



# The St. Joseph Journal

A Publication for Alumni and Friends of St. Joseph School, Joliet  
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My Dear Alumni & Friends of St. Joseph School,

Heartfelt greetings from the "Home of the Nailers." I hope this newsletter finds you and those you hold dear happy and healthy.

As you know, it's been eight years since the Diocese made the decision to close our beloved school. I know how difficult it was for so many of you to lose something that was such an important part of your lives. I felt much the same way, since I spent the last few years of my teaching career at St. Joe's, which were wonderful years. And I have been blessed to be a part of St. Joe's ever since.

Although we miss the school, its history and impact on the parish continues. Many of our alumni and their families as well as former parents, teachers, and staff still call St. Joe's their home. Our parish census indicates that we have also witnessed an increase of about forty families over the last three years and our Religious Education Program teaches the faith that we all love to an average of ninety children a year, a wonderful sign amidst the changing practices and demographics of our culture. The devotional life of the parish continues to deepen with our Eucharistic Adoration Chapel, a monthly novena to our great parish patron, St. Joseph, and many other parish celebrations.

If you had not paid a visit to St. Joe's in quite some time, you will see improvements to the cemetery, (i.e., a new columbarium, a monument to the unborn, a new fence around the entire perimeter, and a statue of St. Joseph), the Park (i.e., new electrical panels with underground electricity, updating to the outside buildings, and new heating and air conditioning), Ferdinand Hall (i.e., a new hardwood floor), and the Church, which requires constant maintenance and restoration (i.e., our splendid organ being refurbished as you read this and the Rose window that will be restored this summer).

As you can see, St. Joseph Parish is alive and well because of the devotion and generosity of so many people. I am most grateful for your continued support and prayers. Know that you will always have a home here at St. Joe's. Please be assured of my prayers and those of our parish. Hope to see you at our Homecoming Fair on June 24th and at Mass whenever you are able to join us.

Fr. Timothy P. Andres, O.Carm.  
Pastor



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### St. Joseph Parish Museum, the Ancel Center: New Management

John Lukancic (SJS 1950), who with his late sister, Helen (Lukancic) Valerugo (1945), established the museum in September 2011, is pleased to announce new management for the museum. Later this year, Ray (1970) and Annette (Markun, 1977) Koncar will take over operation of the museum. Both the Koncar and Markun families have long, devoted service to the school and church and will bring new energy and creativity to the museum.

### In conjunction with the Homecoming Fair on Sunday, June 24, the museum will be open on Saturday, June 23, from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

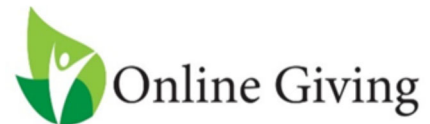
Classes celebrating anniversaries are welcome to tour the school and museum before or after the 4:00 p.m. Mass. The **classes of 1943 and 1968** will meet at 3:00 p.m. in the Legion Room of the park hall on Sunday, June 24, for cake, punch, photos and reminiscing. The **class of 1993** will meet at 4 PM. Come pick up your graduation ribbon souvenir! We look forward to seeing you!

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The organ is removed from the choir loft before being transported to Ohio for refurbishing.

### Rest in Peace Sr. Patricia McGuckin & Sr. M. Margaret Alice Martinek

Sr. Patricia McGuckin, OSF, passed away on January 24, 2018, at Our Lady of Angels in Joliet. Born and raised in Joliet, she attended St. Joseph Grade School and the University of St. Francis, in the field of education. Sr. Patricia also studied sign language and deaf education. She taught grades 3 through 6 at various school throughout Illinois and Ohio.

Sister M. Margaret Alice, a former St. Joseph teacher, passed away on April 17th at Our Lady of Angels. A native of Pennsylvania, Sr. M. Margaret Alice made her first vows on August 12, 1954, and the next day she arrived at St. Joseph's to begin her first six years of teaching, remaining until 1960. She taught 5th Grade her first five years with us and then had 7th Grade her final year at St. Joseph School.



Three Russ sisters donate their mother's baptismal gown from 1903 to the museum. Pictured above: Diane Budzinski (1954) Mary Ann Gregorich (1944) and Kay Whitely (1951).

Please keep **Nathan Michalak (SJS, 2007)** in your prayers as he continues in his journey to the priesthood. Nate is a pre-novice with the Carmelites and is studying in Chicago. He will next attend the Brandsma Priory in New York. God bless you, Nate.

