



Welcome to
St. Joseph Parish
A Faith Community Since 1868



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The Epiphany of the Lord
January 6, 2019

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem!
Your light has come,
the glory of the Lord shines upon you.
— *Isaiah 60:1*

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass: Mon-Fri.: 7:15a.m.

(Thursday Mass during the School Year: 9:30)

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 and 11:45 a.m.

Holy Days of Obligation: 6:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays 4:00 - 4:30 p.m. and by appointment.

www.stjoeschool.com

www.stjosephlockport.org

<http://www.facebook.com/St.JosephLockport>

MISSION STATEMENT

We the members of St. Joseph Parish of Lockport, are called to be a community of diverse people, gathered together in faith.
 As part of the Roman Catholic Church of Joliet, we strive to be the Body of Christ by living the Faith, preaching the Word, building community, serving others, especially the poor, and celebrating our unity through the sacraments.
 We are committed to bring about the Kingdom of God through the words and actions of our lives.

Membership:

An important part of living the Faith is having a committed relationship of support to a parish. All are welcome to join St. Joseph; please call the parish office or stop by to register.

Baptism:

Baptisms are on the third Sunday of the month at 12:45 p.m. Parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation program, preferably before the baby is born. Before setting any dates for a baptism with family, please call the parish office a few months in advance to make arrangements.

Marriage:

Engaged parishioners must contact the parish office at least six months before their intended wedding date. Do not set any dates before making firm arrangements with the parish.

R. C. I. A.: Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
 Adults and teens wishing to become Catholic and/or be confirmed, please call the parish office.

Hospital/Homebound: If you are in a local hospital or are homebound, call the parish office if you would like Father to make a sacramental visit.

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

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| John Albrecht | Joe Rende |
| Nick Cifonie | Rev. Gregory Rothfuchs |
| Deacon Dennis | Nicole Wasilewski |
| Nick LaBanca | Martin Timm |
| Bill Molony | |

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PASTORAL STAFF:

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| Rev. Gregory Rothfuchs | Pastor |
| Deacon Dominic Cerrato | |
| Deacon Dennis Stolarz | |
| Mr. Garry Kearnes | Business Manager |
| Mrs. Jean Genty | Church Secretary |

R.C.I.A.

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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SCHOOL

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| Miss Lynne Scheffler | Principal |
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ADVANCEMENT

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| Mrs. Michelle Ray | Director |
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Bulletin Announcements

Deadline: Monday
 Rectory Office Hours: M-F

Pulpit Announcements

Deadline: Friday
 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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www.stjoeschool.com

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<http://stjosephlockport.blogspot.com>

Connect with us through flocknote.com/stjosephlockport or text ‘lockport’ to 84576 with your mobile device
 View bulletins at ONEPARISH.COM

Yes, I would like to get involved!

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| Eucharist Minister | Reader |
| Altar Server | Usher/Greeter |
| Choir/Cantor/Musician | Parish Council |
| Holy Name Society | Worship Commission |

Circle any ministry you would be interested in and return this form to the rectory, or place it in the collection basket. We will contact you.

NAME

PHONE or EMAIL

Need a visit? Let us know

Please notify the rectory office if you or a loved one have been admitted to a hospital or a nursing home. We are not automatically notified. Also, please notify us if someone is homebound and wishes Communion or a visit.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Parishioners who are homebound or in nursing homes and would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the rectory at 815-838-0187.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOSEPH January 6-January 13, 2019

Sunday, January 6

The Epiphany of the Lord

Debt Reduction Weekend

Fish Pantry Weekend

8:00, 10:00, 11:45 a.m.-Masses

1:00 p.m.-Homebound Minister Training in Church

Monday, January 7

7:15 a.m.-Mass

School Resumes

Tuesday, January 8

7:15 a.m.-Mass

4:30 p.m.-R.E. Classes in School

7:00 p.m.—A.A. Meeting in Church basement

7:00 p.m.-*Living the Faith* Series in School Hall

Wednesday, January 9

7:15 a.m.-Mass

9:30 a.m. -A.A. Meeting in Church basement

Thursday, January 10

9:30 a.m. -Mass

Friday, January 11

7:15 a.m.- Mass

6:30 p.m.-Adult Night Out in School Hall

8:00 p.m.-A.A. Meeting in Church basement

Saturday, January 12

4:00 p.m.-Confessions

5:00 p.m. -Mass

7:00 p.m. -A.A. Meeting in Church basement

Sunday, January 13

The Baptism of the Lord

Holy Name Breakfast & Meeting in School Hall after the

8:00 a.m. Mass

8:00, 10:00, 11:45 a.m.-Masses

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, January 20: Baptisms in Church at 12:45 p.m.

