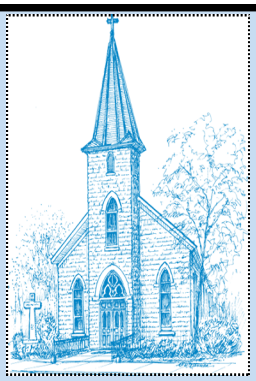
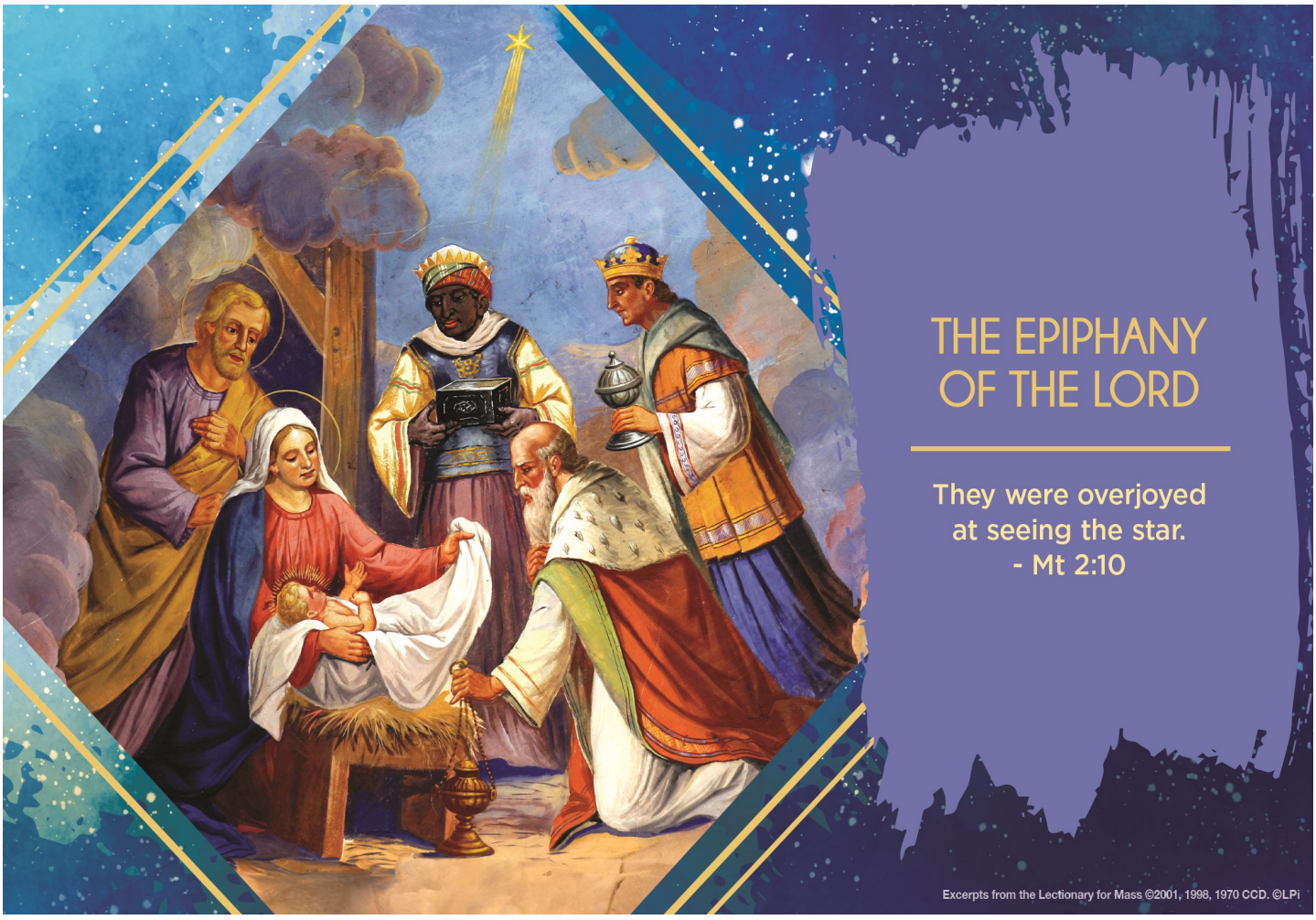


Welcome to

St. Joseph Catholic Parish

A Faith Community Since 1868

January 5, 2025



LITURGICAL SCHEDULE
Weekday Mass: Mon-Fri.: 7:30 a.m.
Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00, 10:00 and Noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturdays: 5:00 p.m. and by appointment.

