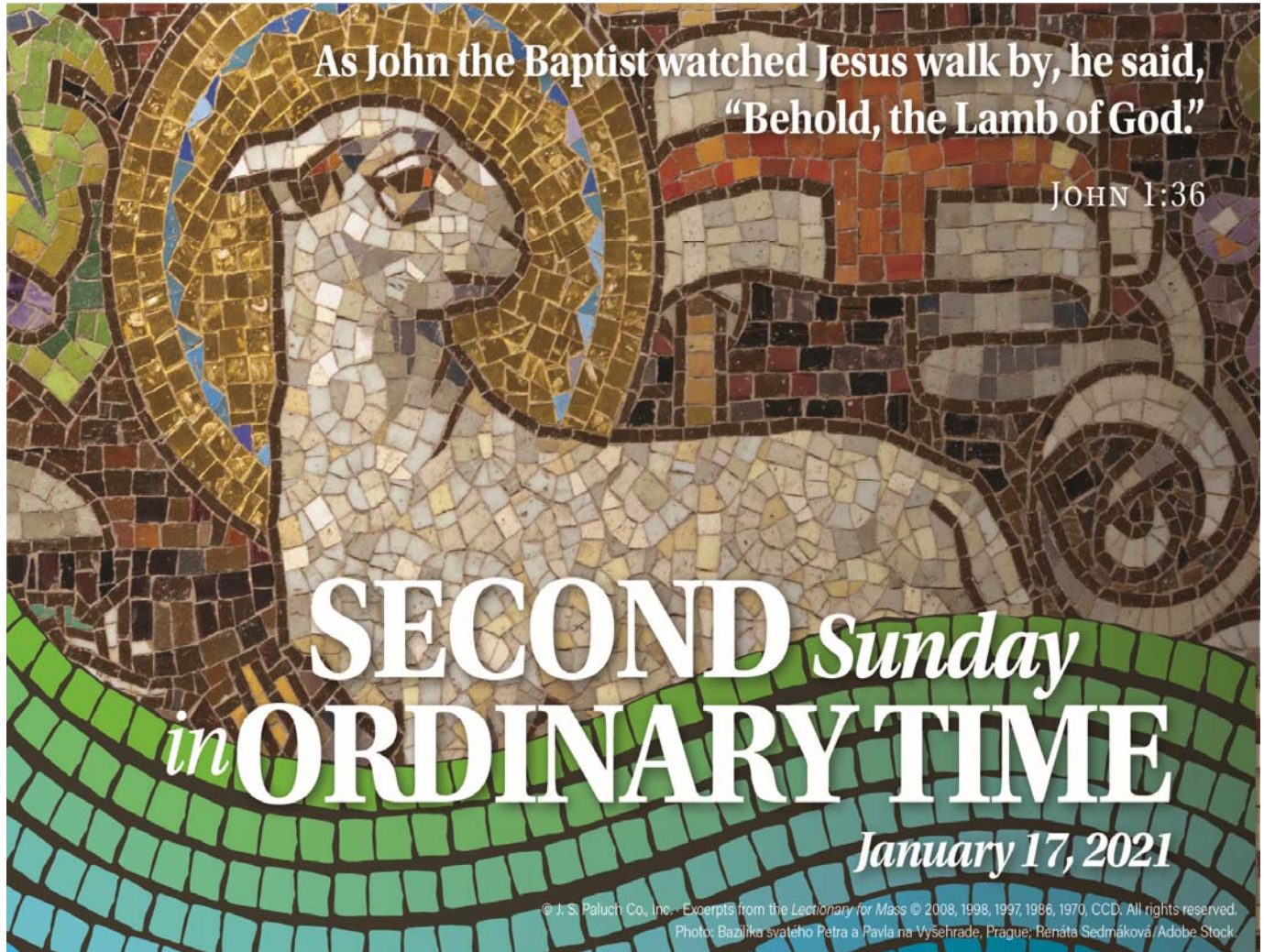




Welcome to
St. Joseph Catholic Parish
A Faith Community Since 1868



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Mass: Mon-Fri.: 7:15am

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 and Noon.

