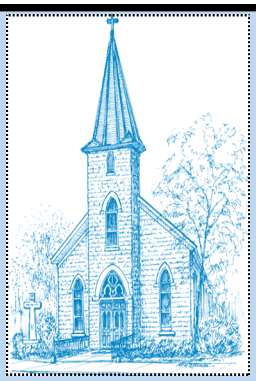

Welcome to

St. Joseph Catholic Parish

A Faith Community Since 1868

February 1, 2026

4TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven." - Mt 5:10-12a

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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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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 31—February 8, 2026, 2026

SATURDAY, January 31: St. John Bosco
11:00 a.m. **Private Baptism in Church**
2:30 p.m. **Bertino/Munsell Wedding Service in Church**
4:00 p.m. **+ Luke Patrick Smith Birth. Rem. by Nana & Papa**
5:00 p.m. **Confessions**

SUNDAY, February 1: **4th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 a.m. **+ Doc & Sophie Morris by George, Shirley, and Grandchildren**
10:00 a.m. **+ Joseph Dolan by Friends of Patrick**
Noon **+ Judith Marie Conway by Rita Hatzopoulos**

MONDAY, February 2: The Presentation of the Lord; World Day for Consecrated Life
7:30 a.m. **+ R.A. Nicholas by Richard Nicholas**

TUESDAY, February 3: St. Blaise
7:30 a.m. **+ Monica Becker by Richard Nicholas**

WEDNESDAY, February 4:
7:30 a.m. **+ Michele Waszak Anniv. Rem. by the Waszak Family**
9:30 a.m. **A.A. Meeting in Church Basement**
4:45 p.m. **R.E. Classes in School**

THURSDAY, February 5: St. Agatha
7:30 a.m. **Special Intentions by Richard Nicholas**
+ Phil Forni by Clif & Elaine Kilian

FRIDAY, February 6: 1st Friday; St. Paul Miki & Companions
12:05 p.m. **+ Dola & Lily Natividad by the Milo Family**
Tiby & Amala for God's Blessings
8:00 p.m. **A. A. Meeting in Church Basement**

SATURDAY, February 7:
4:00 p.m. **+ Ralph Grant Anniv. Rem. by Family**
+ Richard Favero Birth. Rem. by Family
+ Ray Aspel by Clif & Elaine Kilian
Confirmation Interviews

SUNDAY, February 8: **5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 a.m. **+ LaVerne Showalter by Friends**
+ Maria & Krystow Kraj by Family
10:00 a.m. **+ Wesley Loboz by Wife & Family**
+ Marianne Kowalkowski by Family
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, Marilyn Carrigan, Dan Bryant, Craig Shelton, Mariana Gonzales, Claude Poulsen, Hillary Shelton, Barbara Majerczyk, Ted Stevenson, Michelle Bensinger., and Andre Schlinker.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
February 7 & 8

SATURDAY, February 7 @ 4:00 p.m.

Reader:	**E. Long**
EM:	**L. Gawron**
Servers;	**C. Glynn, J. Glynn, J. Abarca**
Musician:	**V. Moreno**
Ushers:	A. Lostroscio
	G. Nagel
	J. Wisneski

SUNDAY, February 8 @ 8:00A.M.

Reader:	**M. Schultz**
EM:	**J. Drozdek**
Musicians:	**R. Nicholas, J. Ray**
Ushers:	R. Schenk
	N. Wheeler
	J. Drozdek

SUNDAY February 8@ 10:00 A.M.

Reader:	**R. Peterson**
EM:	**P. Ciciora**
Servers:	**L. Leyva, M. Leyva, I. Oprzedek**
Musician:	**Choir**
Ushers:	T. Stark
	G. Little
	T. Marcione

SUNDAY, February 8 @ NOON

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

FRIDAY, February 6, 2026

1st FRIDAY HOLY HOUR
Following the 12:05 pm Mass

Spend an hour with the Lord in Silent prayer, Eucharistic adoration, and Benediction.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES ANNUAL APPEAL

Beyond All Expectations: Faith that Elevates!

As the Diocese of Joliet launches the 2026 CMAA, we are humbly asking all parishioners to pledge their support for this important effort , as together we can make a profound difference.

