



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 3, 2025

Pastor

Father Joseph Molloy pastor@stjoschatham.org

Masses

Saturday ~ 4:30PM

Sunday ~ 8AM and 10:30AM

Mon., Tues., Thur. and Fri. ~ 8:30AM

(2nd Monday of each month, 6:00PM)

Confessions

Saturday 3:15-4:00PM or by appointment

Parish Office Hours: M-F 8:30AM-4:00PM

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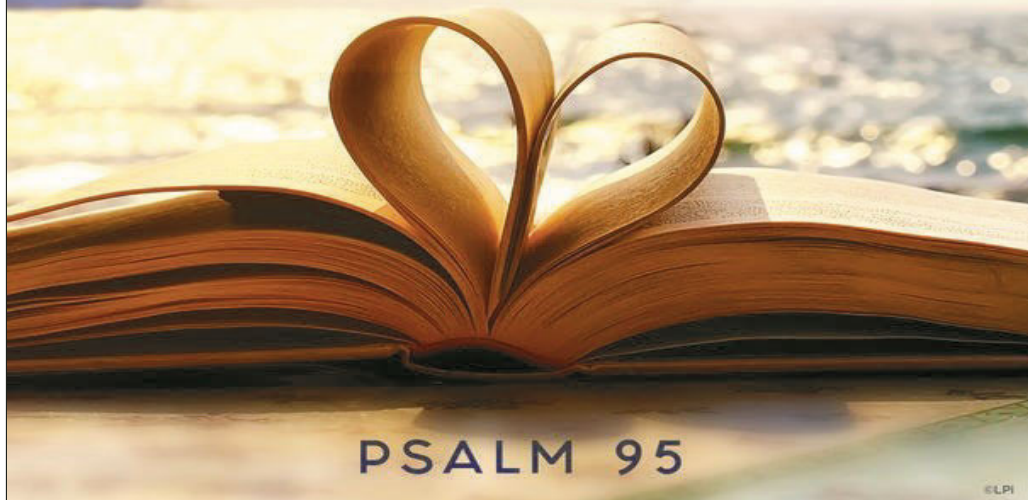
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YOUR HEARTS.



Mission Statement of St. Joseph the Worker Parish

We are a Roman Catholic faith family in Chatham, Illinois committed to proclaiming the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We live our faith with our words and through our actions. Nourished by the Word of God and the Eucharist, we seek to become a place of mercy and hope where everyone is welcomed, loved and respected.

Seeking New Parish Graphic Design Logo

St. Joseph the Worker Church is seeking a new parish logo to better identify our patron, St. Joseph the Worker. The logo would be used on various forms/letterhead/website/social media/other communications, and eventually the church outdoor signage. If you are a talented graphic designer or simply a talented artist and have some ideas, don't be shy—share your design offering(s). Design offerings should be submitted to the church office by September 30, 2025.

Church Directory Update

Help us create our new pictorial directory August 5th–9th and August 28th–30th. Each family photographed will receive a complimentary 8x10 portrait mailed directly to their home, plus a free copy of the completed directory. The entire process takes about 45 minutes to one hour.

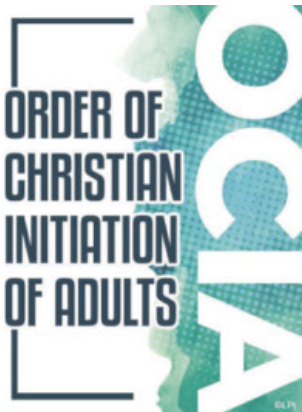
To schedule your appointment, go to <http://www.ucdir.com>, click on the “Photography Appointment Scheduling Login” box, and enter the Church Code: **il434** and Password: **photos** (both codes are case sensitive). Follow the prompts to choose your family's appointment time. We hope every family will participate to help us create a directory we can be proud of!

If you are not able to schedule an appointment, but would like a picture to be included in the directory, you can submit a photo for the cost of \$15.00. For additional information about submitting a photo, contact Michelle Stenke at bsms98@comcast.net.

YNOT Donation Update

We are grateful for your generous support of the families affected by the YNOT tragedy. Fr. Joes has received very gracious notes from several of the families who were given monetary help due to our collection here. Please continue to have the young people and all others in your daily prayers as our community continues to heal.

Are You Someone Or Do You Know Someone Who...



- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children or youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm, accepting setting. For information, please contact Fr. Joe at pastor@stjoschatham.org, MC Garriott at ocia@stjoschatham.org, or call the parish office at 217-483-3772.



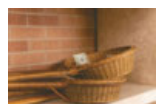
We still have openings in our Preschool in both of our sessions—children who will be 3 years old by September 1, and children who are 4/5 years old. You can visit our website: stjoschatham.org, or contact Jackie Viste at preschoolinstructor@stjoschatham.org, for additional information.



Due to ongoing construction at the parish complex, our Afternoon of Games on Wednesday will be moved to the Chatham Library until further notice. We will begin at 11:30AM on August 8th and continue to be offer card games, dice and board games. You can bring a friend, learn a game, teach a game, or just sit, watch and visit. Enter the library through the bookstore entrance.

