

**Saint Joseph Catholic Church**  
**December 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025**



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

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# Liturgical Calendar and Mass Intentions

<b>Sanctuary Lamp</b>	Susan Gorski, by Jeff & Laura Sniegowski
<b>Sat. Dec 13th</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>
4:15 pm	Mary+ & Rudy+ Prince, and Tillie+ & Andy+ Suligoy, by Carl & Nancy Suligoy
<b>Sat. Dec 13th</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>
6:00 pm	Mark R Springer, by Mike & Beth Hansen
<b>Sun. Dec 14th</b>	<b>Third Sunday of Advent</b>
8:00 am	Living & Deceased Members of Warren Dorman Family, by Beverly Geck
10:00 am	Pro Populo
<b>Mon. Dec 15th</b>	<b>Feria of Advent / Votive Mass</b>
7:30 am	Frank Joseph Orvino+ , by Orvino Family
<b>Tues. Dec 16th</b>	<b>St. Eusebius, Bishop &amp; Martyr</b>
7:30 am	For the Souls in Purgatory, especially the deceased members of Friends of the Suffering Souls
<b>Wed. Dec 17th</b>	<b>Ember Wednesday of Advent</b>
7:30 am	+ Anne L. & + Albert C. Podnar, by Mary Lynn Panek
<b>Thurs. Dec 18th</b>	<b>Greater Feria of Advent / Votive Mass</b>
7:30 am	In Repentance and Reparation for the Sins within Our Church and Our World
5:30 pm	Hansen & Davis grandchildren, by Mike & Beth Hansen
<b>Fri. Dec 19th</b>	<b>Ember Friday of Advent</b>
7:30 am	Deceased+ Parents & Siblings of the Holuj Family
<b>Sat. Dec 20th</b>	<b>Ember Saturday of Advent</b>
8:00 am	An Increase of Piety for William & Harriet Spencer, by William Spencer Jr.
<b>Sat. Dec 20th</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>
4:15 pm	Vincent Henry & Gloria Tamayo
<b>Sat. Dec 20th</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>
6:00 pm	+ Albert C. & + Anne L. Podnar, by Mary Lynn Panek
<b>Sun. Dec 21st</b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>
8:00 am	John J. Nevin Sr.+ , by Sissy Welch
10:00 am	Pro Populo

## Masses for Dec 24 + 25

Wednesday Dec. 24		Christmas Eve
7:30 am	St. Joseph Rockdale	Vigil of the Nativity
4:00 pm	St. Joseph Rockdale	Christmas Mass - Ordinary
8:00 pm	St. Joseph Rockdale	Christmas 'Midnight' Mass - Latin
Thursday Dec. 25		Christmas
8:00 am	St. Joseph Rockdale	Nativity of Our Lord - Extraordinary
10:00 am	St. Joseph Rockdale	Nativity of Our Lord - Extraordinary
3:00 pm	Ss P+P Naperville	Nativity of Our Lord - Extraordinary

## Masses for Dec 31 + Jan 01

Wednesday Dec. 31		7th Day / Solemnity / Octave
7:30 am	St. Joseph Rockdale	7th Day in the Octave
4:00 pm	St Joseph Rockdale	Mary, Mother of God - Ordinary
6:00 pm	St. Joseph Rockdale	Octave of Christmas Mass - Extra.
Thursday Jan. 01		Octave of Christmas
8:00 am	St. Joseph Rockdale	Octave of Christmas Mass - Extra.
10:00 am	St. Joseph Rockdale	Octave of Christmas Mass - Extra.
3:00 pm	SSPP Naperville	Octave of Christmas Mass - Extra.

## 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.



**By the Numbers for December 6th & 7th, 2025**  
***– December 8th collection not yet tabulated***

<b>Regular Collection</b>	Saturday 4:15 PM	\$828.00
	Saturday 6:00 PM	\$693.00
	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$2,134.50
	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$1,290.00
	Naperville 4:30 PM	\$2,046.00
<b>Special Needs</b>	Saturday 4:15 PM	\$170.00
	Saturday 6:00 PM	\$21.00
	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$480.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$360.00
	Naperville 4:30 PM	\$35.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	Saturday 4:15 PM	\$20.00
	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$180.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$65.00
<b>F. of the Immac. Conception</b>	Saturday 4:15 PM	\$65.00
	Saturday 6:00 PM	\$100.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$53.00
	Naperville 4:30 PM	\$10.00
<b>Christmas Flowers</b>	Saturday 4:15 PM	\$166.00
	Saturday 6:00 PM	\$55.00
	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$120.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$70.00
	Naperville 4:30 PM	\$55.00
<b>Retirement for Religious (Sat 415)</b>		\$100.00
<b>Votive Lights</b>		\$296.00
<b>Mass Intentions</b>		\$90.00
<b>Salt</b>		\$7.00
<b>Donuts</b>		n.a.
<b>OLG Seminary</b>		\$90.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$9,599.50</b>

***Thank You very much for your Generosity!***

## Last Weekend's Mass Attendance

4:15 pm	39
6:00 pm	99
8:00 am	127
10:00 am	141
4:30 pm	181

## Music for December 13 \$ 14 for St Joseph & Ss Peter and Paul



3rd Sunday of Advent



### **Song Title**

### **St. Jos. 4:15 pm**

Processional Antiphon	page.63
Offertory Hymn	# 203
Communion Antiphon	page.65
Recessional Hymn	# 255

### **Song Title**

### **St Jos. 10 am**

### **SSPP 4:30 pm**

Processional:

Lift up Your Heads	St J 931	SSPP 159
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Asperges, Mass XVII, Credo II

Recessional:

O Come O Come Emmanuel	St J 796	SSPP 139
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## **Mass Intentions**

We are able to resume accepting Mass intentions for the time being, but please keep in mind the following. **Only one request per envelope**, and please use a Mass intention envelope for each request. This will help us to comply with Canon Law. Please also limit your requests to at most 5 at a time. Thank you very much.