Please review the materials you receive in the mail and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year's annual appeal.

Readings for the week of February 1, 2026

Sunday:	Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6c-7, 8-9a, 9b-10/1 Cor 1:26-31/ Mt 5:1-12a
Monday:	Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/ Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Tuesday:	2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/ Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday:	2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/ Mk 6:1-6
Thursday:	1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
Friday:	Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/ Mk 6:14-29
Saturday:	1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/ Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday:	Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/ 1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Observances for the week of February 1, 2026

Sunday:	4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	The Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life
Tuesday:	St. Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; St. Ansgar, Bishop
Thursday:	St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Friday:	St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Next Sunday:	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time;

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 2026

DisABILITIES MASS

Please join Bishop Spies in a special Mass for persons with disabilities and their families.

The Mass for Persons with Disabilities will be held at Our Lady of Mercy, Aurora, IL at 2:00pm on Sunday, March 1, 2026. Refreshments and fellowship to follow. Please contact us with any special accommodation requests.

All are welcome!

Our Lady of Mercy
701 S. Eola Road
Aurora. IL 60504
630.851.3444

Mini reflection: How similar we all are in sin. How similar we all are in potential. How different we look to the world. And yet, how wondrous it is that we are all offered the same hope: "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in Heaven."

What Stays the Same

Somewhere, there is a monk whose life is very quiet and who devotes long hours to prayer. And somewhere there is a nun, cloistered in a life of contemplation, who speaks very little except to God.

Somewhere, there is a father whose days are filled with noise, who hasn't finished a Rosary in years because he keeps falling asleep. Somewhere there is a mother whose voice is weak with giving direction and offering counsel.

Somewhere, there is a teenage girl with much to say, but few people to listen — fewer, at least, than she would like.

Somewhere there is a woman who holds a positive pregnancy test in one hand and a phone in the other, and somewhere there is a man on the other end of that phone who waits for her to speak.

In the Beatitudes, Jesus utilizes a literary device called *anaphora*. Both as a reader and a writer, I love anaphora. It's a clean, unfussy way to communicate a point. By repeating the same word or phrase at the beginning of successive clauses, you're basically saying the same thing over and over again, just a little bit differently each time. Those small differences tease at your audience's brain, gently highlighting the consistencies.

Discipleship is a lot like anaphora. It's the differences — those little aberrations from person to person, life to life — that so beautifully illustrate what remains the same across the broad spectrum of what it means to live out the Beatitudes.

Me. You. The monk. The nun. The father. The mother. The lonely girl. The man and woman who decided their own future without realizing it. How similar we all are in sin. How similar we all are in potential. How different we look to the world.

And yet, how wondrous it is that we are all offered the same hope: "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in Heaven."

CATHOLIC TRIVIA
JUST FOR FUN

Question: Who were the very first people to visit Jesus after he was born?

Answer: Two local shepherds who were told about Jesus by an angel

Stewardship

January 25, 2026

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	**5104.00**
Weekly Average of all ACH And CC Transactions	**2799.00**
TOTAL	**$7,903.00**

($loose cash: 1,018.00)

BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: $10.150.00

DEFICIT: (2,247.00)

Church in Latin America: $582.00

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.

The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is an ancient celebration in the Church. It is also called Candlemas because, on this day, candles are blessed in many parishes. These candles remind us that Jesus is the Light of the World. **The feast is celebrated on February 2, forty days after Christmas. It** recalls the day when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem to present Him to God.

This event is rooted in Jewish tradition. According to the Law of Moses, every firstborn son belonged to God. Jewish parents were to bring their son to the Temple and offer a small sacrifice in thanksgiving. By bringing Jesus to the Temple, Mary and Joseph followed God's law faithfully. This act shows

St. Blaise: February 3

Saint Blaise was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia during the fourth century. Very little is known about his life. According to various accounts he was a physician before becoming a bshop. His religion spread through the entire church in the Middle Ages because he was reputed to have miraculously cured a little boy who nearly died because of a fishbone in his throat. From the eighth century, he has been invoked on behalf of the sick, especially those afflicted with illnesses of the throat.

