

# St. Joseph Parish Community

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**TO BE A VISIBLE SIGN OF CHRIST'S PRESENCE AMONG US  
IN THE WORLD, BY LIVING OUT THE GOSPEL MESSAGE  
OF GOD'S LOVE IN MINISTRY AND SERVICE +**



**I turn to you,  
Lord,  
in time of trouble,  
and you fill me  
with the  
JOY  
of salvation.**

**Psalm 32**

## St. Joseph Parish 2021 Lenten Schedule

*This Lent, we invite you to join us for  
spiritual opportunities to rekindle  
your relationship with our Lord.*

# LENT

2021

**Ash Wednesday February 17**  
**Mass and Ashes**  
**7:00AM, 8:15AM, 7:00PM**

Lenten Fast and Abstinence:  
Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday  
Abstain from Meat on Ash Wednesday,  
all Fridays and Good Friday

### Daily Mass

Monday-Friday, 7:00AM  
Tuesday, 7:00PM

### Adoration and Benediction

Wednesday, 1:00PM-7:00PM

### Stations of the Cross

Fridays-2:30PM and 7:00PM

### Confessions

Wednesdays-7:30AM-8:00AM

Saturdays 4:00PM-4:50PM

Sundays 8:00AM-8:50AM

### Prayer Service & Rosary

Tuesdays at 12:00PM in Church

**Lenten Small Groups**-Grow in faith through joining a small group that meets weekly during Lent. Sign-up through our website.

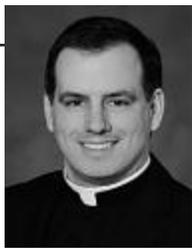
**Consecration to St. Joseph**-February 15 through March 19, the Feast of St. Joseph. Purchase books after Masses or in office.

### Parish Mission

March 21, 22 and 23 in church-6:30PM  
Pray, Hope, and Don't Worry!  
Fr. Matthew will speak on these timeless themes  
from Padre Pio

**Be Reconciled Confession Day**-March 24, 7:30AM-9:00AM  
and 12:00PM-8:00PM

**February 14, 2021 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**From our Pastor**

**What are you doing for Lent?**

If you remember our last Lent, we only got two weeks into Lent before everything shut down. It has been quite a year and we each have our stories about loneliness or fears, about anger or loss.

As we approach a Lent that hopefully will be leading us out of the pandemic, it is a good time to ask how we have coped with the last year and if our coping mechanisms have all been healthy. Many people have slowed down a bit, gotten outside more, and worked on some projects that they never had time for. Some have deepened their prayer and trust in the Lord.

However, it is also true that around the nation, alcohol and drug consumption is way up. Some have coped with increased tv and computer use, including pornography. Some have turned to eating or shopping. Political anger has given people a target for their frustrations and isolation.

I would recommend that if you have noticed any of these creeping into your life due to the stresses of the pandemic, that Lent be your time to start fresh. Now is a good time to examine where your heart is and where God is calling you. I am very much looking forward to celebrating Easter together this year. It was a great sadness for me to have no congregation during Holy Week last year. I'm also looking forward to Lent as a period of renewal and purification.

With hope, let us turn to the Lord!

In Christ's Peace,

*J. Matthew*

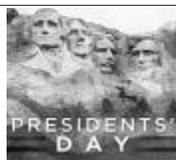
P.S. The Church has been instructed to impose ashes by sprinkling them over the head rather than making a cross on the forehead. This has been the tradition in Italy and this year the entire Church will do it this way.



**Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday, February 17 in church from 1:00PM-7:00PM**

*"Hence it is that devotion to the divine Eucharist exerts a great influence upon the soul in the direction of fostering a "social" love, in which we put the common good ahead of private good, take up the cause of the community, the parish, the universal Church, and extend our charity to the whole world because we know that there are members of Christ everywhere." Blessed Pope Paul VI*

We invite you to stop by and spend some time with God.



God of power and might, wisdom and justice, through you authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment is decreed. Assist with your spirit of counsel and fortitude the President and other government leaders of these United States.

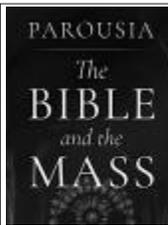
May they always seek the ways of righteousness, justice and mercy. Grant that they may be enabled by your powerful protection to lead our country with honesty and integrity. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

[catholic.org/prayers](http://catholic.org/prayers)

**The parish office will be closed on Monday, February 15 in observance of Presidents' Day.**

**LENT 2021**

**Resources**



**Parousia: The Bible and the Mass**

a virtual Scripture study that will help open our eyes to the beauty and wonder of the Mass, presented by the St. Paul Center and Scott Hahn. It will deepen our love and appreciation for the Eucharist by showing us that all the promises of Scripture are fulfilled in the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. Once we see that the Mass is the fulfillment of Scripture and Scripture points to-and is at home in-the liturgy, our whole faith makes sense.

