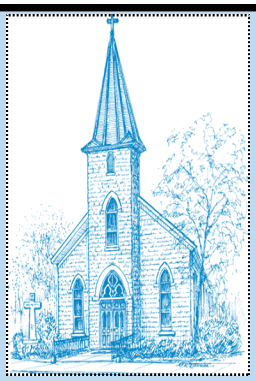

Welcome to

St. Joseph Catholic Parish

A Faith Community Since 1868

March 15, 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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SDJCA NEWS

March 2026 Edition

We are SDJCA.

Top left:: **PRAY ~ FAST ~ GIVE** We began our Lenten journey together on Ash Wednesday and share our Lenten promises each day as we fast, pray and give. Each Lenten link represents a Lenten promise from our students. The chains run through our campus hallways to remind of the sacredness of the season. Our students are offered reconciliation and weekly Stations of the Cross to prepare our hearts for Easter.

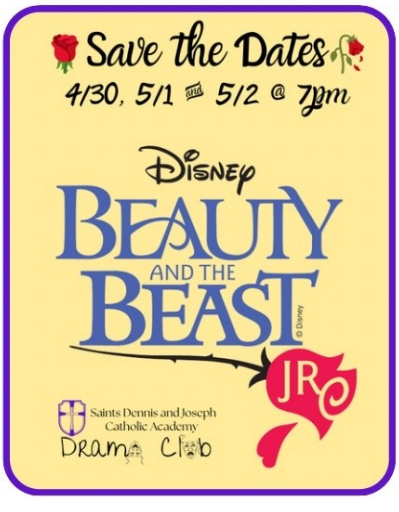
Top Right: **SEALED WITH THE GIFT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**
Congratulations to our 8th graders on their Sacrament of Confirmation! May their hearts be filled with love and always be guided by the Holy Spirit. Thank you to our students and faculty who served the Mass with Bishop Spies, Fr. Dan and Fr. Tom.

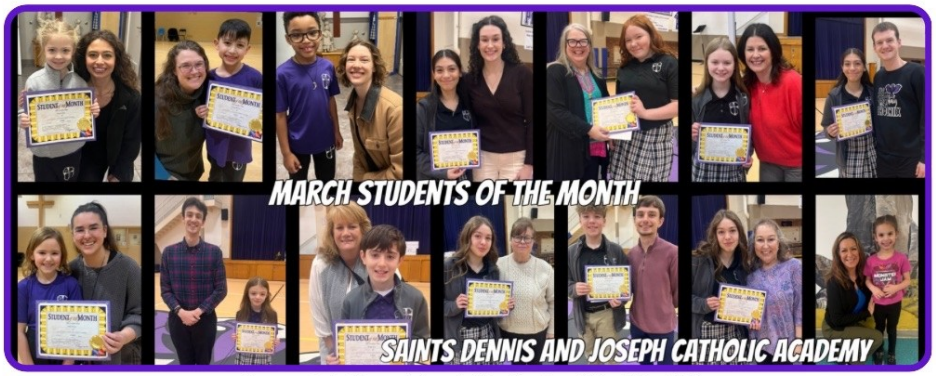
Above: For our third consecutive year, as we 'Celebrated Our Community' during Catholic Schools Week, we held another **COIN WAR** fundraiser from pre-school through 8th grade. In true SDJCA fashion, we certainly showed our giving (and competitive) spirits, raising $2,334.42 ! This week, we presented a check to Silver Cross Hospital, benefitting The Amy, Matthew & Jay Vana Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Students of the Month from the winning classes (3rd & 8th) participated. We are so proud of our school community efforts for such a great cause.
Let's continue to do great things together.

Lights, Camera, Auction!

Sts. Dennis and Joseph
Dinner, Dance, Auction
Saturday, March 21st

All of our silent auction items and raffles will be available to bid on starting March 16th. All items are displayed on Givesmart.com and you do not need to be present to win! Please scan the QR code below to access and start bidding. Raffle tickets can be turned in to either parish office until Friday, March 20th





Congratulations, March Students of the Month!
ELC– Rooney S., K – Olivia C., 1 – Franco D., 2 - Chase J., 3 - Sadie S., 4 - Olivia B., 5 - Brody L., JH ELA - Alicia J., JH Math - Rebecca Z., JH Science - Dani H., JH Social Studies - James T., Art - Alicia J., Music - Eloise C., P.E. - Rebecca Z.

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MASSES, INTENTIONS, AND EVENTS
March 14-March 22, 2026

SATURDAY, March 14:	
4:00 p.m.	**+ Joseph Bulik by Chris Marszalek**
	+ Vicki Lee Forni by the Kilian Family
5:00 p.m.	**Confessions**
SUNDAY, March 15:	**4th Sunday of Lent**
8:00 a.m.	**+ Ted Koziel by Wife & Family**
	+ Lloyd DePeaux by the O'Connor/Perez Family
10:00 a.m.	**+ Guido DeSandre by the Andreshak Family**
Noon	**Jennifer Stasieluk for Health by Family**
1:00 p.m.	**Baptisms in Church**
MONDAY, March 16:	
7:30 a.m.	**+ Peg Kilian by the Kilian Family**
TUESDAY, March 17:	**St. Patrick**
7:30 a.m.	**+ Jose Feri & Family by the Milo Family**
WEDNESDAY, March 18:	**St. Cyril of Jerusalem**
7:30 a.m.	**+ James March & J.P. Diamond by Family**
9:30 a.m.	**A.A. Meeting in Church Basement**
THURSDAY, March 19:	**St. Joseph**
7:30 a.m.	**+ Ed & Charlotte Aspel by the Kilian Family**
6:30 p.m.	**Rosary with the Knights in Church**
FRIDAY, March 20:	
12:05 p.m.	**Cora Zgrabik for Healing**
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 21:	
4:00 p.m.	**+ John Block by Therese Piazza**
	+ Catherine Tierney Anniv. Rem. by M.K. Tierney
5:00 p.m.	**Confessions in Church**
6:00 p.m.	**SDJAcademy Dinner Dance at DiNolfo's**
SUNDAY, March 22:	**5thSunday of Lent**
8:00 a.m.	**+ John & Eleanor Sniegowski by Eleanor**
10:00 a.m.	**The Parish Family**
Noon	**OCIA Candidates**

Bill Doyle Jr., Connor & Matthais Erickson, Phil Timm, Esmerelda & Gregory Bonk, Luke & 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, Peggy O'Keefe.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
March 21 & 22

SATURDAY, March 21 @ 4:00 p.m.

