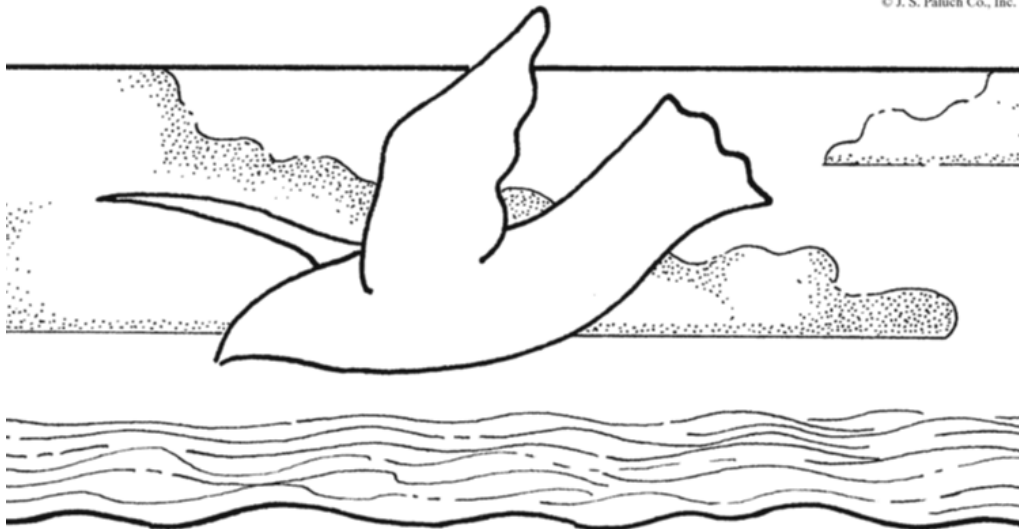


Welcome to
St. Joseph Parish
A Faith Community Since 1868

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The Baptism of the Lord
January 13, 2019

*He saved us through the bath of rebirth
and renewal by the Holy Spirit.*

— *Titus 3:5*

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:

John Albrecht	Joe Rende
Nick Cifonie	Rev. Gregory Rothfuchs
Deacon Dennis	Nicole Wasilewski
Nick LaBanca	Martin Timm
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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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 View bulletins at ONEPARISH.COM

Yes, I would like to get involved!

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 13-January 20, 2019**

Sunday, January 13

The Baptism of the Lord

8:00, 10:00, 11:45 a.m.-Masses
Holy Name Breakfast & Meeting in the School Hall after the 8:00 a.m. Mass

Monday, January 14

7:15 a.m.-Mass

Tuesday, January 15

7:15 a.m.-Mass
4:30 p.m.-R.E. Classes in School
7:00 p.m.—A.A. Meeting in Church basement

Wednesday, January 16

7:15 a.m.-Mass
9:30 a.m. -A.A. Meeting in Church basement
4:30 p.m.-R.E. Classes in School

Thursday, January 17

9:30 a.m. -Mass

Friday, January 18

7:15 a.m.- Mass
8:00 p.m.-A.A. Meeting in Church basement

Saturday, January 19

4:00 p.m.-Confessions
5:00 p.m. -Mass
7:00 p.m. -A.A. Meeting in Church basement

Sunday, January 20

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00, 10:00, 11:45 a.m.-Masses
12:45 p.m.-Baptisms in Church

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

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 at 4:00 p.m. in Activity Center for 7th & 8th Graders

Sunday, January 27: Catholic Schools Week Begins

Tuesday, January 29: 1st Reconciliation for 2nd Graders in Church at 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 30: 1st Reconciliation for 2nd Graders in Church at 6:30 p.m.

**Mass Schedule & Intentions
Week of January 14-January 20, 2019**

MONDAY

7:15 + Harry Otten Anniv. Rem. by Family

TUESDAY

7:15 + Genoveva Siazon by the Milo Family

WEDNESDAY

7:15 + Intention Available

THURSDAY

9:30 + Intention Available

FRIDAY

7:15 + William & Marie Young Family
by Eleanor Sniegowski

SATURDAY

5:00 + Jack Ballak Birth. Rem.
by Daughter Stacy & Family
+ Geraldine & James Rusin
by Husband and Father

SUNDAY

8:00 + Mary Morris by RaeMarie Peterson
10:00 + Robert Weber by the Leone Family
11:45 The Parish Family



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PLEASE PRAY *for*

Bill Doyle Jr., Jacki Horvath, Erin Connors, 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, Dolores 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 19 & Sunday, January 20, 2019
The 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

5:00 P.M.

