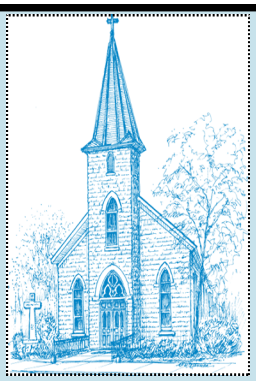

Welcome to

St. Joseph Catholic Parish

A Faith Community Since 1868

August 9, 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
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Deadline: Monday	Deadline: Friday
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MASSES, INTENTIONS, AND EVENTS
August 8-August 16, 2026

SATURDAY, August 8:
4:00 p.m. **+ Bill Molony by Jim & Lilli Rozanski**
Elaine Kilian Birth. Congrats. by the Kilian Family
5:00 p.m. **Confessions**

SUNDAY, August 9: **19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 a.m. **+ Hazel & Charlie Adelman by the Hartford Family**
10:00 a.m. **+ Marianne Kowalkowski Birth. Rem. by Family**
+ Leon Andreshak Wedd. Anniv. Rem. by wife Angie
Noon **The Parish Family**

MONDAY, August 10: St. Lawrence
7:30 a.m. **Peter & Ashley Oprzedek Wedd. Anniv. Congrats. by Family**
Jonathan Hayes Birth. Congrats. by Family

TUESDAY, August 11: St. Clare
7:30 a.m. **+ Souls in Purgatory by the Garvey Family**

WEDNESDAY, August 12: St. Jane Frances de Chantal
7:30 a.m. **+ Carole North by Gini Viskocil & Family**
9:30 a.m. **A.A. Meeting in Church Basement**

THURSDAY, August 13: Sts. Pontian & Hippolytus
7:30 a.m. **Kerri Lou Brehn Birth. Congrats. by the Kilian Family**
11:00 a.m. **Memorial Mass for Mary Jane Johnson**

FRIDAY, August 14: St. Maximilian Kolbe
12:05 p.m. **+ Adolfo & Sanang Koga & Family by the Milo Family**
8:00 p.m. **A.A. Meeting in Church Basement**

SATURDAY, August 15: **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
9:00 a.m. **Assumption Mass**
4:00 p.m. **+ Rose Grant Anniv. Rem. by Family**
+ Linda Favero Birth. Rem. by Family
5:00 p.m. **Confessions**

SUNDAY, August 16: **20th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 a.m. **+ Ted Koziel by Wife & Family**
10:00 a.m. **+ Florentyna Dziedzina by Daughter**
+ Wesley Loboz by Daughter
Noon **+ Tom Adelmann & Joseph Cunico by Denise Adelmann**
1:00 p.m. **Baptisms in Church**

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, Keith Adelmann, Joelee McMaster, Karen Singer, Mary Kay Tierney, Alan Homerding, Anthony Jadron, Rose Michalski, Natalie Grycko, Dan Bryant, 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 15 & 16

SATURDAY, August 15 @ 9:00 a.m.

Presider:	**Fr. Jared**
Reader:	**D. Haag**
EM:	**NEEDED**
Musician:	**N. Hauch**
Usher:	**NEEDED**

SATURDAY, August 15 @ 4:00 P.M.

Presider:	**Fr. Jared**
Readers:	**R. Ward**
EM:	**R. Ward**
Musicians:	**V. Moreno**
Ushers:	A. Lostroscio
	G. Nagel
	J. Wisneski

SUNDAY, August 16 @ 8:00 A.M.

Presider:	**Fr. Dan**
Reader:	**J. Drozdek**
EM:	**NEEDED**
Musicians:	**R. Nicholas**
Ushers:	R. Schenk
	N. Wheeler
	J. Drozdek

SUNDAY, August 16 @ 10:00 A.M.

