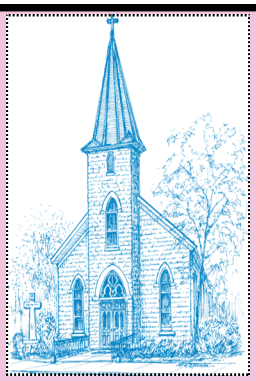

Welcome to

St. Joseph Catholic Parish

A Faith Community Since 1868

April 26, 2026

4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"Whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out." - Jn 10:2-3

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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
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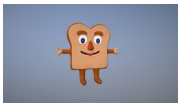
MASSES, INTENTIONS, AND EVENTS
Apri 25—May 3, 2026

SATURDAY, April 25: St. Mark
4:00 p.m. **+ Angeline Tondini Birth. Rem. by Family**
+ Daniel Doyle by Lynn & Billy Doyle
Richard & Dayna Pierzchala Wedd. Anniv. Congrats. by Kilian Family
5:00 p.m. **Confessions**

SUNDAY, April 26: **4th Sunday of Easter**
8:00 a.m. **+ Joann Rembles by Family**
10:00 a.m. **Peter Oprzedek Birth. Congrats.by Mom & Dad**
Noon **The Parish Family**



Knights of Columbus French Toast Breakfast & Baby Shower in School Cafeteria

MONDAY, April 27:
7:30 a.m. **+ James Valentine**

TUESDAY, April 28: Sts. Peter Chanel & Louis Grignon de Montfort
7:30 a.m. **Roger Matice for Healing by a Friend**

WEDNESDAY, April 29: St. Catherine of Siena
7:30 a.m. **Michelle Miller for Healing**
9:30 a.m. **A.A. Meeting in Church Basement**

THURSDAY, April 30: St. Pius V
7:30 a.m. **Andrew & Modelyn Oprzedek 5th Yr. Wedd. Anniv. Congrats. by Mom & Dad**
7:00 p.m. **"Beauty and the Beast" in Activity Center**

FRIDAY, May 1: St. Joseph the Worker; 1st Friday
12:05 p.m. **+ James Drozdek by Family**
7:00 p.m. **"Beauty and the Beast" in Activity Center**

SATURDAY, May 2: St. Athanasius
11:00 a.m. **1st Communions in Church**
2:00 p.m. **Private Baptism in Church**
4:00 p.m. **+ Regina Marszalek by Chris Marszalek**
+ Bill Bryll by Family
5:00 p.m. **Confessions**
7:00 p.m. **"Beauty and the Beast" in Activity Center**

SUNDAY, May 3: **5th Sunday of Easter**
8:00 a.m. **The Parish Family**
10:00 a.m. **The Parish Family**
Noon **The Parish 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, Michelle Miller, Roger Matice, and Peggy O'Keefe.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
May 2 & 3

SATURDAY, May 2 @ 4:00 P.M.

Presider:	**N/A**
Musicians:	**V. Moreno**
Readers:	**R. Ward**
EM:	**R. Ward**
Servers:	**C. Glynn, J. Glynn**
Ushers:	A. Lostroscio
	G. Nagel
	J. Wisneski

SUNDAY, May 3 @ 8:00 A.M.

Presider:	**N/A**
Musicians:	**R. Nicholas**
Reader:	**M. Schultz**
EM:	**J. Hartford**
Server:	**E. Chesniak**
Ushers:	R. Schenk
	N. Wheeler
	J. Drozdek

SUNDAY, May 3 @ 10:00 A.M.

Presider:	**N/A**
Musician:	**Choir**
Reader:	**J. Ranney**
EM:	**P. Ciciora**
Servers:	**C. Ranney, E. Ranney, J. Gubala**
Ushers:	T. Stark, G. Little

SUNDAY, May 3 @ NOON

Presider:	**N/A**
Musicians:	**M. Ray**
Reader:	**D. Adelmann**
EM:	**P. Burandt**
Ushers:	M. Adelman,
	S. Fitzmaurice
	J. Garvey

Readings for the week of April 26, 2026

Sunday:	Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/ Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18 (second choice)
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26/ Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:24-13:5a/ Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	Acts 13:13-25/ Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/ Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday:	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Observances for the week of April 26, 2026

Sunday:	4th Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Tuesday:	St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest
Wednesday:	St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Thursday:	St. Pius V, Pope
Friday:	St. Joseph the Worker; National Day of Prayer
Saturday:	St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	5th Sunday of Easter

Exaltation of the Cross

Question:
What is the history behind feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross?

Answer:
Emperor Constantine's mother, Helena, is credited with having discovered the true cross around 330. She traveled to the Holy Land and uncovered the places associated with Jesus' life. Legend has it that Helena uncovered three crosses but was not able to detect the true cross until each of them was laid on a leper. Only one of them cured the leper, proving it to be the true cross. A great church was built at the site, and soon various portions of the cross were sent to other churches as relics to be venerated.

The day after the dedication of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, September 14, 335, the actual cross was displayed for veneration. Egeria, a women traveler to Jerusalem around the year 386, kept a diary that has survived. She tells of the unique veneration of the wood of the cross that took place on Good Friday, something maintained ritually to this very day.

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross focuses on the gift of love that Jesus manifested by his total gift of self, offered for all. The cross, the ultimate form of capital punishment in its day, has become for us the ultimate symbol of love and triumph over evil and death.

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: In religious art, it is common to use a circle of light above Jesus or another holy person's head to set them apart. What is this "circle of light" called?

Mini reflection: We can recognize what is real by where it comes from. What it sounds like. This ability to discern truth is written into our souls. We can ignore it, if we want. Suppress it. We can follow the stranger. But where will he lead?