Monday, January 21: Dartball in Church Basement at 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, January 22: *Living the Faith* Series in School Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, January 23: NET Retreat for 7th & 8th graders in Activity Center at 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 27: Catholic Schools Week Begins

Mass Schedule & Intentions Week of January 7-January 13, 2019

MONDAY

7:15 + Julian & Clara Bowlan Birth. Rem.

by Gen Zupancic

In Thanksgiving by Eleanor Sniegowski

TUESDAY

7:15 + Belinda Sarol by the Milo Family

WEDNESDAY

7:15 + Robert Weber by the Leone Family

THURSDAY

9:30 Intention Available

FRIDAY

7:15 + Jack Tierney Birth. Rem. by Family

SATURDAY

5:00 + Mary Morris by the Hafey Family

+ Jozef Kowalczyk by Daughter & Family

SUNDAY

8:00 + Deceased Members of Holy Name

10:00 Our Parish Family

11:45 In Thanksgiving by Mary Bratuljevich

+ Jozef Reczek Anniv. Rem.

by Children & Families



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PLEASE PRAY *for*

Bill Doyle Jr., Jacki Horvath, Erin Conners, Kathy Salvatore, William & Margaret Detloff, Connor & Matthais Erickson, Patrick Lamberty, Craig Corkery, Phil Timm, Alex Bratuljevich, Ezra Singletary, Heather Kubinski, Melanie Williams, Anna Allen, Jerry Young, Virginia Butler, Paul & Diane Millies, Caity McIntire, Baby Noah Ryan, Joanne Miracle, Esmerelda & Luke Bonk, Gregory Bonk, Mary Jane Rothlisberger, Frank Smunt, Marilyn Mackey, Tammy Smunt, Karl Blank, Helen Krumlind, Judy Grant, Patrick Bonk, Tom Wojciak, Jennifer Baer, Marilyn Singletary, Gary and Mark Ellison, Dorothy Manning, Delores Kilian, Irene Nancisi, Beverly Miller, Sally Horschler Smith, Harvey Mazur, Cindi Carter Buck, Sutton Lowry, Larry Watson, Phil O'Keefe, Joe & Dolores McGrath, Jose Encarnacion, Mary Johnson, Leroy Fleckenstein, Mark Kehlenbach, Roger Matice, Danny Tully, Joanne Ellison, Andrew Guschwan, Ray Bruemmer, Janice Lane, John Drafke, Bill Hydo, Madelyn Grillo, Naia Peña, Alfred & Maryann Peña, Kenneth Wojewocki, Marilyn Jarczyk, Tim Baldwin, Justine Weck, Bob Philbin, Michael Haddix, Bernie Muren, Stelle Trembak, Michael Paggie, MaryAnn Eck, Walter Traxinger, Peter Aument, Dorothy Felak, Joe Addante, Brad Golob, and Joyce O'Neil.

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, January 12 & Sunday, January 13, 2019
The Baptism of the Lord

5:00 P.M.

Reader: J. DeMoor
E.M.'s: Deacon Dominic
M. Nicholas
D. DeMoor
Servers: T. Durkin
N. DeMoor

Greeters: R. Anderson
G. Nagel
J. Wisneski
A. Loistroscio
Music: NA

8:00 A.M.

Reader: D. Howard
E.M.'s: Deacon Dominic
D. Howard
NEEDED
Servers: C. Potrawski
R. Potrawski

Greeters: J. Rende
D. Dornan
M. Timm
M. Ardaugh
Music: R. Nicholas

10:00 A.M.

Reader: N. Cifonie
E.M.'s: Deacon Dennis
E. Stepanek
NEEDED
Servers: O. Stepanek
A. Stepanek
T. Dixon

Greeters: J. Blake
A. Jomant
F. Kucer
Music: S. Lebensorger
Choir

11:45 A.M.

Reader: J. Svoboda
E.M.'s: Deacon Dennis
B. Svoboda
M. Levasseur
Servers: R. Levasseur
E. Svoboda

Greeters: M. Adelman
R. West
Music: NA

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a;
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72: 1-2, 10, 12-13;
Mk 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17;
Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20;
Lk 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11;
Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10
or Ps 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30;
Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7;
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
Blessing of the Home;
National Migration Week
Monday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;
Julian Calendar Christmas

FINDING GOD

The splendid magi, all sparkle and dash and solemnity, march right up off the pages of Matthew's Gospel and into our churches today. Matthew alone tells us this grand and seductive story so that we might see the light and know that the child these magi visited is the fulfillment of prophecy, the king of the world that stretches to the magi's home country and beyond, right down the ages to us.

We too see and understand anew. Like the magi, our patron saints for this day, we see in the newborn child the king of the universe and light of the world. Like the magi, we find in ourselves a new faith and a new life. Like them, we return to our home by a new route.

