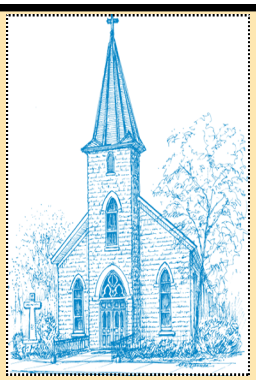

Welcome to

St. Joseph Catholic Parish

A Faith Community Since 1868

May 17, 2026

GLORY

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come. Give glory to your son, so that your son may glorify you."

JOHN 17:1

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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
Deacon Dennis	John Walters

Knights of Columbus: Contact John Walters at 630-303-0075 for information on becoming a Knight.

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MASSES, INTENTIONS, AND EVENTS
May 16—May 24, 2026

SATURDAY, May 16:
4:00 p.m. **+ Ken Jadron & Susan Briese**
5:00 p.m. **Confessions**

SUNDAY, May 17: **The Ascension of the Lord**
8:00 a.m. **+ Ted Koziel by Wife & Family**
10:00 a.m. **+ Marianne Kowalkowski by Family**
+ Jeff Broad Anniv. Rem. by the Andreshak Family
Alison Prohl Birth. Congrats. by Mom & Dad
Noon **+ Brittany Bales Birth. Rem. by Family**
+ Julia Christos & John Flynn by Family
1:00 p.m. **Baptism in Church**

MONDAY, May 18: St. John I
7:30 a.m. **+ Peg Kilian by the Kilian Family**
+ Kyle Bales Birth. Rem. by Family

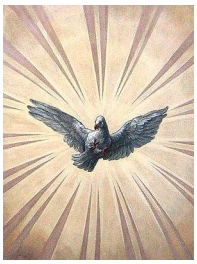
TUESDAY, May 19:
7:30 a.m. **+ Carole North**

WEDNESDAY, May 20: St. Bernardine of Siena
7:30 a.m. **+ Betty Shin by the Milo Family**
9:30 a.m. **A.A. Meeting in Church Basement**
5:30 p.m. **St. Joseph cooks at Daybreak Shelter**

THURSDAY, May 21: St. Christopher Magallanes & Companions
7:30 a.m. **Ashley Oprzedek Birth. Congrats. by Family**
6:30 p.m. **Rosary with the Knights in Church**

FRIDAY, May 22: St. Rita of Cascia
12:05 p.m. **Johnny & Susie Garvey Birth. Congrats. by Mom & Dad**

SATURDAY, May 23:
9:00 a.m. **Knights of Columbus Blood Drive**
4:00 p.m. **+ Walt Purdy & Patti Scully by Wife & Family**
+ Brittany Bales, Matthew Weck, & Maryann Pena
by Family **5:00 p.m.** **Confessions**



SUNDAY, May 24: **Pentecost Sunday**
8:00 a.m. **The Parish Family**
10:00 a.m. **+ The Soul & Family of Justin Stuck**
by John Walters
Noon **+ Gloria Cicirale Anniv. Rem. 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.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
May 23 & 24

SATURDAY, May 23 @ 4:00 P.M.

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

SUNDAY, May 24 @ 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 24 @ 10:00 A.M.

