancilene Noel by Tim, Isabel, Kyle,**

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, Michelle Bensinger, Isabel Simon, Jeff M, and Suzanne Prudlow..

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
January 17 & 18

SATURDAY, January 17 @ 4:00 p.m.

Reader:	**D. Haag**
EM:	**L. Gawron**
Musician:	**V. Moreno B. Webster**
Servers:	**J. Glynn, C. Glynn**
Ushers:	A. Lostroscio
	G. Nagel
	J. Wisneski

SUNDAY, January 18 @ 8:00A.M.

Reader:	**P. Glynn**
EM:	**J. Hartford**
Server:	**E. Chesniak**
Musicians:	**R. Nicholas, Moira O'CP**
Ushers:	R. Schenk
	N. Wheeler
	J. Drozdek

SUNDAY January 18 @ 10:00 A.M.

Reader:	**R. Peterson**
EM:	**P. Ciciora**
Servers:	**J. Domenico, A. Domenico, H. Greske**
Musician:	**Choir**
Ushers:	T. Stark
	G. Little
	T. Marcione

SUNDAY, January 18 @ NOON

Reader:	**C. Walters**
EM:	**J. Walters**
Musicians:	**M. Ray**
Ushers:	M. Adelman
	S. Fitzmaurice
	J. Garvey

Readings for the week of January 11, 2026

Sunday:	Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17
Monday:	1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday:	Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2 and 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Observances for the week of January 11, 2026

Sunday:	The Baptism of the Lord
Tuesday:	St. Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Saturday:	St. Anthony, Abbot
Next Sunday:	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
JANUARY 25-JANUARY 31, 2026
UNITED IN FAITH AND COMMUNITY

"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Luke 18:15-17

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.

The Chili Cook-Off has been a great success in the past and we are asking for your help in continuing this community event again in 2026!

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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Mini reflection: When the voice of God declares, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," he is referring, of course, to Jesus. But I think He would say the same of John the Baptist — and of all those who welcome Jesus into the waters, ready to do as he bids.

When Jesus Wades In

Usually, when God comes to us, we aren't ready.

We think we are. Like John the Baptist, we stand in our waters of baptism, certain of our mission. We know how it's going to go. We know what's going to be asked of us. We're sure of it.

Christ wades into the waters. And he screws up all our plans.

To be clear, I don't think John the Baptist lacks faith when he balks at the idea of baptizing Jesus. I think it is, in fact, a testament to his humility. But whatever motivated John's actions, he is — if even for a brief moment — hesitating to do the will of God. Just a few chapters after this in the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus will acknowledge that John is the greatest person "born of women" — with the caveat that even he is not perfect enough for the Kingdom of Heaven.

Not yet.

Jesus didn't give John an explanation as the two stood in the River Jordan. He merely said, "Allow it for now." John could have resisted further, demanding to understand why. He could have grown suspicious at the simplicity of Jesus' answer, at the strangeness of this request. He could have clung desperately to his version of How Things Are Supposed To Be, and in doing so, fostered doubt in his heart. He could have even stormed off, confused and angry.

He did none of these things, because John is, as Jesus says, the greatest born of women.

When the Holy Spirit descends and the voice of God declares, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," he is referring, of course, to Jesus. But I think He would say the same of John the Baptist — and of all those who welcome Jesus into the waters, ready to do as he bids.

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CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the name for the formal letters in the New Testament sent to people and Christian communities?

Answer: Epistles.

Stewardship

December 28, 2025

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	**9495.00**
Weekly Average of all ACH	
And CC Transactions	**2799.00**
TOTAL	**$12, 294.00**

($loose cash: 1,151.00)

BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: $10.150.00

Immaculate Conception: $30.00
Christmas: $12,701.00

January 4, 2026

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	**9157.00**
Weekly Average of all ACH	
And CC Transactions	**2799.00**
TOTAL	**$11, 956.00**

($loose cash: 947.00)

BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: $10.150.00

Christmas: $597.00
Solemnity of Mary; $2,007.00
Debt/Campus Repair: $585.00
Religious Retirement: $25.00

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.

DECEMBER BAPTISMS

BENJAMIN PAUL FRISK
SON OF KARL & ABBY

ASHTON JOSIAH RIOLA
SON OF MICHAEL & AUDREY

SABRINA ROSE SMART
DAUGHTER OF KYLE & ALISSA

MAZEN DAWSON SZUBA
SON OF DANIEL & NADIA

We welcome you into our Catholic community!
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ROSARY WITH THE KNIGHTS

Come join
the Knights of Columbus
St. Joseph Holy Name Council
#18043
for an evening Rosary.

Thursday, January 15, 6:30 p.m.

Enter through the church side door on 5th Street

With regular practice, the rosary becomes a habit that shapes our minds, softens our hearts, and opens our souls to God's grace. By committing to even one decade of the rosary daily, we invite divine peace, patience, and strength into our lives, transforming our thoughts and actions to reflect more fully the love of Christ.