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 1:00 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:

John Albrecht	Margarita Levasseur
Donna Cifonie	Bill Molony
Deacon Nick	Rev. Gregory Rothfuchs
Deacon Dennis	Nick LaBanca
John Walters	

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PASTORAL STAFF:

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.

Mr. John Albrecht	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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Connect with us through
flocknote.com/stjosephlockport or
text ‘lockport’ to 84576 with your mobile device

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.

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 January 17-January 24, 2021

Sunday, January 17

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00, 10:00, Noon -Masses
1:00 p.m.-Baptisms in Church

Monday, January 18

7:15 a.m.-Mass
No School

Tuesday, January 19

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

Wednesday, January 20

7:15 a.m.-Mass
9:30 a.m.-A.A. Meeting in Church basement
6:00 p.m.-R.E. Classes in School

Thursday, January 21

7:15 a.m. -Mass

Friday, January 22

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

Saturday, January 23

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

Sunday, January 24

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00, 10:00, Noon -Masses
Diocesan Collection for the Church in Latin America

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

Mass Schedule & Intentions Week of January 18-January 24, 2021

MONDAY

7:15 + William & Marie Young
by Eleanor Sniegowski

TUESDAY

7:15 + Marge Johnson by Gen Zupancic

WEDNESDAY

7:15 + Intention Available

THURSDAY

7:15 + Mary Jane Rothlisberger Anniv. Rem.
by Daughter

FRIDAY

7:15 + Intention Available

SATURDAY

4:00 + Peter Stanton by the O'Rourke Family
+ Helen Kuzma Anniv. Rem.
by son David & Family

SUNDAY

8:00 + Dee Peraud by the Hartford Family
10:00 + Richard Favero by the
Staff of Gower Elementary School
Noon The Parish Family



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PLEASE PRAY *for*

Bill Doyle Jr., Bill Doyle, Jacki Horvath, Erin Connors, Kathy Salvatore, William 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, Mary Johnson, Mark Kehlenbach, Madelyn Grillo, Naia Peña, Kenneth Wojewocki, Tim Baldwin, Justine Weck, Michael Haddix, Bernie Muren, Michael Paggie, Peter Aument, Dorothy Felak, Mary Sterioti, Stelle Tremback, Lillian Mikan, Michael McIntire, Jonathan Cannon, Gabby Matlak, 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, David Carrigan, Carol Kegley, Dawn Ozewski, Betty Baker, Jean Bryan, Daun Konicek, Phil May, Judy Valek, Tench Garza, Anthony Harames, Lynn Drolet, Anna Pustz, Stephanie Herbst, and Brooke Zych.

MINISTRY SCHEDULE JANUARY 23 & 24, 2021

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23 @ 4:00 P.M.

Presider: Fr. Greg
Ushers: A. Lostroscio
 J. Albrecht
 G. Nagel
Cleaners: M. Vollmer
 C. Vollmer
 J. Albrecht
Musicians: V. Moreno, J. Ray

SUNDAY JANUARY 24 @ 8:00A.M.

Presider: Fr. Larry
Deacon: Deacon Nick
Ushers: R. Schenk
 N. Wheeler
Cleaners: M. Timm
 K. Timm
 P. Bozych
Musicians: R. Nicholas, B. Webster

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24 @ 10:00 A.M.

Presider: Fr. Larry
Deacon: Deacon Dominic
Ushers: T. Stark
 G. Little
 J. Blake
Cleaners: L. Gillogly
 M. Leyva
 T. Stark
Musicians: V. Moreno, N. Gillogly

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24 @ NOON

Presider: Fr. Larry
Ushers: M. Adelman
 S. Fitzmaurice
 J. Garvey
Cleaners: M. Ray
 J. Genty
Musicians: R. Nicholas, J. Ray

