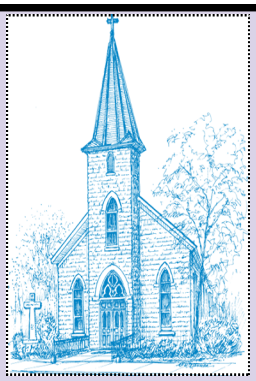

Welcome to

St. Joseph Catholic Parish

A Faith Community Since 1868

March 22, 2026

Julia Adamski
Dakota Alexander
Evan Belsan
Gabriella Brewster
Eloise Connors
Roldan Connors
Michael Dalot
Natalia Davis
James Domenico
Valentino Flores
Melanie Frank
Mollie Gabriel
Sebastian Gasienica
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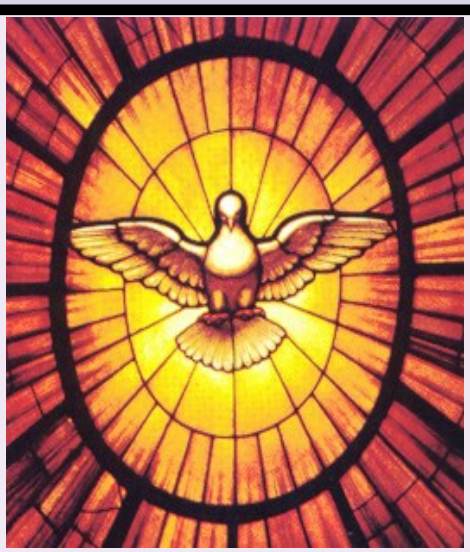
Jillian Harden
Alicia Jasinski



Confirmation 2026

Congratulations to our Confirmandi as they are "sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit" and strengthened for service to the Body of Christ.

Matthew Jerz
Chase Kashirsky
George Koscianiuk
Jordyn Leonard
Emilia Leonardy
Matthew Leyva
Jonathan Mammosser
Elizabeth McGowan
Kali Pfeiffer
Makenzie Pugh
Billy Von Ramos
Liliana Schahczinski
Brady Slowik
Grayson Sokolowski
Julius Urbano
Rebecca Zamudio

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
March 21-March 29, 2026

SATURDAY, March 21:
4:00 p.m. **+ John Block by Therese Piazza**
+ Catherine Tierney Anniv. Rem.by Mary Kay Tierney
5:00 p.m. **Confessions**
6:00 p,m. **Dinner Dance & Auction at DiNolfo's of Homer Glen**

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**

MONDAY, March 23: St. Turibius
7:30 a.m. **+ Don Hilliard Anniv.Rem.by Wife**
+ Andrew & Helen (Jurkowski) Trembackiewicz by Family

TUESDAY, March 24: St. Oscar Romero
7:30 a.m. **+ Pat & Joyce O'Neil by Arlene Carter**

WEDNESDAY, March 25: The Annunciation of the Lord
7:30 a.m. **+ James & Joretta Lim by the Milo Family**
9:30 a.m. **A.A. Meeting in Church Basement**

THURSDAY, March 26:
7:30 a.m. **+ Art & Jennie Zender by Arlene Carter**

FRIDAY, March 27:
12:05 p.m. **+ Poor Souls in Purgatory by Rita Hatzopoulos**
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 28:
4:00 p.m. **+ Jack Soltys by Chris Marszalek**
+ Walt Purdy by Wife & Family
5:00 p.m. **Confessions**

SUNDAY, March 29: **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**
8:00 a.m. **The Parish Family**
10:00 a.m. **+ Mary Jane Hoehn by Kathy Stiegal**
Noon **+ Joann Rembles by 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, 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, Joe Kopinski, Peggy O'Keefe.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
March 29 & 30

SATURDAY, March 28 @ 4:00 p.m.

Reader:	**R. Ward**
EM:	**R. Ward**
Servers:	**C. Glynn, J. Glynn**
Musician:	**V. Moreno JR Gillogly**
Ushers:	A. Lostroscio
	G. Nagel
	J. Wisneski

SUNDAY, March 29 @ 8:00A.M.

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

SUNDAY March 29 @ 10:00 A.M.

Reader:	**T. Governale**
EM:	**P. Ciciora**
Servers:	**C. Kashirsky, L. Connors, J. Gubala**
Musician:	**Choir**
Ushers:	T. Stark
	G. Little
	T. Marcione

SUNDAY, March 29 @ NOON

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

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. John Paul II Catholic Church, 907 S. 9th St., Kankakee

When: Mon., March 23, 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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Readings for the week of March 22, 2026

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
Monday:	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday:	Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday:	Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/ Lk 1:26-38
Thursday:	Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday:	Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday:	Ez 37:21-28/Jr 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday:	Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/ Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Observances for the week of March 22, 2026

Sunday:	5th Sunday of Lent
Monday:	St. Turibius of Mogrovejo, Bishop
Wednesday:	The Annunciation of the Lord
Next Sunday:	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Holy Week begins

Question:
Why is the Vatican sometimes called the "Holy See?"

