

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

November 1st & 2nd, 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 Jared Hernandez Mendoza Family
Sat. Nov 1st	All Saints
4:15 pm	Shirley+ & Walter+ Wandachowicz, by Karl & Gayle Maurer
Sat. Nov 1st	All Saints
6:00 pm	Mark McCague+ by Mr. & Mrs. James McCague
Sun. Nov 2nd	Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 am	The Suffering Souls in Purgatory, by Mary Lynn Panek
10:00 am	Pro Populo
Mon. Nov 3rd	Commemoration of All Souls
7:30 am	Warren Dorman+ , by Beth Hansen
Noon	Donald Durnavich+ , by Felix Venice Jr & Jenna Medina
6:00 pm	Betty Saindon+ , by Nancy Taylor
Tues. Nov 4th	St Charles Borromeo, Bishop & Confessor
7:30 am	Frank Joseph Orvino+ , by Orvino Family
Wed. Nov 5th	The Holy Relics
7:30 am	In Repentance and Reparation for the Sins within Our Church and Our World
Thurs. Nov 6th	Daily Mass of the Dead
7:30 am	Brian Hansen, by Mike & Beth Hansen
5:30 pm	All Souls, by Juana Isaza & Camilo Velasquez
Fri. Nov 7th	Daily Mass of the Dead
7:30 am	Father Saguto's Intentions
6:00 pm	Mark McCague+ , by Michael McCague
Sat. Nov 8th	Four Holy Crowned Martyrs
8:00 am	William Saindon, by Nancy Taylor
Sat. Nov 8th	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
4:15 pm	Ruthanne Gurka+ , by Don & Cindy Gould
Sat. Nov 8th	Dedication of the Archbasilica of the Most Holy Savior
6:00 pm	Frank Joseph Orvino+ , by Orvino Family
Sun. Nov 9th	Dedication of the Archbasilica of the Most Holy Savior
8:00 am	Teresita dela Vega Soriano+ , by Beverly Geck
10:00 am	Pro Populo

By the Numbers for October 25th & 26th, 2025

Regular Collection	Saturday 4:15 PM	\$353.00
	Saturday 6:00 PM	\$465.00
	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$2,055.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$1,320.35
	Naperville 4:30 PM	\$1,292.00
Special Needs	Saturday 6:00 PM	\$5.00
	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$130.00
	Sunday 4:30 PM	\$20.00
Building Fund	Saturday 4:15 PM	\$10.00
	Saturday 6:00 PM	\$100.00
	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$70.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$5.00
Propagation of the Faith		\$55.00
Votive		\$154.00
Mass Intentions		\$546.00
OLG Seminary		\$10.00
Donuts + Refreshments		\$21.25
Sanctuary Lamp		\$30.00
Salt		\$20.00
Misc. (Music exp. correction.)		\$250.00
TOTAL		\$6,911.60

Thank You for Your Generosity

Last Weekend's Mass Attendance

4:15 pm	36
6:00 pm	57
8:00 am	163
10:00 am	240
4:30 pm	178



St. Joseph's Goal for 2025: \$30,400
Amount Pledged to Date: \$26,545
Amount Paid to Date: \$26,330
Bal Due to Pledged Amt: \$ 215
Bal Due to Goal Amt: \$ 4,070
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 **\$4,070** to meet our goal!

Music for November 1 & 2, for **St Joseph & Ss Peter and Paul**

Song Title	St. Jos 4:15 p
Processional Antiphon	p. 259
Offertory Hymn	# 134
Communion Antiphon	p. 261
Recessional Hymn	# 130

Song Title	St Jos 10 am	SSPP 4:30 pm
Processional:		
Praise My Soul, The King of Heaven	933	514
Asperges, Mass VIII, Credo I		
Recessional:		
Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All	899	595



Our Lady of Fatima Holy Hour

The next Fatima Holy Hour will be
Thursday, November 13th at 6:00 PM.

Thank You

Fr. Rickert thanks you all for your thoughtfulness and generosity on the occasion of his birthday about two weeks ago. May God bless you all.

An update: With the permission of the Provincial Superior, Fr. William Lawrence, Fr. Quirke will be away a while longer. I don't know what the time frame is but will keep you posted as I am able. Thank you for your patience in the meantime.

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!



Bishop Hicks' Column
November 2025



“I Have Loved You” – A Gift from the Holy Father

The wait is over! After just five months of being elected, Pope Leo XIV has speedily penned and shared with us his first Apostolic Exhortation, *Dilexi Te* (“I Have Loved You”). It radiates the heart of Jesus and reminds us that love for Christ and love for the poor are inseparable. The Holy

Bishop's message continued on next two pages

Father teaches that when we draw close to those who are weak, forgotten, or struggling, we meet Christ himself. It is not only an invitation to charity; it is a call to conversion.

