



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

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

**26TH SUNDAY IN
 ORDINARY TIME**



*We congratulate our
 St. Joseph Children
 as they
 Receive Jesus Christ
 for the
 First Time
 At their 1st Communion*

*Julia Maria Adamski
 Evan Garrett Belsan*

*Eloise Irene Connors
 Roldan Ventura Connors*

*James Edward Domenico
 Melanie Blanche Frank*

*Mollie Marie Gabriel
 Liam Michael Gilreath*

*Lily Brin Hedinger
 Emilia Marie Holman*

*Alicia Josephine Jasinski
 Matthew David Jerz*

*Aryanna Lynn Jones
 Chase John Kashirsky*

*Jordyn Grace Leonard
 Matthew Patrick Leyva*

*Hillary Marie Loch
 Jonathan James Mammosser*

*Dylan Yoshi Mounce
 Scottie Raul Munoz Jr.*

*Kali Rae Pfeiffer
 Titus Anthony Pinta*

*Makenzie Joan Pugh
 Savannah Albano Ramirez*

*Billy Von Gajeton Ramos Jr.
 John Michael Ricker*

*Savannah Rozlynn Shedor
 Brady Lee Slowik*

*Ella Grace Sluzewicz
 Grayson Scott Sokolowski*

*Colin Reid Sova
 Jayden James Vargas*

Christopher Michael Zambole

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 typically held on the third Sunday of the month at 12:45 p.m. First-time parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation program before the baby is born. Before setting any dates for a baptism with family, please call the parish office in advance to make arrangements. We ask that the family is registered at the parish.

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 | Bill Molony |
| Nick Cifonie | Rev. Gregory Rothfuchs |
| Deacon Dennis | Martin Timm |
| Nick LaBanca | John Walters |

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PASTORAL STAFF:

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

R.C.I.A.

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| Mr. John Albrecht | Director |
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PASTORAL CARE

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| Rev. Gregory Rothfuchs | Coordinator |
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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SCHOOL

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|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Miss Lynne Scheffler | Principal |
| blueribbonprincipal@stjoeschool.com | |
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| | 815-838-8173 |

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

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.

Our Homebound Ministers are available to bring Communion to shut-ins at their home or in nursing homes.

Please call the parish office at 815-838-0187 if you would like to set up a home visit .

THIS WEEK AT ST JOSEPH
September 27—October 3, 2020

Sunday, September 27

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00, 10:00, Noon -Masses
 Collection for Natural Disaster Relief

Monday, September 28

7:15 a.m.-Mass

Tuesday, September 29

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

Wednesday, September 30

7:15 a.m.-Mass
 9:30 a.m.-A.A. Meeting in Church basement

Thursday, October 1

7:15 a.m. -NO MASS

Friday, October 2

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

Saturday, October 3

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

Sunday, October 4

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Respect Life Sunday

8:00, 10:00, Noon -Masses
 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.-Blood Drive in Mobile Coach
 Fish Pantry Collection
 Debt Reduction Weekend
 1:00 p.m.-Baptism in Church

UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, October 7: R.E. Classes begin at 6:00 p.m. in School (tentative)

Thursday, October 8: Wedding Rehearsal in Church at 5:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 10: Wedding of Sarah Lonergan & Anthony Lodovico in Church at 1:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 18:

- **Baptism in Church at 1:00 p.m.**
- **Diocesan Collection for World Missions**

Friday, October 30: Confirmation in Church at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 31: Confirmation in Church at 11:00 a.m.

