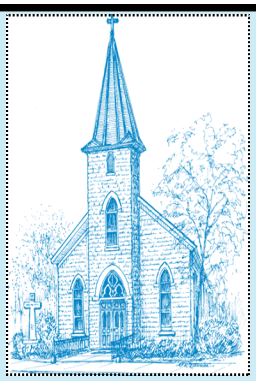

Welcome to

St. Joseph Catholic Parish

A Faith Community Since 1868

February 8, 2026

5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden."
- Mt 5:14

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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
February 7-February 15, 2026

SATURDAY, February 7:
Confirmation Interviews
4:00 p.m. **+ Ralph Grant Anniv. Rem. by Family**
+ Richard Favero Birth. Rem. by Family
5:00 p.m. **Confessions**

SUNDAY, February 8: **5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 a.m. **+ LaVerne Showalter by a Friend**
+ Maria & Krzystow Kraj by Family
10:00 a.m. **+ Wesley Loboz by Wife & Family**
+ Marianne Kowalkowski by Family
Noon **The Parish Family**
Knights of Columbus Tamale Sales

MONDAY, February 9:
7:30 a.m. **+ Philip O'Keefe Anniv. Rem. by Peggy**
+ Noreen Piazza by Therese Piazza

TUESDAY, February 10: St. Scholastica
7:30 a.m. **Tiby & Amala for God's Blessings**
7:00 p.m. **Parent Meeting for 2027 Confirmation Candidates in Church**

WEDNESDAY, February 11: Our Lady of Lourdes
7:30 a.m. **For All OCIA Candidates**
9:30 a.m. **A.A. Meeting in Church Basement**
4:45 p.m. **R.E. Classes in School**

THURSDAY, February 12:
7:30 a.m. **+ Adolph Kilian by the Kilian Family**

FRIDAY, February 13.
12:05 p.m. **+ Jim Tierney Anniv. Rem. by Mary Kay Tierney**
8:00 p.m. **A. A. Meeting in Church Basement**

SATURDAY, February 14: Sts. Cyril & Methodius
4:00 p.m. **+ Carol Berman Anniv. Rem. by Husband Bill**
+ Goldie Pearl Kilian by the Kilian Family
For All Marriages by the Oprzedek Family

SUNDAY, February 15: **6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 a.m. **+ Ted Koziel by Wife & Family**
Special Intentions by Richard Nicholas
10:00 a.m. **+ Leon Andreshak Birth. Rem. by Family**
+ Maria, Joseph, & Andrew Dziadkowiec Anniv. Rem. by Family
Noon **+ Dominick Devincenzi by Family**
1:00 p.m. **Baptisms in Church**

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, Rosalie Devincenzi, 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, Andre Schlinker, Michelle Marusak, Dennis Strode, Patrick Marusak, and Wells Adelmann.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
February 14 & 15

SATURDAY, February 14 @ 4:00 p.m.
Reader: **D. Haag**
EM: **L. Gawron**
Musician: **V. Moreno JR Gillogly**
Ushers: A. Lostroscio
G. Nagel
J. Wisneski

SUNDAY, February 15 @ 8:00A.M.
Reader: **P. Glynn**
EM: **J. Hartford**
Musicians: **R. Nicholas, J. Ray**
Ushers: R. Schenk
N. Wheeler
J. Drozdek

SUNDAY February 15 @ 10:00 A.M.
Reader: **T. Governale**
EM: **T. Stark**
Musician: **Choir**
Ushers: T. Stark
G. Little
T. Marcione

SUNDAY, February 15 @ NOON
Deacon: **Deacon Nick**
Reader: **D. Adamski**
EM: **Deacon Nick**
Servers: **C. Kashirsky, L. Connors, A. Adamski**
Musicians: **M. Ray, Children's Choir**
Ushers: M. Adelman
S. Fitzmaurice
J. Garvey

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!

Children's 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

Readings for the week of February 8, 2026

Sunday:	Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16
Monday:	1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/ Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday:	1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday:	1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23
Thursday:	1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30
Friday:	1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/ Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37
Saturday:	1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10
Next Sunday:	Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Observances for the week of February 8, 2026

Sunday:	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time; World Marriage Day
Tuesday:	St. Scholastica, Virgin
Wednesday:	Our Lady of Lourdes
Saturday:	Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop; *Valentine's Day*
Next Sunday:	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