Reader: J. Ranney
E.M.'s: M. Nicholas
Deacon Dominic
NEEDED
Servers: C. Hurtado
I. Hurtado

Greeters: R. Anderson
G. Nagel
J. Wisneski
A. Lostroscio
Music: N/A

8:00 A.M.

Reader: M. Schultz
E.M.'s: Deacon Dominic
J. Hartford
NEEDED
Servers: I. Lotz
V. Lotz

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

10:00 A.M.

Reader: J. Albrecht
E.M.'s: Deacon Dennis
J. Manning
G. Boswell
Servers: P. Zdravich
M. Giacomo
M. Giacomo

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

11:45 A.M.

Reader: C. Walters
E.M.'s: Deacon Dennis
P. Burandt
J. Walters
Servers: Z. Miuller
E. Lerch
R. Lerch

Greeters: M. Adelman
R. West
Music: N/A

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 1:1-6; Ps 97:1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12; Ps 8:2ab, 5, 6-9; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14; Ps 95:6-11; Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11; Ps 78:3, 4bc, 6c-8; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday: Is 62:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-10; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord
Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time begins
Thursday: St. Anthony
Friday: Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
Saturday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany); Blessed Virgin Mary

CALLED TO SERVE

For many weeks now, we have been celebrating the appearance of the divine presence in human form. As a child, he came to Mary and Joseph, was seen by the shepherds, and then by some wandering magi from the East. Today we celebrate another showing, later in time, to a group gathered at the Jordan River.

John hesitated to baptize Jesus, whom he recognized as "one mightier than I." But he did as Jesus asked, and the "Holy Spirit descended" and heaven's voice spoke to Jesus, "You are my beloved Son." Jesus was beginning his public life of teaching and service. Soon he would start calling others to join him.

Peter was one of the first to be called by Jesus. In today's second reading, he announces the heart of the message, "peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all." Peter was called, and you and I are called to spread that message and to serve God's word.

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Merry Christmas! Share that cheerful greeting with some folks today. They may wonder if you have had any Elvis sightings lately, attended Star Trekkie conventions, or were Cleopatra in a previous lifetime. Despite the skeptics, today is solidly within the Christmas season. In fact, in some strands of the Christian tradition it represents the clearest manifestation of the mystery of the Incarnation. On Christmas Day, for example, the Gospel reading is the Prologue of John's Gospel, which reveals the glory of Christ shining through our humanity precisely in his baptism.

At any rate, this is an ancient feast, celebrated first in Egypt sixteen centuries ago. More than most other ancient people, the Egyptians understood the life-giving properties of water. On this day, they drew water from the Nile, so central in the history of their people, and reserved it in honor. Many other places copied the custom, so that St. John Chrysostom wrote of people in Antioch gathering at midnight to collect flowing water into vessels they brought from home since "today there is a blessing on the water." At home for dinner tonight, decorate the table with beautiful bowls of water and white candles, toast one another with goblets of sparkling water, and light a Christmas candle in the window one last time.

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The Baptism of the Lord

John the Baptist points to Jesus as the one "who ranks ahead of me...Who is to be baptized with the Holy Spirit." John did not recognize Jesus at first. But it was John the Baptist's electrifying preaching an extraordinary summons to justice, honesty, and most of all hope in the new age that prepared Jesus to come and accomplish what He did. He continues to call us to stewardship, allowing us to continue His work and to achieve His ideals in the world.

“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 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

**CALLING ALL
7TH & 8TH GRADE
STUDENTS!**

The National Evangelization Teams are Catholic young adults aged 18-22 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 23rd, from 4:00-9:00 pm – dinner will be provided.

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

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 missionaries to sleep at on the evening of January 23 (minimum group size is 2) If you can help, please call Nick Cifonie.

“In Jesus Christ, the son of God made man, who died and rose from the dead, salvation is offered to all, as a gift of God’s grace and mercy.”

(Evangelization in the Modern World, Pope Paul VI)

Stewardship

December 30, 2018

SUNDAY COLLECTION:*	6065.00
Weekly Average of All ACH And CC Transactions	<u>4187.50</u>
Total	\$10,252.50
(\$ loose cash: 556.00)	

January 6, 2019

SUNDAY COLLECTION:*	7246.00
Weekly Average of All ACH And CC Transactions	<u>4187.50</u>
Total	\$11,433.50
(\$ loose cash: 612.00)	

Christmas (as of 1-7-19): \$22,081.00
Solemnity of Mary: \$1,814.00
Debt Reduction: \$1,390.00

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.