The Greeting

At several points during the liturgy, the presider greets us with the words, "The Lord be with you." These simple words are not like the greetings that we exchange all day long—our "good mornings," our "hellos" and "how are yous." This liturgical greeting has roots deep in the Old Testament. In the book of Ruth, the words "the Lord be with you" are spoken by Boaz to the harvesters who are laboring in his fields (2:4); in the book of Judges, an angel speaks similar words to Gideon (6:12), where they are words of promise: for soon Gideon will lead his oppressed people to victory and freedom. For us, the words become a greeting of peace, a prayer that the Lord will indeed be with us, and a reminder of his promise to be with us always, to the end of the world (Matthew 28:20). Our response—"And also with you," soon to be "And with your spirit"—returns to the presider this prayer for the Lord's presence. As we know from the scriptures, a prayer for the Lord's presence is no small thing, for when God comes in our midst, God brings healing, grace, and challenge. God's presence transforms us.

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SPEAK, LORD, WE ARE LISTENING

In today's first reading God keeps calling out in the night to a sleeping boy. Neither the boy, Samuel, nor his teacher, Eli, understands who is calling. But God's persistence convinces them. Samuel is then ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10).

In the Gospel Jesus is out teaching. Various people notice him and begin to gather around. They soon become disciples and, like the young Samuel, are ready—not ready yet to do anything, but ready to listen. "Speak," they say, "we are listening."

God's voice is always with us, awake or asleep. It swirls around us like fog on a waterfront, enveloping us, gently urging us to wake up, to listen. Awareness of the voice comes first; then willingness to listen; then, in time, the decision to act, to live according to God's word. Let's ask today for the ability to keep our ears open so we don't miss God's voice.

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JOY

The fullness of joy is to behold God in everything.

—St. Julian

WORRIES

The greatest of worries can't pay the smallest of debts.

—Anonymous

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
 Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28
 Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
 Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
 Friday: Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19, *or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer*
 Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21
 Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Monday: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
 Tuesday: Julian Calendar Theophany (Epiphany)
 Wednesday: St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
 Thursday: St. Agnes
 Friday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

March for Life in Washington, DC

When:

Wed, January 20, 2021, 7pm – Sun, January 24, 2021, 7am

Description:

<https://marchforlife.org>



In the midst of the uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic, organizers of the annual March for Life rally on the National Mall and march to the Supreme Court are still scheduled for Jan. 29.

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### SISTERS OF PROVIDENCE RETREATS, PROGRAMS, AND OPPORTUNITIES AT

**Saint Mary of the Woods**  
**812-535-2946**  
**provetr@spsmw.org**

As we begin 2021 we will offer programs and workshops both virtually and in-person that will feed your spirit and help you to grow. As you decide the programs in which you would like to participate, please remember that in-person attendance will be done with an abundance of caution.

January 20, 27, & February 3, 10

6:30-8 pm

Join virtually by Zoom

**“A Good Book and a Glass of Wine”**

Explore “*Abounding in Kindness*” by Elizabeth A. Johnson.

### The Scriptures of Lent/Spring

Thursdays during Lent

February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25

6:15-7:45 p.m.

Join virtually by Zoom

Unpack the richness and beauty of the Scripture passages used during the Lenten season.

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CATHEDRAL OF ST. RAYMOND NONNATUS SPEAKER SERIES

Thursday January 21 @ 7 pm: *Reinvigorating our New Year resolutions as a Disciple of Christ*

Thursday, February 18 @ 7 pm: *61 Minutes to a Miracle*

Thursday, April 29 @ 7 pm: *god's presence in Our Suffering*

Thursday, May 20 @ 7 pm: *The Upper Room and Franciscan Spirituality*

Admission is Free.

Stewardship

January 10, 2021

SUNDAY COLLECTION:*	5220.00
Weekly Average of All ACH	
And CC Transactions	4378.00
Total	\$9,598.00
(\$ loose cash: 357.00)	

BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED:

\$11,150.00

DEFICIT: (\$1,552.00)

Christmas: \$280.00

Solemnity of Mary: \$69.00

Debt Reduction: \$640.00

Church in Latin America: \$15.00

Fish Pantry: \$50.00

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 2020

PAST DUE HEALTH – 193,304.00

PROPERTY PURCHASED: PRINCIPAL – 56,406.94
 INTEREST 107.88

TOTAL: \$249,818.82

END-OF-THE-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 end one out to you. Because of the current tax laws, we will not automatically provide a statement unless requested.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS



DIVIDENDS FOR LIFE

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

**JANUARY 31-
 FEBRUARY 6
 2021**

ADVENT GIVING CAMPAIGN

At the beginning of Advent, the parishioners of St. Joseph were asked to dig a little deeper into their pockets . The Covid situation put a big financial strain on the parish. Donations during this pandemic have decreased; cleaning supplies have increased; cleaning services have more than doubled.