We are asked to come away from this festive season ourselves renewed and awake to the presence of God among us. We are asked to find God where God is to be found, to be attentive and surprised and ready to bow down in adoration and to offer our gifts.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Monday of this week is Christmas Day in Russia and in much of the Orthodox world. This curious difference in schedule has a lot to do with how calendars have been developed and changed over the years. In the year 45 B.C. Julius Caesar gave the empire his Julian Calendar, with the winter solstice on January 6. This put an end to a system in which officials called "pontiffs" were able to tweak the calendar by adding extra days in as needed. He invented two new months at that time, December and January; and in order to correct the mess the pontiffs had made, forced a year of 445 days on the empire in what he named "The Last Year of Confusion." The new months varied in number of days according to a complex schedule, but the calendar was still off by nearly twelve minutes a year, and lost a full day every 130 years.

Pope Gregory XIII reformed the calendar in 1583, but not everyone appreciated his efforts. England held out for two hundred years. The year 1700 was a leap year in England, but not in France; they were eleven days apart! George Washington was really born on February 11; when the Gregorian calendar was finally adopted in the English colonies shortly before the Revolution, he had to move his birthday to February 22. Now the calendars are thirteen days apart, which accounts for Russia's Julian calendar Christmas. And Caesar thought he had brought confusion to an end!

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The Magi came with gifts, seeking the King of the Jews, and upset Herod and all Jerusalem. Jesus leads strangers into our lives so that we may realize His mysterious plan for us. We are led to recognize the best about ourselves so He can enable us to see the goodness in others. May we be open to receive gifts from others and to receive others into our hearts. Then we will be true stewards who can give from what we have received.

“LIVING THE FAITH”

Living the Faith is an adult formation series that focuses on relevancy of our Holy Catholic faith to everyday life. Its aim is to draw you into a deeper, more intimate relationship with Jesus and His Church so that you can become a better husband or wife, a better mother or father, a better friend and neighbor.

The series is taught by Deacon Dominic Cerrato on Tuesday evenings, 7-9 pm in the school cafeteria. It is based on the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* which will be made available at the sessions if you do not have one.

- January 8: Jesus Christ—Incarnation
- January 22: Jesus Christ—Life Death & Resurrection
- February 5: Ascension and the Holy Spirit
- February 19: The Church (Part 1)
- March 5: The Church (Part 2)
- March 19: Communion of Saints & Mary
- April 2: Forgiveness & Resurrection

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS 2018
ADDITIONAL NAMES TO BE REMEMBERED**

In Memory of Dan and Mark by Mom & Dad (Dick & Dolores Kuban)

In Memory of Aniela & Stanislaw Szewczyk , and Anna Nieckula by Stanley Szewczyk



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**MARCH FOR LIFE  
CHICAGO**

**January 13, 2019  
2:00-4:00 pm  
Location: Federal Plaza**

**Join thousands at March for Life Chicago 2019 as we come together from across Chicago, the Midwest and the U.S. to defend, protect and celebrate LIFE!**

*Our purpose is to provide an annual public event composed of people from diverse ethnic, social, and religious backgrounds dedicated to defending and protecting all human life.*

*“The fight for the right to life is not the cause of a special few, but the cause of every man, woman and child who cares not only about his or her own family, but the whole family of man.” – Dr. Mildred Jefferson, Pro-Life Activist*

**Stewardship**

December 23, 2018

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| SUNDAY COLLECTION:*       | 9997.00            |
| Weekly Average of All ACH |                    |
| And CC Transactions       | <u>4187.50</u>     |
| <b>Total</b>              | <b>\$14,184.50</b> |
| (\$ loose cash: 633.00)   |                    |

- Religious Retirement: \$11.00
- Immaculate Conception: \$1.00
- Solemnity of Mary: \$100.00
- Debt Reduction: \$1,120.00
- Christmas: \$16,105.00

For your convenience, St. Joseph’s offers automatic donations through your credit card or checking accounts.

Please call Garry Kearnes at the rectory for further information, or stop by and pick up an authorization form.

**END-OF-YEAR TAX LETTERS**

*If you would like a year-end statement of contributions to the church, please call the rectory at 815-838-0187 and we will gladly send one out to you. Because of the new tax laws, we will not automatically provide a statement unless requested.*

**Invest In Kids! ...And save taxes!**

Illinois enacted the Invest In Kids Scholarship Tax Credit Program in 2017. This program offers a 75 percent income tax credit to individuals and businesses that contribute to qualified Scholarship Granting Organizations (SGOs). The SGOs then provide scholarships for students whose families meet the income requirements to attend qualified, non-public schools in Illinois. To find out more about how to help more kids benefit from St. Joseph School, call Miss Scheffler and check out

**[empowerillinois.org](http://empowerillinois.org)**

to find out about the process of donating.