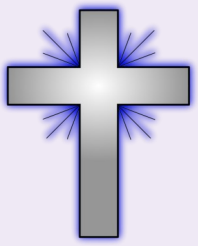
Answer:
A little background in ecclesiology will help explain why we call the Vatican the Holy See. The Church is very structured and organized in its hierarchy. A diocese is a geographic area governed by a bishop appointed by the Pope. Each diocese is further broken down into parishes, which have pastors who represent the bishop in his teaching authority.

The diocese of Rome has a particular role in the Church because of its importance and antiquity. The Pope is head of the Church because he is the Bishop of Rome. Every bishop has a seat or throne, which is the symbol of his teaching authority and is located in the cathedral of each diocese. The Latin word for seat is "sedes." So each diocese can be referred to as a "see." Most people think that St. Peter's is the cathedral of Rome, but St. John Lateran Basilica is actually the cathedral of the Archdiocese of Rome. This is where the Pope's seat or throne as Bishop of Rome is found. So, the Holy See is a reference to the chair of Peter, the Pope's Chair.

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

March 15, 2026

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	**6559.00**
Weekly Average of all ACH And CC Transactions	**2867.00**
TOTAL	**$9,426.00**
($loose cash: 1,058.00)	

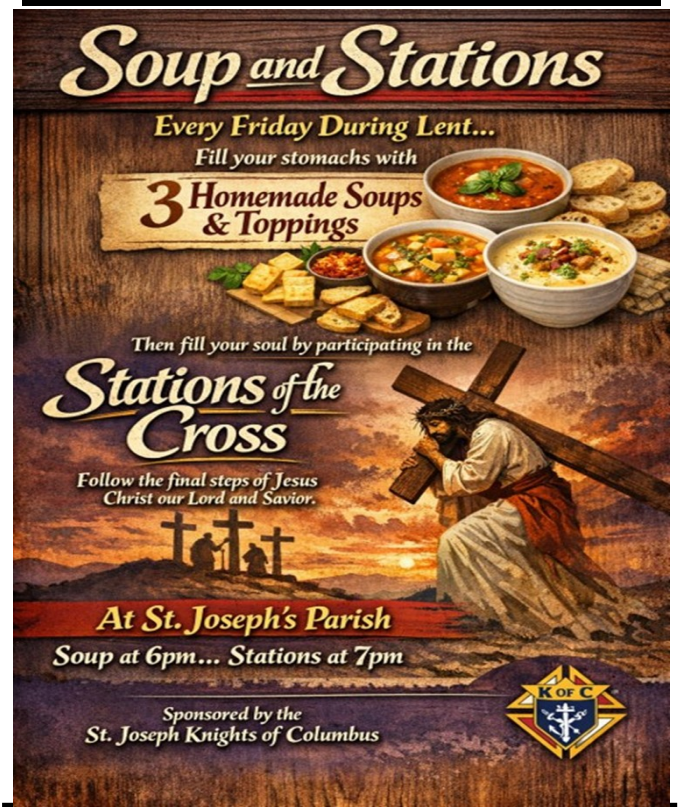
BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: $10.150.00

DEFICIT: (724.00)

Catholic Relief: 592.00

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: In the New Testament, how many times does Jesus tell us we need to forgive our enemies?

Answer: Seventy times seven times.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22
REFLECTION
with Bishop Dennis Spies

6PM • ST. DENNIS CHURCH
1214 S. Hamilton St. • Lockport

MONDAY, MARCH 23
ADORATION and CONFESSIONS

BLESSING OF THE FOOD BASKETS
SATURDAY, MARCH 30
10:30 A.M. IN CHURCH

Baskets typically contain symbolic foods like eggs, bread, meats, and salt, each representing aspects of Christ's Passion, Resurrection, or Christian virtues. The blessing includes specific prayers for meats, eggs, cakes, and breads, often accompanied by the sprinkling of holy water. Different cultures personalize their baskets with regional foods, such as lamb in Croatia or wine in Hungary, reflecting local traditions and preferences. This practice fosters communal celebration, with families sharing blessed foods during Easter Sunday breakfast, emphasizing gratitude and spiritual renewal.

WELCOME SPRING!!

All adults of the parish—and friends—are invited to a Spring Luncheon at Coom's Corner on Thursday, Apri 9 at Noon.

Call Jean at the rectory if you are planning to join us!

Cost: $15.00

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*++++++++++

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

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

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

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5
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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Catholic Charities Angel Fund

You can help bring hope to neighbors in need by supporting the Catholic Charities Angel Fund**.** Your gift helps provide food, shelter, counseling, and other essential services to families, seniors, and individuals across the Diocese of Joliet.

Thanks to a generous angel donor, all donations will be matched (up to $50,000), doubling the impact of your gift. Please consider donating by May 3.

Visit **catholiccharitiesjoliet.org**, call **815-724-1140**, or mail a gift to:

Catholic Charities Angel Fund
16555 Weber Rd., Crest Hill, IL 60403
On behalf of those served by Catholic Charities, thank you!

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_____

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