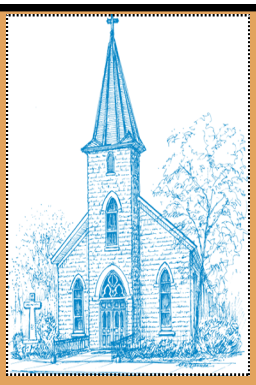
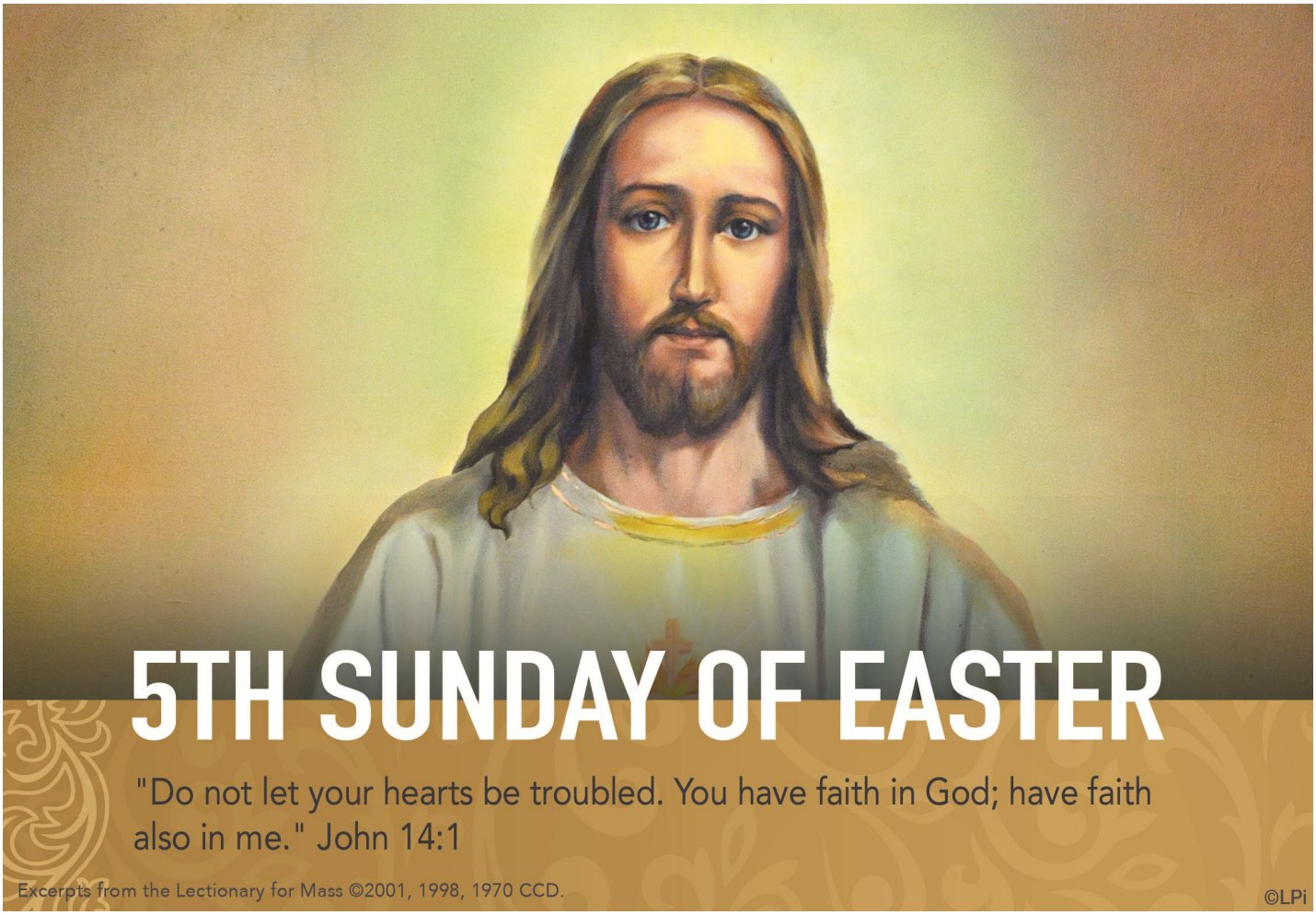


Welcome to

St. Joseph Catholic Parish

A Faith Community Since 1868

May 3, 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.