You can sign up now to watch all ten episodes for free at [StPaulCenter.com](http://StPaulCenter.com)



**Feed Your Soul with Prayer this Lent!**

Nothing will transform your life so completely, absolutely, and forever like really learning how to pray. Beginning on Ash Wednesday and continuing through all forty days of Lent, you will receive a daily email with a short video to help you reconnect with yourself and your God.

You will be surprised by what God can do in your life with just an email, a short video and an open heart.

Don't just sign up for BEST LENT EVER, have your best lent ever at [dynamiccatholic.com](http://dynamiccatholic.com)



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Resources include: Saint of the Day Minute Meditations, Pause + Pray, Faith and Family and the Franciscan Spirit Blog visit [Franciscanmedia.org](http://Franciscanmedia.org)



**Official site for United States Conference of Catholic Bishops**

Lent is a 40 day season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that begins on Ash Wednesday.

Visit the website to view the USCCB 2021 calendar with daily reflections and quotes from Scripture, Pope Francis, the saints, and more to help you on your Lenten journey.

Calendar available in English and Spanish. Visit [usccb.org](http://usccb.org)



**The Living Lent Daily e-mail series for 2021**

will be filled with lessons of hope and courage. Inspired by the new book, I Am with You: Lessons of Hope and Courage in Times of Crisis by Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan, our daily reflections will encourage us in confusing and turbulent

times. Featured authors include Cardinal Dolan, Pope Francis, Vinita Hampton Wright, and Becky Eldredge. The messages also include suggestions for further exploration of Lenten themes through additional online articles and prayers.

Sign up at [loyolapress.com](http://loyolapress.com)



**Pope Francis @Pontifex February 10**

The person who prays is like someone in love with the beloved in his or her heart wherever they go. So we can pray at any moment, and during what happens every day: on the street, in the office, on public transportation, through words and in the silence of our hearts.



# We have a new parish website: [saintjosephaurora.org](http://saintjosephaurora.org)



## February 17-March 28

Help save lives by praying for an end to abortion in our community

40 Days for Life is an internationally coordinated 40-day campaign that aims to end abortion locally through prayer and fasting, community outreach, and a peaceful all-day vigil in front of abortion businesses.

For more information visit:  
[40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com)

## Saint Valentine, (February 14)

Not much of St. Valentine's life is reliably known, as is the exact origin of the holiday is not widely agreed upon, but it is widely recognized as a day for love, devotion and romance.

Whoever he was, Valentine did really exist, because archaeologists have unearthed a Roman catacomb and an ancient church dedicated to St. Valentine.

In 496 AD Pope Gelasius marked February 14th as a celebration in honor of his martyrdom.

St. Valentine is the Patron Saint of affianced couples, bee keepers, engaged couples, epilepsy, fainting, greetings, happy marriages, love, lovers, plague, travelers, and young people.

*Valentine's Day is a day we can all appreciate those we love. Think of all who have shown you love and pray for them today.*



## WELCOME TO ST. JOSEPH PARISH

Thank you for coming to celebrate Mass with us. If you would like information on becoming a member, please call our parish office at 630-844-3780. If you are already a parishioner, thank you for coming and for everything you do for our parish with your time, talent and treasure. We appreciate everyone being here today!

### Why should I register at my Parish?

It is necessary to be registered in a parish or various reasons:

- if you wish to get married
- if you wish to send your children to religious education classes
- if you wish to have your child baptized
- if you need a letter of recommendation to be a sponsor for
- baptism or confirmation in other parishes
- We want to especially remind newlyweds to register after your wedding if you are going to remain in this area, as you are no longer included on your parents registration.
- Children over 18 who are not in college should also register on their parents give me register on their own.
- If you need to register take a minute and stop by or call the parish office at 630-844-3780 or visit our website at [saintjosephaurora.weconnect.com](http://saintjosephaurora.weconnect.com) and download the registration form.

Please notify the parish office if you are moving or have a change in your phone number. Thank you.

### Do you receive emails from St. Joseph Parish?

Email us at [stjoe722@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stjoe722@sbcglobal.net) to be added to the list or call us at 603-844-3780 and leave your email address.



February 6 and 7  
Envelopes.....86  
Sunday Envelopes....\$9,371.00

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

EVERY DAY, DO SOMETHING THAT WILL LEAD YOU CLOSER TO

God



### Pray the Rosary

- Please pray the Rosary with us in church on Tuesdays at Noon
- Our intention this week is that we remember to pray everyday.

