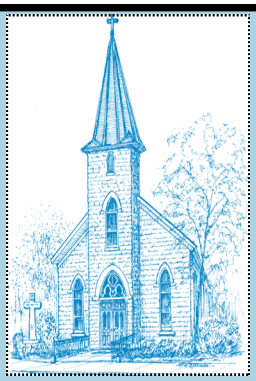

Welcome to

St. Joseph Catholic Parish

A Faith Community Since 1868

July 26, 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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STJOSEPHLOCKPORT@FLOCKNOTE.COM

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MASSES, INTENTIONS, AND EVENTS
July 25—August 2, 2026

SATURDAY, July 25: St. James
4:00 p.m. **+ Shawn McDaniel by Therese Piazza**
Thea Oprzedek Birth. Congrats. by Family
5:00 p.m. **Confessions**

SUNDAY, July 26: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. **+ Lorraine Jackinoski Birth. Rem. by Family**
10:00 a.m. **+ Leon Andreshak Anniv. Rem. by Family**
Birthday Blessings to John & Anna Hejl by Family
Noon **+ Jozef Reczek Birth. Rem. by Daughter & Family**

MONDAY, July 27:
7:30 a.m. **+ Virginia Guffrie by the Garvey Family**

TUESDAY, July 28:
7:30 a.m. **+ Doug Stolen & Family by the Milo Family**

WEDNESDAY, July 29: Sts. Martha, Mary, & Lazarus
7:30 a.m. **Clif & Elaine Kilian Wedd. Anniv. Congrats. by Family**
9:30 a.m. **A.A. Meeting in Church Basement**

THURSDAY, July 30: St. Peter Chrysologus
7:30 a.m. **+ Lee Hutchinson by the Bumber Family**

FRIDAY, July 31: St. Ignatius of Loyola
12:05 p.m. **+ Jose Milo & Family by the Milo Family**
8:00 p.m. **A.A. Meeting in Church Basement**

SATURDAY, August 1: St. Alphonsus Liguori
4:00 p.m. **+ John Jadron by Family**
Clif Kilian & Dayna Pierzchala Birth. Congrats. by Family
5:00 p.m. **Confessions**

SUNDAY, August 2: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. **+ Deceased Members of the Juban, Dziuban, and Hylek Families by Sylvia**
10:00 a.m. **The Parish Family**
Noon **Mary Moster Birth. Congrats. by the Garvey Family**

Bill Doyle Jr., Connor & Matthais Erickson, Phil Timm, Esmerelda & Gregory Bonk, Luke Bonk, Patrick Bonk, Gary and Mark Ellison, Cora Zgrabik, Brooke Zych, 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, Dan Bryant, Craig Shelton, Claude Poulsen, Hillary Shelton, Barbara Majerczyk, Ted Stevenson, Michelle Bensinger, Andre Schlinker, Michelle Marusak, Dennis Strode, Patrick Marusak, Joe Kopinski, and Martine McMahon.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
August 1 & 2

SATURDAY, August 1 @ 4:00 P.M.

Readers:	**D. Haag**
EM:	**L. Gawron**
Musicians:	**V. Moreno, K. Clark**
Ushers:	A. Lostroscio
	G. Nagel
	J. Wisneski

SUNDAY, August 2 @ 8:00 A.M.

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

SUNDAY, August 2 @ 10:00 A.M.

Reader:	**T. Governale**
EM:	**P. Ciciora**
Musician:	**Choir**
Ushers:	T. Stark,
	G. Little
	T. Marcione

SUNDAY, August 2 @ NOON

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

Readings for the week of July 26, 2026

Sunday:	1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
Monday:	Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 13:31-35
Tuesday:	Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/ Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday:	Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Thursday:	Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/ Mt 13:47-53
Friday:	Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58
Saturday:	Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 14:1-12
Next Sunday:	Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18/ Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

Observances for the week of July 26, 2026

Sunday:	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday:	Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus
Thursday:	St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Saturday:	St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Next Sunday:	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Giving of Treasure

Question:
Why are Catholics required to give money to the Church?

Answer:
Offering money and other goods to God and the Church is, before all else, a statement of gratitude. We see this when we look at how our spiritual ancestors showed their gratitude to God for the gifts they had received (e.g. Genesis 14:18-20 and Genesis 28:16-22). One of the ways they offered thanks to God was through a practice called "tithing," in which 10 percent of a person's goods (crops, livestock, money, etc.) were given back to God.

Today, the practice of tithing — giving 10 percent — is still common in many Protestant communities, but it is not required for Catholics. Instead, the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches us that, "The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to [their] own abilities" (no. 2043). This means that, although we are not bound to practice "tithing" in the traditional sense, we do share a responsibility to share our money or other resources with our parish communities. Like our spiritual ancestors, we give as a sign of our gratitude for the many gifts that God has given to us. Beyond this, we also share our resources with other Catholic organizations to help them finance their ministries, to continue and grow their outreach to the poor and the needy, and to provide just wages for their employees.