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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.

O. C. I. A.: Order of Christian Initiation of Adults
Adults and teens wishing to become Catholic and/or be confirmed, please call the parish office.

Hospital/Homebound:
Please notify the rectory office if you or a loved one have been admitted to a hospital or a nursing home. 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 .

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

John Albrecht	Donna Cifonie
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Deacon Dennis	John Walters

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Bulletin Announcements	Pulpit Announcements
Deadline: Monday	Deadline: Friday
Rectory Office Hours: M-F	8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

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View bulletins at ONEPARISH.COM

MASSES, INTENTIONS, AND EVENTS
JANUARY 4-JANUARY 12, 2025

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4: ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON
4:00 p.m. The Parish Family
5:00 p.m. Confessions

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5: EPIPHANY OF THE LORD
8:00 a.m. The Parish Family
10:00 a.m. + William & Pat Ludwig Wedd, Anniv. Rem. by Family
Noon + Deceased Members of the Adelmann, Cunico, & Wrona Families by Denise Adelmann
Collection for Debt/Campus Repair

MONDAY, JANUARY 6: St Archie Bessette
7:30 a.m. + Belinda Sarol by the Milo Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7:
7:30 a.m. + Donald Carter, Husband & Father by Wife & Family
8:30 a.m. School Mass

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8:
7:30 a.m. Intention Available

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9:
7:30 a.m. intention Available

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10: St. Lucy
7:30 a.m. + Intention Available
8:00 p.m. A. A. Meeting in Church Basement

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11:
4:00 p.m. + Patricia Surane by Therese Piazza
+ Jozef Kowalczyk by Daughter & Family
5:00 p.m. Confessions

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12: BAPTISM OF THE LORD
8:00 a.m. + Dave & Barb Dornan by the Hartford Family
10:00 a.m. + Marianne Kowalkowski by the Paver Family
Noon + Jozef Reczek Anniv. Rem. by Family
Robert & Kristina Karbarz 30th Wedd. Anniv. Congrats. by Family

Prayer of Rejoicing

Fill our hearts, Lord, with rejoicing as we seek and discover You. Your ways are full of wonder, glory, surprise, and joy. Amen.

Bill Doyle Jr., Connor & Matthais Erickson, Phil Timm, Ezra Singletary, , Esmerelda & Luke Bonk, Gregory Bonk, Patrick Bonk, Marilyn Singletary, Gary and Mark Ellison, Dorothy Manning, Cora Zgrabik, , Gabby Matlak, Brooke Zych, Merle Carrigan, Wyatt Blevins, Marzena Stasieluk, Anonymous Prayer Request, Gerry Timm, Joann Elison, Alfred Péna, Charlotte Mater, Rosemarie Devincenzo, Marie D'Arpa, Tim Olson, Kurt Ficek, Colin Perry, Bob Matke, Wayne Allen, Joe Ogronik, Keith Adelmann, Zeke Oprzedek, Joelee McMaster, Karen Singer, Sean Cio, Gloria Callahan, Mary Kay Tierney, Alan Homerding, Bella Lotz, Anthony Jadron, Rose Michalski, and Regina Piazza Block..

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
January 11 & 12, 2025

SATURDAY, January 11@ 4:00 P.M.

Presider:	**Fr. Dan**
Deacon:	**Deacon Nick**
Musicians:	**V. Moreno, JR Gillogly**
Reader:	**R. Ward**
EM:	**Deacon Nick**
Servers:	**E. Belsan, J. Abarca**
Ushers:	A. Lostroscio
	J. Wisneski
	G. Nagel

SUNDAY, January 12@ 8:00A.M.

