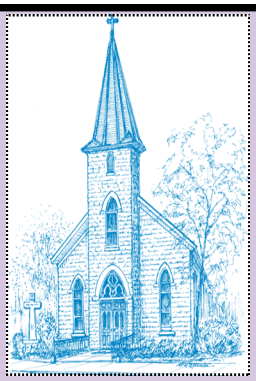

Welcome to

St. Joseph Catholic Parish

A Faith Community Since 1868

March 1, 2026

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." - Mt 17:5b

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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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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. 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
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Deacon Dennis	John Walters

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MASSES, INTENTIONS, AND EVENTS
February 28-March 8, 2026

SATURDAY, February 28:
4:00 p.m. **Terry & Kerry Brehn Wedd. Anniv. Congrats. by the Kilian Family**
5:00 p.m. **Confessions**
5:00 p.m. **CHILI COOK-OFF IN ACTIVITY CENTER**

SUNDAY, March 1: **2nd Sunday of Lent**
8:00 a.m. **The Parish Family**
10:00 a.m. **+ JoEllyn M. Stefanski by the Hubbard Family**
Noon **OCIA & Confirmation candidates**

MONDAY, March 2:
7:30 a.m. **Fr. Tom McGivney by the Milo Family**

TUESDAY, March 3: St. Katharine Drexel
7:30 a.m. **Special Intentions for Bishop Spies & Bishop Hicks by the Garvey Family**

WEDNESDAY, March 4: St. Casimir
7:30 a.m. **All Priests of the Diocese of Joliet by the Garvey Family**
9:30 a.m. **A.A. Meeting in Church Basement**

THURSDAY, March 5:
7:30 a.m. **Special Intentions**

FRIDAY, March 6: First Friday, World Day of Prayer
12:05 p.m. **+ Joann Rembles by a Friend**
6:30 p.m. **Simple Soup Dinner in Church Basement**
7:00 p.m. **Stations of the Cross in Church**
8:00 p.m. **A. A. Meeting in Church Basement**

SATURDAY, March 7: Sts. Perpetua & Felicity
4:00 p.m. **+ Ron & Jim Rego by Family**
In Thanksgiving for Favors Granted by the Favero/Rodewald Families
5:00 p.m. **Confessions in Church**

SUNDAY, March 8: **3rd Sunday of Lent**
8:00 a.m. **The Parish Family**
10:00 a.m. **+ Marianne Kowalkowski by Family**
Nicholas Prohl Birth. Congrats. by Family
Noon **+ Sharon DiGiacoma Anniv. Rem. by Pat & Len Wrona**

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
March 7 & 8

SUNDAY, March 7 @ 4:00 P.M.

Reader:	**D. Haag**
EM:	**L. Gawron**
Servers:	**C. Belsan, E. Belsan**
Musician:	**K. Clark**
Ushers:	A. Lostroscio
	G. Nagel
	J. Wisneski

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

Reader:	**NEEDED**
Server:	**E. Chesniak**
EM:	**J. Drozdek**
Musicians:	**R. Nicholas, J. Ray**
Ushers:	R. Schenk
	N. Wheeler
	J. Drozdek

SUNDAY March 8 @ 10:00 A.M.

Reader:	**D. Adamski**
EM:	**P. Ciciora**
Servers:	**A. Adamski, M. Leyva, L. Leyva**
Musician:	**Choir**
Ushers:	T. Stark
	G. Little
	T. Marcione

SUNDAY, March 8@ NOON

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

Readings for the week of March 1, 2026

Sunday:	Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9
Monday:	Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/ Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday:	Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday:	Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/ Mt 20:17-28
Thursday:	Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
Friday:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Next Sunday:	Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Observances for the week of March 1, 2026

Sunday:	2nd Sunday of Lent
Tuesday:	St. Katharine Drexel, Virgin
Wednesday:	St. Casimir
Saturday:	Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs
Next Sunday:	3rd Sunday of Lent; *Daylight Saving Time begins*

Mini reflection: It's not our job to bring the world to the Truth. It's our job to bring the Truth into the world. What a tragedy it would be, if Truth only lived on the mountaintop.

Three Tents

You guys, I was *such* a good Catholic at the National Eucharistic Congress.

Mass every day? Check. Rosary every day? Check (and check — we said a lot of rosaries). Deep thoughts and deep conversations about God with total strangers? Check. Hours in adoration reflecting on the state of my soul? Check.

When I went to Indianapolis in the summer of 2024 to cover the NEC for our archdiocesan newspaper, I knew it would be a fun and spiritually rich experience. But I didn't expect that it would make me think differently about my whole life (and afterlife). And when people ask me why — "What happened in Indianapolis that changed you?" — I can only tell them this: I spent time with God.