Presider:	**Fr. Dan**
Reader:	**J. Ranney**
EM:	**I. Hurtado**
Musician:	**Choir**
Servers:	**C. Ranney, E. Ranney**
Ushers:	T. Stark
	G. Little
	T. Marcione

SUNDAY, August 16 @ NOON

Presider:	**Fr. Dan**
Reader:	**T. Governale**
EM:	**P. Ciciora**
Musicians:	**M. Ray**
Ushers:	M. Adelman
	S Fitzmaurice
	J. Garvey

Readings for the week of August 9, 2026

Sunday:	1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Rom 9:1-5/ Mt 14:22-33
Monday:	2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday:	Ez 2:8-3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday:	Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday:	Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62/Mt 18:21-19:1
Friday:	Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/ Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday:	**Vigil**: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/ Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 **Day**: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/ Lk 1:39-56
Next Sunday:	Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/ Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28

Observances for the week of August 9, 2026

Sunday:	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday:	St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
Tuesday:	St. Clare, Virgin
Wednesday:	St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
Thursday:	Sts. Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs
Friday:	St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Saturday:	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday:	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Question:
Why do we call Jesus “the light of the world”?

Answer:
In cultures around the world, light and darkness are chief symbols of good and evil, order and chaos, clarity and confusion, hope and despair. These symbols tap into something essential about the nature of things. God has given us the created world as a gift. His first work, as we see in Genesis 1, is to create light, giving meaning and insight to the abyss. It is in the light that rest of creation comes to be. A gathering darkness emerges in Genesis 3. Adam and Eve hide, shrouding themselves from the sun’s rays and the gaze of God. While God offers a promise of salvation and establishes a covenant with His people, the sense of fog and dim understanding still remain. The Hebrew people repeatedly betray the promises they have made to God, and all around them the nations actively worship idols.

The promise of God is not in vain, however. In John 1, we see a depiction of Christ as primordial goodness, order, clarity, and hope. “The true light, which enlightens everyone was coming into the world … this life was the light of the human race” (John 1: 9, 4). Think of the last sunrise you witnessed (if you could wake up for it!). As you watched the lavender brighten to rose edged with gold, did your heart swell? Did you recall the goodness of the world? Did you feel rekindled hope? Such is the role of Christ in the soul. Such is his coming Incarnate in our world.

Become an Agent of Hope

In a recent message to Catholic Charities, Pope Leo XIV reminded us that we are called to be "Agents of Hope" by bringing Christ's love to those in need.

During Catholic Charities Month (August), we invite you to join that mission. Your support helps provide food, shelter, counseling, senior services, and compassionate care to people throughout the Diocese of Joliet, offering hope when it is needed most. Together, we can be Agents of Hope.

To learn more or make a gift, visit
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A SWING AND A PRAYER

Join Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet for **A Swing and a Prayer**, our annual golf outing benefiting programs and services that provide hope, help, and support to individuals and families throughout our seven-county service area.
Spend a day on one of Chicagoland's premier golf courses while helping Catholic Charities continue its mission of serving people in need and calling others of good will to do the same.

Event Details
Tuesday, August 25, 2026
Cog Hill Golf & Country Club
Lemont, Illinois

Rain or shine, the day will feature great golf, delicious food and drinks, exciting contests, raffles, a silent auction, and opportunities to connect with fellow supporters of Catholic Charities.

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Stewardship

August 2, 2026

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	**9377.00**
Weekly Average of all ACH And CC Transactions	**2867.00**
TOTAL	**$12,244.00**
($loose cash: 1,062.00)	

BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: $10.150.00

Debt/Campus Repair: $75.00

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.