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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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KEEP IN TOUCH WITH PARISH EVENTS and FR. DAN'S WEEKLYSPIRITUAL NEWSLETTER

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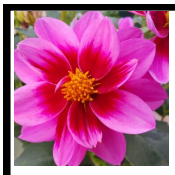
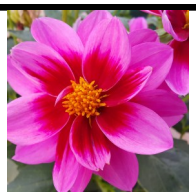


MASSES, INTENTIONS, AND EVENTS
May 2—May 10, 2026



SATURDAY, May 2:	St. Athanasius
11:00 a.m.	**1st Communion in Church**
2:00 p.m.	**Private Baptism in Church**
4:00 p.m.	**+ Regina Marszalek by Chris Marszalek**
	+ Bill Brill by Family
5:00 p.m.	**Confessions**
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**
MONDAY, May 4:	
7:30 a.m.	**+ Souls in Purgatory by Rita Hatzopoulos**
TUESDAY, May 5:	
7:30 a.m.	**+ Mary Ann Kincaid by the Kilian Family**
WEDNESDAY, May 6:	
7:30 a.m.	**+ Justin Vanderveen Anniv. Rem. by Family**
9:30 a.m.	**A.A. Meeting in Church Basement**
THURSDAY, May 7:	USA National Day of Prayer
7:30 a.m.	**+ Sandra Velesovsky**
FRIDAY, May 8:	
12:05 p.m.	**+ Rita Moore by Son**
8:00 p.m.	**A.A. Meeting in Church Basement**
SATURDAY, May 9:	
4:00 p.m.	**+ Joanne North by Gary & Pat Nagel**
	Jennifer Stasieluk for Health by Family
5:00 p.m.	**Confessions**
SUNDAY, May 10:	**6th Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day**
8:00 a.m.	**All Mothers**
10:00 a.m.	**All Mothers**
Noon	**All Mothers**

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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
May 9, 10

SATURDAY, May 9 @ 4:00 P.M.

Readers:	**D. Haag**
EM:	**NEEDED**
Servers:	**E. Belsan, C. Belsan**
Musicians:	**Choir**
Ushers:	A. Lostroscio
	G. Nagel
	J. Wisneski

SUNDAY, May 10 @ 8:00 A.M.

Reader:	**P. Glynn**
EM:	**J. Drozdek**
Musicians:	**R. Nicholas, M. O'CP**
Ushers:	R. Schenk
	N. Wheeler
	J. Drozdek

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

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

SUNDAY, May 10 @ NOON

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

Readings for the week of May 3, 2026

Sunday:	Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12
Monday:	Acts 14:5-18/ Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday:	Acts 14:19-28/ Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday:	Acts 15:1-6/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8
Thursday:	Acts 15:7-21/ Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/ Jn 15:9-11
Friday:	Acts 15:22-31/ Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17
Saturday:	Acts 16:1-10/ Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sunday:	Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16 and 20/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Observances for the week of May 3, 2026

Sunday:	5th Sunday of Easter
Tuesday:	*Cinco de Mayo*
Thursday:	National Day of Prayer
Next Sunday:	6th Sunday of Easter; *Mother's Day*

Mary, Mother of God

Question:
If God is eternal and infinite, how can He have a mother? Why don't we call Mary just the mother of Jesus?

Answer:
The title of "Mary, Mother of God" can be confusing. We aren't implying that Mary existed from eternity or that she is divine herself. We aren't promoting some kind of Marian superpowers. The Church has fought for this title throughout the centuries for one simple reason: Christ's identity is at stake.