Of course, I do all these things in my regular life at home, too. I try to be a good Catholic here. But good grief, it's a lot harder. In Indianapolis, I didn't have a calendar full of appointments and to-do lists that filled me with dread. I didn't have the world crowding around me, grasping at my attention and my will.

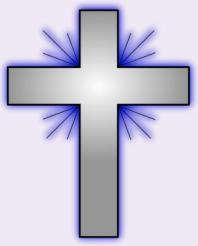
Indianapolis was the mountain, and if I could have, I would have built three tents.

So I understand Peter's feelings at the Transfiguration. He's thrilled — he sees it all clearly now. Here is the fullness of Truth, revealed in all its glory, and he's ready to start bringing groups of tourists up to see it. He's ready to bring people to Christ. But in the blood-soaked, fear-filled days to come, Peter will realize that it's not his job to bring the world to the Truth. His job is to bring the Truth into the world.

LENTEN ALMSGIVING AT ST. JOSEPH

The **Will-Grundy Medical Clinic,** located at 213 East Casas Street in Joliet is asking that our community come together and donate clothing that brings comfort and dignity to those living on the streets. Your contribution can help someone stay warm this season. Items need for male and female clients:

sweatshirts
t-shirts—long-sleeved
Sweatpants
Undergarments
Shoes
Jackets
Coats
Blankets
Comforters
Sleeping bags
chapstick
Travel-size toiletries.



AREA NURSING HOMES WISH LIST:

"FUN" SOCKS FOR THEIR RESIDENTS
SMALL BAGS OF Easter candy

GIFT CARDS ARE ALSO WELCOME!

There is a bin in back of church for your donations. A full list of requested items is also posted. Thank you for your generosity to others!

(We ask that these items are new—not used)

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

EVERY SATURDAY FOLLOWING THE 4:00 PM MASS

(except Saturday April 4)

FRIDAY, APRIL 3
NOON

Lent is the time of year when God obligates us to prepare our hearts and to purify our souls so that we are ready to receive Our Lord in His glorious coming at Easter. There's no time to delay. The Bible says, "Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2).

Stewardship

February 22, 2026

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	**6072.00**
Weekly Average of all ACH And CC Transactions	**2799.00**
TOTAL	**$8,871.00**
($loose cash: 830.00)	

BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: $10.150.00

DEFICIT: ($1,279.00)

Debt/Campus Repairs: $20.00

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.

SIMPLE SOUP AND STATIONS

Stations of the Cross began 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.

BLESSING OF THE FOOD BASKETS

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

10:30 A.M. IN CHURCH

SDJCA presents
A HOLLYWOOD
RED CARPET EVENING
MARCH 21, 2026
DINOLFO"S BANQUETS
HOMER GLEN
6 PM

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"

MAKE

How Do We MAKE Disciples for Jesus?

What: Join us for a conversation with Auxiliary Bishop Dennis Spies on how to make disciples for Jesus in the Diocese of Joliet. Continuing the legacy of Archbishop Ron Hicks of New York, the event will focus on common questions about putting our faith into action and making disciples in our parish communities.

Where: St. Mary Immaculate Parish, 15629 Illinois Route 59, Plainfield, IL

When: Thurs., March 5, 6:30-8 pm

Scan the QR Code to RSVP

MAKE is a call to action—rooted in Catechesis, Evangelization, and Faith into Action—to follow Jesus' Great Commission to go and make disciples (Matthew 28:19-20).

