

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

November 15th & 16th, 2025



**A Parish Apostolate of the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter
A Mission Church of Queen of Apostles, Joliet**

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2025 Liturgical Calendar and Mass Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp	The Priests of the FSSP, by Felix Venice Jr.
Sat. Nov 15th	Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:15 pm	Intention of celebrant
Sat. Nov 15th	Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
6:00 pm	Frank Joseph Orvino+ , by Orvino Family
Sun. Nov 16th	Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 am	Living & Deceased Members of the Geck & Dieringer Families, by Beverly Geck
10:00 am	Pro Populo
Mon. Nov 17th	St Gregory the Wonderworker, Bishop & Confessor
7:30 am	Tom Podnar, by Mary Lynn Panek
Tues. Nov 18th	Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul
7:30 am	All the Souls in Purgatory, esp. deceased members of Friends of the Suffering Souls
Wed. Nov 19th	St Elizabeth of Hungary, Widow
7:30 am	In Repentance and Reparation for the Sins within Our Church and Our World
Thurs. Nov 20th	St Felix of Valois, Confessor
7:30 am	Frank Joseph Orvino+ , by Orvino Family
5:30 pm	Mark McCague+ , by Michael McCague
Fri. Nov 21st	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
7:30 am	The Conversion of Gregory & Catherine Roulo, by William Spencer Jr.
Sat. Nov 22nd	St Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr
8:00 am	John J Nevin Sr., by Nancy Nevin
Sat. Nov 22nd	Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
4:15 pm	Intention of celebrant
Sat. Nov 22nd	Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
6:00 pm	Sally Polesel
Sun. Nov 23rd	Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 am	Living & Deceased Members of the Geck & Dieringer Families, by Beverly Geck
10:00 am	Pro Populo



St. Joseph's Goal for 2025:	\$30,400
Amount Pledged to Date:	\$27,085
Amount Paid to Date:	\$26,895
Bal Due to Pledged Amt:	\$ 190
Bal Due to Goal Amt:	\$ 3,505
REBATE:	\$ 0

It is not too late to make a pledge for the CMAA. Once we reach our goal, St. Joseph Mission will receive a rebate. Please go to <https://giving.diojoliet.org/annual-appeal> to make your secure donation. We still need **\$3,505** to meet our goal!

Music for November 15 & 16, for St Joseph & Ss Peter and Paul

Song Title	St. Jos. 4:15 pm
Processional Antiphon	p. 267
Offertory Hymn	# 159
Communion Antiphon	p. 268
Recessional Hymn	# 136

Song Title	St Jos. 10 am	SSPP 4:30 pm
Processional:		
All People that on earth do dwell	925	389
Asperges, Mass VIII, Credo I		
Recessional:		
Faith of Our Fathers	928	498

By the Numbers for November 8th & 9th, 2025

Regular Collection	Saturday 4:15 PM	\$411.00
	Saturday 6:00 PM	\$1,492.00
	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$1,863.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$1,740.00
	Naperville 4:30 PM	\$1,215.00
Special Needs	Saturday 4:15 PM	\$30.00
	Saturday 6:00 PM	\$330.00
	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$620.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$280.00
	Sunday 4:30 PM	\$40.00
Building Fund	Saturday 4:15 PM	\$20.00
	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$200.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$30.00
	Sunday 4:30 PM	\$100.00
All Saints' Day	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$75.00
All Souls' Day	Saturday 4:15 PM	\$10.00
	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$75.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$20.00
Votive Lights		\$316.00
Mass Intentions		\$210.00
Salt		\$55.00
Donuts		\$36.00
TOTAL		\$9,168.00

Thank You for Your Generosity

Last Weekend's Mass Attendance

4:15 pm	40
6:00 pm	62
8:00 am	153
10:00 am	210
4:30 pm	168

Installation of Rector

Please join us on **Saturday, November 22**, at the **4:15 pm** Mass for the official installation of Fr. Rickert. The Mass will be offered by **Bp. Ronald Hicks**, who will also swear in Fr. Rickert as rector.

Mass Intentions

We are now accepting Mass intentions via envelopes. Please limit to five [5] requests for the time being. The Masses will be said in 2026, since 2025 is completely booked up. Thank you.

We ask that **one envelope be submitted for each request**, as this greatly helps us to manage the many requests that we receive. Thank you for your understanding!

Weekly Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Please join us every Friday for Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 7:30 AM morning Mass until Noon. The Seven Sorrows of Mary Novena and the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary will be prayed until 9:00 a.m. Silent Adoration will follow with the “Changing of the Guards” / (Adorers) at the top of each hour until Noon. All are welcome to come and adore Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament.





Bishop Hicks' Letter
dated November 12, 2025 . . .



... regarding the recent USCCB **Special
Message on Immigration**

Dear Friends,

Today the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) issued a powerful and unified “Special Message” on immigration. Deeply rooted in our Gospel tradition of loving our neighbor, this letter affirms our solidarity with all our brothers and sisters as it expresses our concerns, opposition, and hopes with clarity and conviction. It is grounded in the Church’s enduring commitment to the Catholic social teaching of human dignity and a call for meaningful immigration reform.