As the Church grew in the early centuries, theologians wrestled with what it meant for Jesus to be both God and man. Many distortions of his identity began to emerge. One of these was propagated by a man named Nestorius. Nestorius and his followers denied that Jesus' human nature and his divine nature were inseparable. Following that logic, Mary could have only conceived Jesus' *human* nature. But people don't give birth to a "nature." They give birth to a whole person. For Jesus, his whole person is both human and divine. In 431 A.D. the Council of Ephesus denounced Nestorius. The bishops affirmed that Jesus is both fully human and fully divine and proclaimed Mary *Theotokos.* Translating the Greek to English, that means "God-bearer." Note that this isn't "God-generator" or "God-creator." Mary bore Jesus, God and man, in her womb and gave him birth. She is mother to the whole person, the whole Jesus, and therefore Mother of God.

STEUBENVILLE JOLIET

"I am worthy"

June 26-28, 2026

Don't miss the Steubenville Joliet Youth Conference!

Join 2,000 + high school youth for a dynamic conference featuring speakers, music, fun, and worship.

The registration deadline is May 5.

Stewardship

April 26, 2026

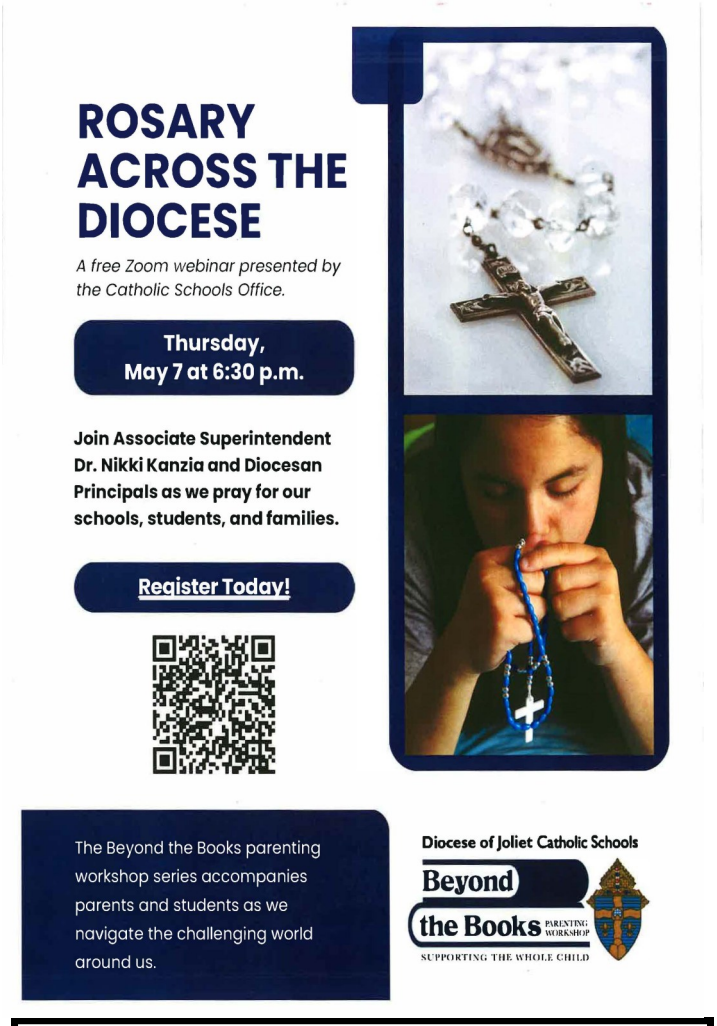
SUNDAY COLLECTION:	**5352.00**
Weekly Average of all ACH	
And CC Transactions	**2867.00**
TOTAL	**$8,219.00**
($loose cash: 1,018.00)	

BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: $10.150.00

DEFICIT: (1,931.00)
Debt/Campus Repair: $9.00
Catholic Home Missions: $713.00

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

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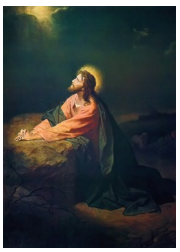
Answer: The Agony in the Garden.

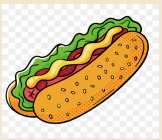


MEET THE PRIESTS II

Come, Eat, & Enjoy & Fellowship!

Sunday, May 31
1:00 p.m.

Enjoy a robust cook-out!
Brats
Hot dogs
Hamburgers
Sloppy joes
Baked beans
Culver's Custard



FREE!

Enter a raffle to win a Pope Leo Jersey!

