

Saint Joseph Catholic Church
November 29th & 30th, 2025



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

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2026 Liturgical Calendar and Mass Intentions

Sanctuary Lamp	In Reparation for the Sins of Our World, by Felix Venice Jr.
Sat. Nov 29th	First Sunday of Advent
4:15 pm	Intention of celebrant
Sat. Nov 29th	First Sunday of Advent
6:00 pm	J D Vance & Family, by Mary Lynn Panek
Sun. Nov 30th	First Sunday of Advent
8:00 am	Living & Deceased Members of the Geck & Dieringer Families
10:00 am	Pro Populo
Mon. Dec 1st	Feria of Advent / Votive Mass
7:30 am	All the Souls in Purgatory, especially the deceased members of Friends of the Suffering Souls
Tues. Dec 2nd	St. Bibiana, Virgin & Martyr
7:30 am	John Maurer, by Karl & Gayle Maurer
Wed. Dec 3rd	St Francis Xavier, Confessor & Principal Patron
7:30 am	In Repentance and Reparation for the Sins within Our Church and Our World
Thurs. Dec 4th	St. Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Confessor & Doctor
7:30 am	Anne C. Panek, by Mary Lynn Panek
5:30 pm	Peter Polesel+ , by Beth Hansen
Fri. Dec 5th	Feria of Advent / Votive Mass
7:30 am	For the Conversion of Gergana Kouchaba, by William Spencer
6:00 pm	Mark McCague+ , by Michael McCague
Sat. Dec 6th	St. Nicholas, Bishop & Confessor
8:00 am	Frank Joseph Orvino+ , by the Orvino Family
Sat. Dec 6th	Second Sunday of Advent
4:15 pm	Intention of celebrant
Sat. Dec 6th	Second Sunday of Advent
6:00 pm	Veronica Velasquez
Sun. Dec 7th	Second Sunday of Advent
8:00 am	For the 55 th Wedding Anniversary of Jim + Trudy Holuj, requested by Jim + Trudy Holuj [10/24/25]
10:00 am	Pro Populo

Thank You

Many thanks to everyone on the occasion of my formal installation as rector, and particular thanks to Bp. Ronald Hicks and Fr. Michael Groth. Thanks to all of you for your support and prayers. May God bless and reward you all.

Last Weekend's Mass Attendance

4:15 pm	97
6:00 pm	67
8:00 am	169
10:00 am	168
4:30 pm	202

Music for November 29 & 30, for St Joseph & Ss Peter and Paul

Your paragraph text

Song Title **St. Jos. 4:15 pm**

Processional Antiphon	p. 53
Offertory Hymn	# 201
Communion Antiphon	p. 54
Recessional Hymn	# 229

Song Title **St Jos. 10 am** **SSPP 4:30 pm**

Processional: St J 795 SSPP 209

Asperges, Mass XVII, Credo II

Recessional: St J 947 SSPP 590

By the Numbers for November 22nd & 23rd, 2025

Regular Collection	Saturday 4:15 PM	\$4,839.00
	Saturday 6:00 PM	\$779.00
	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$1,840.35
	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$1,541.00
	Naperville 4:30 PM	\$1,376.00
Special Needs	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$53.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$20.00
	Naperville 4:30 PM	\$20.00
Building Fund	Saturday 4:15 PM	\$160.00
	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$125.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$280.00
	Naperville 4:30 PM	\$10.00
Our Lady of Guadalupe Seminary	Saturday 4:15 PM	\$168.00
	Saturday 6:00 PM	\$150.00
	Sunday 8:00 AM	\$90.00
	Sunday 10:00 AM	\$723.00
	Naperville 4:30 PM	\$30.00
Diocesan Seminary (415 Mass)		\$50.00
Votive Lights		\$184.00
Mass Intentions		\$60.00
Salt		\$10.00
Sanctuary Lamp		\$1.00
Donuts		
TOTAL		\$12,509.35

Thank You for Your Generosity



St. Joseph's Goal for 2025:	\$30,400
Amount Pledged to Date:	\$27,085
Amount Paid to Date:	\$27,045
Pledged Amt still due:	\$ 40
Goal Shortfall:	\$ 3,355
REBATE:	\$ 0

Farewell

Farewell and best wishes to Fr. Quirke, who will begin a new assignment effective Dec. 1. The Fraternity has informed me that there is an urgent need elsewhere that Fr. Quirke will cover. We thank him for his service here and keep him in our prayers.

