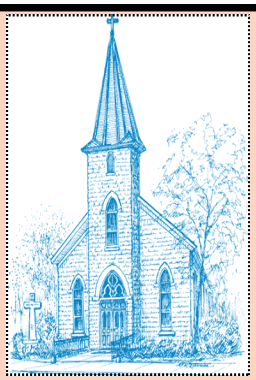

Welcome to

St. Joseph Catholic Parish

A Faith Community Since 1868

January 4, 2026

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. - Mt 2:10-11a

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses:
Mon-Thurs: 7:30 am
Fri: 12:05 pm
Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00, 10:00, Noon
1st Friday: 12:05 pm Mass with Adoration to Follow
Holy Days of Obligation: 6:30 am, 12:05 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
Saturdays: 5:00 pm 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
Bill Molony	Deacon Nick
Deacon Dennis	John Walters

Knights of Columbus: Contact John Walters at 630-303-0075 for information on becoming a Knight.

Saints Dennis and Joseph Catholic Academy

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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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MASSES, INTENTIONS, AND EVENTS
January 3-January 11, 2026

SATURDAY, January 3:	Most Holy Name of Jesus
4:00 p.m.	**+ Mary Ann Kincaid by the Kilian Family**
	+ Rice & Rykaczewski Families by Janet Rice
5:00 p.m.	**Confessions**
SUNDAY, January 4:	**Epiphany of the Lord**
8:00 a.m.	**+ Angela & Michael Kijowski by their Grandchildren**
10:00 a.m.	**+ Jim Cassidy by Kandy O'Connell**
Noon	**+ Connelly Family by Anne Garvey**
	+ Mary Ann Pèna by Isabel, Kyle, Tim & Kimberly
MONDAY, January 5:	St. John Neumann
7:30 a.m.	**Intention Available**
TUESDAY, January 6:	St. Andre Bessette
7:30 a.m.	**+ Tonie O'Keefe Anniv. Rem. by daughter Peggy**
WEDNESDAY, January 7:	St. Raymond of Penyafort
7:30 a.m.	**+ Ray Aspel by the Kilian Family**
9:30 a.m.	**A.A. Meeting in Church Basement**
THURSDAY, January 8:	
7:30 a.m.	**+ Fr. Tom McGivney by a Friend**
FRIDAY, January 9:	
12:05 p.m.	**Intention Available**
8:00 p.m.	**A. A. Meeting in Church Basement**
SATURDAY, January 10:	
4:00 p.m.	**+ Luke Patrick Smith by Nana & Papa**
	+ Joseph Kowalczyk by Daughter & Family
SUNDAY, January 11:	**Baptism of the Lord**
8:00 a.m.	**+ Frank Kijowski by Nieces & Nephews**
10:00 a.m.	**+ Marianne Kowalkowski by Family**
Noon	**+ Michael McGarry by Kevin & Lorna Finnegan**
	Justin Weck Jr. for Healing by Isabel, Kyle, Tim, & Kimberly

Bill Doyle Jr., Connor & Matthais Erickson, Phil Timm, Esmerelda & Gregory Bonk, Luke Bonk, Patrick Bonk, Gary and Mark Ellison, Cora Zgrabik, Brooke Zych, Merle Carrigan, Wyatt Blevins, Marzena Stasieluk, Anonymous Prayer Request, Joann Elison, Alfred Péna, Charlotte Mater, Rosemarie Devincenzo, Tim Olson, Bob Matke, Wayne Allen, Joe Ogronik, Keith Adelmann, Joelee McMaster, Karen Singer, Sean Cio, Gloria Callahan, Mary Kay Tierney, Alan Homerding, Anthony Jadron, Rose Michalski, Joseph Tremback, Natalie Grycko, Dan Bryant, Craig Shelton, Mariana Gonzales, Claude Poulsen, Hillary Shelton, Barbara Majerczyk, Ted Stevenson, Thea Oprzedek, Michelle Bensinger, Isabel Simon, and Jeff M..

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
January 10 & 11

SATURDAY, January 10 @ 4:00 p.m.
Reader: **R. Ward**
EM: **R. Ward**
Musician: **V. Moreno JR Gillogly**
Ushers: A. Lostroscio
G. Nagel
J. Wisneski

SUNDAY, January 11 @ 8:00A.M.
Reader: **D. Haag**
EM: **J. Foresman**
Musicians: **R. Nicholas, J. Ray**
Ushers: R. Schenk
N. Wheeler
J. Drozdek

SUNDAY January 11@ 10:00 A.M.
Reader: **I. Hurtado**
EM: **J. Ranney**
Servers: C. Ranney, E Ranney
Musician: **Choir**
Ushers: T. Stark
G. Little
T. Marcione

SUNDAY, January 11 @ NOON
Reader: **J. Delfinado**
EM: **J. Garvey**
Musicians: **M. Ray**
Ushers: M. Adelman
S. Fitzmaurice
J. Garvey

Readings for the week of January 4, 2026

Sunday:	Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13/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/Ps 72:1-2, 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 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

Observances for the week of January 4, 2026

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

Question:
Magi, Three Kings, Three Wise Men…who were they?

