

# **Saint Joseph Catholic Church**

## **October 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<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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# 2025 Liturgical Calendar and Mass Intentions

<b>Sanctuary Lamp</b>	The Priests of the FSSP, by Felix Venice Jr.
<b>Sat. Oct 25th</b>	<b>Christ the King</b>
4:15 pm	Intention of the Celebrant
<b>Sat. Oct 25th</b>	<b>Christ the King</b>
6:00 pm	Warren Dorman+, by Mary Lynn Panek
<b>Sun. Oct 26th</b>	<b>Christ the King</b>
8:00 am	Mary Lynn Panek, by Warren Dorman
10:00 am	Pro Populo
<b>Mon. Oct 27th</b>	<b>Feria / Votive Mass</b>
7:30 am	Norman James Clinch, by Nancy Taylor
<b>Tues. Oct 28th</b>	<b>Ss. Simon &amp; Jude, Apostles</b>
7:30 am	In Repentance and Reparation for the Sins within our Church & our World
<b>Wed. Oct 29th</b>	<b>Feria / Votive Mass</b>
7:30 am	All of the Souls in Purgatory, especially deceased members of FOSS (Friends of the Suffering Souls)
<b>Thurs. Oct 30th</b>	<b>Feria / Votive Mass</b>
7:30 am	Mark McCague+, by Michael McCague
5:30 pm	Warren Dorman, by Mary Lynn Panek
<b>Fri. Oct 31st</b>	<b>Feria / Votive Mass</b>
7:30 am	Living Members of the Shankland Family, by Beth Hansen
6:00 pm	<b>(All Saints)</b> Larry+ and Lorraine+ Rickert
<b>Sat. Nov 1st</b>	<b>All Saints</b>
8:00 am	Shirley and Walter Wandachowicz
<b>Sat. Nov 1st</b>	<b>All Saints</b>
4:15 pm	the Intention of the Celebrant
<b>Sat. Nov 1st</b>	<b>All Saints</b>
6:00 pm	Mark McCague, by Mr. & Mrs. James McCague
<b>Sun. Nov 2nd</b>	<b>Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost</b>
8:00 am	the Suffering Souls in Purgatory
10:00 am	Pro Populo

## By the Numbers for October 18th & 19th, 2025

<b>Regular Collection</b>	Saturday 4:15 PM	382.00
	Saturday 6:00 PM	280.00
	Sunday 8:00 AM	2,009.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	1,256.00
	Naperville 4:30 PM	1,167.00
<b>Special Needs</b>	Saturday 4:15 PM	30.00
	Saturday 6:00 PM	200.00
	Sunday 8:00 AM	535.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	460.00
	Sunday 4:30 PM	25.00
<b>Building Fund</b>	Saturday 4:15 PM	10.00
	Saturday 6:00 PM	80.00
	Sunday 8:00 AM	220.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	85.00
<b>2nd Collection (World Mission S.)</b>		<b>1,076.00</b>
<b>Votive</b>		173.00
<b>Priestly Fraternity of St Peter</b>		20.00
<b>OLG Seminary</b>		40.00
<b>Donuts + Refreshments</b>		65.00
<b>Holy Day</b>		20.00
<b>All Saints Day</b>		20.00
<b>Salt</b>		1.00
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$8,154.00</b>

***Thank You Very Much for Your Generosity***

## Last Weekend's Mass Attendance

4:15 pm	37
6:00 pm	39
8:00 am	182
10:00 am	233
4:30 pm	202



St. Joseph's Goal for 2025:	\$30,400
Amount Pledged to Date:	\$26,415
Amount Paid to Date:	\$26,200
Bal Due to Pledged Amt:	\$ 215
<b>Bal Due to Goal Amt:</b>	<b>\$ 4,200</b>
<b>REBATE:</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>

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 **\$4,200** to meet our goal!



## Music for St. Joseph & SS. Peter and Paul

### Song Title

### St. Joseph 4:15 pm

Processional Antiphon

p. 257

Offertory Hymn

#233

Communion Antiphon

p. 259

Recessional Hymn

# 177

### Song Title

### St Joseph SSPP

Entrance:

Alleluia! Jesu Canite

Asperges, Mass VIII, Credo I

Recessional:

881

505

**A Reminder:** *Daylight Saving time ends soon . . . , remember to 'fall back' one hour on Sunday morning, November 2nd!*



## 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. We ask that 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!

## 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

## **All Hallows Cemetery Walk**

Monday Night, October 27th

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

St. James at Sag Bridge

Dress as your favorite saint and enjoy games in the hall!

## **Liturgical Calendar Notes**

Although All Saints Day is not a day of obligation this year, Fr. Rickert will offer Mass at 6:00 pm on Friday, Oct. 31, with Confessions beforehand. **All Souls Day** is transferred to Monday, Nov. 3.

### **Lifelong Lay Formation Lead – Diocese of Joliet, Crest Hill**

The Diocese of Joliet is seeking to hire a full-time **Lifelong Lay Formation Lead**. This position will serve the Diocese of Joliet as a member of the Department of Catechesis and Evangelization team and will be responsible for implementing and overseeing the formation process through which Catholics come to follow Jesus more closely throughout the course of their lives. This position will work directly with pastors and parish ministry leaders to deepen the spiritual engagement of parishioners in the lives of their parishes, the diocese and the universal Church. This position will be responsible for the supervision of the Be Formed Program Administrator and the Marriage and Family Ministry Specialist. A Bachelor's degree is required however a master's degree is preferred in educational or organizational leadership, pastoral studies, theology, or related fields. Requirements include substantial experience in lay formation in a parish or diocese, preferably on a leadership level. Demonstrated commitment to the Catholic Church's mission and social teachings. Faith-filled practicing Catholic who loves the Church and has a hunger to grow and learn in service to others. Capacity to engage in a team approach to ministry. Excellent interpersonal and public communication skills, with a particular skill for group process facilitation and project management. Will travel throughout the seven (7) counties of the Diocese of Joliet on a regular basis. The successful candidate must be a practicing Roman Catholic in good standing, and must know, profess and act consistently in accordance with the doctrinal and moral teachings of the Catholic. To view a full job description, visit: [The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois](http://The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois). If interested in this amazing opportunity, please send a cover letter and resume to the Human Resources Department at [humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org).