Mass Schedule & Intentions
Week of September 28-October 4, 2020

MONDAY

7:15 + Pete Vercelote Anniv. Rem.
 by Janet Jadron
 + John Rothfuchs Birth. Rem. by wife Merry

TUESDAY

7:15 + Josie Trunkel by Joanne Miracle

WEDNESDAY

7:15 + Intention Available

THURSDAY

7:15 + NO MASS

FRIDAY

7:15 + Angela Lauro by Marie D'Arpa

SATURDAY

4:00 + The Parish Family

SUNDAY

8:00 + Edwin Juban Anniv. Rem.
 by Family
 10:00 + Russell Peterson Birth. Rem.
 by Don & RaeMarie Peterson
 Noon + Jan Kman by the Genty Family



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PLEASE PRAY for

Bill Doyle Jr., Jacki Horvath, Erin Connors, Kathy Salvatore, William & Margaret Detloff, Connor & Matthais Erickson, Phil Timm, Alex Bratuljevich, Ezra Singletary, Heather Kubinski, Virginia Butler, Esmerelda & Luke Bonk, Gregory Bonk, Karl Blank, Helen Krumlinde, Patrick Bonk, Tom Wojciak, Jennifer Baer, Marilyn Singletary, Gary and Mark Ellison, Dorothy Manning, Cora Zgrabik, Cindi Carter Buck, Joe & Dolores McGrath, Mary Johnson, Leroy Fleckenstein, Mark Kehlenbach, Roger Matice, Ray Bruemmer, Madelyn Grillo, Naia Peña, Alfred & Maryann Peña, Kenneth Wojewocki, Tim Baldwin, Justine Weck, Michael Haddix, Bernie Muren, Michael Paggie, Peter Aument, Dorothy Felak, Richard Johnson, Rosalee D, Mary Steriotti, Stelle Tremback, Lillian Mikan, Michael McIntire, Jonathan Cannon, Gabby Matlak, Joseph Cunico, Joann Ellison, Marianne Kowalkowski, Barbara Majerczyk, Mark Babich, Paulette Georgantas, David Skrzypczynski, Edna Carrigan, Mike O'Malley, Jeff Campbell, Cindy Conway, Bob Malek, Mary Perry, Nina Olsen, Veronica Wilson, Becky Smith, Vivian Schneider, Carol Preston, Adrienne Sanda, David Carrigan, Carol Kegley, Dawn Ozewski, Betty Baker, Jean Bryan, Daun Konicek, Marge Johnson, Phil May, Judy Valek, Oscar Garza, Jace Sneevley, and Harriet Dolosic.

**USHERS/CLEANERS
October 3 & 4, 2020**

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 @ 4:00 P.M.

Ushers: A. Lostroscio
J. Albrecht
Cleaners: M. Vollmer
C. Vollmer
J. Albrecht

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 @ 8:00A.M.

Ushers: M. Timm
R. Schenk
N. Wheeler
Cleaners: D. Schenk
P. Bozych
A. Bozych

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 @ 10:00 A.M.

Ushers: T. Stark
A. Marcione
C. Morfoot
Cleaners: M. Giacomo
M. Leyva
T. Stark

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 @ NOON

Ushers: M. Adelman
L. Sandoval
J. Ray
Cleaners: M. Ray
L. Sandoval
L. Gillogly

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jb 1:6-22; Ps 17:1bcd-3, 6-7; Lk 9:46-50
Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16; Ps 88:10bc-15;
Lk 9:57-62
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27; Ps 27:7-9abc, 13-14;
Lk 10:1-12
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Ps 139:1-3, 7-10,
13-14ab; Mt 18:1-5
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Ps 119:66, 71, 75,
91, 125, 130; Lk 10:17-24
Sunday: Is 5:1-7; Ps 80:9, 12-16, 19-20; Phil 4:6-9;
Mt 21:33-43

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Day for Migrants and Refugees;
Priesthood Sunday; Yom Kippur (Jewish
day of atonement) begins at sunset
Monday: St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions;
St. Wenceslaus
Tuesday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael,
Archangels
Wednesday: St. Jerome; Sukkot (Jewish
harvest festival) begins at sunset
Thursday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus
Friday: The Holy Guardian Angels; First Friday
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

FAMILIAR INSIGHTS

Spiritual teachers tend to repeat themselves, and to repeat other teachers. Maybe there really aren't that many different truths to tell. Just a lot of slow, sleepy human beings—like us—who need to hear the basics over and over. Consider today's readings.

People complain God isn't "fair," and Ezekiel answers that God is more than fair. People choose their own fates, and people can change. Even evildoers can turn, do right, and live. "Actions speak louder than words." A fresh new insight? Hardly.