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

SUNDAY, May 24 @ NOON

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

Readings for the week of May 17, 2026

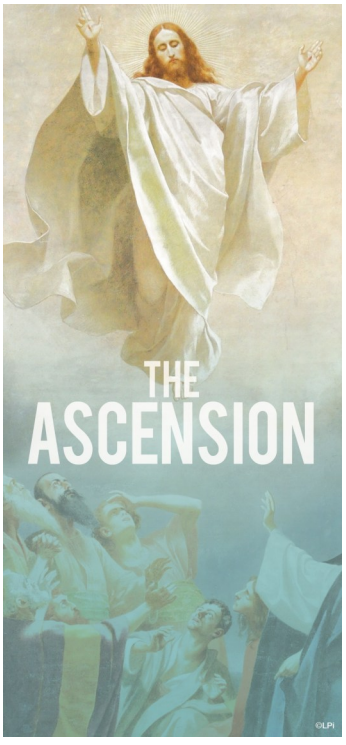
Sunday:	Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9/ Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20
Monday:	Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab/Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday:	Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21/ Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday:	Acts 20:28-38/ Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab/Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday:	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/Jn 17:20-26
Friday:	Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab/Jn 21:15-19
Saturday:	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7/Jn 21:20-25
Next Sunday:	**Vigil**: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24 and 35, 27-28, 29b-30/ Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 or, for the **Extended Vigil**: Gn 11:1-9/Ex 19:3 -8a, 16-20b/Ez 37:1-14/Jl 3:1-5/ Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 (see Lectionary for Mass Supplement, 62) **Day**: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1 and 24, 29-30, 31 and 34/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12 -13/Jn 20:19-23

Ascension of the Lord

Question:
Couldn't Jesus have done more good if he stayed on earth, rather than ascended into heaven?

Answer:
This is an interesting question! During his earthly life, Jesus gave sight to the blind, healed paralytics, drove out demons, and fed thousands with only a few loaves of bread. Imagine what he could have done if he'd never ascended into heaven! Imagine what our world could be! It's an interesting thought to consider, especially as the world faces challenges that only seem to deepen and expand. Yet at the Last Supper, Jesus says, "It is better for you if I go." Why? His response must have seemed strange to the Apostles at the time. In his place, Jesus says, he will send the Paraclete, the Comforter, the Advocate. He promises to send the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' departure allows the Apostles to become the leaders he has formed them to be. Jesus is no longer situated in only one geographical location, and his Church will never be a political kingdom. Soon after the Ascension, we celebrate Pentecost — the descent of the Holy Spirit and the radical empowerment of the followers of Jesus. We share in that empowerment and in that mission. Jesus is present in the sacraments, and he is present in us. Through our faith, hope, and love, we are called to be the good he does here on earth!



The Knights of Columbus from St. Dennis and St. Joseph invite you for a special rosary-centered prayer service:

The Silver Rose: Sharing the Message of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Friday May 29, 7:00 PM
St. Dennis Church
1214 S. Hamilton St Lockport, IL
Followed by refreshments

Each year, from early March through Mid-December, Silver Roses are stewarded by Knights of Columbus Councils along routes from Canada to Mexico. Every stop the Silver Rose makes throughout the pilgrimage to pray for respect for life, for the spiritual renewal of each nation and for the advancement of the message of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

"Through [the Silver Rose Program] we honor not only Our Lady of Guadalupe and express the unity of the [the Knights of Columbus], but we also reaffirm [our] dedication to the sanctity of human life. It is to the Blessed Mother that we turn in prayer as we work to end the Culture of Death that grips our society. As we think in terms of 'One Life, One Rose,' it is most appropriate that we turn to Our Lady of Guadalupe who made known her will through Juan Diego and the miracle of the roses."

– Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson

For more information, visit:
https://www.illinoisknights.org/faithinaction/life/silver

Stewardship

May 10, 2026

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	**8506.00**
Weekly Average of all ACH And CC Transactions	**2867.00**
TOTAL	**$11,373.00**
($loose cash: 1,539.00)	

BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: $10.150.00

Catholic Home Missions: $20.00
Debt/Campus Repair: $50.00
Kankakee Tornado Collection; $140.00

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: Before the Gospel is proclaimed at Mass, Catholics make small signs of the cross over which body parts?

Answer: On their forehead, lips, and chest (near their heart).