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**3RD ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF**

**SATURDAY,  
FEBRUARY 23,  
2019  
IN THE ACTIVITY  
CENTER**

***There will be raffles, refreshments, entertainment, and of course—chili tasting and voting !***



**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 1<sup>st</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades. We are proud of our State of the Art Technology program which includes a personal laptop for each child in 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:blueribbonprincipal@stjoeschool.com).**

**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.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**The average ACT scores in DOJ schools = 25  
Illinois schools =23.9**

**The graduation rate at DOJ schools = 99%  
Illinois Public Schools=85%**

**99% of 2018 DOJ high school seniors  
graduated from their high schools**

**83% of DOJ graduates attended a four-year  
college or university**

**(DOJ =Diocese of Joliet)**



**Come Learn about the Life of  
St. Thomas More**

**Thursday, January 17**

**6:00 - 9:00 pm (6:00 - 7:00 pm Potluck Dinner)**

**St. Joan of Arc Church**

Director of Adult Faith Formation, Michael Lewandowski, will present on the life of St. Thomas More. Thomas was born in London in 1477. He was educated in the finest schools, and had a voracious appetite for learning and pursuing truth. He eventually married and had four children. He even set up his law practice so that he could spend optimal time with his family.

More was a vehement defender of the Catholic Faith during the Protestant Reformation. He eventually served as Lord Chancellor. It was in this office that More would resist King Henry VIII's desire to divorce his wife and declare himself head of the Church. More eventually resigned from his position, but was subsequently accused of treason. Despite coercion, pressure, and imprisonment, More would stay faithful to the Catholic Church. More was condemned to die, and was martyred by beheading on July 6, 1535. Thomas More was canonized in 1935.

**For more information and to RSVP, visit:**

[www.signupgenius.com/go/508044FA9A92CA3FF2-cloud9](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044FA9A92CA3FF2-cloud9)

**THE SURVIVAL OF  
DAYBREAK CENTER**

**Daybreak Center is the largest homeless  
shelter within the Diocese of Joliet.  
It provides emergency shelter for as many  
as 120 individuals each night.**

With an increasing number of individuals seeking shelter at the center in recent years, funding is no longer adequate. Recent HUD funding trends have shifted to favor new projects and housing models. The current Daybreak Center was built in 1955 and although the layout and location are ideal for the purposes of a homeless shelter, the aging structure is constantly in need of repairs.

Those who will be directly hurt if the center closes are the homeless who are seeking emergency relief—including single mothers and their children. Also, those seeking help with rent and mortgage, utilities, and food find those resources at the center.

For more information on opportunities to help Daybreak Center, please contact Stephanie Ambrose at [sambrose@cc-doj.org](mailto:sambrose@cc-doj.org)

To learn more about the services provided by Catholic Charities, visit [catholiccharitiesjoliet.org](http://catholiccharitiesjoliet.org)

**MASS FOR LIFE**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2019**



The Multi Parish Respect Life Knowledge and Prayer Series announces a special **Mass For Life**. This unique liturgy, Sunday, January 20, 5:30 PM at St. Michael Parish, 14327 Highland, Orland Park will be concelebrated by representatives of Our Lady of the Woods, St. Bernard's, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Michael, Our Mother of Good Counsel and Annunciation Byzantine Catholic parishes. This Mass gives witness to the truth concerning the greatest human rights and moral violation of our time - legalized abortion on demand. This Mass begins the seventh year of the Knowledge and Prayer series sponsored by the 6 parishes above. Come to the Mass and receive the 2018 schedule of events.

Abortion was legalized on January 22, 1973, in the now-infamous Supreme Court decisions in Roe v Wade and Doe v Bolton. People of many faiths or no faith are welcome to join us in prayer for the overturning of this decision and the restoration of respect for life from conception to natural death



**CELEBRATION OF LIFE MASS**

Sunday, January 13, 2019  
11:00 AM Mass  
Cathedral of St. Raymond  
604 N. Raynor Ave., Joliet



.Join us for a Rosary  
with pro-life intentions  
at  
10:30 a.m.  
Reception to follow in the  
Commons

**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

**Support Day for Annulment Petitioners**  
**Saturday, January 26:9:00am – 4:00pm**

Description: This workshop is designed for divorced persons who have petitioned the Diocesan Marriage Tribunal to begin the annulment process, have submitted basic data for introduction of their case, but have not yet completed the Marriage Summary Questionnaire. Catholics and non-Catholics are welcome to attend, whether remarried or not.

To register, please call The Office of Family Ministry at 815-838-5334 or online at <https://conta.cc/2JqUyBe>.