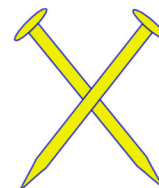
# 35th Annual Parish Picnic & Homecoming Fair \* Sunday, June 24th \* Noon to 10 PM

For a listing of the day's events, visit the homepage of our website [www.stjosephjoliet.org](http://www.stjosephjoliet.org)

Fill out the ticket below. Return it with your donation for a chance to win! **If you would like to purchase more than one ticket, just let us know.** We will fill out additional tickets for you and will mail the tickets to you. Mail completed stubs & payment to Historic St. Joseph Church, 416 N. Chicago St., Joliet, IL 60432 **Early Bird Prize!! Win \$250 in the Early Bird drawing. All tickets returned by June 3rd are eligible!** Winner need not be present ~ but we hope you are!

ST. JOSEPH - JOLIET	Name	Street Address	City/State/Zip Code	Phone	<b>35th Annual St. Joseph Homecoming Fair</b> <b>JUNE 24, 2018</b> 1st Prize - \$1,600 Cash 2nd Prize - \$1,000 Cash 3rd Prize - \$ 750 Cash 4th Prize - \$ 500 Cash  <b>Drawing Sunday, June 24, 2018 8:00 P.M.</b> <b>St. Joseph Park, Joliet</b>  <b>Donation \$ 5.00</b>  Tickets courtesy of Tezak Funeral Home and Banana Joe's Barbershop

St. Joseph School Reunion Classes:  
1943, 1968, 1993



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## Alumni Milestones

Please keep the following Alumni who have entered eternal life in your prayers

Lucille J. (Brulc) Dragovan, '39  
 Martin Furdek, '65  
 Raymond Glavan, '46  
 Agnes (Jakovich) Horvat, '35  
 Diane Kalcic, '36  
 Sophie (Matkovich) Kolakowski, '38  
 Dolores (Bostjancic) Krzysciak, '44  
 Mary (Nosse) Kubinski, '34  
 Sr. Patricia McGuckin, OSF, '46  
 Bernadine (Kramerich) Maffeo, '39  
 Joseph Malesich, '36  
 Sr. M. Margaret Alice Martinek, teacher  
 Frederick W. Marentic, '52  
 George Mavrin, '47  
 Edward J. Metesh, '50  
 Norman J. Nemanich, '44  
 Dominic Paone, '65  
 Antoinette (Liberher) Petrovic, '35  
 Dolores (Papesh) Plut, '38  
 Albert Riffel, '34  
 John Schiltz, '40  
 Mark E. Schoener, '54  
 Margaret J. Smolich, '32  
 Frances (Smolich) Sovich, '41  
 William Starasinich, '41  
 Lillian (Zelko) Stefanich, '42  
 Dorothy (Klemencic) Trizna, '40  
 Camille (Rogel) Vallrugo, '51  
 Steven J. Vertin, '38  
 Jean (Stefanich) Wolz, '47

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let the Perpetual Light shine upon them.**



### Weddings

Alejandro J. Galvan ('08) & Morgan Layfield  
 Joseph Kastelic ('84) & Sharon Kula

### Births

Nikolas ('10) & Alexis Borrego, boy, Kaiden  
 Adrian & Donna (Markun, '98) Echevarria, boy, Mateo  
 Ricardo ('03) & Michelle Galvan, boy, Jett  
 Matthew & Monica (Borrego, '08) Hernandez, girl, Violet  
 Francis ('02) & Katherine Koncar, girl, Sophie  
 Richard ('96) & Verence Mejia, boy, Giovanni  
 Rogelio ('99) & Christina Mejia, boy, Nicolas  
 Christopher ('09) & Skye Stewart, girl, Lillith Renee



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Please send your milestone info to [jhalsne@stjosephjoliet.org](mailto:jhalsne@stjosephjoliet.org) or call 815-727-9378

### June 2018

24th Mass at the Grotto, 11:30 AM  
 24th Parish Picnic & Homecoming Fair, Noon—10 PM

### August 2018

14th Vigil Mass, 6 PM  
 15th Feast of the Assumption, Masses 8:30 AM & 6 PM

### September 2018

11th Religious Education classes begin  
 26th Bible Study begins, continuing for six consecutive Wednesdays

### October 2018

14th RCIA classes begin

### November 2018

18th St. Joseph Senior Christmas Bazaar, St. Joe's Park

### December 2018

24th Christmas Eve Masses, 4 PM & Midnight  
 25th Christmas Masses, 8:30, 10, & 11:30 AM  
 31st Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass, 6 PM

### January 2019

1st Solemnity of Mary Masses, 8:30 & 10 AM

### March 2019

6th Ash Wednesday, Masses 8:30 AM & 6 PM

### April 2019

20th Easter Vigil Mass, 7:30 PM

21st Easter Masses, 8:30, 10, 11:30 AM

### May 2019

5th First Holy Communion & May Crowning, 11:30 AM

### June 2019

23rd Parish Picnic & Homecoming Fair, Noon—10 PM