Answer:
We sing songs, give gifts, and move three mysterious men into our manger scenes. There's a rich heritage in the Catholic Church of celebrating the magi, but their origins are steeped in mystery. The original Greek calls these men *magoi.* The word is translated elsewhere in Scripture to mean "magician," but a similar word was used in ancient history to describe an entirely different set of people altogether. In what is now modern-day Iran, the ruling empire had a wealthy priestly caste known as the Magi. At the time of Christ, the Magi formed one of the ruling councils of the Parthian Empire. These priests interpreted dreams and read the stars to anticipate major events that could affect the fortunes of the empire.

We're not exactly sure where the magi of the Gospels traveled from. Matthew simply says "the east." History tells us that the ancient regions of Persia, Assyria, and Babylon all had a magi priesthood at the time of Christ. Whichever region they hailed from, they likely traveled over one thousand miles over the course of several months to arrive at the Holy Family. Unfortunately for the classic song, there is no concrete evidence these men were themselves kings, though they did bear gifts "from afar" at the prompting of their astronomical calculations.

What Does "Epiphany" Mean, and What Do the Gifts Brought to Jesus Symbolize?

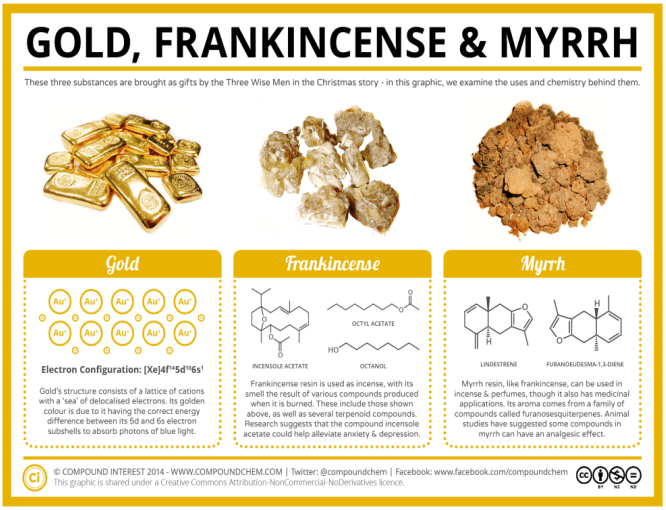
The term "Epiphany," based on the Greek word meaning "manifestation" or "revelation," commemorates key events in the life of Christ: the visitation of the Three Wise Men, the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan, and Christ's first public miracle at Cana. Each reflects a moment of divine revelation.

For Catholics, Epiphany marks the culmination of the traditional Christmastide celebrations, i.e., the traditional 12 days of Christmas (which typically don't add up to exactly twelve in the new calendar, given that Epiphany is now a moveable feast).

Traditional Epiphany celebrations commence and overlap with the continued Christmas season, with both culminating on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Christmas decorations often remain until Epiphany or the Baptism of the Lord, emphasizing the enduring joy of Christ's birth.

The following day we transition into ordinary time.

Epiphany 2026 is a time to celebrate Christ's revelation to the world, offering a beautiful conclusion to the Christmas season. Whether through traditions like the King Cake, prayers, or gifts, this feast invites all to reflect on the light of Christ shining in their lives.



Stewardship

December 21, 2025

SUNDAY COLLECTION:	**5813.00**
Weekly Average of all ACH And CC Transactions	**2799.00**
TOTAL	**$8,612.00**

($loose cash: 1,018.00)

BUDGETED WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: $10.150.00

DEFICIT: (1568.00)
Religious Retirement: $293.00
Debt/Campus Repair: $300.00
Christmas; $315.00
Immaculate Conception: $10.00

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SDJCA NEWS
December 2025 Edition
WE ARE SDJCA.

SAINTS DENNIS AND JOSEPH CATHOLIC ACADEMY

DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Congratulations, December Students of the Month!

ELC– Julian S., K – Nico L., 1 – Savannah S., 2 - Lisbeth M., 3 - Elizabeth K., 4 - Finn W., 5 - Aniela D., JH ELA - Elizabeth M., JH Math - Eloise C., JH Science - Matthew L., JH Social Studies - Morgan G., Art - Jordyn L., Music - Lisbeth M., P.E. - Makenzie B.

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

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1/25/26 - 1/31/26
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Our community joined together on the evening of December 16th to celebrate the upcoming birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, at our K-8 Christmas Program. It was a full house...and everyone could feel the warmth, excitement and love around us. We are so blessed at SDJCA.

MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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SAVE THE DATE!

Marian Village
BINGO BONANZA
Sunday, January 11, 2026

Doors open at 2;30 pm
Bingo begins at 3:00 pm

RSVP to Raychel Techman at

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Or calling
708-401-8622

15624 Marian Dr., Homer Glen, IL 6041

Admission; $5.00 per player

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- Is pursuing education to re-enter the workforce
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- Is enrolled for the Winter/Spring 2026 term

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*City _____Zip_____

*Phone_____

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_____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.

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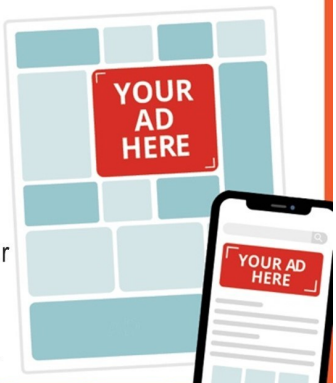

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