



Welcome to
St. Joseph Catholic Parish
A Faith Community Since 1868

JANUARY 5, 2020 • THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



*Behold, the star that they had seen
at its rising preceded them,
until it came and stopped
over the place
where the child was.*

~ Matthew 2:9

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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

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

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 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: 5:00 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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 Lockport, Illinois 60441
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PASTORAL STAFF:

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

R.C.I.A.

Mr. John Albrecht	Director
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SCHOOL

Miss Lynne Scheffler	Principal
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	815-838-8173

ADVANCEMENT

Mrs. Michelle Ray	Director
advancement@stjoeschool.com	815-838-8173

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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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!

- | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 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 5-January 12, 2020

Sunday, January 5

Epiphany of the Lord

8:00, 10:00, 11:45 a.m.-Masses
Fish Pantry Weekend
Debt Reduction Weekend

Monday, January 6

School Resumes
7:15 a.m.-Mass

Tuesday, January 7

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 8

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 9

9:30 a.m. -Mass

Friday, January 10

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 11

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

Sunday, January 12

Baptism of the Lord

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

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, January 15: NET Retreat for 7th-12th Graders at 4:30 p.m. in Activity Center

Sunday, January 19: Baptism at 12:45 p.m. in Church

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.

Mass Schedule & Intentions Week of January 6-January 12, 2020

MONDAY

7:15 + Julian & Clara Bowlan
by daughter Gen Zupancic

TUESDAY

7:15 + Marge White by the Tony Mackay Family

WEDNESDAY

7:15 + Edward "Jack" Bowlan
by the Kohlhagen Family

THURSDAY

9:30 + Baby Justin VanderVeen by Family

FRIDAY

7:15 + Mary Gill by Merry Rothfuchs
+ Bob Kure Birth. Rem. by Mom

SATURDAY

4:00 + Angeline Tondini
by Garrett & Patricia Nagel

SUNDAY

8:00 + Deceased Members of Holy Name
10:00 + Harry Otten Anniv. Rem. by Family
11:45 + Jozef Reczek Anniv. Rem
by Family
+ Angeline Tondini by the Pierson Family



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PLEASE PRAY *for*

Bill Doyle Jr., Jacki Horvath, Erin Conners, Kathy Salvatore, William & Margaret Detloff, Connor & Matthaïs Erickson, Patrick Lamberty, Phil Timm, Alex Bratuljevich, Ezra Singletary, Heather Kubinski, Melanie Williams, Anna Allen, Virginia Butler, Joanne Miracle, Esmerelda & Luke Bonk, Gregory Bonk, Mary Jane Rothlisberger, Frank Smunt, Tammy Smunt, Karl Blank, Helen Krumlinde, Judy Grant, Patrick Bonk, Tom Wojciak, Jennifer Baer, Marilyn Singletary, Gary and Mark Ellison, Dorothy Manning, Cora Zgrabik, Dolores Kilian, Harvey Mazur, Cindi Carter Buck, Sutton Lowry, Joe & Dolores McGrath, Mary Johnson, Leroy Fleckenstein, Mark Kehlenbach, Roger Matice, Andrew Guschwan, Ray Bruemmer, Madelyn Grillo, Naia Peña, Alfred & Maryann Peña, Kenneth Wojewocki, Marilyn Jarczyk, Tim Baldwin, Justine Weck, Michael Haddix, Bernie Muren, Michael Paggie, Peter Aument, Dorothy Felak, Joe Addante, Richard Johnson, Rosalee D, Mary Sterioti, Stelle Tremback, Lillian Mikan, Michael McIntire, Jonathan Cannon, Gabby Matlak, Joseph Cunico, Joann Ellison, Marianne Kowalkowski, Barbara Majerczyk, Mark Babich, Joseph Elhallal, Paulette Georgantas, David Skrzypczynski, Edna Carrigan, Mike O'Malley, Jeff Campbell, Cindy Conway, and Susan Babbitt.