St. Joseph's Goal for <b>2025</b> :	\$30,400
Amount Pledged to Date:	\$28,115
Amount Paid to Date:	\$28,090
Pledged Amt still due:	\$ 25
<b>Goal Shortfall:</b>	<b>\$ 2,310</b>
REBATE:	\$ 0

## Coffee and Donuts

We will not have coffee and donuts during December and hope and intend to resume in January. We still need a **volunteer** to help. Please let our office know right away if you are willing to. No previous experience necessary.

## Help Needed!

We need someone to take **janitorial care of the school**. The main responsibilities would be to make sure that the restrooms and kitchen are clean, that paper products are in supply, and that trash has been taken out. **We are willing to pay** at a reasonable rate. If you are interested, please let the office know as soon as possible. Thank you.

## Welcome, Fr. Define!

A very warm welcome to **Fr. William Define, FSSP**, who will be with us from Dec. 19 through Jan. 5 to help out with Christmas and New Year's Day. Fr. Define is stationed at the provincial headquarters of the Fraternity in northeastern Pennsylvania. Many thanks to Fr. William Lawrence and the North American Province for sending him to us.



# MAKE

A Pastoral Letter for the People  
of the Diocese of Joliet



## Learn How to **MAKE** Disciples!

**What:** Join us for a conversation with Bishop Ron Hicks as he unpacks the details of his pastoral letter, **MAKE**, and discusses how to make disciples for Jesus in the Diocese of Joliet.

two locations near Rockdale:



### Saints Peter and Paul Church

36 N. Ellsworth St. Naperville, IL

Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 6:30-8:00 pm;

### St Mary Immaculate Church

15629 S. Illinois Rte. 59, Plainfield, IL

Thursday, March 05 at 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

**MAKE** is a call to action—rooted in Catechesis, Evangelization, and Faith into Action—to follow Jesus' Great Commission: **Go and make disciples!**

*To learn more about the bishop's pastoral letter, **MAKE**, please visit [make.diojoliet.org](http://make.diojoliet.org)*

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### 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.

## 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: December 18, January 08, January 22, February 05 & February 19.

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

We have just begun to review our new book – ***Money Manipulation & Social Order***, by Fr. Denis Fahey. So, now is a great time for a newcomer to join in our discussion!

New additions to the group are always welcomed!



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### Bake Sale in the gym after the Masses on Dec 13 & 14

Please stop by the gym after the 6 pm Mass on Saturday, or after either Sunday morning Mass and shop for some bakery items. Our parishioner, Bridget Johnson (who is a student at Benedictine College in Atchison, KS) is attempting to raise money to fund a charitable trip to Suriname in the summer of 2026, where she'll accompany the Servants of the Lord and Virgin of Matara Sisters as they minister to the needy there. Stop by to talk to Bridget and check out all of the nice treats!

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## Epiphany Water Blessing

The Blessing of **Epiphany Water** will take on Monday, Jan. 5, the Vigil of the Epiphany at 6:00 pm. Please make sure each container has a **wide mouth (2" or more)** and limit to **3 containers** per family. This worked very well last year – thank you!



## 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.

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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### **Our local Knights of Columbus Council, # 18037, will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, January 04, from 9 am thru Noon**

Mark the date! On the first Sunday of 2026, after the two morning Masses, our Knights of Columbus will prepare and serve a wonderful pancake breakfast in the school gym.



### **Welcome, State Officers of the Knights of Columbus!**

A warm welcome to the state officers of the Knights of Columbus for the 6:00 pm Mass on Saturday, Dec. 13. It is an honor to have you with us.

## **Prayer Intentions for the Living:**

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**

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## 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

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## **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,

Christmas is getting near, and beginning Dec. 17th, the liturgy reflects this fact. As you know, priests, deacons, and professed religious are required to pray the Divine Office, also known as the Liturgy of the Hours. The principal prayer in the morning is called “Lauds” – “Praises” – and the principal prayer in the afternoon, ideally said at sunset, is “Vespers” – “Evening Prayer.”

Every Vespers includes the Magnificat, the hymn of praise from Our Lady, “My soul doth magnify the Lord,” which we find in the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. Before and after the Magnificat is a short verse called an “antiphon.” Beginning, Dec. 17th we have the “O Antiphons,” because they all begin with “O,” an exclamation in Latin as it is in English.

The first antiphon begins, “O Sapientia, quae ex ore Altissimi prodiisti,” “O Thou Wisdom, which hast proceeded from the mouth of the Highest,” and the last antiphon, on Dec. 24, begins, “O Emmanuel, Rex et legifer noster,” “O Thou Emmanuel, our King and Lawgiver.” The antiphons are all sung to the same melody, whereas the melodies for the antiphon change from day to day in general.

If we take the next letter after the O at the start of each antiphon, we get S for the first antiphon, and E for the last one. The whole sequence is S A R C O R E. When we take these in reverse order, we get a Latin sentence: “Ero cras” – “I will be [here] tomorrow.”

Tradition has many gems to discover.

God bless – Fr. Rickert