I encourage each of you to take the time to read it, pray with it, and share it with others. Let it be a source of reflection in your homes, parishes, and communities. I hope its message of compassion and justice will influence our thoughts, words, and actions. May it also inspire the work we do together as a Church.

Through the intercession of Mary, Help of Christians, may God’s light bring peace, justice, and healing to all who need it most.

And may God bless you always.

– Bishop Ronald A. Hicks

<https://www.usccb.org/news/2025/us-bishops-issue-special-message-immigration-plenary-assembly-baltimore>

Prayer to Our Suffering Savior for the Holy Souls in Purgatory

O most sweet Jesus, through the bloody sweat which Thou didst suffer in the Garden of Gethsemani, have mercy on these Blessed Souls. Have mercy on them.

R. Have mercy on them, O Lord.

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer during Thy most cruel scourging, have mercy on them.

R. Have mercy on them, O Lord.

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer in Thy most painful crowning with thorns, have mercy on them.

R. Have mercy on them, O Lord.

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer in carrying Thy cross to Calvary, have mercy on them.

R. Have mercy on them, O Lord.

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer during Thy most cruel Crucifixion, have mercy on them.

R. Have mercy on them, O Lord.

O most sweet Jesus, through the pains which Thou didst suffer in Thy most bitter agony on the Cross, have mercy on them.

R. Have mercy on them, O Lord.

O most sweet Jesus, through the immense pain which Thou didst suffer in breathing forth Thy Blessed Soul, have mercy on them.

R. Have mercy on them, O Lord.

(Also, Recommend yourself to the Souls in Purgatory and
mention your intentions here)

Blessed Souls, I have prayed for thee; I entreat thee, who are so dear to God, and who are secure of never losing Him, to pray for me a miserable sinner, who is in danger of being damned, and of losing God forever. Amen.

Men's Book Club

The Men's Book Club [MBC] meets biweekly on alternate Thursday nights in the St. Michael Room. Our next five meetings are scheduled for the following evenings: November 20, December 04, December 18, January 08 & January 22.

Meetings begin around 7:00 PM, following the Holy Hour and the sessions run about 75-90 minutes.

We will begin our review our next new book – ***Money Manipulation & Social Order***, by Fr. Denis Fahey – at our next meeting on November 20. So, now would be a great time for a newcomer to join in our discussion!

New additions to the group are always welcomed!



The dedication to Fr. Fahey's book mentioned above

“To the Immaculate Queen of Heaven and Earth, to St. Joseph, the Head of the Holy Family and the Protector of the Universal Church, to St. Thomas Aquinas, the Catholic Church’s Official Teacher of order, and to St. Brigid of Ireland, who was so well versed in the arts of rural life, this book is lovingly and humbly dedicated by the author, in the hope that by their intercession it may contribute in some little way to the return of the world to the full acceptance of the rule of Christ the King, so that social environment may once more sustain men in their efforts to live as members of His Mystical Body.”

St. Joseph VOLUNTEERS

It's that time of the year where Nancy Taylor is getting our all-voluntary cleaning crew schedule for 2026 done. Those who will stay on, please notify Nancy and God bless you. Those who want to join the crews to keep the Temple of God at St. Joseph clean and inviting, please notify Nancy at 708-299-0737. Training will be provided.

Need responses by November 23rd, please!

St. Joseph Library

The St. Joseph's Church library is located in the St. Michael room. Stop in and check out the books and devotional materials.

You may sign them out for up to one month. Please return them at that time.



St. Joseph Music News

ANNOUNCEMENT: "Cantate Domino canticum novum"

Our Fall 2025 Choral Season has begun. Our Adult Choir rehearsals are Thursday evenings, after Benediction, from 7 pm - 8:30 pm in the Choir Loft.

The St Joseph's Children's Choir rehearses in the Choir Room in the School Building from 6-8 pm every other Tuesday, beginning September 2nd.

New members are always welcome! If you are interested or have any questions, please speak with our music director, Lewis McAdow, after the 10 am Sunday Mass or contact him through the rectory.

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Prayer Intentions for healing and sick members:

Aerielle Bonham, Joanna Mellin, George MacZura, Steve Niemiec, Donna Antolik, Mary Deskovich, James Rader, John Rader, Lawrence Lee, Heather Boudreau, Joe Haumann, Darlene Haumann, Laura Sniegowski, Christy Becker, Jim Dernulc, Mary Lund, Kathleen Mary McNair, Ray Tomanio, Merlin Melnarik, Kaira Paramo, Russler Family, Angie Schuman, Judy Splayt, Fr. Chris Steinle, OSA, Jim Wright, Ken Zabel, Adele Stukas, Aldona Peciura, Nancy Tomanio, Zita Stukas, Hellmann/Roman/Kasperek, Robert Fearncombe, Jr., Isabella Goodrich, Theresa McCague, Mary Mitchell, George Magee, Fr. Christopher Manuele, Susanna Wheeler, James Wheeler, Ricardo Martinez, Ayako Naganuma, Mason Leon Raymond Courtney, Cyndy Crane, Isabella Woodsick, Johnny Schutzius, Ilona Leja, Chris & Theresa Galounis, Marilyn Dolnack, Sandra Surges, Cole Francis Leon, Sue Gorski, Lisa Herron Family: Claudia, Nicholas, Richard and Sandra Pope, Kathy Barthelt, Linda Nace,