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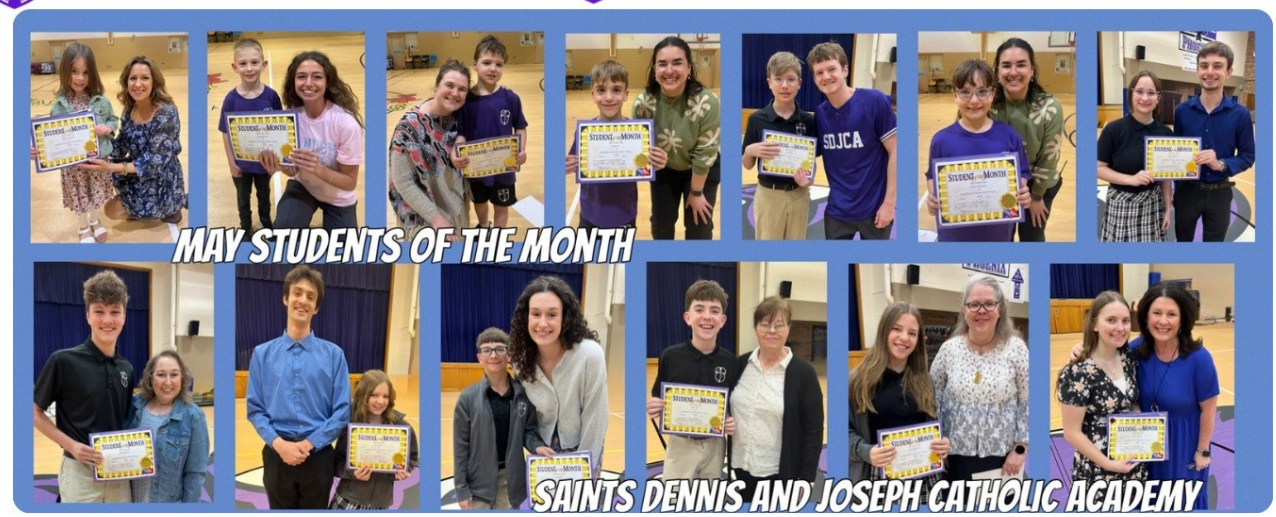

Congratulations, May Students of the Month!

ELC - Hadley C., Kindergarten - Grayson B. , Grade 1 - Benjamin P., Grade 2 - Henry L., Grade 3 - Gabija C. ,Grade 4 - Lucy C., JH ELA - Declan D., JH Math - Zane B., JH Science - Breeana H., JH Social Studies - Dakota A., K-8 Art - Chase K., K - 8 Music - Jordyn L., K - 8 - P.E. - Evan B.

Right: Our Drama Club entertained three full audiences with our Spring Musical, *Beauty and the Beast, Jr*. Thank you to all who came out to support our performers and staff who worked hard on this production.

Below left: Congratulations to our 2nd graders on their First Holy Communion! May you always hold Jesus as close to your heart as you do during this special time!

Below right: K - 8 joined together on April 29th for Mass, Buddy Activities, Lunch and a preview of our Spring Musical. We love our time together!

To our parishioners...thank you from the bottom of our hearts for your continued support of our school. None of what we do is possible without you!

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Looking for a deeper relationship with God and a renewed sense of purpose for your journey through life's transitions?

Connect with others and recharge your spiritual batteries on a RENEW retreat!

The next weekend is on **June 12-14, 2026** at the Carmelite Spiritual Center in Darien, IL (southwestern suburb of Chicago).

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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_____

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_____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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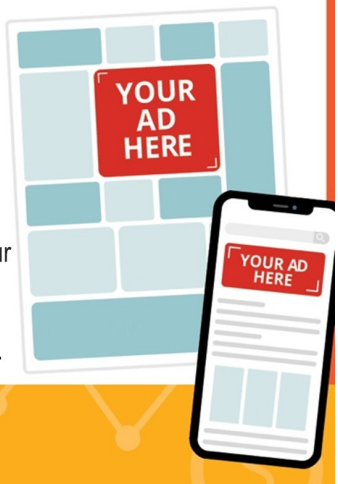

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