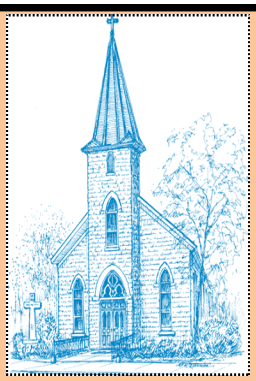
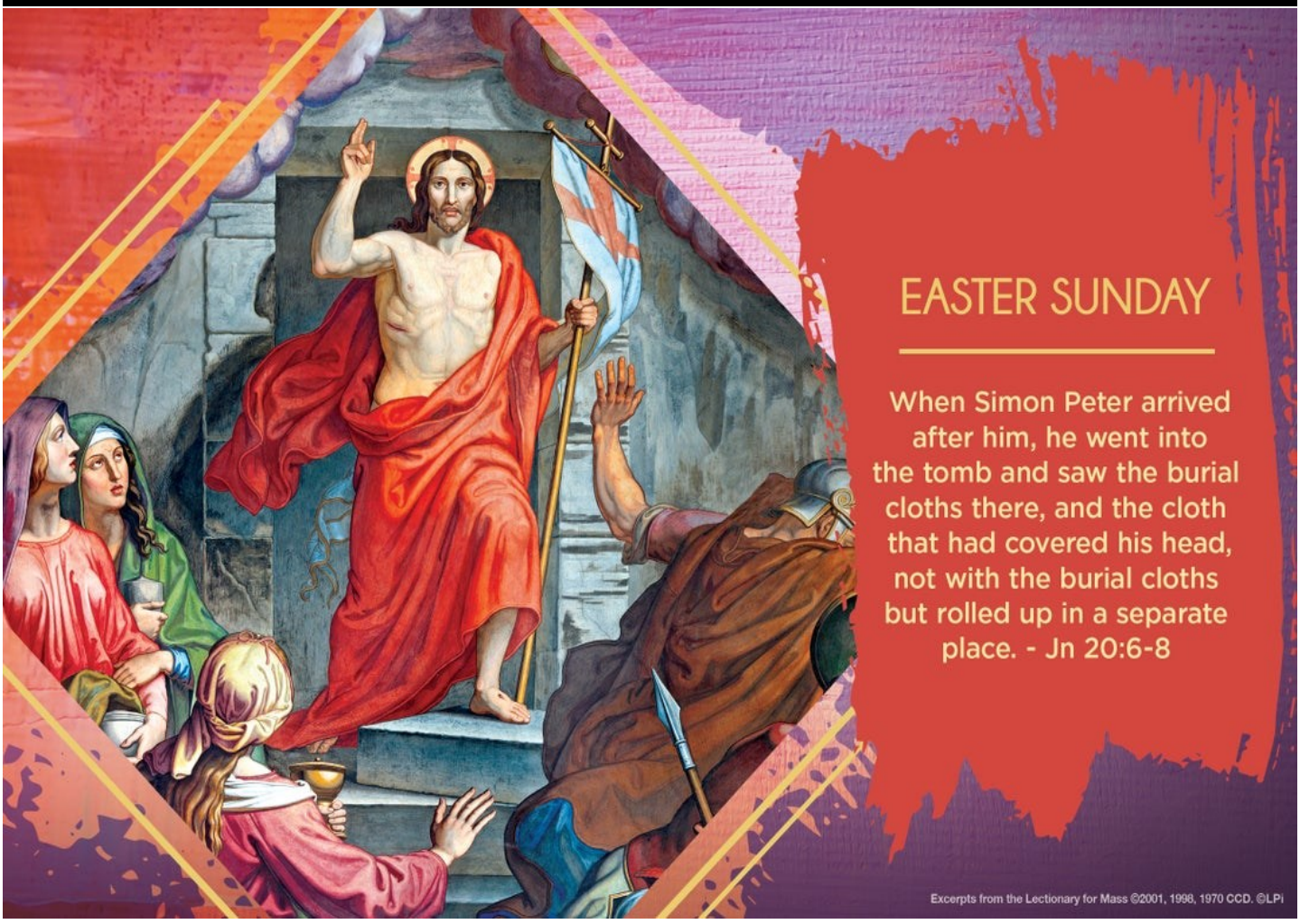


Welcome to

St. Joseph Catholic Parish

A Faith Community Since 1868

April 5, 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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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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Bulletin Announcements	Pulpit Announcements
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
April 4-April 12, 2026

HE IS RISEN !