Paul tells the Philippians that he would truly be encouraged if those who claimed to be believers would, in fact, look to others' interests and not their own. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating." A novel idea? I don't think so.

In Jesus' story of the farmer and his sons, everyone knows that the one who said he wouldn't work—but did—is way ahead of the one who said he would work—but didn't. "Talk is cheap." Heard that before?

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**SAINT THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS (1873-1897)
October 1**

"The cornerstone's dated 1872, but the stained glass is much later," explained the pastor, astonished when his visitor accurately dated it to just before the Great Depression, explaining, "The window for the Little Flower"—Thérèse's nickname—"gives it away." From her canonization in 1925, her statues and windows adorn most churches where European immigrants worshiped. Entering Carmel at fifteen, victim of tuberculosis at twenty-four, Thérèse proposed her "Little Way" to sanctity: doing ordinary tasks with extraordinary love. Thus ordinary Catholics, many of whom had lost loved ones to tuberculosis, embraced her. Though she never left her cloister, this Carmelite's spiritual communion and devoted correspondence with missionaries earned her the title Patroness of Missions. Her autobiography, *Story of a Soul*, continuously in print since her death, chronicles her prayerful perseverance through doubt and caused her to be the youngest person ever named a Doctor of the Church. Countless physical healings and spiritual conversions testify to her fulfillment of her deathbed promise: "After my death, I will let fall a shower of roses. I will spend my heaven doing good upon earth!"

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THE WHITE CROSS INITIATIVE

**October is "Respect Life Month."
During the month of October,
St. Joseph Parish displays the
White Crosses to symbolize the
thousands of abortions performed
in our country. We will meet the
challenge given us by Pope Francis
to confront this culture of death**



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION
2020-2021**

Registrations forms for 2020-21 were sent home before Easter to all current families. Completed registration forms and deposit are due now.

Registration is now open to any new families wishing to register for 1st - 8th grade. Please contact the Religious Education Office for a registration form and new family information form:

St.JosephRE@aol.com
or
815-838-2112

By registering your 1st grader this year for Religious Education, you will fulfill diocesan regulations requiring 2 years of education prior to receiving the sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion.***

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES WILL BEGIN ON
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7 from
6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.**
(tentative)



At Catholic Charities, we have found that low-income families and seniors living on poverty-level incomes do not spend money on underwear and they desperately need it.

Due to the COVID pandemic, our 18th Annual Undy Sunday will be quite different this year. Instead of requesting that parishes, schools, and other organizations collect underwear, socks, and other essential items for us, we are asking for cash donations and/or purchases from our Undy Sunday Amazon Wish List. Cash donations will be used to purchase the Undy Sunday items that our clients most-need. Items purchased from the Amazon Wish List will be sent directly to Catholic Charities. Last year, 50 parishes, schools and organizations participated in the program. The collection make a huge difference in the lives of our clients and we pray that we can provide these much-needed items again this year.

You may drop off your cash donations to the rectory during office hours. Thank you in advance for helping those less fortunate.

CONFIRMATION (2020) CANDIDATES:

**CONFIRMATION GOWNS AND MASKS ARE
AT THE RECTORY.**

**PLEASE PICK YOURS UP DURING
RECTORY OFFICE HOURS.**

Stewardship

September 20, 2020

SUNDAY COLLECTION:*	
Weekly Average of All ACH	4794.00
And CC Transactions	<u>4064.00</u>
Total	\$8,858.00
(\$ loose cash: 250.00)	

BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED:
\$11,150.00
DEFICIT: (2,292.00)

Debt Reduction: \$50.00
Assumption: \$5.00

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 August 2020

PAST DUE HEALTH – 193,304.00

PROPERTY PURCHASED: PRINCIPAL: 70,589.13
INTEREST : 114.06

TOTAL: \$264,007.19

A LETTER FROM CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your gift to Catholic Relief Services. Your recent donation of \$270.20 received on September 3, 2020 provides vital support to CRS. Your contribution is essential to our efforts to alleviate human suffering and ease the burdens of overwhelming poverty overseas.