DIOCESE OF JOLIET

Fast and Abstinence Regulations

1. 1. Everyone 14 years of age or over is bound to abstain from meat on ***Ash Wednesday*** and all the ***Fridays of Lent***.
2. 2. Everyone 18 years of age and under 59 years of age is bound to fast and to abstain on ***Ash Wednesday*** and ***Good Friday***.
3. 3. On ***Ash Wednesday*** and ***Good Friday***, only one full meatless meal is allowed. Two other meatless meals, sufficient to maintain strength, may be taken according to each one's needs, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted on these two days, but liquids, including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or ability to work would be seriously affected, the law does not oblige.
4. 4. To disregard completely the law of fast and abstinence is seriously sinful.

Lent is the principal season of penance in the Christian year; all, in addition to following the Lenten regulations, are strongly urged to develop and follow a program of voluntary self-denial, serious prayer, and a performance of works of charity and mercy.

SIMPLE SOUP AND STATIONS

Stations of the Cross begin on Friday, February 20 at 7:00 pm. Stations of the Cross is one of many tools that can help you in the journey of Lent by bringing you through a spiritual pilgrimage of the Passion of Christ.

Please join the Knights of Columbus each Friday during Lent in a simple soup dinner beforehand. Come to the church basement between 6:00 & 6:30 pm . Share camaraderie and a bowl of meatless soup with your fellow parishioners.

There is no cost for the meal, but a free will offering will be gladly accepted.

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS
EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT DURING LENT
AT 7:00 P.M.
IN CHURCH

ST. JOSEPH PARISH
CHILI COOK OFF 2026
Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

FEBRUARY 28
5:00 PM
ACTIVITY CENTER

Adults: $10.00
Children 14 & under: free

Enjoy camaraderie with friends!

Music, cash bar, hot dogs, split the pot, raffle baskets!

Childrens' Activities

Care to help out that night? Join the team of volunteers! It's fun!

Call the rectory at
815-838-0187
for further information

Ash Wednesday
February 18

St. Joseph Church

6:30 am Mass
12:05 pm Mass
5:30 pm Word Service

St. Dennis Church

7:30 am Mass
Noon Word Service
7:00 pm Mass

(tentative)

SPRING IS ON ITS WAY!

ALL ADULTS OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED TO A LUNCHEON AT COOM'S CORNER

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 19
NOON

COST: $15.00

Call Jean at the rectory if you are planning to attend!
815-838-0187

BLESS US O'LORD

With your help, St. Joseph Church is scheduled to serve dinner for the guests of **DAYBREAK** on Wednesday, February 18, 2026. The menu for this month will be mostaccioli with meatballs or Italian sausage, with breakfast foods for the next morning. We are expecting more than 80 people, and the following items are needed for the dinner:

6 bags of frozen meatballs
6 boxes of mostaccioli
8 large jars of spaghetti sauce
6 cans of green beans
6 bags of salad mix
3 jars of salad dressing
8 loaves of garlic or French bread
Fresh fruit of any kind
Dessert items such as cookies, brownies, etc.
2 gallons of milk
4 gallons of orange juice
4 dozen hard boiled eggs
Breakfast items such as, donuts, coffee cakes, boxes of cereal, etc.

Please notify the rectory at 815-838-0187 if you would like to donate food items or volunteer to help. Donations should be brought to the rectory on Tuesday, February 17h or Wednesday, February 18 labeled **DAYBREAK** and the name of the contributor. Many blessings for your help.

Planning has begun for this year's Annual Auction! We are currently collecting donations for our auction baskets. If you'd like to contribute, please visit the link below to view basket themes and sign up to donate. Drop off donations to the parish office. If you have any questions, please email sdjauction@gmail.com; or go to "Find a sign up@www.signupgenius.com"

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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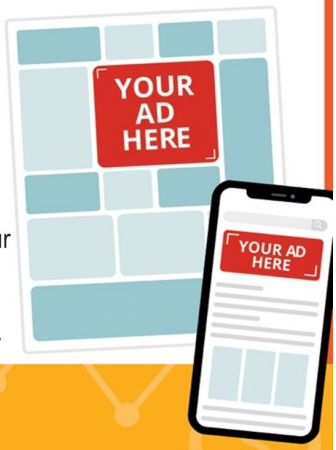
Julie Blanford from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



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