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**
MONDAY, April 6:	
	NO MASS
TUESDAY, April 7	
8:30 a.m.	**Ted & Cameo Kilian Wedd. Anniv. Congrats. by the Kilian Family**
WEDNESDAY, April 8:	
7:30 a.m.	**NO MASS**
9:30 a.m.	**A.A. Meeting in Church Basement**
THURSDAY, April 9:	
7:30 a.m.	**NO MASS**
FRIDAY, April 10:	
12:05 p.m.	**Straus Mendoza & Family by the Milo Family**
SATURDAY, April 11:	
4:00 p.m.	**+ Deirdre Scott Anniv. Rem. by Family**
	Teddy Oprzedek Birth. Congrats. by Mom & Dad
5:00 p.m.	**Confessions**
SUNDAY, APRIL 12:	**Divine Mercy Sunday**
8:00 a.m.	**+ Ted Koziel by Wife & Family**
10:00 a.m.	**+ Marianne Kowalkowski by Family**
Noon	**+ Brittany Bales, Matthew Weck, & Mary Ann Pèna by Family**

Bill Doyle Jr., Connor & Matthais Erickson, Phil Timm, Esmerelda & Gregory 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 11 & 12

SATURDAY, April 11 @ 4:00 P.M.

Presider:	**Fr. Francis**
Musicians:	**V. Moreno, J. Ray**
Readers:	**E. Long**
EM:	**D. Haag**
Servers:	**C. Belsan, E. Belsan**
Ushers:	A. Lostroscio
	G. Nagel

SUNDAY, April 12 @ 8:00 A.M.

Presider:	**Fr. Larry**
Musicians:	**R. Nicholas, B. Webster**
Reader:	**M. Schultz**
EM:	**D. Webster**
Server:	**E. Chesniak**
Ushers:	R. Schenk
	N. Wheeler
	J. Drozdek

SUNDAY, April 12 @ 10:00 A.M.

Presider:	**Fr. Larry**
Musician:	**Choir**
Reader:	**R. Peterson**
EM:	**P. Ciciora**
Servers:	**M. Leyva, L. Leyva, J. Gubala**
Ushers:	T. Stark, G. Little

SUNDAY, April 12 @ NOON

Presider:	**Fr. Larry**
Musicians:	**M. Ray**
Reader:	**C. Walters**
EM:	**P. Burandt**
Ushers:	M. Adelman,
	S. Fitzmaurice,
	J.. Garvey

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!

Readings for the week of April 5, 2026

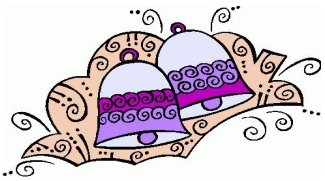
Sunday:	Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 Or Lk 24:13-35
Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21/Mk 16:9-15
Next Sunday:	Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Observances for the week of April 5, 2026

Sunday:	Easter Sunday
Monday:	Monday within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday:	Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday:	Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Thursday:	Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday:	Friday within the Octave of Easter
Saturday:	Saturday within the Octave of Easter
Next Sunday:	2nd Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

WEDDING BANNS

NOLAN CHRISTOPHER WEIS
&
HANNAH JOSEPHINE BOLDEN



Question:
Why is the Easter season so long? And should we be doing something special for it?

Answer:
You've probably noticed the priest continuing to wear white vestments at the Sunday liturgy. While we celebrated Christ's resurrection several weeks ago, the Easter season extends fifty days — just over seven weeks — from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. For most of that time — about six weeks — Jesus is still with the disciples, teaching and encouraging them. The Easter season isn't just a celebration of when Jesus is with us. At the Last Supper, Jesus promised to send an "advocate" or "counselor" when he left. At the Ascension, he directs the disciples to await "power from on high" — the coming of the Holy Spirit. The Ascension completes the Paschal Mystery, beginning with Jesus' suffering and death and continuing in the resurrection. But the Holy Spirit ushers in a new era for the Church.

After spending weeks in prayer, fasting, and service during Lent, it may seem odd that we don't widely have similar practices for Easter. That doesn't mean you can't embrace the season! Commit to taking moments of little joy throughout the weeks, like random acts of kindness towards others. Consider reading the Acts of the Apostles to learn more about the early Church or picking up an Easter devotional to pray with. He is still risen indeed!