Choosing Presence (Men's Retreat)
January 23-25, 2026
Carmelite Spiritual Center
8419 Bailey Road · Darien, Illinois · 630-969-4141
Event Phone: 800-431-8720

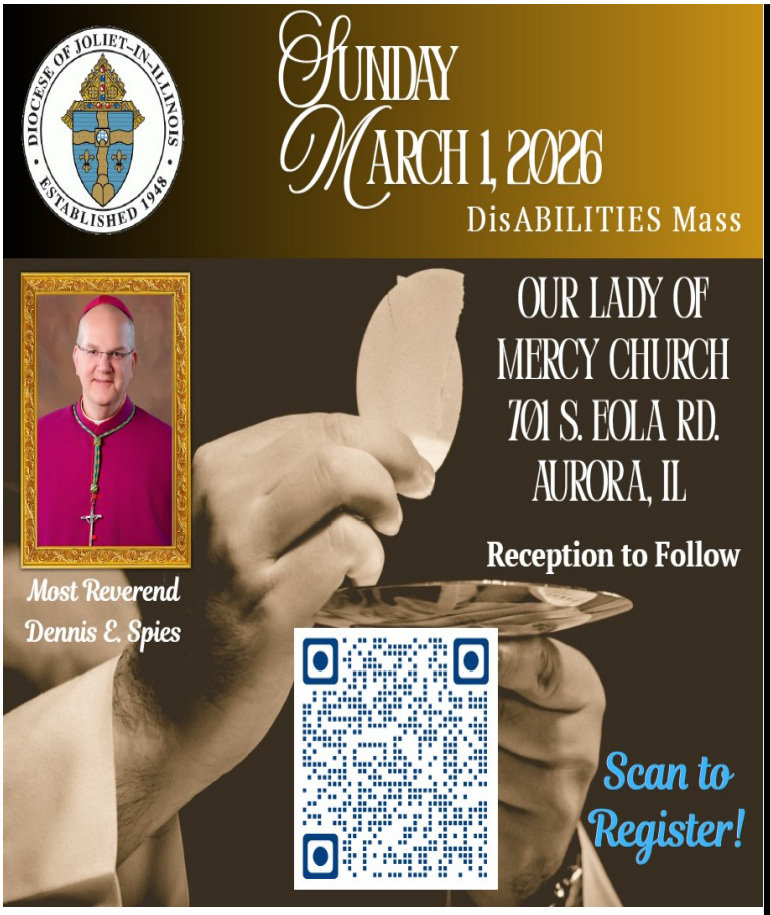
A Retreat for ALL Men (Sponsored by the St. Thomas Men's Group and Illuman of Illinois

We need to stop sleep-walking through life. Awakening to presence within and around us is critical to being human, holy, and alive.

Practicing Presence invites men to slow down, breath deeply, and awaken to the transforming power and gift of Divine Presence. Through engaging guided practices, councils, wandering in nature, and sacred ritual, participants will learn to cultivate a rhythm of meditation and centering, described in Jim Heany's book *Choosing Presence.* — *Sign up early – Open to all Men!*

Cost: Room rates are $290 (double occupancy) and $370 (single occupancy). These rates include: the sleeping room, five meals and the program. A commuter rate is also available for $235 (this includes the program and 5 meals).

Check-in opens at 5 p.m. Friday and the meals start with a 6 p.m. dinner on Friday evening. The retreat ends after noon lunch on Sunday.



SENIOR VOICE Empowering Lockport Seniors

NEED A RIDE? Use the Lockport Township Senior Transportation System to stay connected with safe, curb-to-curb transportation for residents aged 55 and older. For just $2 per round-trip (plus $1 for additional stops), seniors can enjoy rides to health facilities and local businesses. All buses are wheelchair accessible—call Lockport Township at (815) 293-6320 to make your reservation.

NEW SOLID WASTE CONTRACT SAVINGS FOR SENIORS The City of Lockport recently went out for bid for its solid waste collection contract, and Waste Management has once again been awarded the bid. As part of the new agreement, Waste Management will maintain the same collection rate for non-senior households during the first year, while lowering the rate for senior households. You will see this change on your January bill if you are enrolled in the senior water discount program. This adjustment reflects Waste Management's continued partnership with the City and its commitment to supporting residents on fixed incomes.

SENIOR DISCOUNT ON WATER BILLS Lockport senior citizens can receive 50% OFF the water rate up to 3,000 gallons. Visit city hall (or email us) to apply and start saving on your water bill today. To qualify, applicants must: 3 Be 65 years of age or older 3 Reside in a single-family home, duplex, or multi-dwelling unit 3 Apply in person and present proof of identification, or send us a picture of your identification by email to wateradmin@lockport.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.

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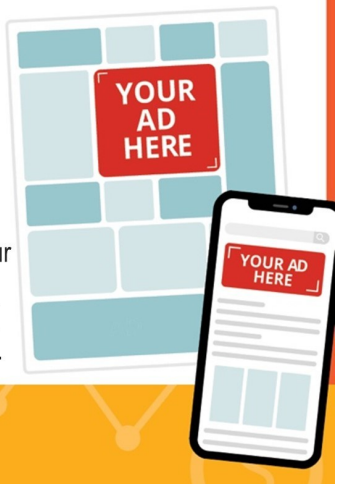
Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

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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