

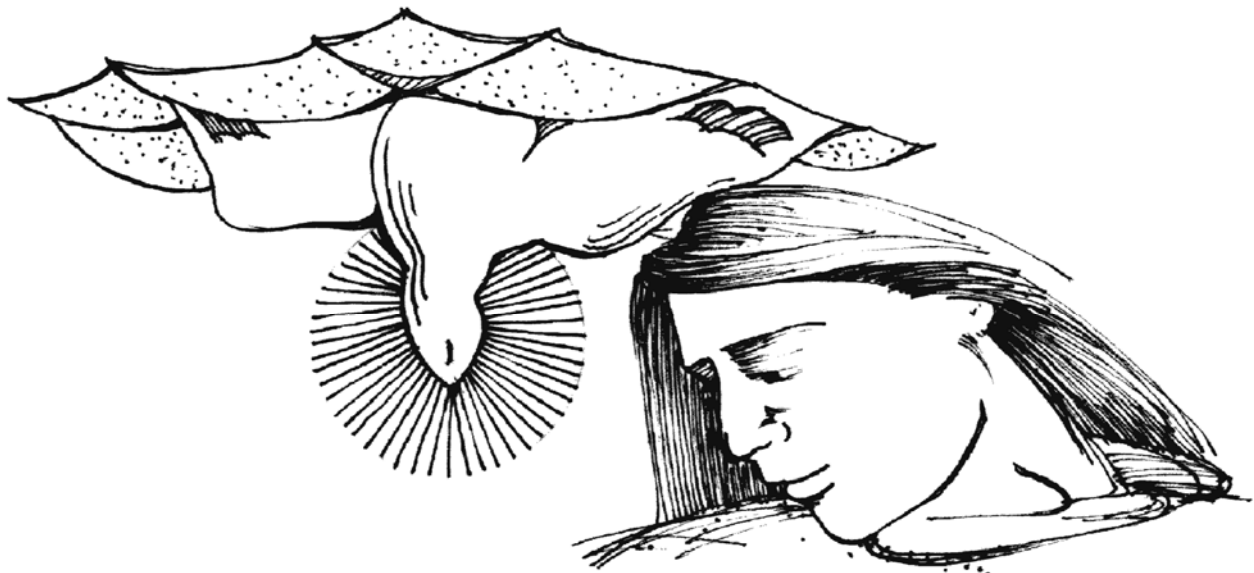


Welcome to
St. Joseph Catholic Parish
A Faith Community Since 1868

The Baptism of the Lord
January 12, 2020

*A voice came from the heavens, saying,
“This is my beloved Son, with whom I am
well pleased.”*

— *Matthew 3:17*



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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

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**THIS WEEK AT ST JOSEPH
January 12-January 19, 2020**

Sunday, January 12

The Baptism of the Lord

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

Monday, January 13

7:15 a.m.-Mass

Tuesday, January 14

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 15

7:15 a.m.-Mass
9:30 a.m. -A.A. Meeting in Church basement
4:30 p.m.-R.E. Classes in School
4:30 p.m.-NET Retreat for 7-12 graders in Activity
Center

Thursday, January 16

9:30 a.m. -Mass

Friday, January 17

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

Saturday, January 18

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

Sunday, January 19

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

**Sunday, January 26: Catholic Schools
Week begins**

**Tuesday, February 4: 2nd Grade Parent/
Guardian Meeting at 7 p.m. in Church**

**Friday, February 7: Adult Night Out in
School Hall at 6:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, February 8: Confirmation Inter-
views in School**

**Sunday, February 9: Holy Name Breakfast
& Meeting in School Hall after the 8 a.m.
Mass**

**Wednesday, February 12: 7th Grade
Parent/Guardian Meeting at 7 p.m. in
Church**

**Saturday, February 15: Confirmation Inter-
views in School**

**Mass Schedule & Intentions
Week of January 13-January 19, 2020**

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

7:15 + Harry Otten Anniv. Rem. by wife Dorothy

WEDNESDAY

7:15 + Edward "Jack" Bowlan by Dennis McGann
+ Genoveva Siazon by the Milo Family

THURSDAY

9:30 + Intention Available

FRIDAY

7:15 Birthday Congrats. to Gerry Timm
by a Friend

SATURDAY

4:00 + Myron Clark Anniv. Rem. by Family
+ Barbara Litzan Anniv. Rem. by Joy Clark

SUNDAY

8:00 + Elizabeth Cornolo by the Richards Family
10:00 + Joyce O'Neil
by her "Forever Friend" Arlene Carter
11:45 + Edward "Jack" Bowlan by Pat Chinderle



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PLEASE PRAY *for*

Doyle Jr., Jacki Horvath, Erin Conners, Kathy Salvatore, William & Margaret Detloff, Connor & Matthais 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, Susan Babbitt, and Jennie Zender.