The Devil's Long Con

The algorithm on my streaming service has been suggesting a lot of romantic scam documentaries lately. If you're not familiar, romantic scams are a particularly cruel form of "the long con."

Some man presents himself to some woman as Prince Charming. He wines her. He dines her. He charms her mom and makes her friends jealous. Little red flags pop up here and there, but she shrugs them all off. She accepts convenient explanations.

She just wants to be happy.

And then one day, Prince Charming vanishes, along with the contents of the woman's savings account. Every victim says the same thing: "I should have known better, but I wanted it to be real."

I think the reason I'm so drawn to these shows is that I identify with these women. No, I've never been the victim of a romantic scam (if my husband married me thinking he would gain access to some kind of fortune, he's the one who got scammed). But we have all told ourselves that something *is* right because it *feels* right. We have shrugged off doubts about a choice, a relationship, a habit.

We have accepted easy answers that don't pass the sniff test — because we really, really wanted an answer, and we really, really wanted it to be easy.

The devil is a romantic scammer. A third-party retailer hawking knock-off joy and fulfillment. A wolf in sheep's clothing. A false prophet. A thief, a robber who has climbed the fence, knowing the gate will not admit him.

These are all different ways of saying the same thing: we can recognize what is real by where it comes from. What it sounds like. This ability to discern truth is written into our souls. We can ignore it, if we want. Suppress it. We can follow the stranger.

But where will he lead?

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TOTAL	**$9349.00**

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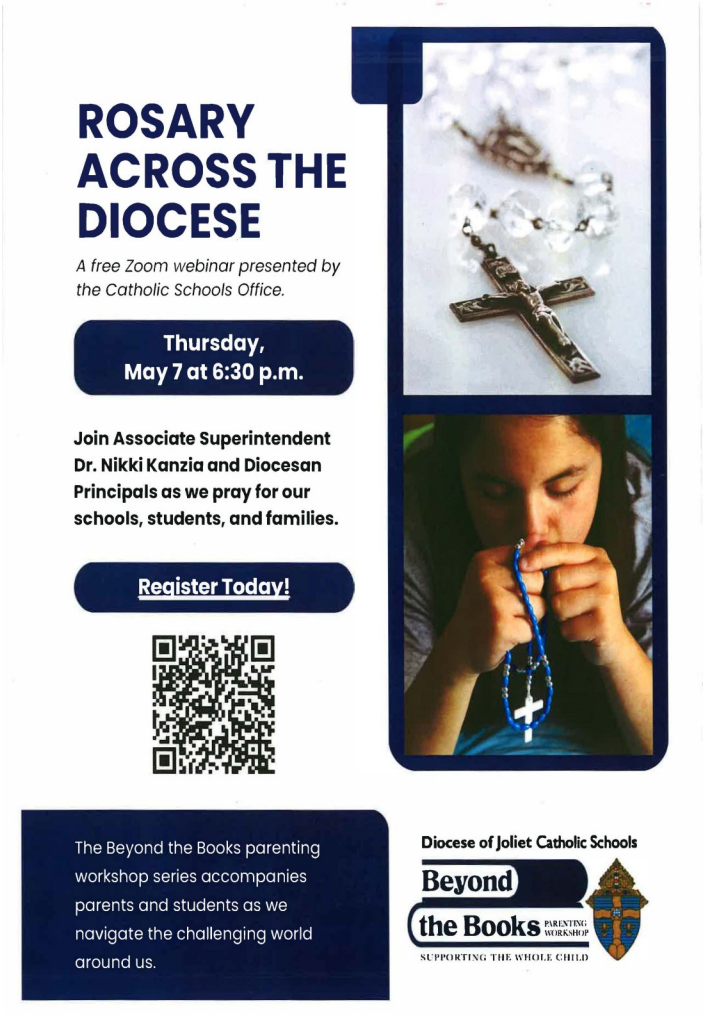

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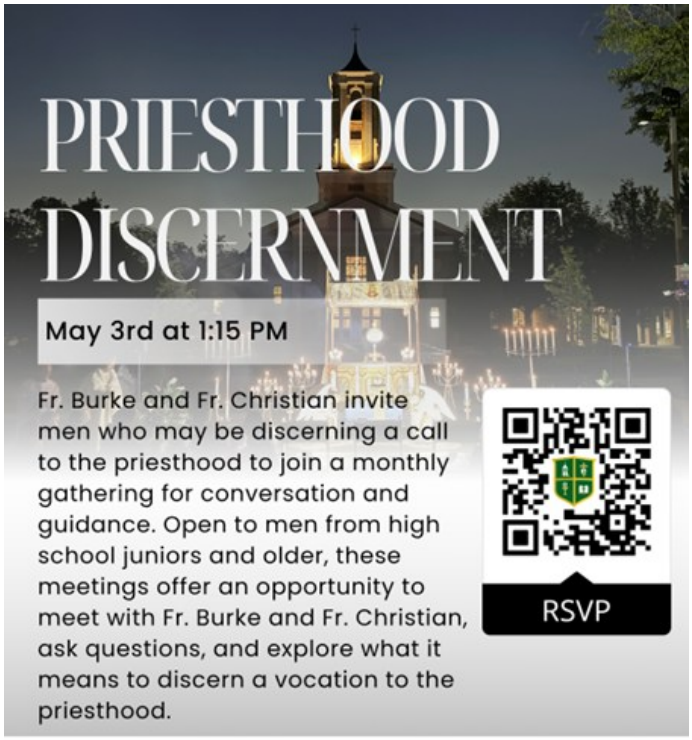

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St. Joseph Parish New Parishioner/ Change of Address

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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.

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