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, January 11 & Sunday, January 12, 2020
Baptism of the Lord

4:00 P.M.**Reader:** J. Ranney**E.M.'s:** Deacon Dominic
M. Levasseur
NEEDED**Servers:** S. Vargas
D. Bibly
R. Levasseur**Greeters:** R. Anderson
G. Nagel
J. Wisneski**Music:** A. Lostroscio
N/A**8:00 A.M.****Reader:** J. Drozdek**E.M.'s:** Deacon Dominic
J. Drozdek
NEEDED**Servers:** NEEDED
NEEDED**Greeters:** J. Rende
D. Dornan
M. Timm
M. Ardaugh**Music:** R. Nicholas**10:00 A.M.****Reader:** R. Peterson**E.M.'s:** Deacon Dennis
R. Peterson
G. Boswell**Servers:** N. Lorek
D. Lorek
T. Durkin**Greeters:** J. Blake
A. Jomant
F. Kucer**Music:** S. Lebensorger
Choir**11:45 A.M.****Reader:** NEEDED**E.M.'s:** NEEDED
NEEDED
NEEDED**Servers:** P. Mungcal
A. Mungcal**Greeters:** M. Adelman
R. West**Music:** R. Nicholas**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 6:45-52Thursday: 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; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10;
Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**Sunday: The Epiphany of the Lord;
National Migration Week

Monday: St. André Bessette

Tuesday: St. Raymond of Penyafort;
Julian Calendar Christmas**LIGHT OF THE WORLD**

Epiphany can be understood as an extension of the Nativity of the Lord that we celebrate on December 25. While at Christmas we celebrate Jesus' coming as the long-awaited king and Messiah of the Jewish people, on Epiphany we celebrate the revelation that Jesus is the Savior and Light of all nations—Jews, Gentiles, and all people.

The star shines so brightly that it attracts magi who come from far distant countries to worship Jesus. They are not Jews, yet they are drawn to the Light of the world. The letter to the Ephesians reveals that the Light of the world was for the Gentiles as well as the Jews—Christ gathers all people into the light of his love. The reading from Isaiah also describes a gathering of diverse peoples, but this time it is to the light that emanates from the people of God.

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SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON (1774-1821)
January 4

Though her liturgical designation is "Religious," Elizabeth Seton, her feast-day prayer reminds us, was also wife, mother, educator, foundress. Born into a wealthy Episcopalian family, Elizabeth married William Seton, whose untimely death in Italy where the young family sought healing for William's tuberculosis, left her, at twenty-nine, a widow with five children. Inspired by the faith and charity of the Italian family with whom they stayed, Elizabeth embraced Catholicism despite her family's disowning her and ceasing financial support. This woman of many firsts (and several vocations!) opened the first free Catholic school, beginning the American Catholic educational system, and founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity. The tuberculosis that claimed her husband took also her oldest and youngest daughters and, finally, at just forty-seven, Elizabeth herself. Another first: in 1975 she was canonized the first native-born American saint. Once asked to summarize her spirituality, she replied: "Faith lifts the staggering soul on one side, hope supports it on the other, experience says it must be, and love says let it be!"

—Peter Scagnelli, Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

"But above all these, put on love! Love is the perfect tie to bind these together. Let your hearts fall under the rule of the Anointed's peace (the peace you were called to as one body), and be thankful."

Colossians 3:14-15

Christ, the Prince of Peace and Lord of Light, lead us on our journey of faith.



Discover the Richness of the Catholic Faith



Parishioners, catechists, youth ministers, and deacons, would you like to live your Catholic faith more fully? Add meaning and depth to your life, your spirituality, your ministry? Consider studying theology/philosophy at the University of St. Francis. Courses can be taken for credit or non-credit, for a degree or personal enrichment. Individuals who are on staff at a parish or employed by the Diocese of Joliet can receive a reduced tuition rate for any of the courses listed by providing verification of employment from their parish or the diocese. With questions or for information, visit stfrancis.edu or contact the Admissions Office at admissions@stfrancis.edu or 800-735-7500. You may also contact members of USF's Theology department at dhauser@stfrancis.edu or rnicholas@stfrancis.edu.