(Sponsored by the St. Joseph Knights of Columbus)

The Diocese of Joliet joyfully welcomed 275 new Catholics into the Church during the 2026 Easter Vigil, representing a 48% increase from the previous year and continuing a multi year pattern of growth in those seeking full communion with the Catholic Church. This year's figures reflect an upward trend

Bishop Dennis E. Spies celebrated the growth as a moment of grace for the diocese, saying, "Each person entering the Church this Easter brings a story of searching, longing, and encountering Christ," Bishop Spies said. "To see this kind of growth the past two years is a sign of the Holy Spirit at work in our communities. Our parishes, catechists, and OCIA teams have embraced the mission of evangelization with joy, and the fruits are evident."

The Diocese of Joliet's growth reflects a nationwide surge in interest in the Catholic faith. Recent reports have highlighted massive growth in new members across the United States, pointing to increased engagement with prayer, digital faith tools, and parish life. This national resurgence has been attributed to a combination of spiritual curiosity, a desire for community, and a renewed emphasis on evangelization efforts. "Our mission is simple," Bishop Spies said. "To invite, to accompany, and to proclaim Christ with joy. These new Catholics remind us why that mission matters."

Bless Us O' Lord

With your help St. Joseph Church is scheduled to serve dinner for the guests of DAYBREAK on Wednesday, May 20, 2026. The menu for the month will be Sloppy Joes, with breakfast food for the next morning. We are expecting 50 + clients

The following items are needed for the dinner:

8 - Two pounds of pre-made sloppy joes.
8 packs of 8 count hamburger buns.
4 - 5lb containers of potato salad
10 - bags of chips
6 - cans of green beans
6 - bags of salad mix
3 - jars of salad dressing
Fresh fruit of any kind
Dessert items (cookies, rice crispy treats, brownies)
4 - gallons of assorted fruit drinks

Breakfast items (donuts, coffeecakes, boxes of cereal, bagels, etc)

Please notify the rectory, 815-838-0187, if you would like to donate food items. Donations should be brought to the school kitchen or the rectory on Tuesday, May 19 or Wednesday, May 20 between 8 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Label all donations with your name and "DAYBREAK".

Daybreak is always in need of white towels, pillows, large garbage bags, drawstring bags, and personal hygiene items.

On Sunday, April 12, our St Joseph / Holy Name Council of the Knights of Columbus welcomed two new knights:

Edward Piane (center) and Michael O'Donnell (left) Please congratulate these men on their promise to strengthen their Catholic faith while serving their family, our parish and community .

They are committed to acting on their faith through service projects, defending life, providing charity to those in need, and supporting brother Knights.

If you are a practicing Catholic man, interested in putting your faith into action & becoming a Knight, call Grand knight John Walters for information. 630.303.0075

CITY OF LOCKPORT NEWS

Monday Nights "Cruisin' Lockport: June 1-August 24

4-8 pm Car Show on State Street

6-8 pm Live Music & Family Entertainment at Central Square

Free - Fall Parkway Tree Program

The City is currently accepting requests for additional parkway trees at no cost to residents. **The planting location and tree species will be selected by one of the City's arborists from the approved tree list. This planting typically takes place in the Fall.** This program is available on a first-come, first-served basis, initiated by resident request.

If you would like to participate:
Call the Public Works Department at (815) 838-0549, option 8.

LOCKPORT ILLINOIS

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:

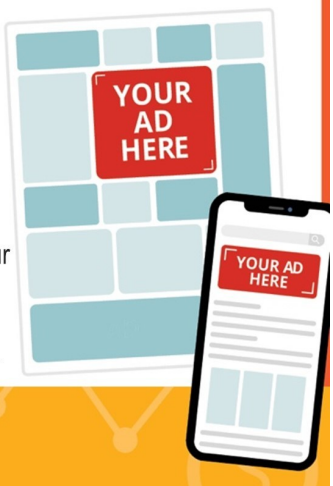
If you have had a change of mailing address, phone number, or email, please notify the rectory or drop this form into the collection basket.

These updates are important in order to guarantee delivery of contribution envelopes, contact information, and parish news and events.

AVAILABLE NOW!
PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

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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