It is clear to me that you are as compassionate as the Good Samaritan in the Gospels of Jesus Christ. Rest assured your good deed is a godsend to our most vulnerable brothers and sisters around the world. We are blessed to have you as a member of the CRS family.

I am inspired that you have chosen to reach far beyond the bounds of your own community to care for perfect strangers in such great need. On behalf of all those touched by your compassion, I offer my deepest gratitude and wish you an abundance of blessings and joys.

Peace and Light,
Sean L. Callahan
President & CEO

Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between.

My dear friends in Christ,

This year the Church celebrates the 25th anniversary of the landmark pro-life encyclical *Evangelium vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*). Written by Pope St. John Paul II, this prophetic document passionately reaffirmed the Church's constant teaching on the value and sacredness of every human life. It remains a foundational text for all our efforts to ensure that the life of every human person is protected and cherished.

This special anniversary is the inspiration behind this year's Respect Life theme, "Live the Gospel of Life," as well as many of the new materials. Thank you for responding to the call to actively *live out* the Gospel of Christ, which necessarily includes cherishing, serving, defending, and protecting human life. May we always strive to "see in every human face the face of Christ" (EV 81) and treat each person as we would treat Christ Himself.

Sincerely yours in Jesus, the Lord of Life,

Most Reverend Joseph F. Naumann
Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

Be a HERO for Life!

St. Joseph Parish will be participating in a special campaign; the Waterleaf Virtual Baby Bottles for Life Team Challenge to benefit, support and educate pregnant women facing crisis or unintended pregnancies. The funds collected through the Bottles for Life campaign support the life-affirming programs and services of the Waterleaf Medical Clinic and their Aspire Education and Resource Center located in Aurora.



Our team page link is:

<http://www.fundeasy.com/m/5014160/>

Our church/team goal is \$2,000!

1 "bottle" holds \$30; 2 hold \$60; and 3 hold \$90. How many "bottles" can you fill today?

The Virtual Campaign runs from October 1 through November 15, 2020. Join us today and be a hero for life!



SAVING LIVES TAKES COURAGE

Sign up for our blood drive and take the first step!

(Covid 19 antibody testing is included!)

SAINT JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH - LOCKPORT

10/04/2020

08:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Please click

https://donate.illinois.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/5588451

to schedule your preferred donation time!

Or call the rectory at 815-838-0187

Who can donate?

GENERAL

The donor must be in good health and feeling well.

AGE

At least 17 years of age. 16 year olds are eligible provided they have written approval from a parent/guardian.

WEIGHT

110 pounds or more.

DIET

It is recommended to eat something within the four hours prior to the donation.

COLD OR FLU

Fever, persistent cough, sore throat or chest congestion disqualifies a donor.

INTERVAL BETWEEN BLOOD DONATIONS

Must be eight (8) weeks between regular whole blood donations. Waiting period must be sixteen (16) weeks after double red cell apheresis: seven (7) days after platelet apheresis.

MEDICATIONS

Donors taking medications may be deferred from donating due to their underlying medical condition. Check with the Heartland staff for acceptability.

TRAVEL OUTSIDE THE U.S.

Travel to certain parts of the world may be cause for deferral. Check with the Heartland staff to determine eligibility.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

(Ends on November 1)

Every life is Valuable

HELPSAVE LIVES IN AURORA!

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 26 coordinated campaigns:

17,226 babies saved from abortion

206 abortion workers converted

107 abortion centers closed

Abortion appointment no show rates are as high as 75% during vigils.

Here's how to take part in 40 Days for Life in our community:

Vigil location: Outside Waterleaf across from Planned Parenthood, 3051E. New York Ave, Aurora

Parking: Parking on the south side of AutoZone.

Learn more...get involved...and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at the web address shown below!

40daysforlife.com/Aurora

Local contacts:

Jeff Galush (815) 341-4808 jbqjn1010@comcast.net

Beth Doroff (630) 854-1092 doroff_beth@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.