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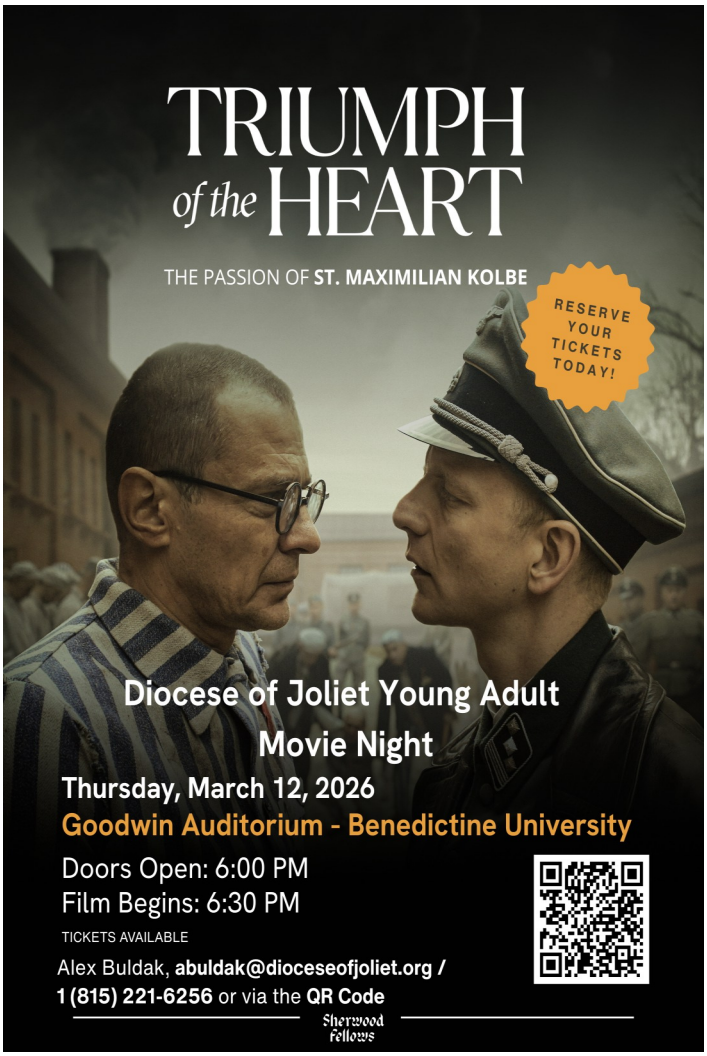

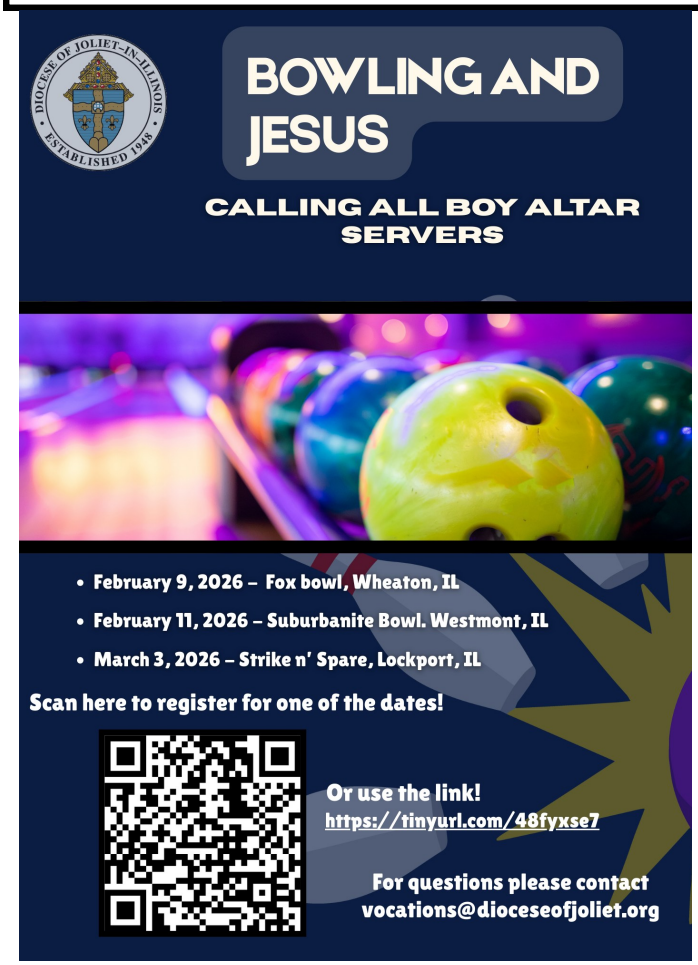

FLOWERS FOR ST. JOSEPH CHURCH DURING THE EASTER SEASON

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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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.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS ON SUNDAY, MARCH 8 AT 2 A.M.

"SPRING FORWARD" TO CREATE AN EXTRA HOUR OF DAYLIGHT!

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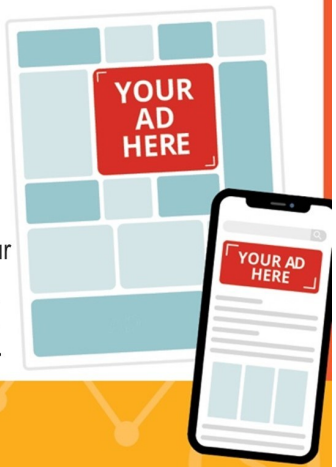
Julie Blanford from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



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