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## 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!

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## 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 13<sup>th</sup> - November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025

If you are interested in coordinating a prayer event in conjunction with Coalition Life, go to:  
[coalitionlifecircle.org](http://coalitionlifecircle.org)

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## 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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"

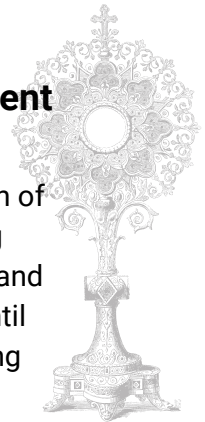
Our Fall 2025 Choral Season has begun. Our Adult Choir rehearsals are Thursday evenings, after Benediction, from 7 pm - 8:30 pm in the Choir Loft.

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.





## **2026 Youth Formation Summer Internship Diocese of Joliet, Crest Hill, IL**

The Department of Catechesis & Evangelization in the Diocese of Joliet is offering an 8-week summer internship for four (4) adults aged 21 and up. The purpose is to support youth formation programming across the diocese, while helping the interns learn more about diocesan and parish structures to better discern where God may be calling them in the life of the church. Responsibilities will include participating in trainings, department meetings, and other relevant events. Will help to lead formation events, one overnight retreat for high school youth, and one youth conference for high school youth. Interns will research a project on a ministry area of interest, will perform clerical work as needed and other duties as assigned.

The internship will begin on Monday, June 1, 2026, and conclude on Friday, July 24, 2026. The interns will report to the Department of Catechesis and Evangelization and be expected to work during office hours at the Blanchette Catholic Center: 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Fridays. Some weekends and evenings will be needed, as well.

To view a full job description, visit: The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to [abuldak@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:abuldak@dioceseofjoliet.org). Applications will be accepted until April 15, 2026, and the four (4) openings will be filled on a rolling basis, first-come, first-served for qualified candidates.

## **Superintendent of Diocese of Joliet Catholic Schools – Diocese of Joliet, Crest Hill, IL**

The Diocese of Joliet is seeking to hire a full-time Superintendent of Diocese of Joliet Catholic Schools. Reporting to the Chief Operating Officer, the Superintendent serves as the chief educational and operational leader for the Diocese of Joliet Catholic School system and the Catholic Schools Office (CSO). The Superintendent is responsible for advancing Catholic education, promoting teacher and educational excellence, and ensuring the long-term sustainability and growth of diocesan schools. The Superintendent oversees the implementation of a strategic plan focused on increasing enrollment, particularly in under-resourced communities, while stewarding resources effectively to ensure operational vitality. A central priority of this role is strengthening faith formation and ensuring that a vibrant Catholic identity is evident across all schools. The successful Superintendent of Catholic Schools will be a visionary, proactive, and collaborative servant leader who will develop strategies that ensure the long-term vitality and viability of Catholic education in the Diocese of Joliet. The Superintendent will earn trust and respect among parents, parish and school leaders by building strong relationships, employing effective communication skills, understanding challenges and acting on opportunities. Must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church and have a strong commitment to the philosophy and teaching mission of the Catholic church. Qualifications include Advanced degree in educational administration (Ph.D., EDS, or EDD a plus). 5 years of experience in administration and management in a Catholic school system. Previous experience as a superintendent or assistant superintendent is preferred. Previous experience as principal or president of a Catholic school(s). To view a full job description, visit: [The Roman Catholic Diocese of Joliet in Illinois](#). If interested in this amazing opportunity, please send a cover letter and resume to the Human Resources Department at [humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:humanresources@dioceseofjoliet.org). When sending your cover letter and resume, please reference Superintendent in the subject line of your email.

### **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 Courney, 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**

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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,

This Sunday, October 26, is the Feast of Christ the King. In the Traditional calendar, this feast takes place on the Sunday right before All Saints. In the new calendar, Christ the King takes place on the last Sunday of the year before the beginning of Advent.

One reason for having Christ the King before the Feast of All Saints is to emphasize the kingship of Christ *already, here and now*. And indeed His Kingship “Yesterday, today, and forever.” The saints we honor on All Saints clearly understood Christ to be their king already.

We should remember the cry of the Cristeros in the Cristero Wars in Mexico in the 1920's and 1930's: “¡Viva Cristo Rey!” – “Long live Christ the King!” Fr. José-María Iraburu, in his great work, *The Acts of the Apostles of the Americas*, says that the martyrdom of the Cristeros is comparable to those in the early centuries of the Church. That is a remarkable statement (with which I agree) given the many martyrs throughout the world and throughout the centuries.

Nowadays the idea of kingdom is not prevalent and is even consciously rejected. Nearly all of the European monarchies have disappeared, and one that remains prominent in Europe seems to be holding on for purposes of image and tourism. (Just my opinion.) But the problem is not a kingdom itself, but rather the fact that every human being on Earth suffers from the effects of Original Sin, including earthly kings and royal families. When we pray, “Thy Kingdom come!” in the Our Father, we should perhaps put emphasis on “*Thy*.” Only the Kingdom of God is truly, as the Preface today says, “A kingdom of truth and life; and kingdom of holiness and grace; a kingdom of justice, love, and peace.”

God bless you.

Fr. Rickert