

Saint Joseph Catholic Church

October 18th & 19th, 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	Annette Venice & Jeanine Reposa, by Felix Venice Jr.
Sat. Oct 18th	St. Luke the Evangelist
8:00 am	Sally Polesel, by Beth Hansen
Sat. Oct 18th	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:15 pm	<i>Intention of the Celebrant</i>
Sat. Oct 18th	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
6:00 pm	Mark McCague, by Mr. & Mrs. James McCague
Sun. Oct 19th	Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 am	Imelda Sanedrin, by Beverly Geck
10:00 am	Pro Populo
Mon. Oct 20th	St. John Cantius, Confessor
7:30 am	Thomas & Joan Shankland Family, by Beth Hansen
Tues. Oct 21st	St. Hilarion, Abbot
7:30 am	Bishop Ronald Hicks, by Anonymous
Wed. Oct 22nd	Votive Mass of St. Joseph
7:30 am	the Repentance of the Sins within Our Church and Our World, by Anonymous
Thurs. Oct 23rd	St. Anthony Mary Claret, Confessor
7:30 am	the Reversion of Stanley Szymanski, by Wm. Spencer
5:30 pm	Doris Holmes, by Karl & Gayle Maurer
Fri. Oct 24th	St. Raphael the Archangel
7:30 am	the Holy Souls, by the Shankland Family
Sat. Oct 25th	St. Isidore the Farmer, Confessor
8:00 am	Mark McCague, by Michael McCague
Sat. Oct 25th	Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:15 pm	<i>Intention of the Celebrant</i>
Sat. Oct 25th	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
6:00 pm	Warren Dorman, by Mary Lynn Panek
Sun. Oct 26th	Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
8:00 am	Mary Lynn Panek, by Warren Dorman
10:00 am	Pro Populo

By the Numbers for October 11th & 12th, 2025

Regular Collection	Saturday 4:15 PM	328.00
	Saturday 6:00 PM	433.00
	Sunday 8:00 AM	1,645.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	1,686.17
	Naperville 4:30 PM	1,094.10
Special Needs	Saturday 4:15 PM	50.00
	Saturday 6:00 PM	1,658.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	230.00
	Sunday 4:30 PM	40.00
Building Fund	Saturday 4:15 PM	10.00
	Saturday 6:00 PM	200.00
	Sunday 8:00 AM	145.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	120.00
Votive		208.00
Sanctuary Lamp		25.00
OLG Seminary		90.00
Donuts + Refreshments		33.09
Reimbursement to Parish		47.50
Wedding		250.00
F. of the Assumption (10 AM)		90.00
Rental Income		120.00
Salt		8.50
TOTAL		\$ 8,511.36

Thank You Very Much for Your Generosity

Last Weekend's Mass Attendance

4:15 pm	32
6:00 pm	64
8:00 am	162
10:00 am	202
4:30 pm	160



St. Joseph's Goal for 2025:	\$30,400
Amount Pledged to Date:	\$25,985
Amount Paid to Date:	\$25,745
Bal Due to Pledged Amt:	\$ 240
Bal Due to Goal Amt:	\$ 4,415
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 **\$4,415** to meet our goal!



Music for St. Joseph & SS. Peter and Paul

Song Title

St. Joseph 4:15 pm

Processional Antiphon	p. 252
Offertory Hymn	#135
Communion Antiphon	p. 254
Recessional Hymn	# 197

Song Title

St Joseph SSPP

Entrance:	927	510
Asperges, Mass VIII, Credo I		
Recessional:	923	563



Mass Intentions

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

Thank you.

