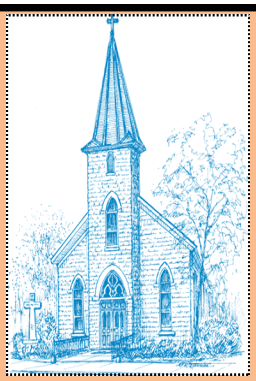

Welcome to

St. Joseph Catholic Parish

A Faith Community Since 1868

August 16, 2026

20th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

"She said, 'Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.' Then Jesus said to her in reply, 'O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.'" Matthew 15:27-28

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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 .

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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Deadline: Monday	Deadline: Friday
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MASSES, INTENTIONS, AND EVENTS
August 15-August 23, 2026

SATURDAY, August 15:
9:00 a.m. **Assumption Day 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**
+ Joe & Kathy Zdralevich by their Cousins
10:00 a.m. **+ Wesley Loboz by Daughter**
+ Florentyna Dzieadzina by Daughter
Noon **+ Tom Adelmann & Joseph Cunico by Denise Adelmann**
1:00 p.m. **Baptisms in Church**

MONDAY, August 17:
7:30 a.m. **+ Virginia Guffrie by the Garvey Family**

TUESDAY, August 18:
7:30 a.m. **Joan Mulryan for Healing**
8:00 a.m. **School Begins**

WEDNESDAY, August 19: St. John Eucles
7:30 a.m. **+ Jim Tierney Birth. Rem. by Mary Kay Tierney**
Ezekiel Oprzedek 4 Yr. Birth. Congrats by Family
9:30 a.m. **A.A. Meeting in Church Basement**

THURSDAY, August 20: St. Bernard
7:30 a.m. **Alexandra Budz for Healing by Family**

FRIDAY, August 21: St. Pius X, Pope
12:05 p.m. **+ Maggie Connelly by the Garvey Family**
8:00 p.m. **A.A. Meeting in Church Basement**

SATURDAY, August 22: **The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
4:00 p.m. **Phil & Vicki Forni Wedd. Anniv. Congrats by the Kilian Family**
5:00 p.m. **Confessions**

SUNDAY, August 23: **21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 a.m. **+ Roman Natividad & Family by the Milo Family**
+ Leonard Skuta Birth. Rem. by the Skuta Family
10:00 a.m. **+ Russell Peterson Birth. Rem. by Don & RaeMarie Peterson**
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, 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, 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, Martine McMahon, and Joan Mulryan.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
August 22 & 23

SATURDAY, August 22 @ 4:00 P.M.

Presider:	**Fr. M. Lane**
Readers:	**D. Haag**
EM:	**L. Gawron**
Musicians:	**V. Moreno, JR Gillogly**
Ushers:	A. Lostroscio
	G. Nagel
	J. Wisneski

SUNDAY, August 23 @ 8:00 A.M.

Presider:	**Fr. Jared**
Reader:	**M. Schultz**
EM:	**J. Hartford**
Musicians:	**R. Nicholas, K. Clark**
Ushers:	R. Schenk
	N. Wheeler
	J. Drozdek

SUNDAY, August 23@ 10:00 A.M.

Presider:	**Fr. Jared**
Reader:	**NEEDED**
EM:	**P. Ciciora**
Musician:	**Choir**
Ushers:	T. Stark
	G. Little
	T. Marcione

SUNDAY, August 23 @ NOON

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

Readings for the week of August 16, 2026

Sunday:	Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/ Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
Monday:	Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/ Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday:	Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday:	Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/ Mt 20:1-16
Thursday:	Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 22:1-14
Friday:	Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday:	Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday:	Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2a, 2b-3, 6 and 8/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Observances for the week of August 16, 2026

Sunday:	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wednesday:	St. John Eudes, Priest
Thursday:	St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Friday:	St. Pius X, Pope
Saturday:	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Next Sunday:	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 opened 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.

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 **www.catholiccharitiesjoliet.org** or call 815-724-1140

- • Thank you and God bless you!

CATHOLIC TRIVIA – JUST FOR FUN

Question: Who was the first pope to select a double regnal name?

Answer: Pope John Paul I

THE NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN

Bishop Dennis E Spies Auxiliary Bishop of Joliet Diocese will preside

September 12, 2026 (Saturday) at 1pm
Resurrection Cemetery 200 W. Romeo Rd Romeoville, IL 60446
Garden of the Angels section

Please join us at the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children to ensure that our unborn brothers and sisters will not be forgotten.

This is the 14th year we are praying at Resurrection Cemetery. On Saturday September 12, pro-life Americans will honor the memory of more than 63 million unborn victims of abortion during the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.

A solemn prayer service with hymns, prayers, and speakers, will be held simultaneously at gravesites around the country where abortion victims have been buried, as well as at many memorial sites dedicated in their honor.

Stewardship

August 9, 2026

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	**5828.00**
Weekly Average of all ACH And CC Transactions	**2867.00**
TOTAL	**$8,695.00**
($loose cash: 935.00)	

BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: $10.150.00

DEFICIT: (1455.00)
Assumption: $55.00

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.

Dear Parish family,

This Sunday, Jesus encounters a Canaanite woman while he withdraws to northern Galilee. This Canaanite woman, an ordinary mother, has much to teach us about following Christ:

The Canaanite woman's faith prefigures the faith of the Gentiles. Two thousand years later, we no longer think of the world in terms of "Jews and Gentiles." To the early Christians, however, this was a topic of great importance. The initial Church was primarily composed of Jewish Christians (think of the Apostles, Mary, the women who followed Jesus, and early converts). Very soon, however, thousands of Gentiles began to inundate the Church and were baptized. This new reality brought profound difficulties to Christ's flock, which are often the subject of Paul's letters.