Courses being offered during the SPRING 2020 semester

THEOLOGY: Introduction to Theology, Introduction to the New Testament, Christianity in the Modern World, Christian Marriage, Christian Morality, Theology of Death & Dying, Worship and Christian Life

PHILOSOPHY: Introduction to Philosophical Thinking, Philosophy of Religion, Contemporary Issues in Ethics, Ethics for Educators and Service Professionals, Western Political Philosophy, Business Ethics

Attention All Scouts Female & Male



The Joliet Catholic Committee on Scouting invites you to our Annual Day of Recollection Retreat on Saturday, February 29, 2020 from 9 am-1 pm. The theme is "Leap of Faith." The event will be held at the National Shrine and Museum of St. Therese, 8501 Bailey Rd., Darien, Illinois.

The event is open to all registered American Heritage Girls, Boy Scouts, Brownies, Camp Fire Youth, Cub Scouts, Girls Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Venturers. All ages are invited! Activities will be age-appropriate.

More information is available at www.dioceseofjoliet.org/scouting

Annulment Support Day **A day of support and reflection**

Saturday, January 25, 2020

Blanchette Catholic Center
9 am-4 pm

To register: 815-838-5334 or
<https://conta.cc/2DSt3PV>

Stewardship

December 22, 2019

SUNDAY COLLECTION:*	
Weekly Average of All ACH	9483.00
And CC Transactions	3943.00
Total	\$13,426.00
(\$ loose cash: 722.00)	

Campaign for Human Development: \$10.00
Solemnity of Mary: \$25.00
Christmas: \$15,459.00

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

Thank you to all who have generously helped to support St. Joseph this past year. Your thoughtful gifts to our parish and its ministries are a wonderful example of your faith and commitment to our parish community and the Lord.

As the new year begins, this is traditionally considered the season of reflection. In addition to gifts we give to the important people in our lives, this season of generosity is also the prime time to show support for the causes we love. When we look back at the days and months of the years and the countless blessings we have received, we hope that you will consider special ways to give back to the Lord for all He has given each of us.

There is still time to make a difference with a gift based on your unique situation. Here are a few ideas for consideration during the time that is remaining in 2019. Of course, traditional monetary gifts are always greatly appreciated.

- **Donate appreciated stock**—Gift your appreciated stock and eliminate capital gains tax.
- **Make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from an IRA (if age 70 1/2 or older)**- Regardless of whether you itemize your taxes, this gift helps you fulfill your IRA required minimum distribution (RMD) and is not considered taxable income. The distribution from the IRSA is made directly to St. Joseph. Contact your IRA fund administrator for specific directions on how they would handle this type of transaction.
- **Employer Matching Gifts**—Some companies have matching gift programs. If your employer has this type of program, please consider utilizing this program. There are many companies who offer employee matching gift programs for educational purposes.

Please consult your attorney or tax advisor to determine what is best for your unique situation.

IN THE AREA

Life Matters: From Conception to Natural Death
With Abbot Austin G. Murphy for young adults 18-39

January 8, 2020
7PM-9 PM
Ballydoyle Irish Put
5157 Main St
Downers Grove
\$10 donation at the door
Appetizers provided

March for Life

Saturday, January 11, 2020
The largest pro-life event in the Midwest!
Daley Plaza
50 W Washington
Chicago Illinois
Rally & March 1:00 –3:00 pm
Mass at 4:00 p.m.
MarchForLife.com

Re-igniting Catholicism

Join the Augustinian communities of Providence Catholic High School and St. Jude Parish

This ten-part series features prominent speakers who will proudly and enthusiastically proclaim the rich traditions and beauty of the Catholic faith.