As of January 8, the generosity of the St. Joseph Family has made a dent in our shortfall.

Donations in the amount of \$29,000 have been received.

Thank you to the 166 families who have already donated.

While we still have a way to go, your generosity has eased the situation. Although Advent is over, we will gladly accept any donation you may offer. You may continue to use the "Advent Giving Campaign" envelope that was provided to you; you may drop off your donation to the rectory or the collection basket , or you can make an electronic one-time payment thorough our new e-giving partner "GiveCentral".

**God bless you!
Fr. Greg**

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### How to be Married and Stay Engaged

**"Back to Back, Face to Face, & Shoulder to Shoulder"**

- Deepen your friendship and commitment
- Remember God's place in your marriage
- Enjoy a relaxing time together reconnecting

**LIVE Virtual Presentation by Dr. Jim Healy**

**Saturday, March 20, 2021  
10am-1:30pm (includes lunch break)**

**Registration \$25  
(\$20 if registered by 2/14/21)  
Register NOW at  
www.imetevents.org**



## The annual national Collection for the Church in Latin America (CLA) will be the weekend of January 23-24.

The 2021 campaign highlights the faith of Latin America and the many opportunities we have to *share faith* with them. We also recognize the tremendous benefit of having our Latin American brothers and sisters in the Church and the revitalization their fervor brings to the faith. In addition to offering our help and support to the Catholics of Latin America, we have much to learn from them.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops invite you to aid our faithful brothers and sisters in the Catholic Church of Latin America.

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WALK FOR LIFE

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

8 am Mass at St. Petronille followed by a 2.4 mile Eucharistic Procession ending with Benediction at St. James

- Register on "Sign Up Genius" site at stpetschurch.org
- \$20 recommended donation includes
- \$8 pro-life scarf and \$12 donation to Waterleaf Women's Center

Please dress warmly, prepare for ice and snow. St. Petronille Church is located at 420 Glenwood, GlenEllyn. Call 630-858-3796 for further information.

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### LOCKPORT TOWNSHIP "CCC" PROGRAM



Lockport Township "CCC" program is proud to announce our "Cost Cutting Crew". The "Crew" consists of LTHS students with disabilities aged 18-21. During the Fall and Spring months the "Crew" will offer assistance raking leaves, weeding, picking up of sticks, as well as, general planting. The program is "FREE" to seniors within Lockport Township. Members of the community benefit from the work done by the students and the students gain a sense of citizenship while learning essential independent living skills.

**Appointments are made on a first come first serve basis.**

For more information or to have the "Cost Cutting Crew" come to your house, call [\(815\) 588-8270](tel:8155888270).

**Shining the Light of Christ through the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal**

**It is time for the 2021 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA). Your gift is especially important this year, during the pandemic, as our diocese continues to explore new and innovative ways to serve those in need.**

**The 2021 theme is *Shining the Light of Christ*. The 30 ministries the CMAA supports allow parishes to join together to shine Christ’s light to the benefit of many, from the poor and vulnerable to seminarians and schoolchildren. No parish could provide all of these ministries on its own.**

**Our parish’s goal for the 2021 CMAA is \$49,200.00, and 70 percent of any amount we raise over our goal will be returned to us. This is a great opportunity for our parish! Please review the materials you received in the mail from the Diocese of Joliet and prayerfully reflect on your gift to this year’s annual appeal.**

**If you did not receive a CMAA mailing, please contact the parish office.**



**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.**

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**Contact: Jean**

**Transmission: Tuesday**

**Bulletin Date:**

**Pages: 8**

**Please send 200 bulletins until further notice**