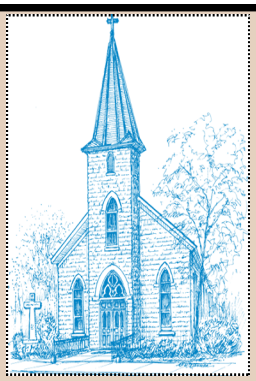

Welcome to

St. Joseph Catholic Parish

A Faith Community Since 1868

March 29, 2026

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying: 'Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest.' And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, 'Who is this?'" Mt 21:9-10

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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 .

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John Albrecht	Donna Cifonie
Bill Molony	Deacon Nick
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HOLY WEEK

MASSES, INTENTIONS, AND EVENTS
March 28-April 5, 2026

HOLY WEEK

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**
MONDAY, March 30:	
	+ John Drozdek by Family
TUESDAY, March 31:	
7:30 a.m.	**+ John Carter & Cindi Buck by Family**
WEDNESDAY, April 1:	
7:30 a.m.	**+ John Lobick Jr. by the Kilian Family**
	+ Joseph Cunico Anniv. Rem. by Len & Pat Wrona
9:30 a.m.	**A.A. Meeting in Church Basement**

++++++++++++*TRIDUUM*++++++++++

THURSDAY, April 2:	**Holy Thursday**
7:00 p.m.	**Mass of the Lord's Supper**
FRIDAY, April 3:	**Friday of the Passion of the Lord**
12:00 p.m.	**Confessions in Church**
3:00 p.m.	**Liturgy of the Lord's Passion**
SATURDAY, April 4:	**Easter Vigil**
10:30 a.m.	**Blessing of the Food Baskets in Church**
8:00 p.m.	**Easter Vigil Mass**
SUNDAY, April 5:	**Easter Sunday**
8:00 a.m.	**The Parish Family**
10:00 a.m.	**The Parish Family**
Noon	**The Parish Family**

HE IS RISEN!

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, and Peggy O'Keefe.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
April 2, 3, 4, 5

THURSDAY, April 2 @ 7:00 P.M.

Presider:	**Fr. Tom**
Deacon:	**Deacon Nick**
Musician:	**Choir**
Reader:	**J. Ranney**
EM:	**Deacon Nick,**
Emcee:	**D. Smietanski**
Usher:	**T. Stark**
Sacristan:	**S. Fitzmaurice, J. Walters, R. Flogel**
Servers:	**E. Ranney, C. Ranney**

FRIDAY, April 3 @ 3:00 p.m.

Presider:	**Fr. Tom**
Deacons:	**Deacon Nick**
Musician:	**R. Nicholas, J. Ray**
Reader:	**D. Adamski, Deacon Nick**
EM:	**Deacon Nick**
Emcee:	**D. Smietanski**
Servers:	**E. Ranney, C. Ranney, A. Adamski**
Sacristan:	**R. Flogel**
Usher:	**T. Stark**

SATURDAY, April 4 @ 8:00 P.M.

Presider:	**Fr. Tom**
Deacon:	**Deacon Nick**
Musicians:	**Choir**
Readers:	**D. Cifonie**
	R. Ward
EM:	**Deacon Nick, I. Hurtado**
Sacristan:	**R. Flogel**
Servers:	**E. Ranney, C. Ranney**
Ushers:	A. Lostroscio
	G. Nagel

SUNDAY, April 5 @ 8:00 A.M.

Presider:	**Fr. Tom**
Reader:	**D. Haag**
EM:	**J. Hartford**
Musicians:	**R. Nicholas, M. O'CP**
Server:	**E. Chesniak**
Ushers:	R. Schenk
	N. Wheeler
	J. Drozdek

SUNDAY, April 5 @ 10:00 A.M.