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

Questions? Contact
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The Assumption of Mary

This Saturday, the Church celebrates the Assumption of Mary. When August 15, November 1, or January 1 falls on a Saturday or Monday, the Church of the United States dispenses Catholics from the Mass obligation that day. However, we can still celebrate the glorious entrance of Mary into heaven! **A Mass will be held at St Joseph parish at 9AM. All are welcome. Here are five points on the Assumption of Mary:**

The Assumption means that Mary was taken up into heaven, body and soul, **after her life on earth.** It is generally accepted that Mary experienced death (the separation of body and soul), but the effects of decomposition never touched her body. Like the Ark of the Covenant made of acacia wood (which is difficult to rot), Mary's body carried the Presence of God and was preserved from the effects of death. In this way, Mary's body shares the experience of her Son's body, which never knew corruption. This means that we will not find relics of Mary's bones or flesh on earth – they're in heaven! While relics of her hair and veil are around, nothing of her body remains on earth.

The Assumption is an ancient Christian belief. Although Pope Pius XII defined the dogma in 1950, this belief had already held by Christians since the first centuries. Christians in the fifth century expressed this belief through stories of Mary's entrance into heaven (*Transitus of the Blessed Virgin Mary*). Eastern Churches likewise celebrated the Feast of the Dormition of Mary, which recalls her death as "falling asleep" and entering heaven.

Mary was not the first person to be assumed. According to an ancient tradition, Enoch (the great-grandfather of Noah) was taken up to God. This comes from Genesis 5:24 which states: "Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him." Further, Elijah was also assumed when a flaming chariot came and took him away from Elisha (see 2 Kings 2:9-12). Finally, the Gospel of Matthew states that saints from the Old Testament experienced bodily resurrection following the resurrection of Christ: "the tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, and coming out of the tombs after his resurrection they went into the holy city and appeared to many" (Mt 27:52-53).

Scripture indirectly supports Mary's Assumption. Many Church Fathers interpreted this vision of John as referring to Mary: "A great sign appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars" (Rev. 12:1). Further, Mary is often seen as the ark of the covenant, who carried Jesus. In this way, Psalm 132:8 also points to Mary: "Arise, O Lord, and go to your dwelling place, you and the ark of your might." In addition, the fact that Mary possessed the fullness of grace (Luke 1:28) implies that she did not experience the effects of original sin.

The assumption points forward to the bodily resurrection. At the end of time, whether saved or damned, we will all be reunited with our earthly body. This is attested to by our Lord himself and the Apostles. In the Apostles' Creed, we profess, "I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, *the resurrection of the body*, and life everlasting." Mary's bodily assumption reminds us that we too are called to follow her into heaven by following Christ on earth.

As we celebrate the Assumption, may we all look to her who was both the Mother and the best disciple of Jesus Christ.

Father Jared Rutnicki

Sources: Ludwig Ott, *Fundamentals of Catholic Dogma*; Pius XII, *Munificentissimus Deus*; Denzinger-Hunermann, *Enchiridion Symbolorum*; Brant Pitre's Reflection on the Assumption.

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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DAYBREAK

St. Joseph is scheduled to serve dinner for the guests of DAYBREAK on Wednesday, August 19. The menu this month will be fried chicken, with breakfast foods for the next morning. We are expecting approximately 75 people, and the following items are needed for the dinner:

4—five pound containers of potato salad
8—bags of potato chips
8—cans of baked beans
8—bags of salad
3—jars of salad dressing
Fresh fruit of any kind
4—gallons of juice/lemonade
Dessert items
Breakfast foods:
Orange juice
Cereal
Hard boiled eggs
Bagels/cream cheese

Please call the rectory at 815-838-0187 if you would like to donate food. Monetary donations will also be appreciated to offset the cost of the fried chicken.

Donations can be brought to the rectory on Tuesday, August 18 or Wednesday morning, August 19.

Join Season 13 of Be Formed!

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.

Use Your Time and Talents to Help a Senior

Many older adults need a helping hand managing everyday financial tasks. Catholic Charities is looking for caring volunteers to assist low-income seniors with organizing bills, balancing checkbooks, identifying scams, and maintaining financial independence. Opportunities are also available to support the program through quality assurance and administrative assistance.

Volunteer opportunities are available in **Kankakee, Grundy, Iroquois, and Will Counties**.

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