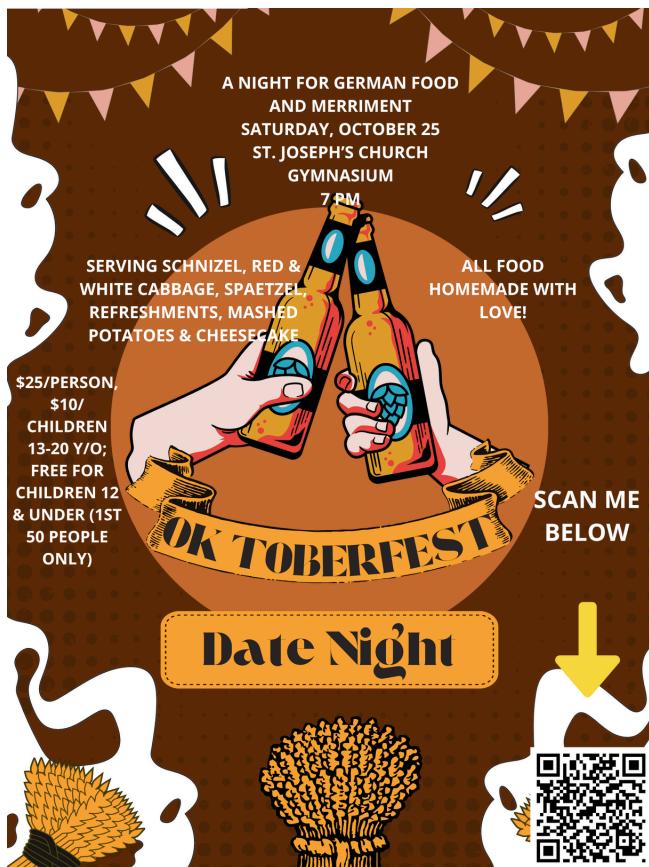
2025 K of C Vocations Raffle

Knights of Columbus councils throughout the state of Illinois are now participating in a Vocations Raffle. Each raffle ticket costs five dollars. 50% of our council's sales will go to the *Illinois State Council Knights of Columbus*, and the remaining 50% stays within our *St. Joseph Council* (# 18037), for our vocations efforts. 100% of what our council retains will be donated to the FSSP's *Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary*. The Illinois State Council uses their proceeds to fund the raffle prizes; the State Council's net proceeds will be used to defray the education / formation costs of the men and women who are preparing to be future priests and nuns in the six dioceses of Illinois.

Our Knights will be selling raffle tickets outside of church on the weekends of **October 25 & 26**, and **November 1 & 2** after each Mass. To donate online, scan the following QR code. Be sure to add Council "18037" so our council receives the credit. The online portal will close on December 1st.



Support Vocations



Saturday, October 25, 2025

7:00 PM

St. Joseph Gym

Sponsored by the St. Joseph Knights of Columbus Council #18037

Come for a fun date night and have
great German food and merriment

\$25 per adult / \$10 per child

Get your tickets here!

<https://kofc18037.org/events/oktoberfest-2025/>
Attendance by reservation only! RSVP by 10/23.

*full refunds will be given in the event that we don't
have sufficient ticket sales by October 19th*

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: October 23, 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.

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.



Today is World Mission Sunday!

Today, October 19, is World Mission Sunday!

Today, every parish across the globe joins together for the only worldwide collection mandated by Canon Law—World Mission Sunday. Your generosity today supports the Pope’s missions in more than 1,124 territories where the Church is young or struggling.

This year’s theme—“Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples”—is a call to embody the love of God, poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:5). Your offering today provides hope where despair too often dominates—through the building of churches, formation of seminarians and religious sisters, healthcare clinics, and Catholic schools.

Thank you for responding with faith, love, and generosity.

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Did you know?

Though formally established as a universal day of prayer and solidarity for the missions in 1922, the World Mission Sunday collection finds its origin in the prayer circles created by Blessed Pauline Jaricot, the foundress of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, one of four Pontifical Mission Societies. This 19th-century French laywoman convinced her friends, many of whom were laborers in her family’s silk factory, to pray daily for the missions and give a penny a week.

The pennies raised during the first year were sent to the huge then-diocese of Louisiana, which extended from the Florida Keys throughout the Louisiana Purchase to the Canadian border, and to China.

Prayer Intentions for healing and sick members:

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:

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,

Every once in a while, people will ask me for information about some book or essay I have referred to in my sermon. I'll take this opportunity to talk about one book I've referred to on at least a few occasions.

Your Designed Body is by Steve Laufmann and Howard Glicksman, MD, the latter of whom is a convert to Catholicism. The book was published in 2022 by the Discovery Institute.

Laufmann is an engineer and Glicksman is a medical doctor. They both draw on their areas of expertise to illustrate and explain the intricate design of the human body and some of its systems. These systems require so many collaborative parts that it is not possible to build them "step by step," and they provide strong evidence that they have been designed by a highly intelligent mind. Indeed, some of the systems and workings that occur in the human body are *beyond* any engineering we currently have in the world.

The book is very well written and clear. You do not need a background in biology or physiology in order to understand it. It is also very admirable in its tone; it never sinks to name-calling and vituperation, which those on the other side sometimes do. I believe this book should be accessible to a bright high school student or above.

There is an especially interesting discussion with a diagram of the development of an embryo. It becomes clear that an embryo is a human being right from the start.

If you read it, be sure to let me know what you think. God bless.

Fr. Rickert