Presider:	**Fr. Tom**
Musician:	**Choir**
Reader:	**T. Governale**
EM:	**P. Ciciora**
Servers:	**L. Connors, C. Kashirsky**
Ushers:	T. Stark, G. Little

SUNDAY, April 5 @ NOON

Presider:	**Fr. Tom**
Musicians:	**M. Ray**
Reader:	**D. Adelmann**
EM:	**P. Burandt**
Servers:	**2 NEEDED**
Ushers:	M. Adelman, S. Fitzmaurice, J. Garvey

Readings for the week of March 29, 2026

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
Monday:	Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/ Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday:	Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday:	Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
Thursday:	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/ Jn 13:1-15
Friday:	Is 52:13-53:12/Ps 31:2 and 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17 and 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-\19:42
Saturday:	*Easter Vigil:* Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/ Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15-15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/ Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/ Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/ Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/ Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/ Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10
Next Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35

Observances for the week of March 29, 2026

Sunday:	Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord; Holy Week begins
Wednesday:	*April Fools' Day*
Thursday:	Holy Thursday
Friday:	Good Friday
Saturday:	Holy Saturday
Next Sunday:	Easter Sunday

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

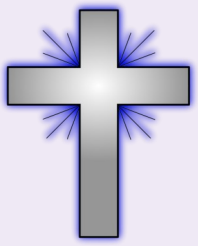
: In addition to St. Sebastian, who is the patron saint of police officers?

Answer: St. Michael the Archangel.

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

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 22, 2026

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	**9657.00**
Weekly Average of all ACH And CC Transactions	**2867.00**
TOTAL	**$12,524.00**
($loose cash: 1,084.00)	

BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: $10.150.00
Easter: $20.00
Debt/Campus Repair: $70.00
Holy Land: $40.00
Catholic Relief: $110.00

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.

BLESSING OF THE FOOD BASKETS
SATURDAY, April 4
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.

Hosanna to the Messiah!

While Jesus would not be crowned an earthly king, Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem has many parallels to the Messianic expectations of the Hebrew people. Before entering, Jesus requisitions a donkey from its owner. In the ancient world, kings had this right. Yet the animal that Jesus requests is rare -- a colt upon which no one else has sat yet. Yet, it's a donkey. This is no great war-charger, no magnificent animal. Jesus acts with all the authority of an earthly king, yet his kingdom is one of simplicity and peace. As the disciples throw cloaks over the donkey, the crowd spreads theirs on the road. This ancient gesture dates back to the line of kings descended from David. Not only are these physical kingly gestures, but the crowd of followers cries out in jubilation and praise. The Messiah has come to Jerusalem!

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

Mid-Life Singles (mid 30s to 50s)

Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose and belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Carmelite Spiritual Center, in Darien Il (in the southwester suburbs) on April 17-19, 2026. Take a chance and get involved...you won't regret it!

Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com
Email reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com
Or call 630-222-83-3 for details.

Mini reflection: The chasm between man and his Creator is an ancient one, and it is driven deep and wide. But this week — this Holy Week — a bridge is built across the chasm. And God reaches out His hand.

The Humanity of Holy Week

We have all sold Jesus out, at one point or another. Some of us have done it more than once, and we've done it for a lot less than 30 pieces of silver.

We have all denied Christ, and we have done it more than three times and under much less pressure than Peter, who feared for his life when he shouted, "I do not know the man!"

We have all struck the face of God — out of anger? Fear? Confusion? All of the above? — screaming, in agony, "Prophesy for me!"

At one point or another, we have all looked at our Lord beaten and betrayed, and we have all said, as Pilate did: "What shall I do with Jesus called Christ?"

And we have all hung on the cross chosen for us, crying out in bewilderment: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"

Holy Week is a week where we see humanity, in all its vulnerability and ignorance. We see it in the "villains" of the piece, like Judas, and in the morally neutral characters like Pilate and the Jews who have been misled about Jesus. We even see it in the "good guys" like Peter. In this, the holiest week of the year, we see ourselves at our very worst. The chasm between man and his Creator is an ancient one, and it is driven deep and wide — by the pridefulness of Adam and Eve, yes, but also by every poor choice you and I have ever made.

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
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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.

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*Address_____

*City _____Zip_____

*Phone_____

*Email_____

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Change of Address_____

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Change of Phone_____

Change of Email_____

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***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.