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Priest Assignments 2026

Bishop Dennis E. Spies, Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Joliet,
has made the following appointments which are effective on July 1, 2026 (*unless otherwise noted*).

PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATORS

Fr. Steven Borello as Parochial Administrator of St. Petronille, Glen Ellyn
Fr. Fr. Jose Cerna as Parochial Administrator of Our Lady of Lourdes Gibson City, St. Mary, Paxton, St. Joseph, Loda
Fr. Kazimierz Chwalek, MIC as Parochial Administrator of St. Mary, Plano (*was effective March 1, 2026*)
Fr. Eduardo Flores as Parochial Administrator of Queen of Apostles, Joliet
Fr. Sebastian Gargol as Parochial Administrator of Corpus Christi, Carol Stream
Fr. Michael Groth as Parochial Administrator of St. James the Apostle, Glen Ellyn
Fr. Marek Jurzyk as Parochial Administrator of St. Joseph, Bradley
Fr. Jerome Kish as Parochial Administrator of St. Patrick, Yorkville (*was effective March 30, 2026*)
Fr. Thomas Logue as Parochial Administrator of St. Rose, Wilmington
Fr. Nestor Lopez, IIC, as Parochial Administrator of St. Carlo Acutis, Crest Hill
Fr. Marcin Michalak as Parochial Administrator of Holy Spirit, Naperville
Fr. Joseph Portez, FSSP, as Parochial Administrator of St. Joseph, Rockdale
Fr. Ramon Sida as Parochial Administrator of St. Joseph, Downers Grove
Fr. John Sponder as Parochial Administrator of St. Joan of Arc, Lisle

PAROCHIAL VICARS

Fr. Andrew Buchanan as Parochial Vicar at Ss. Peter & Paul, Naperville
Fr. Gabriel Cillo, MIC, as Parochial Vicar at St. Mary, Plano
Fr. Asirvadam Dandu as Parochial Vicar at St. Scholastica, Woodridge
Fr. Juan Jose Hernandez as Parochial Vicar at St. Matthew, Glendale Heights
Fr. Roy Jacob, CMI, as Parochial Vicar at St. Joseph, Addison
Fr. Jeremy Leganski as Parochial Vicar at St. Mary, West Chicago
Fr. Matthew Pajor, SChr., as Parochial Vicar at Divine Mercy, Lombard (*effective August 20, 2026*)
Fr. Juan Carlos Pirir as Parochial Vicar at St. Andrew the Apostle, Romeoville
Fr. Santos Antolino Mendez Ramrez O. Carm., as Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Joliet
Fr. Luis Ron as Parochial Vicar at Cathedral of St. Raymond, Joliet
Fr. Jared Rutnicki as Parochial Vicar at St. Dennis/St. Joseph, Lockport
Fr. Greg Skowron as Parochial Vicar at St. John Paul II, Kankakee
Fr. Richard Smith as Parochial Vicar at St. Joan of Arc, Lisle (*also Delegate for Governance for Diocese of Joliet*)
Fr. Benzes Thomas, O. Praem., as Parochial Vicar at St. John the Baptist, Winfield
Fr. Michal Twaruzek as Parochial Vicar at Ss. Peter & Paul, Naperville
Fr. Keith Wolfe as Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Mercy, Aurora

NEWLY ORDAINED

Fr. Samuel Bergmann as Parochial Vicar at Immaculate Conception, Elmhurst
Fr. Andrew Bogusz as Parochial Vicar at St. Mary Immaculate, Plainfield
Fr. Jonathan Hernandez as Parochial Vicar at St. Isidore, Bloomingdale
Fr. Abel Luviano as Parochial Vicar at Visitation, Elmhurst
Fr. Christopher Otieno as Parochial Vicar at St. Mary of Gostyn, Downers Grove
Fr. Joshua White as Parochial Vicar at Holy Family, Shorewood

2ND TERM PASTOR (PAROCHIAL ADMINISTRATOR)

Fr. John Klein as Parochial Administrator at St. Ann, Channahon
Fr. Dennis Paul as Parochial Administrator at St. Anthony, Frankfort
Fr. Matthew Pratscher as Parochial Administrator at St. John Paul II, Kankakee
Fr. Jason Stone as Parochial Administrator at Immaculate Conception, Morris

SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS

Fr. Ryan Adorjan will be attending Canon Law School
Fr. Brian Geary will be attending Canon Law School
Fr. James Guarascio will serve as Vocation Director for the Diocese of Joliet
Fr. Nestor Sanchez will be attending Canon Law School

SENIOR STATUS

Fr. Albert Heidecke
Fr. Michael Lane

SPECIAL WELCOME TO

Fr. Santos Antolino Mendez Ramirez, O. Carm., as Parochial Vicar at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Joliet
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