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 | Margarita Levasseur |
| Donna Cifonie | Rev. Gregory Rothfuchs |
| Nick Cifonie | Martin Timm |
| Deacon Dennis | John Walters |
| Nick LaBanca | |

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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
johnalbrecht47@comcast.net	312-550-6772

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	815-838-8173

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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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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.

LITURGICAL ROLES

Saturday, January 18 & Sunday, January 19, 2020

4:00 P.M.**Reader:** N. Nelson**E.M.'s:** N. Nelson

S. Pinta

NEEDED

Servers: P. Pinta

I. Pinta

A. Coyle

Greeters: R. Anderson

G. Nagel

J. Wisneski

A. Lostroscio

Music: K. Clark**8:00 A.M.****Reader:** M. Schultz**E.M.'s:** Deacon Dominic

J. Hartford

T. Hartford

Servers: A. McCarthy

J. McCarthy

Greeters: J. Rende

D. Dornan

M. Timm

M. Ardaugh

Music: R. Nicholas

B. Webster

10:00 A.M.**Reader:** S. Connors**E.M.'s:** A. Shields

J. Shields

S. Connors

Servers: R. Shields

K. Timm

E. Connors

Greeters: J. Blake

A. Jomant

F. Kucer

Music: S. Lebensorger
Choir**11:45 A.M.****Reader:** L. Gillogly**E.M.'s:** Deacon Dennis

L. Gillogly

P. Burandt

Servers: G. Migliavacca

R. Lerch

E. Lerch

Greeters: M. Adelman

R. West

Music: R. Nicholas

N. Gillogly

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd;
Mk 1:21-28Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10;
Mk 1:29-39Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15,
24-25; Mk 1:40-45Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19;
Mk 2:1-12Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7;
Mk 2:13-17Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10;
1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34**SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES**

Sunday: The Baptism of the Lord

Monday: First Week in Ordinary Time; St. Hilary

Friday: St. Anthony

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary;
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins**THIS IS MY BELOVED SON**

This Sunday's celebration of the Baptism of the Lord closes the Christmas season. In the scriptures we see one more epiphany, or manifestation, of the Spirit of God in Jesus—but this time it is as an adult, rather than as a child. Jesus' baptism also serves as the inauguration of his prophetic mission and the messianic age.

Today's reading from Isaiah describes God's chosen Messiah, upon whom God's spirit rests. In the Acts of the Apostles Peter says that "God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power" (Acts 10:38). Finally, in the proclamation from Matthew's Gospel Jesus' baptism in water goes almost unnoticed. The crucial moment comes when the Spirit of God comes upon Jesus and a voice from heaven echoes the words of Isaiah: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).

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**SAINT HILARY (c. 315-367)
January 13**

Born in Poitiers, France, whose populace would later elect him bishop, Hilary, married and a father, was converted from paganism to Christianity through his reading of scripture. The focus of his prayerful study was the Prologue to the Gospel according to John, which portrays Jesus as the divine Logos, eternally begotten of the Father. As a result, Hilary became in the words of the biblical scholar Jerome, "the Latin Trumpet against the Arians," heretics who believed Jesus to be merely human, not divine. In defense of Christ's divinity, Hilary was not only eloquent in debate but utterly fearless in the face of relentless persecution and even exile. Thus by the witness of his own discipleship, Hilary taught that faith in Jesus as the divine Son of God has consequences. Reflecting on Jesus' challenge to his disciples, "You are the salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13), Hilary notes that, as salt both preserves from corruption and adds savor to food, so must the faithful disciple bear a witness that, by word and example, leads others to immortality and virtuous living.

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

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**PEACE**

We should have great peace if we did not busy ourselves with what others say and do.

—Thomas à Kempis

**Reporting Sexual Abuse**

Sexual abuse is a sin and a crime. Victims of sexual abuse, in addition to contacting civil authorities, are asked to come forward in order to receive pastoral assistance. The Church has a responsibility to help victims of sexual abuse and to ensure that offenders are brought to justice. Reports may be made to any pastor or to Mrs. Judith Speckman at 815-263-6467. Contact DCFS at 1-800-25-ABUSE.