Mass Intentions

For the time being, there will be a moratorium on accepting Mass intentions. Quite a few have already come in for 2026, and as soon as we are free to accept more intentions, we will let you know. Thank you. If you need ideas on where you might submit Mass intentions, please speak with Fr. Rickert.



Our Lady of Fatima Holy Hour

The next Fatima Holy Hour will be on
Tuesday, January 13th at 6:00 PM.

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.

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.



Coffee and Donuts

At present, we have only the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month covered for coffee and donuts. If you can help with any of the other Sundays, please let the office know as soon as possible. Thank you.

Church Cleaning Volunteers Needed!

We need people on **Thursday, Dec. 4**, after the 7:30 a.m. Mass to clean the church thoroughly to prepare for Christmas decorations. Tall people are especially needed to reach certain areas, but everyone is welcome and encouraged to help. All of the supplies needed will be provided. Let's hope the old saying holds true, "Many hands make light work." Thank you and may God reward you.



2025 Retirement Fund for Religious -- 2nd Collection for weekend of Dec 13+14



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Soon, our parishes will participate in the annual Retirement Fund for Religious collection. This important annual appeal benefits more than 21,000 senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have dedicated their lives in service to the Church.

These faithful servants have long been a source of inspiration and support in our communities. I am personally grateful for the religious who helped shape my own faith journey. Perhaps you, too, have known an elderly sister, brother, or religious order priest whose quiet dedication, prayerful presence, or selfless acts left a lasting impression on your life.

Today, the challenges many of these senior religious and their communities face in meeting their retirement needs are greater than ever. Most received little to no pay for their service, and their communities struggle to cover rising health care expenses and the increasing cost of day-to-day eldercare. The financial burdens continue to grow, and the need is urgent.

Gifts to the Retirement Fund for Religious make a real, tangible difference to these many women and men religious. Contributions directly support their ongoing care today and help ensure that their communities can plan wisely for their future.

I know you are asked to support many worthy causes, and I thank you for the many ways you give. Please consider making a gift to this year's collection if you are able—and continue to pray for all our elderly religious. They also remember us daily in their prayers.

May God bless you and your loved ones abundantly with peace and health.

As I remain – Sincerely yours in Christ,

Bp. Ronald A. 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: 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 December 04. Now is 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 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.

Parish Opportunities – music positions in Lisle

St. Joan of Arc Parish - Lisle - **Choir Section Leader**

St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church in Lisle is looking for a Choir Bass Section Leader. The Parish Choir sings from early September through the celebration of Corpus Christi (early to mid-June) each year. This is a paid position.

St. Joan of Arc Parish - Lisle - **Parish Choir Accompanist**

The Parish Choir Accompanist is a part-time position.

Accompanist is capable and comfortable with sight-reading, ability to play individual parts from choral score or chord/lead sheets, comfortable with teaching parts and leading pre-service rehearsal when needed.

For more information, visit <https://www.diojoliet.org/offices/careers/parish-opportunities>

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**

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 gave a preliminary answer as to what to read in the Bible, beginning with the New Testament. Eventually, of course, one should read the whole of the New Testament, but realize that the letters of St. Paul and the Book of Revelation present unique challenges. Unfortunately, misinterpretation of the letters of St. Paul has led to serious errors, as St. Peter points out in his second epistle. Therefore, I would recommend going to the Old Testament next after reading the Gospels and the Catholic Epistles.

I am especially fond of what is known as “the Wisdom Literature”: the books of Proverbs, Wisdom, Sirach, etc., which have instruction in wisdom as a primary aim. Of these, I recommend the book of Wisdom very highly and the book of Sirach. Proverbs uses poetic and allegorical language, and so it probably advisable to have a good commentary at hand.

The book of Jonah, in my opinion, is one of the most important books of the Bible, especially chapter 4. The book of Ruth is a sheer delight. The “Deuterocanonical Books,” which are in the Canon of Scripture but not included nowadays in most Protestant Bibles are also very edifying and straightforward to read. For example, the books of Tobit and Judith.

A point of apologetics here. The usual line that Protestants take in rejecting the Deuterocanonical Books is that the Protestants follow the Jewish Canon, which does not include these books. The Jewish Canon was settled *after* the foundation of Christianity, so I wonder why we would feel bound by it, but more importantly, the Jewish Canon does not include the *New Testament at all!*

God send you many blessings as you search the Scriptures.

God bless – Fr. Rickert