The series begins at St. Jude Church, New Lenox, on Wednesday, January 22 at 7 pm.

For the full schedule, go to:
stjudes.org/reigniting-Catholicism

Women of the Way presents Catholic Women's Night**Gifted: WISDOM**

Living our Femininity through the Gifts of the Holy Spirit

An evening of prayer, reflection, refreshment, and sisterhood

Sunday, January 26
4-6 pm
St Ann Catholic Church
24500 S Navajo Dr
Channahon IL 60410

Follow us at WOW-Women of the Way or email us at
womenoftheway.doj@gmail.com
Or the Office of Young Adult Ministry
815-221-6246

Cathedral of Saint Raymond Nonnatus: Speaker Series

January 23, February 27, March 22/23, April 30.

Admission is free
(a free-will offering will be collected)
604 N Raynor, Joliet
815-722-6653
straymond.net

WE NEED CHILI COOKS!

The Chili Cook-Off is scheduled for
February 22, 2020. We need between

12-14 chili cooks in order to have enough 'samples' for everyone to enjoy!

The Chili Cook-Off has been a great success the past 3 years, and we would LOVE to have it continue!

Enter your favorite recipe!

Sign up today!
Call the rectory at
815-838-0187

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**Calling All**  
**7th-12th Grade Students!**

**NET MINISTRIES**

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 15 from 4:30-9:00 pm—  
dinner will be provided.



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

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

We also need to provide homes for the 12 missionaries to sleep at on the evenings of January 14 & 15 (minimum group size is 2)  
Call Nick if you can help out!

**KNOWLEDGE & PRAYER SERIES 2020**  
**Mass for Life**

**Sunday, January 19, 2020**  
**5:30 p.m.**

**St. Michael Parish**  
**14327 Highland, Orland Park**

Sponsored by the Multi-Parish Respect Life Ministries of Our Lady of the Woods—St. Francis of Assisi—St. Michael—St. Bernard's—Our Mother of Good Counsel—Annunciation Byzantine Catholic



### NATIONAL MIGRATION WEEK JANUARY 5-11, 2020

In his 2019 World Day of Migrants and Refugees message, the Holy Father reiterates the Gospel command to avoid despising “one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father” (Mt 18:10). It is not just about migrants: it is a question of seeing that no one is excluded. A globalization of indifference has led to many of us to ignore the cries of the poor, turn our backs on the marginalized, and remain indifferent to those struggling to find a better life. We are called to help create the conditions that will lead to a better life for everyone on the planet. From January 5-11, 2020, the Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate National Migration Week. The theme for this year’s celebration is “Promoting a Church and a World for All,” which reflects the need for Catholics to be inclusive and welcoming to all our brothers and sisters. It is a call for unity to stand in solidarity with and care for those who are excluded and marginalized. Welcoming the newcomer and promoting a church for all counters what Pope Francis has referred to as “a globalization of indifference,” which has led to many of us to ignore the cries of the poor, turn our backs on the marginalized, and remain indifferent to those struggling to find a better life. We are called to be an active Church in support of all of God’s children, for “the Church which ‘goes forth’... can move forward, boldly take the initiative, go out to others, seek those who have fallen away, stand at the crossroads and welcome the out-cast” (Evangelii Gaudium, 24).

Let us take some time during the upcoming National Migration Week to reflect on how we can better welcome, protect, promote, and integrate migrants living in our midst. How can we counter the globalization of indifference that affects us all, to some degree or another? What policies can we promote that will affirm the dignity of migrants and better secure the common good? How do we work more fully to promote a Church for all?

#### St. Joseph Parish New Parishioner/ Change of Address

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 \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ New Parishioner

Change of Address \_\_\_\_\_

Change of Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Change of Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Moving Out of Parish

**\*MANDATORY FIELDS**

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**If you have had a change of mailing address, phone number, or email, please notify the rectory or drop this form into the collection basket.**

**These updates are important in order to guarantee delivery of contribution envelopes, contact information, and parish news and events.**