Stewardship

March 29, 2026

SUNDAY COLLECTION:
Weekly Average of all ACH
And CC Transactions **2867.00**
TOTAL
($loose cash:)

BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED:
$10.150.00

DEFICIT:
Easter:
Debt/Campus Repair:
Holy Land:
Catholic Relief:

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.

UNAVAILABLE DUE TO EARLY TRANSMISSION OFBULLETEIN

Baby Shower and French Toast Breakfast

Join us for a delicious breakfast to help
Aid and Support After Pregnancy (ASAP), a program to support pregnant women, mothers, and their children, both born and unborn, by serving pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes.

ADMISSION IS FREE!!! Goodwill donations are welcome.

Please bring donations of baby supplies or monetary gift to benefit BirthRight of Joliet

Date: Sunday April 26 from 9:00am (after 8am Mass) through 11:30am

Birthright is asking for the following items:	**If you are unable to attend, please consider a life-benefitting donation Online at: kofc18043.org/4life**
Size 4 and 5 diapers Summer girls' outfits size 24 months Summer boys' outfit size 24 months Diaper rash cream Socks size 0 to 24 months Baby bottles	Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus St. Joseph Holy Name Council #18043.

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

RETROUVAILLE: Your chance to Reconnect, Rebuild, & Restore

April 24 – 26, 2026
Carmelite Spiritual Center
Darien, IL

For more information, call us at 1-800-470-2230, email us at JolietRegistration@helpourmarriage.org, or visit us online at helpourmarriage.org/joliet

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: What is the name of the patron saint of travelers and lost items?

Answer: St. Anthony of Padua

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
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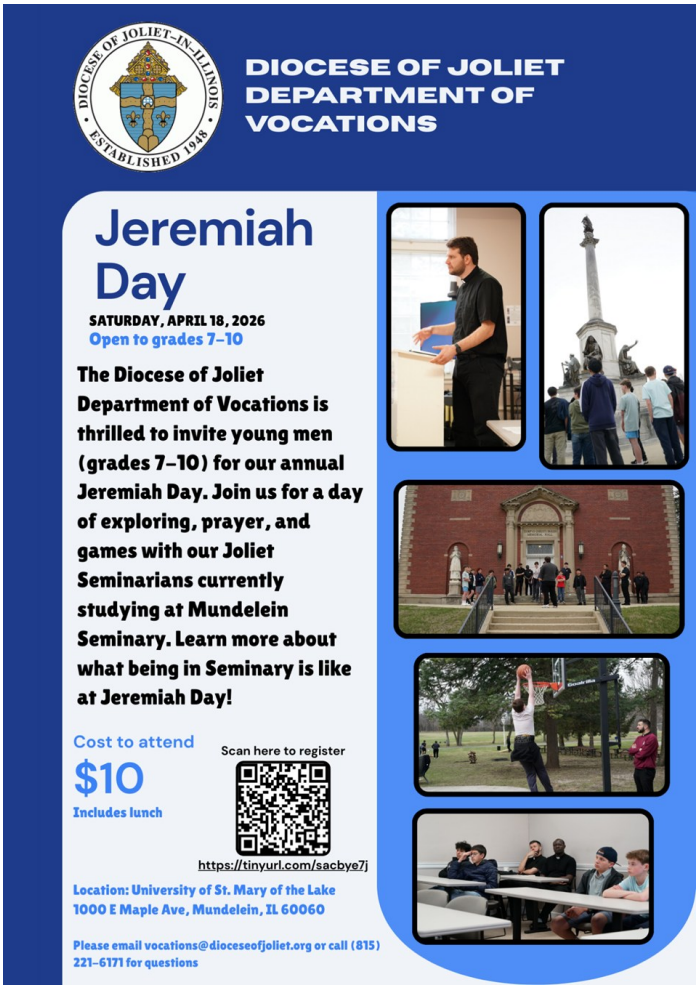

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SATURDAY MAY 23
9 AM-1 PM

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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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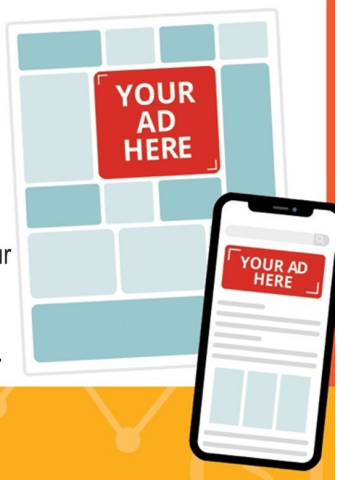

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