**Most Reverend  
Richard E. Pates  
Appointed  
Apostolic Administrator of  
Our Diocese**



We welcome Bishop Pates who will be our Apostolic Administrator during Bishop Conlon's medical leave. Bishop Pates comes to us from the Diocese of Des Moines where he recently retired. Please keep both bishops in your prayers as we move forward in our efforts to become true missionary disciples and share Christ's love with intentionality.

For more information on the role of our new Apostolic Administrator, be sure to read February's issue of Christ is our Hope Magazine.

For more information about the situation that led to this appointment, a press release can be viewed on the diocesan website.

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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

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



Stewardship

December 29, 2019

SUNDAY COLLECTION:* 6052.00
**Weekly Average of All ACH
 And CC Transactions** 3943.00
Total \$9,995.00
 (\$ loose cash: 675.00)

Christmas: \$1,248.00
Debt Reduction: \$5.00
Immaculate Conception: \$3.00
Religious Retirement: \$5.00
Solemnity of Mary: \$186.00

January 5, 2020

SUNDAY COLLECTION:* 7116.00
**Weekly Average of All ACH
 And CC Transactions** 3943.00
Total \$11,059.00
 (\$ loose cash: 612.00)

Debt Reduction: \$1,759.00
Latin America: \$5.00
Religious Retirement: \$25.00
Immaculate Conception: \$5.00
Christmas: \$685.00
Solemnity of Mary: \$1,528.00

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.

PARISH DEBT AS OF December 2019

PAST DUE HEALTH – 193,304.00
 PROPERTY PURCHASED: PRINCIPAL – 96,372.72
 INTEREST: 221.79
TOTAL: \$289,898.51

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.

Living the Faith

**St. Joseph Adult Faith Formation Series
Part Three—The Moral Life**

Living the Faith is an adult formation series that focuses on the relevancy of our Holy Catholic faith to everyday life. Its goal is to draw participants into a deeper, more intimate relationship with Jesus so that they can become better husbands and wives, better mothers and fathers, better friends and neighbors.

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

Know better the One who knows you best, and discover in Him the peace and consolation only He can bring.

- Feb 4 Human Dignity, the Beatitudes and Freedom
- Feb 11 The Morality of Human Acts and the Passions
- Feb 18 Conscience and the Virtues
- Feb 25 Sin and the Human Community
- Mar 3 Social Justice and the Moral Law
- Mar 10 Grace and the Church as Mother & Teacher
- Mar 17 The 1st & 2nd Commandments
- Mar 24 The 3rd & 4th Commandments
- Mar 31 The 5th Commandment
- Apr 7 The 6th Commandment
- Apr 14 The 7th & 8th Commandments
- Apr 28 The 9th & 10th Commandments

Call the rectory if you are planning on attending all or some of these sessions. Please provide us with a phone or email number so we may contact you in case of an unforeseen cancellation.



**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!

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**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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Sanctity of HUMAN LIFE Sunday

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

New Beginnings is a weekly self-help support group for widowed, divorced, or those going through a divorce as we adjust to our new roles as singles again. We also have speakers to inspire us. Come listen to Emotional Wellness Coach Dawn Williams, CLC, speak with compassion and humor on "Overcoming the Effects of Grief on Mind, Body, and Soul" Tuesday, January 21, at St. Raphael's Church, 1215 Modaff Road, Naperville, 7:30 p.m.

In this presentation you'll learn how loss affects your brain, body, emotions, and sense of self. More importantly, Ms. Williams will offer evidence-based techniques you can use to cope with these changes during the grief process and begin to rebuild your identity and redesign your life. She is a national award-winning writer and holds multiple certifications. Her interest in psychology began at the age of 14, eventually leading to her mid-life career change from journalism to coaching.

Join us any time every Tuesday night, 7:30 p.m. (arrive 7:15 p.m.) at St. Raphael's Church. Besides having speakers, we have a rotating schedule of discussions. See more details and any schedule changes, especially any last minute speaker changes, at <http://www.newbeginnings-naperville.com> and view videos for divorced or widowed experiences. Come see if we can be part of your future.

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**GABBY'S CHILI COOK OFF**

\$10 Entrance Fee  
Lockport VFW

January 18 from Noon-5 pm

All proceeds go to the Matlak Family  
For more information regarding registration, contact Becca Hodges at [gopinkforgabby@gmail.com](mailto:gopinkforgabby@gmail.com)

**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.**