Reader:	**D. Haag**
EM:	**L. Gawron**
Servers:	**E. Belsan, C. Belsan**
Musician:	**V. Moreno JR Gillogly**
Ushers:	A. Lostroscio
	G. Nagel
	J. Wisneski

SUNDAY, March 22 @ 8:00A.M.

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

SUNDAY March 22 @ 10:00 A.M.

Reader:	**R. Peterson**
EM:	**T. Stark**
Servers:	**J. Domenico, A. Domenico, I. Oprzedek**
Musician:	**Choir**
Ushers:	T. Stark
	G. Little
	T. Marcione

SUNDAY, March 22 @ NOON

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

Question:
What does Jesus mean when he talks about taking up our cross?

Answer:
Our journey of faith begins in baptism. When we are faithful to it, we find God's plan for us, his way of allowing us to participate in his saving work, which in turn becomes for us our own salvation. Stated simply, we share in the mission of Jesus each day. We live our life with all of its ups, downs, joys, and sorrows in union with the mission of Jesus. Our work then is holy. It is joined to the cross, God's will for Jesus — the way in which he destroys sin and death and makes eternal life possible. His sacrifice accomplishes what we ourselves cannot do.

To take up the cross, then, means that we share in the mission of Jesus and so embrace the sufferings of the cross. It is our daily life made holy, given a redemptive mission. It is our purpose and goal to unite our life to that of Christ. St. Paul says it best, "If we have grown into union with him through a death like his, we shall also be united with him in the resurrection" (Rom 6:5).

Readings for the week of March 15, 2026

Sunday:	1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38
Monday:	Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday:	Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday:	Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30
Thursday:	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Friday:	Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday:	Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday:	Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Observances for the week of March 15, 2026

Sunday:	4th Sunday of Lent
Tuesday:	St. Patrick, Bishop; *St. Patrick's Day*
Wednesday:	St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:	St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday:	5th Sunday of Lent

GOD UPHOLDS ME

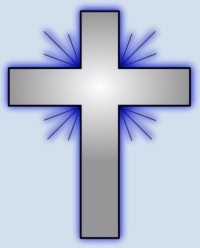
I take for my sureties:
the power of God to guide me,
the might of God to uphold me,
the wisdom of God to teach me,
the eye of God to watch over me,
the ear of God to hear me,
the word of God to give me speech,
the hand of God to protect me,
the way of God to go before me,
the shield of God to shelter me.

~St. Patrick~

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)

MONDAY, MARCH 23 @ 6 PM at St. Dennis

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 8, 2026

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	**8819.00**
Weekly Average of all ACH And CC Transactions	**2799.00**
TOTAL	**$11,618.00**
($loose cash: 1,018.00)	

BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: $10.150.00
Easter: $15.00
Debt/Campus Repair: $30.00
Holy Land: $5.00
Catholic Relief: $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.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: According to Scripture, what split into two parts at the moment of Jesus' death on the cross?

Answer: The Temple

Lights, Camera, AUCTION!

Dinner, Dance, & Auction

March21

DiNolfo's Banquets
14447 W 159th St
Homer Glen IL

6 pm Open Bar
7 pm Dinner
8 pm Dancing
$75/Person

Raffle Tickets: $25 each

Grand Prize: $10,000
2nd Prize: $2000
3rd Prize: $1000
4th Prize: $500
5th Prize: $500
6th Prize: $250
7th Prize: $250
8-10th Prize: $100

(Winner Need Not Be Present)

Bring your reservations and tickets to school

CONFESSIONS
EVERY SATURDAY DURING LENT AT 5:00 P.M.
(EXCEPT April 4)

MONDAY, MARCH 23 AT ST. DENNIS AT 6:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3 at NOON

++++++++++*THE SACRED TRIDUUM*++++++++++

<u>HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2</u>
7:00 p.m. -Mass of the Lord's Supper

<u>GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3</u>
12:00 pm-Confessions in Church
3:00 pm-Liturgy of the Lord's Passion in Church

<u>HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4</u>
10:30 am-Blessing of the Food Baskets in Church
8:00 pm-Easter Vigil Mass in Church

<u>EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5</u>
8:00 am Mass in Church
10:00 am Mass in Church
12:00 pm Mass in Church

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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9 AM-NOON
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COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

BRING WORK GLOVES TO CLEAN CABINS, PAINT, CUT GRASS, RAKE LEAVES, AND MORE

SIGN UP WITH KIM AT
office@ccconbell.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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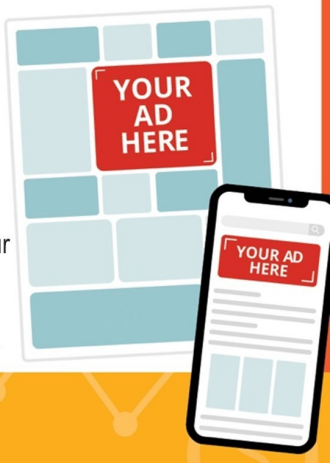
Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

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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