In last month's column, I invited everyone to read my pastoral letter MAKE! which lays out our diocesan vision for evangelization. If you have not yet done so, I encourage you to take some quiet time to read and pray with it, and now to also read *Dilexi Te*. These two letters, the Holy Father's and ours, speak to one another with one voice: a call to be a Church that listens, serves, and brings the love of Christ into action.

Some may think this theme of love for the poor is simply a continuation of Pope Francis and something that only Francis and Leo share in common. However, Pope Leo shows in a scholarly and deeply pastoral way that love for the poor has always been at the very heart of the Church. Throughout *Dilexi Te* he grounds this teaching in Scripture from the Old and New Testaments and draws upon the wisdom of the Early Church Fathers, the lives of the saints, and the witness of countless religious orders and popular movements. He even highlights how Saint John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI carried forward this same conviction in their own teaching. Far from being a new idea, Pope Leo reminds us that this is part of the Church's unbroken tradition, one that the world urgently needs to hear again today.

Reading *Dilexi Te* moved me deeply. It reminded me that when we share life with the poor, they evangelize us. During my years serving in El Salvador at a home for orphaned and abandoned children, I remember when a donation allowed us to buy doughnuts for all 525

children. We ran out before the adult staff could have any, including me. Then a little boy approached and offered me two thirds of his doughnut. I said, "That's generous, but give me one third and keep two thirds." He replied, "No, Padre, you're bigger and probably hungrier, you get more." That small act of love preached the Gospel better than any homily.

I was struck by Pope Leo's reminder that poverty is not only material. There is also a spiritual poverty, an emptiness and isolation that affects many, especially in our own country. He warns that this kind of poverty can be even more dangerous because it hides behind comfort or distraction. This insight challenges us to see the poor not only as those who lack food or shelter but also as those who hunger for meaning, mercy, and belonging. Our call is to reach both kinds of poverty with the same love of Christ.

Not long ago, I visited a parish food pantry where volunteers gathered to pray before they served. It was not simply about groceries; it was catechesis, evangelization, and faith in action all at once. One volunteer said, "Bishop, we try to do more than give out donations. We are trying to share God's love and see the face of Christ in everyone we serve." That is *Dilexi Te* come to life. When love meets action, we encounter Christ, and transformation happens.

May *Dilexi Te* be a roadmap for a Church that truly believes what it proclaims: that Christ's love is most visible when we serve, listen, and walk with the poor. In every act of mercy and every parish outreach, may we turn faith into action and reveal the love that Pope Leo describes so powerfully. And may we, as disciples here in the Diocese of Joliet, make that love visible in our words, our witness, and our works every single day.

– Bishop Hicks

Men's Book Club

The Men's Book Club [MBC] meets biweekly on alternate Thursday nights in the St. Michael Room. Our next four meetings are scheduled for the following evenings: November 06, November 20, December 04 & December 18.

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

We are now exploring and discussing *Theology for Beginners*, by Francis Joseph Sheed.

Newcomers are always welcomed!



Pro Life News

The Coalition Life group is looking for a local coordinator

for the **National 9 Days of Prayer to End Abortion**

which will take place from

November 13th - November 21st, 2025

If you are interested in coordinating a prayer event in conjunction with Coalition Life, go to:

coalitionlifecircle.org

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.

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.



Prayer Intentions for healing and sick members:

Aerielle Bonham, Joanna Mellin, 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, George MacZura, Steve Niemiec

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,

It is hard to believe that we are already into the month of November, a month in which we especially remember the faithful departed. On each day from Nov. 1 to Nov. 8 inclusive, a plenary indulgence, applicable only to the Poor Souls in Purgatory, is granted to those who visit a cemetery and pray, even if only mentally, for the faithful departed. The usual conditions for a plenary indulgence apply. Remember, too, that any work that carries a plenary indulgence automatically carries a partial indulgence if not all of the conditions are met. In the Mystical Body of Christ, no work of true charity is without benefit.

Partial indulgences are granted to those who recite Lauds or Vespers of the Office of the Dead, and to those who recite the prayer, "Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis." Or in English, "Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them."

With some frequency, people ask whether I (or priests in the Fraternity) can accept requests for Gregorian Masses. This is a series of 30 consecutive Masses for the repose of the soul of someone who has departed. I am simply unable, and I believe that our priests that are assigned to parishes need to take care of the spiritual needs of their whole parish, so they would not have the availability, either. If you'd really like to have Gregorian Masses said, your best course is to look online. Given the size of the request, it is fitting to offer more than the usual stipend of \$10 a Mass, such as \$20 or more, depending on your circumstances. In my opinion, the most important thing is to pray for the faithful departed and have Masses said for them, whether or not Gregorian Masses are available.

Fr. Rickert