Our Gift to God

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life



Collection total for week of 07/27/2025 \$ 6,971.00
Electronic Deposit 07/31/2025 \$ 8,497.50

This Sunday at the 10:30AM Mass, we welcome members of the Bishop Joseph A. McNichols Post 1916 who are here to remember the deceased of their post.

VIBRANT AND ACTIVE DISCIPLES

Daily Readings

MON—AUGUST 4
Ez 3:17-21
Mt 9:35—10:1

TUES—AUGUST 5
Nm 12:1-13
Mt 14:22-36

WED—AUGUST 6
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14
2 Pt 1:16-19
Lk 9:28b-36

THU—AUGUST 7
Nm 20:1-13
Mt 16:13-23

FRI—AUGUST 8
1 Cor 2:1-10a
Lk 9:57-62

SAT—AUGUST 9
Dt 6:4-13
Mt 17:14-20

SUN—AUGUST 10
Wis 18:6-9
Heb 11:1-2, 8-12
Lk 12:35-40

Mass Intentions

MON—AUGUST 4
8:30AM
+Sam Brunk

TUES—AUGUST 5
8:30AM
+Dick Kirchgessner

WED—AUGUST 6
NO MASS

THU—AUGUST 7
8:30AM
+Ellen Banaitis

FRI—AUGUST 8
8:30AM
+Cecilia Schrage

SAT—AUGUST 9
4:30PM
+George & Sara Wehmhoff

SUN—AUGUST 10
8:00AM
+John O'Neill
10:30AM
+John Brunk

Liturgical Ministers

SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 4:30PM

Readers: Cindy & Hannah Essex

Server: Bekah Essex

Extraordinary Ministers: Josh & Shelley Ebener, Molly McCall, Rita Evans, Jill Horn

Hospitality Ministers: Mark Bartolozzi, Lee Reed, Debbie & Sophia Shawgo

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 8:00AM

Readers: Anita Bedell, Carol Gustafson

Servers: Maddie Heffley, Lily Reef

Extraordinary Ministers: Rob Kashmer, Joe Malek, Mary Beth Paulek, Rosemary Connolly, Sue Coombe

Hospitality Ministers: Chris & Deb Fiedler, Sean Fink, Faye Mini-Reyman

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10, 10:30AM

Readers: Daniel Wilson, Bill Duffield

Server: Levi Wilson

Extraordinary Ministers: Krista Wilson, Ronda Folkerts, Jennifer Trapani, Judy Aydt, Tom Walters

Hospitality Ministers: Amy West, Graham Haase, Tom Ahr, Margie Greco



Lee Best	Jim Friel	Malena Orbegoso
Judy Blakley	Rita Fuchs	Carrie Peterson
Bill Bristol	Brian Greco	Rose Quevillon
Verney Cantrall	Joann Green	Dan Roberts
Jerry Cavanaugh	Bruce Helton	Albert Spohrer
Jean Clevenger	Calvin James	Nancy Sibenaller
Alyse Engel	Nikki Jones	George Simmons
Frank Fairless	Tauna LaFountain	Lou Wells
Sheva Forbes	Michael Maracci	Cindy Wheeler
Marilyn Franic	Pat Nosari	Judy Wright

Call St. Joseph's Prayer Line with your prayer requests.

Judy Gartland
217-801-4320

Anita Bedell
217-483-4566

Irene Burnett
217-816-3962

Mary Lewis
217-483-3166

For the month of August—

Holy Family Food Pantry will be the recipient. They are especially in need of canned vegetables, canned fruits, canned soups, pork and beans, tuna, macaroni and cheese, and hot or cold cereal, and any condiments. Collection boxes are at the south entrance of the church outside the Franzen Day Chapel. *Thank you for your support.*



To Your Health

Strong people ask for help. Asking for assistance if you have an issue is OK.

Advertiser of the Week

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SCRIP Fundraising Program



SCRIP is just another name for gift cards. Our preschool purchases gift cards from Great Lakes Scrip (a clearing house offering hundreds of different gift cards) at a discount of 1.5%-20% depending on the business. Gift cards are sold to you at face value. Orders are placed on the 1st of each month, or more often depending on the number of orders received. Please consider using this program.

FAITH FORMATION

Important Dates

August

1 Registration for 2025-2026 Faith Formation due
19 Catechist Team Building; 6:00-7:30PM

September

7 Faith Formation begins, 9:15-10:15AM.
Families meet in the Church for our first class.

Faith Formation Registration

Registration for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation year has been underway since April. More information and forms can be found on our website: www.stjoschatham.org, or in the Parish Office Monday-Friday, 8:30AM-4:00PM. **Register Today!**

PB&J Weekend is Coming!



Help feed a hungry family by donating peanut butter and jelly or a monetary gift to help purchase the bread. Donations can be dropped off in the Gathering Space at the designated table from August 9th-17th. Your generous support is appreciated and needed.

Upcoming K-8 Catechist Meeting

Tuesday, August 19th 6:00-7:30PM. All K-8 Catechists, please plan to attend this important meeting regarding the upcoming year. Leader guides, materials and important information will be handed out and discussed. Please make every effort to attend. We are looking forward to a wonderful year!