In the Old Testament, **membership in the People of God was obtained by having Jewish blood.** Outsiders who recognized the God of Israel were known as "God-fearers" and could come only so far into the Temple (the "Court of the Gentiles"). God even warned his people against marrying outside their people, knowing they would turn away from Him to other religions. In the New Testament, membership in God's People extends to believers of every nation. Through the Sacrifice of Jesus on the Cross, grace is poured upon the world through faith and the Sacraments. In fact, we are still saved by "having Jewish blood," but this is the Blood of Jesus that we receive when we consume the Eucharist.

Although we no longer think of the world in terms of "Jews and Gentiles," **we *continue* think of the world in categories**. There are "natives and foreigners," "the poor and the rich," and, of course, "conservatives and liberals." These distinctions can be useful; however, a world that only recognizes differences and never similarities will destroy itself. In a highly polarized society, Christians are called to be the "salt of the earth." When others accuse, we forgive. When others dispose, we cherish. Throughout history, Christians have loved what society hates. Roman families were known to leave unwanted children outside to die by exposure. These children would be picked up and cared for by Christians. In epidemics, Christians would visit the sick and attend to the dying. In the civil rights movement, Christians marched alongside others for the equal treatment for people of different colors. It is important to acknowledge our differences but never at the cost of forgetting our common human dignity and vocation.

In the first reading, Isaiah foretells "The foreigners who join themselves to the Lord, ministering to him, loving the name of the Lord, and becoming his servants… I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful… for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples" (Is 56:6-7). Isaiah reminds us that **all people are called to faith in Christ**. Through baptism, we are united to Jesus and – in Him – to one another. Our Lord knew that categorizing people would be a constant threat to the Church. Let us follow the examples of Saint Francis, who embraced the leper; of Mother Theresa, who tended to the "untouchables;" and of Jesus Christ, who gave his life that all people might be saved.

Father Jared Rutnicki

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.

St.JosephRE@aol.com or 815-838-2112

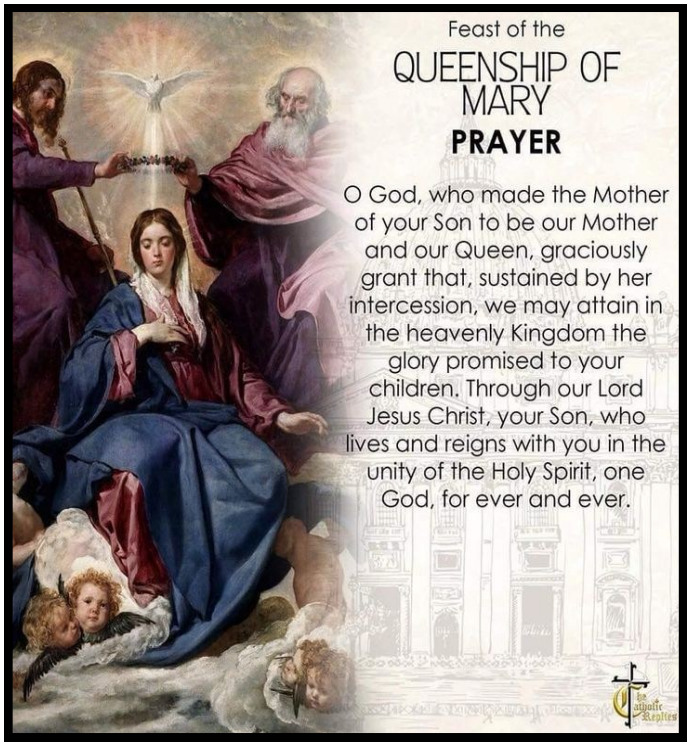
GUTEN TAG (GOOD DAY)!

Crafters, vendors, and businesses are invited to participate in the annual SDJCA Oktoberfest Craft Show & Business Expo. This year's event will be held on the following:

Saturday, October 10th 11:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday, October 11th 11:00 am - 5:00 pm

There are a limited number of spaces available on a first come basis.
10x6' spaces are provided with two chairs and one 6' table to accommodate your display needs.

For more information and an application, please email sdjoktoberfestcraft@gmail.com



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PK-3rd Grade
1201 S. Washington Street

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4th-8th Grade
529 Madison Street

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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.

SAVE THE DATE! OKTOBERFEST 2025

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

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.

Catholic Charities
815-723-3405

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

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**.

For more information, contact **Sherri Funk** at **815-523-9921** or sfunk@cc-doj.org

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_____

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_____New Parishioner

Change of Address_____

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Change of Phone_____

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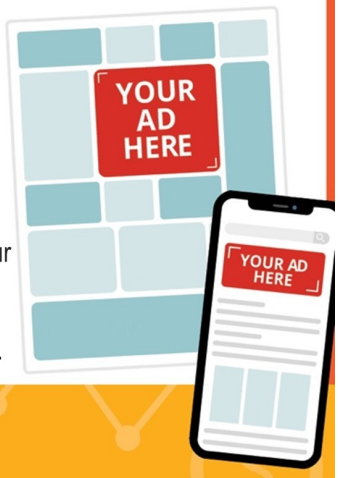
Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

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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