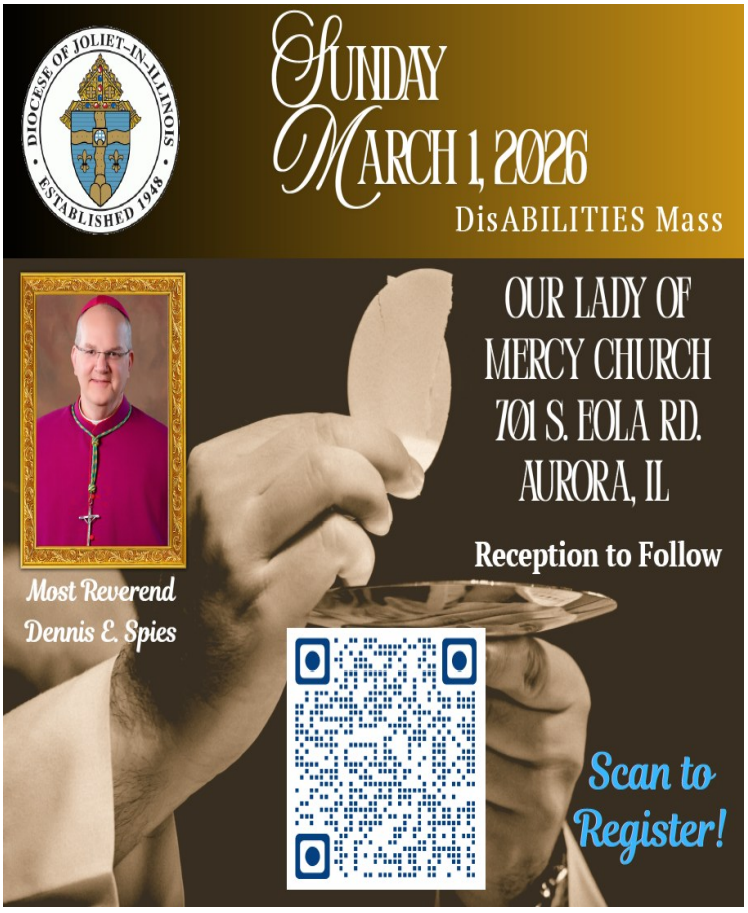
Call Jean at the rectory if you are planning to attend!
815-838-0187

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.



Stewardship

February 1, 2026

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	**8694.00**
Weekly Average of all ACH And CC Transactions	**2799.00**
TOTAL	**$11,493.00**

($loose cash: 913.00)

BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: $10.150.00

Catholic Relief: $2.00
Latin America: $105.00
Debt/Campus Repair: $25.00
Solemnity of Mary: $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.

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"

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

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

Come and Pray the Rosary with the Knights of Columbus

Lent has begun. What better way to begin your Lenten journey?

The Knights of Columbus invite you to pray the rosary with them on Thursday, February 19 in church at 6:30 p.m.. Please enter through the side door.

DIOCESE OF JOLIET

Fast and Abstinence Regulations

1. 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. 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. 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. 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.

Question:
Are near-death experiences real?

Answer:
There is a lot of curiosity and fascination with the idea of an afterlife and communicating with those who have died. In movies, television shows, and numerous books, people make claims about their ability to communicate with the dead, or having had a near-death experience. There is no objective way to verify any of this. While details about people and events can be surprisingly accurate, it is just circumstantial evidence that might be explained in other ways.

On the other hand, when people have unusual experiences, sometimes called near-death or out-of-body, it is real to them. They react with the emotions and thoughts that one would expect. At times, they report details they could not have known any other way, such as bits of conversation, or meeting people they had never known in this life. So certainly, to the person, they experience something. We believe in a life after death, we believe in the communion of saints. These things are not a contradiction to faith, but we should not base our faith on them, nor change our beliefs. They are unexplained and will likely remain so.

Question: How many votes are needed in a papal conclave to elect a new pope?

Answer: A two-thirds majority.

FLOWERS FOR ST. JOSEPH CHURCH DURING THE EASTER SEASON

This Easter season, you have the opportunity to remember and honor a loved one by donating to our Easter Flower Fund. With your donation, your loved one will be remembered at Easter.

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 **Easter Flowers**. If you prefer, you may also email your request to

jgenty@stjosephlockport.org

Please submit the form by **Monday March 30** and their names will be published in the bulletin on Easter.

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TWO-DAY "2026 DEAF RETREAT"
FEBRUARY 21-22, 2026

Join the Diocese of Joliet Deaf Ministry and Monsignor Nelson for a Lenten Retreat at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien, IL. The retreat takes place from Saturday, 2/21/26 through Sunday, 2/22/26 and includes talks, fellowship, and the sacraments. Please note that there will be no ASL Voice Interpretation provided at this event. Contact: 815-221-6165 or vayala@dioceseofjoliet.org 2 https://catechesis.diojoliet.org/doj-deaf-ministry

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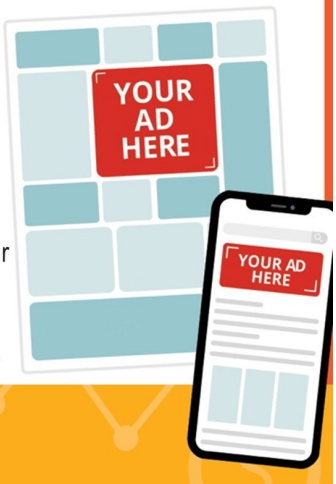
Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

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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