Mass and Parish Picnic Update

Our Mass and Parish Picnic (Mass in the Grass) which is normally held in August has been moved to September. This move has taken place due to so many complaints about the heat in August. This year the event will take place on Saturday, September 20th at the KC Club located at 141 N Lakewood Dr, Chatham IL.

Follow us online @ stjoschatham.org

YOUTH GROUP

Important Dates

August

10 Back to School Olympics, 5:00PM—YR

Social Media



Follow @stjosephtheworkeryouth on Instagram to keep up to date on our youth activities.

Widows & Widowers

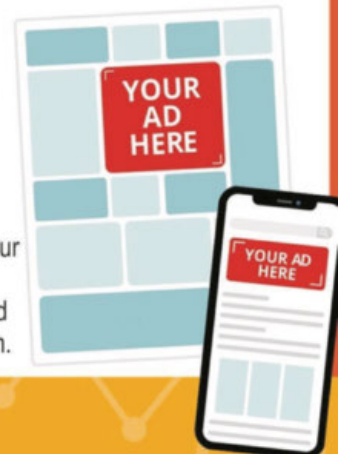
On Wednesday, July 23rd, our Widow and Widowers Group met at Long Bridge Golf Course for their monthly luncheon.



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Brandy Stivers from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.

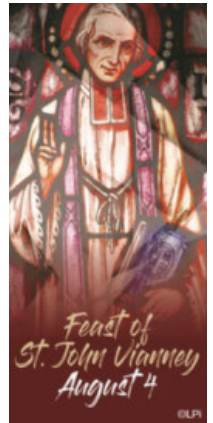


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Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph the Worker:

Welcome to the month of August! The year is over half over. How did that happen so quickly? Summer break is coming to a close soon. Again, how did that happen so quickly?

This Monday the Catholic Church celebrates the Obligatory Memorial of St. John Vianney, a French priest born in 1786 in Dardilly, France. He was baptized the same day of his birth and ordained a Catholic priest on August 12th, 1815. St. John was known as the Cure of Ars, as he spent 11 hours a day in the confessional. People came from miles away to experience the Lord's mercy and forgiveness through this holy and pastoral priest. St. John Vianney is the patron saint of parish priests.



I bring up this Saint to let you know more about this amazing priest in the history of our Church. I remember in the seminary being taught about his selfless pastoral ministry. He is such an example of what a parish priest should be. He showed that the people in the parish should be the number one focus and reason for a pastor.

If we think of St. John Vianney, we should be led to praying for all parish priests. These men give of themselves for the good of the people. Hopefully, a pastor is there first and foremost for his parishioners. His mission is to bring the Lord's Presence to the people he is called to serve. I pray that I am doing that. You all are my first priority. It is my honor and privilege to serve you each and every day.

St. John Vianney, if he were alive today, would want us to pray for vocations to the priesthood. Many years ago, parishes had 2-3 priests at each parish. Nowadays, a parish is fortunate to have a resident priest, with only few having two there. So, our mission is to pray that more young men, especially, will listen to God's call to serve Him in the priestly ministry. Please make part of your daily prayer for more priestly vocations to the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois.

There are so many wonderful men who would make wonderful priests. At times, all it takes is an invitation by you to have them consider the seminary. Many priests will tell you that they first thought about being a priest because someone asked to think about it. So, if you know of someone you think would make a good priest, ask that person to consider the priesthood and why you think he would make a good one.

Let us pray: God our Father, from eternity You appointed Your only begotten Son to be the High Priest of the human race. Pour forth, we beseech You, Your Holy Spirit upon our families, that vocations to the priesthood may be multiplied. Lord Jesus, give us holy priests: to offer up the sacrifice of the Mass; to strengthen the faith of believers; to preach the Gospel to all peoples; to bring forgiveness to sinners; to feed souls the Bread of Life; to comfort the suffering and dying, and to spread Your Kingdom in our midst. Mary, Mother of our High Priest, pray for us and obtain for us an increase of holy priests. AMEN.

Your "Happy to be a Priest" Pastor, Father Joe

Calendar of EVENTS

August

- 5-9 Pictorial Directory Pictures
- 5 Men's Bible Study, 6:30AM—RR
- 5 Titus Women's Group via Zoom
- 5 Sew 'n Sews, 12:30PM—Rm 7
- 7 Luke Bible Study, 12:15PM—RR
- 8 Afternoon of Games, 11:30am—Chatham Library
- 9 Pre Cana, 9:00AM-4:00PM
- 9 PB & J Food Drive Begins
- 10 Youth Group Back to School Olympics, 5:00PM—YR

OH=O'Hara Hall ~ KH = Kollross Hall
R = Resource Room ~ K = Kitchen ~ YR = Youth Room

Jesus urges us to be rich in what matters to God. The psalmist warns us against hardening our hearts. Are our hearts open to what really matters?



Please remember SJW parish in your will, estate or insurance policy, as well as having our parish as a Memorial at the time of the death of a loved one. This is a wonderful way to keep the memory of a deceased family member alive, as well as helping SJW.

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