Presider:	**Fr. Dan**
Deacon:	**Deacon Nick**
Reader:	**D. Cifonie**
EM:	**Deacon Nick**
Musicians:	**R. Nicholas, J. Ray**
Ushers:	R. Schenk
	N. Wheeler
	J. Rende
	J. Drozdek

SUNDAY, January 12@ 10:00 A.M.

Presider:	**Fr. Dan**
Deacon:	**Deacon Dominic**
Musician:	**Choir**
Reader:	**D. Adamski**
EM:	**Deacon Dominic**
Servers:	**C. Leyva, M. Leyva**
Ushers:	T. Stark
	G. Little
	T. Marcione

SUNDAY, January 12 @ NOON

Presider:	**Fr. Larry**
Deacon:	**Deacon Dominic**
Musicians:	**M. Ray**
Reader:	**J.Delfinado**
EM:	**Deacon Dominic**
Server;	**J. Stanko**

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ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

If you're interested in becoming Catholic, or wish to learn more about Catholicism, NOW is the time.

Sessions are not just for those becoming Catholic, but for ANYONE interested in learning more about their faith.

Come one week, cone to all. We invite you to grow deeper in your faith and experience the beauty, richness, and truth of Catholicism.

Contact the rectory office at
815-838-0187,
or email johnalbrecht47@comcast.net
for further information.

EPIPHANY

Summary: The journey of the magi would have been treacherous and uncomfortable. Imagine the peace in their hearts as they approached the young Messiah and fell to their knees. The new, vibrant awareness of what their own purpose was. It was an epiphany for them. It can be the same for us.

The Answer

Have you ever had an epiphany?

I'll confess that I've never spent much time reflecting on the term "epiphany." In my head, there has always been a strict separation of church and state when it comes to this word. I think of the religious feast of the Epiphany, when we celebrate the magi's encounter with the Christ Child, as totally distinct from our modern understanding of the ancient Greek word *epipháneia*, which means "manifestation" or "appearance."

"I've had an epiphany," I have said many times before, and what I mean is that I have come to a long-awaited realization. I have received the answer to a question which has perplexed me, perhaps troubled me. I now know what course of action I must take.

"Today is the Epiphany," I say to my children when we make a king cake and bring the little magi figures to our Nativity beneath the Christmas tree (which will, after today, be put back into storage, for the Christmas season has come to its fulfillment).

And I've always thought I meant I was saying two very different things.

But today, I ponder the journey of the magi, one that must have often been treacherous and uncomfortable. I think about their meeting with Herod, a situation that certainly was fraught with tension and fear. And I imagine the feeling in their hearts as they approached the young Messiah and fell to their knees. I think of the peace they must have felt. The new, vibrant awareness of what their own purpose was.

It was an epiphany for them — a discovery of truth. An answer.

It should be the same for us.

WE NEED CHILI COOKS!!!

St. Joseph Parish Chili Cook-Off is scheduled for March 8, 2025.

We need between 12-15 cooks in order to have enough "samples" for everyone to enjoy.

The Chili Cook-Off has been a great success in the past and we are asking for your help in bringing this community event back again in 2025!

Call the rectory at 815-838-0187 to enter your favorite recipe!

COMING SOON!!!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF ST JOSEPH PARISH WILL BE HONORING "FAMILIES OF THE MONTH"

KEEP YUR EYE ON FUTURE BULLETINS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

Readings for the week of January 5, 2025

Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
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 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/ Mk 6:45-52
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/ Lk 4:14-22a
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/ Lk 5:12-16
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday:	Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27
-	28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/ Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Observances for the week of January 5, 2025

Sunday:	The Epiphany of the Lord
Monday:	St. André Bessette, Religious
Tuesday:	St. Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Next Sunday:	The Baptism of the Lord

Stewardship

December 22

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	**6440.00**
Weekly Average of all ACH And CC Transactions	**3857.00**
TOTAL	**$10,297.00**

($loose cash: 1128.00)

BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: $11.150.00

DEFICIT: (853.00)
Christmas: $30.00
Debt/Campus Repairs; $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.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION
December 25

$12,880.00
(loose cash: $2599.00)

Sunday: $119.00
Solemnity of Mary: $155.00

END OF YEAR TAX LETTERS

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A YEAR-END STATEMENT OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO YHE CHURCH, PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY AT 815-838-0187.