Prayer Intentions for the deceased:

Ana Raciunas, Vera Busch, Richard Dernulc, Warren Dorman, Sally Polesel, Peter Polesel, Frances Rader, Grace Niemiec, Robert Deau, Ben Bazik, Joseph Birsa, Pat & Glen Dykhuizen, Tahara Dykhuizen, Barbara Schoenberger, Fran Nelli, Dale Bixenmann, Arthur Birsa, Mary Rose Bucciarelli, Diane Wolfe, Bonnie Nagra, Corinne Bowers, Dr. Stephanie Pavnica, Andrew Pavnica, Maria Fairman, George McCague, Linda Stortz, Kevin Hansen, Richard Blaskie, Fr. Vytas Memenas, Ed Bowlan, Rich Goss, Art Johnson, Rod Springer, Fr. Jess Testa, Lenore Anders, Rita Luzbetak, Mark Evans, Ellen Schutzius, Miguel Piña, Adeline Garvy, Mary Shankland, Alex Tomasino, Stephen Sculley, John J. Nevin Sr., Michael Kelly, Anita Goss, Donald Tadda and Nancy Fury, Glen Proud, Robert Mitchell, Kenneth Kirstein, Joseph Carrabotta, John Kish, Carol Galuszka, Fr. Don Buggert, George MacZura IV, Sean O'Connor, Delfino and Maria Carmen Orozco, George Wojtas, Bonnie Reichstadt, Carol Towne, Daniel and Yolanda Moreno, Bob Kuprewicz, Cecilia Hansen, Dianne Figiel, Rosemarie D. Jurgens, Marie MacZura, Deacon Kevin Neis

**Please contact the rectory to add or update
names on either list. Thank you**

Mass Schedule

Ordinary Form

Saturday 4:15 pm

Extraordinary Form

Saturday 6:00 pm

Sunday 8:00 am and 10:00 am

Sunday (Ss. Peter & Paul in Naperville) 4:30 pm

Daily Mass - Extraordinary Form

Monday thru Friday 7:30 am Saturday 8:00 am

Thursday Evening 5:30 pm - followed by Holy hour & Benediction

First Friday of every month 6:00 pm

Holy Day of Obligation

Ordinary Form 4:15 pm anticipated Mass, if a priest is available

Extraordinary Form 7:30 am & 6:00 pm

Confessions

30 minutes before Mass

Welcome Visitors

Worship aides for both forms of the Mass are in the pew racks. We welcome new parishioners. **Registration forms** are in the back of church in the pew racks. Turn your form in to Fr. Rickert or place it in the collection basket. Also, there is no need to respond "Amen" at Latin Mass Holy Communion.



Weddings



For parishioners with faithful parish membership of at least one year who wish to be married at St. Joseph, contact the rectory at least 6 months prior to your intended date.

Baptisms



To schedule your family's Baptism, please call or email Fr. Rickert. Any weekday is possible, but Saturdays are preferred.



Dear Faithful in Christ,

Last week I made some brief comments on Bible versions and said I would get to my other question this week, namely, "What to read in the Bible?" I think I will take a couple of weeks to answer this question.

I know that there are various plans out there to read the Bible in a year or, I think, even three years, or the New Testament in a year. I believe there are even video series that accomplish this. It's not that I'm against it *per se*, since it's definitely good to read through the entirety of Sacred Scripture in the course of one's life, including some of the more obscure books of the Old Testament. But I don't think it's a good idea to "crunch" through the Bible just to say that one has been through it. (Again, I'm not insinuating that people do, but it would certainly be a temptation, like being on some diet or exercise regimen.) What we need is to deepen our personal relationship with God through absorbing the Scriptures. What this will mean is reading and rereading and rereading, probably slowly on most occasions.

One way of doing this is called *lectio divina*, which has been a commendable practice for centuries. Here one takes a brief passage, perhaps consisting of only a handful of verses, or even a single verse; reads it; ponders it; meditates quietly for a while; then reads the passage again. One pathway to deeper appreciation for Scripture is to pause and ask, Why is *this* particular word used instead of another? What is the significance of this detail?

With all that said, if you do decide to make your way through a book of the Bible by reading, say, a chapter a day, I would recommend above all to start with the Holy Gospels. There is something about reading them from beginning to end that one may not get in any other way. I'll pick up this topic next week.

God bless –

Fr. Rickert