How much we give depends on our individual circumstances, but since we share a responsibility for the programs, outreach, and health of our parish communities and Catholic organizations, this question gives us a wonderful opportunity to ask some important questions about the quality of our giving and what our priorities are. Remember, we are only stewards of our time, talents, and treasures and as the First Letter of Peter reminds us, "As each one of you has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied graces" (4:10).

ANNOUNCING THE 48TH ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Sunday, August 30
1:00 p.m.

Cathedral of St. Raymond
604 N. Raynor Av., Joliet IL

Couples celebrating anniversaries of 25 years, 50 years, and more than 50 years are welcome to attend.

Bishop Dennis Spies will celebrate the Mass and will lead all couples in a special renewal of wedding commitment.

Pre-registration is required by August 10

Questions? Contact Deacon Doug McIlvaine
815-221-6156
dmcilvaine@dioceseofjoliet.org

Stewardship

July 19, 2026

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	**6610.00**
Weekly Average of all ACH And CC Transactions	**2867.00**
TOTAL	**$9,477.00**
($loose cash: 962.00)	

BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: $10.150.00

DEFICIT: (673.00)

Peter's Pence: $5.00
Debt/Campus Repair: $85.00

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.

1ST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR
AUGUST 7

Following the 12:05 P.M. MASS in CHURCH

Spend an hour with the Lord in silent prayer, Eucharistic adoration, and Benediction

The First Friday Holy Hour consists of a brief prayer at the beginning, 45 minutes of silent adoration before the exposed Blessed Sacrament, and 10 minutes of closing prayers and Benediction. This thousand year old devotion is rooted in the firm belief that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist and that by spending quiet meditative prayer before his Eucharistic Presence, we show fitting honor and thanks for this supreme spiritual gift. You are invited to come to the feast ...accept the invitation of our Lord!

OKTOBERFEST 2026

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

BE FORMED

Join Season 13 of Be Formed!

Be Formed is a 90-day discipleship experience for men and women that includes weekly videos, small groups, prayer, fellowship and nights of reflection. Registration for Season 13 of Be Formed opens on August 15, with the season formally kicking off on September 14th. If you are interested in registering for Season 13 or if you have any questions, please reach out to us at beformed@dioceseofjoliet.org.

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If you're interested in becoming Catholic, or wish to learn more about Catholicism, NOW is the time.
Contact the rectory office at 815-838-0187, or email jgenty@stjosephlockport.org for further information.

Classes begin in the fall.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION 2026-27

Registration is open to any families wishing to register for 1st - 8th grade. Please contact the Religious Education Office for a registration form. All R.E. classes will be held at St. Joseph School Campus, beginning in September.

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PK-3rd Grade
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NOTARY PUBLIC SERVICES: Partnered with United Way of Will County FREE Notary Public services are available in the Clerk's and Supervisor's Offices.

EMERGENCY ID BRACELETS: Bracelets have an ID number and WESCOM's phone number in case that person is found and unable to communicate. Applications are available online and brought to the Supervisor's Office.

KNOX HOMEBOX SENIOR LOANER PROGRAM: Sign up for a free lock box that will allow the Fire Department access to your home in an emergency. Call 815-838-0380 for more information, or visit www.lockporttownship.com, click on "Seniors" and find "Knox Homebox Loaner Program" for an application.

HANDICAP PARKING PLACARDS: Applications are available in the Supervisor's Office for a 3-month temporary placard.

MEDICAL CLOSET: Residents may temporarily borrow medical equipment including wheelchairs, crutches, canes, walkers, and more, free of charge. Open Monday-Friday, 9 am-4 pm.

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SUMMER SERIES 2026

THEOLOGY ON TAP
Coom's Corner
1225 E 9th St, Lockport

7 PM—DOORS OPEN
7:15 PM—TALK BEGINS

Monday, July 27:
" Daily Work As Daily Holiness"
Fr. Dan Karenchan

Monday, August 3:
"Dating Relationships and Theology of the Body"
Fr. Thomas Loya

Monday, August 10:
"Magnificent Humanity: How the Incarnation Makes Us Truly Human"
Fr. Greg Alberts

Questions? Contact
angelalabanca3@gmail.com

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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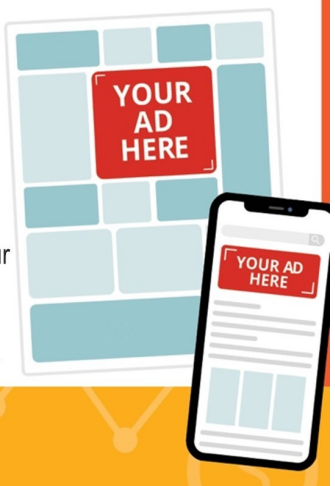
Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

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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