## Calling All 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students!

The National Evangelization Teams are Catholic young adults aged 18-24 from around the U.S. and abroad who travel across the country full-time conducting fun and prayerful retreats for Catholic young people like you!

**Join them & your friends at St. Joe's on Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 4:00-9:00 pm – dinner will be provided.**

The NET teams share our wonderful faith with drama, music, games, small group discussion, and large group presentations.

***"It was amazing!"***

**One of last year's retreat attendees...**

To register, call, text, or email Nick Cifonie at: 815-566-2252 or ideatrak@gmail.com

**Parents: We also need to provide homes for the 12 missionaries to sleep at on the evening of January 23 (minimum group size is 2) If you can help, please call Nick Cifonie.**

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NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK BEGINS JANUARY 27, 2019

St. Joseph School is proud to offer the best in education with half and full day Early Childhood programs for 3 and 4 year olds, an exclusive full day Kindergarten program, and unmatched curriculum in 1st – 8th grades. We are proud of our State of the Art Technology program which includes a personal laptop for each child in 5th – 8th grades and an iPad program in primary grades. We also offer a fully integrated Fine Arts Program, including Music, Art, Physical Education, and many extracurriculars for all ages.

Find out more about this remarkable Christ-centered school by contacting Miss Scheffler in the school office at

**815.838.8173 or by
email blueribbonprincipal@stjoeschool.com.**

Stay in Touch with the Parish!
Simply use your cell phone to text
'lockport' to 84576
Or visit
Flocknote.com/stjosephlockport

NEW BEGINNINGS

A SELF-HELP GROUP FOR WIDOWED AND DIVORCED

Next meeting is January 8, 2019.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

After a divorce or a death of a spouse, what used to be US is no longer. It is a life transition that is neither welcome nor easy. And, it is necessary to transition to ME.

New Beginnings is a self-help support group where people help people through the difficult experience of death of a spouse, divorce, or in the process of divorce. We are a non-profit ministry of St. Raphael Catholic Church in Naperville. Our focus is on the Spiritual, Intellectual and Emotional growth of our members.

Our mission is to provide a supportive and safe environment for all our members, as they adjust to their new roles as a single person again.

There are many types of support groups for the divorced and widowed. We encourage you to give us a chance and see if we fit your needs. Members say that New Beginnings has "saved my life".

We meet weekly from 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday evenings at St. Raphael in Naperville. Come to the back of the building and look for the parish offices. Signs will be posted.

Our Mother of Good Counsel 16043 S Bell Rd., Homer Glen Illinois

UNDERSTANDING WORLD RELIGIONS Starting January 10, 2019 Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity

Do you have questions concerning these world religions? Are there connections between these different faiths?

Come, let's learn together either on Monday evenings, or Thursday afternoons. You may come on Thursday session one week, and a Monday session the next week!

Please call Janet in our faith Formation Office at 708-301-0214 for more information and to save a place for you and your friends!



The first obligation of the Church with regard to victims is for healing and reconciliation. Dioceses and eparchies continue to reach out to every person who has been a victim of sexual abuse as a minor by anyone in church service, whether that abuse is recent or occurred in the past. If you suffered abuse, it was not your fault. If you are a victim of sexual abuse by a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Catholic Church, there are several things you can do:

Contact the appropriate law enforcement agency, which can help determine options for making a criminal complaint.

Contact a local child protection agency, a private attorney, a support group, an abuse hotline, or a mental health professional.

Contact a diocesan or eparchial victim assistance coordinator who is available to help victims/survivors make a formal complaint of abuse to the diocese or eparchy. The Victim Assistance Coordinator is also available to arrange a personal meeting with the bishop or his representative and to obtain support for the needs of the individual and families

SENIOR COMPANION PROGRAM

Be a Senior Companion—make a difference.

Catholic Charities Senior Companion Program needs You! Senior Companions provide weekly friendly visits and companionship and assist older adults who are homebound or socially isolated. Senior Companions also assist with occasional transportation, daily tasks and provide respite care for family caregivers. For more information on becoming a Senior Companion or if you would like a Senior Companion to assist you, contact your local office.

Will County: 815-724-1157

Welcome to St. Joseph Parish

So that we might better serve your needs, please fill out this form and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office (410 S. Jefferson St., Lockport, IL 60441). Thank you.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

____ New Parishioner ____ Moving Out of Parish

____ New Address ____ Returning to Parish

____ Send Envelopes ____ Interested in R.C.I.A.

____ Interested in School

____ Interested in Religious Education

**CATHEDRAL OF ST. RAYMOND
OF NONNATUS**

“Angels We Have Heard on High”
Saturday, January 12, 2019
7:00 p.m.



Carols and choral music for the Christmas season

***Sung by the Cathedral Choirs
James Grzadzinski, Director of Music***