BECAUSE OF CURRENT TAX LAWS, WE WILL NOT AUTOMATICALLY PROVIDE A STATEMENT UNLESS REQUESTED.

SAVE THE DATE!
MARCH 22, 2025
SDJCA DINNER DANCE & AUCTION

DINOLFO'S BANQUETS
HOMER GLEN

Details coming soon!

SDJCA NEWS - December Edition

Another exciting month at SDJCA, both in and out of the classroom.

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SDJCA Principal, Mr. Newton, introduced the "Crystal Apple You Make a Difference Award," chosen by the parents of our school. This month's recipient is Mrs. Michelle Miller! Congratulations, Mrs. Miller and THANK YOU for MAKING A DIFFERENCE!

(above) On December 16th, our K-8 students joined together for all-school Mass, Christmas Luncheon and Buddy Activities. We love being together!

(below, 2nd/3rd grades and SDJCA Choir) That same evening, our community joined together to celebrate the upcoming birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. It was a full house...and everyone could feel the excitement and love around us. Our community is thriving! We are blessed!

(center right) Congratulations, December Students of the Month!
(PK)Colton D., (K)Cammie G.,(1) Norah P., (2)Eliana J., (3) Sebastian J., (4) Taylor J., (5) Fatima U., (6) Adrian H., (7) Jordyn L., (8) Stephen A.

(bottom right) Thank you to the Public Landing for partnering with SDJCA and donating a portion of their Visit with Santa event to our school!

Catholic Schools Week 2025
1/26/25 – 2/1/25

SPREAD THE WORD...
TELL YOUR FRIENDS...
INVITE YOUR NEIGHBORS!

Call (815) 838-8173 to schedule a private tour.

Catholic Schools
United in Faith and Community

SDJCA is doing wonderful things. Keep us in your prayers and send students our way.

January 5, 2025
The Epiphany of the Lord
Matthew 2:1-12

Have you ever wondered *why* the magi had gold, frankincense, and myrrh? Matthew's Gospel tells us, **"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh**" (Matt. 2:11). Why are these things their "treasures"? One possible answer is they were magicians and astrologers, and these three items were the tools of their questionable trade. In offering them to Christ, they demonstrate that they will cease using such items to predict or control life. They place this baby-king, the God of Israel, at the center of their lives, and not their own devices of control, manipulation and prediction.

Isn't that what we need to do, too? Consider, for example, the magical power of money, symbolized by the magi's gold. Seemingly whatever we ask of money, it does. It wields a god-like power over the world. It can predict the future by guaranteeing better outcomes for us — which is why it is such a tempting alternative to trusting in God. The problem is such absolute trust in money enslaves us to the economic forces that make money so powerful. In paying homage to Jesus with "gold" (i.e., tithing), we participate in his authority over (and therefore freedom from) the magical sway of money.

What things in your life do you use to predict or control your future? What in your life seems to give you power over the world? Those are your treasures. Are you tired of feeling enslaved to them? Find a way to open them and give them to Christ, and you will be freer.

- *Father John Muir*

CAREGIVERS STRESS_FREE PROGRAM FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS

Presenter: Catholic Charities

When: Thursday afternoons
January 23-March 20, 2025
1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Where: One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center
2041 W State Route 113
Kankakee, IL 60901

Co-hosted by: Catholic Charities Diocese of Joliet & Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

To register and for more information,
call Amanda: 815-523-9919

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_____

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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.

Yes, I would like to get involved!

Eucharist Minister	**Reader**
Altar Server	**Usher/Greeter**
Choir/Cantor/Musician	**Parish Council**
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

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