Everybody has a place at the table, and nobody deserves to feel inferior, unworthy, unwanted, or marginalized. It is not part of God's vision. Jesus came to heal, make things whole, set things right, and restore relationships. No one is to feel unwelcome or alienated from the community. Whether we like it or not, this message is at the core of the Gospel. It makes a lot of sense when you think about it. Perhaps this is why people kept coming from everywhere to listen to Jesus speak and to be in his presence. He made perfect sense. Most of us have no issue buying into this vision. We run into trouble, however, when we fall into the trap of privilege and power. We diverge from God's vision when the powerful begin to control who is entitled to wholeness and inclusion, and greed becomes a driving force. Prejudice and entitlement have no place in the kingdom of God, and even the most needy and hurting among us are worthy of the compassion Jesus desires to offer. There are no easy solutions to the world's dilemmas. But one thing is for certain, no one can be singled out, excluded or mistreated. Everyone matters



Throughout the month of February, multiple Aurora area dentists are offering free dental services to children who do not have dental insurance and are struggling financially.

The **Dentist with a Heart Program** offers various services. For more information visit: [aurorachildrendentalservice.org](http://aurorachildrendentalservice.org) and click on "Dentist with a Heart".



**Aurora Central Catholic High School** is offering an "at home" option for the placement exam to allow families the option for their 8th grade student to take the exam remotely, on their time. Families receive a registration fee discount if they register prior to May 1st.

To register or for more info contact Mackenzie Livingston at 630-907-0095 or [mlivingston@auroracentral.com](mailto:mlivingston@auroracentral.com).

### 2021 PLANT THE SEED CALENDAR WINNERS

Sunday (\$100) Feb 7.....#1683.....Theresa and Todd McCrea  
Monday (\$50) Feb 8.....#424.....Mark Hight  
Tuesday (\$50) Feb 9.....#1726.....Janet Carpenter  
Wednesday (\$50) Feb 10...#1098.....Dan Sedory  
Thursday (\$50) Feb 11.....#1513.....Katelyn Garza  
Friday, (\$50) Feb 12.....#138.....Emmett Reinke  
Saturday, (\$100) Feb 13....#1734.....Fernando Lizalde

### Have you purchased your 2021 Plant the Seed Books?

**MANNA**-Orders due by 9AM Wednesdays via email. Check only-No cash accepted. Pick up Thursdays 6:00PM-6:30PM in front of the Parish Center. Questions? Contact Judy Fullmer 630-542-4645 or email her at [stjoeauroramanna@gmail.com](mailto:stjoeauroramanna@gmail.com)

## PARISH INFORMATION

### St. Joseph Catholic Church

Rev. Matthew J. McMorrow, S.T.L., Pastor  
Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Willhite, In Residence  
Deacon Bruce Watermann, S.F.A.  
Sandy Bohr, Business Manager

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Monday through Friday-8:00AM to 4:00PM

**Religious Education Office** 630-844-3780 x243  
Pam Moore, Coordinator of Religious Education

**MASSES**-See right column of this page

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** English & Spanish  
Wednesday 7:30AM to 8:00AM  
Saturday 4:00PM-4:50PM  
Sunday 8:00AM-8:50AM

### **BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS:**

Please contact the parish office for information

Website: [www.saintjosephaurora.org](http://www.saintjosephaurora.org)

Email: [stjoe722@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stjoe722@sbcglobal.net)

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For all the latest information:

**Check out our Facebook page: [@PSJPIIAurora](https://www.facebook.com/PSJPIIAurora)**

### **Act of Spiritual Communion**

is a beautiful and praiseworthy tradition to recite an act of spiritual communion when one is unable, for whatever reason, to receive Holy Communion.

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.*

*Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.*

*I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*  
Saint Alphonsus Ligouri.



**Perfect Contrition**-Where the individual faithful find themselves in the painful impossibility of receiving Sacramental absolution, it should be remembered that perfect contrition, coming from the love of God, beloved above all things, expressed by a sincere request for forgiveness (that which the penitent is at present able to express) and accompanied by votum confessionis, that is, by the firm resolution to have recourse, as soon as possible, to sacramental confession, obtains forgiveness of sins, even mortal ones (cf. CCC, no. 1452)

Perfect contrition means a sorrow for sin out of love for God. It does not mean being "perfectly sorry." Perfect contrition is sorrow for sin out of love for God and His goodness, whereas imperfect contrition (while still a gift of God) is sorrow for sin due to a fear of hell, judgment and punishment.

(CCC 1452-1453) Catechism of the Catholic Church

"He seeks us before we dream of seeking him; he knocks before we invite him in; he loves us before we respond."

-Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen

**All Masses are opened to 30% of church capacity (approximately 150 people) No reservations required**

### **MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

#### **MONDAY, February 15**

7:00AM Live stream-Joe Morrissey by George Morrissey

#### **TUESDAY, February 16**

7:00AM Live stream-Nick Schuetz by Rose Juneau

7:00PM Live stream-People of St. Joseph

#### **WEDNESDAY, February 17, Ash Wednesday**

7:00AM Live stream-Carlos Reyes by the Family

8:15AM Live stream-Dominic Ramos by the Family

7:00PM Live stream-Joe and Marianne Reier by the Family

#### **THURSDAY, February 18**

7:00AM Live stream-Dorothy Ries by Friends and Family

#### **FRIDAY, February 19**

7:00AM Live stream-Matthew Stiefbold by the Family

#### **SATURDAY, February 20**

5:00PM Live stream-Tom Dunlap by Glady Brummel

#### **SUNDAY, February 21, 1st Sunday of Lent**

9:00AM Live stream-Art and Mark Michels

by Howard and Barb Edwards

## **SANCTUARY CANDLE MEMORIAL**

The week of February 14 the sanctuary candle is burning in memory of Matthew Stiefbold requested by the Stiefbold Family

### **Readings for the week of February 14, 2021**

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/  
1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45

Monday: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/  
Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and  
9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17  
[cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/ Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/  
Mk 1:12-15



### **Holy Cross Lenten Retreat**

Walk the Way of the Cross to share more deeply in the passion, death and resurrection of Christ. Join the Congregation of Holy Cross, US Province this Lent for a virtual journey through the Stations of the Cross. Live webinars will take place at 6:00PM on Ash Wednesday, February 17 and on each following Sunday, including Palm Sunday. Once registered, you will receive instructions on how to access the retreat using Zoom. Register at: [MyLentenRetreat.HolyCrossUSA.org](http://MyLentenRetreat.HolyCrossUSA.org) Questions? 574-6316731

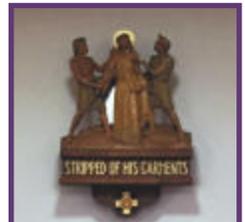
### **Join us for a virtual Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend experience from the comfort of your home.**

The WWE Weekend offers married couples an opportunity to focus on each other; a chance to look deeply into your relationship with each other and with God.

February 18 - March 31 2 hours/once a week. or April 9-11 in Brookfield, WI and June 25-27 in Geneva, IL. For more info visit our website at: [alifetimeoflove.org](http://alifetimeoflove.org) or call (888) 574-5653.



# The Stations of the Cross



- The Stations of the Cross tell the story of Jesus' path to Mount Calvary and the pain and suffering he endured as he walked to his crucifixion on our behalf.
- Historically, yesterday's Christians were no different from today's, in that they yearned to walk the same steps as Jesus and witness the holiest of places: where Jesus died, was buried and rose again.
- The Stations of the Cross began as a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.
- The Way of Sorrows, or the road to Calvary, is said to have first been traversed by Our Blessed Mother, although in my research I found no reliable source to confirm that this is true or a myth.
- It was not until the 4th Century that we find sufficient evidence of people venerating important places associated with Jesus' life, death and resurrection.
- The most important shrine—the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, was built at the burial place where Jesus rose from the dead.
- Pope St. Leo called us to participate in “the cross of Christ” in order that we may also do something which will united us to “what he has done for us”, for as St. Paul says in Romans 8:17, “If we suffer with him, we shall be glorified with him”.
- The journals of these first pilgrims indicate the desire of the faithful to visit the Holy Places and describe in detail the shrines that Constantine erected. In the early years of the fourth century, Roman Emperor Constantine erected shrines at these and other holy places. By the late 14th Century, the demand arose for a system that would allow more people to participate in this devotion.

*✠ O Jesus, I place myself at the foot of the Cross, help us to understand how necessary it is to suffer in order to resemble you. ✠*

- By the 15th Century the Stations of the Cross reached another stage in their development: an arrangement of carvings in stone or wood known as the “seven falls”. Because these representations of the Holy Places could be arranged in churches that were small, as well as the large religious institutions, they provided more people access to the devotion.

*✠ O Jesus Crucified, make me understand that the Cross is the greatest proof of love. ✠*

- The Stations of the Cross did not always consist of fourteen scenes. In fact the word, *statio* (station) was not even used in connection with the Way of the Cross until the mid 15th century. How the number of stations came to be 14 is complicated. The narratives of early travelers suggest the stations were added a few at a time. The last 4 stations, Jesus being nailed to the Cross, His death, Jesus being removed from the Cross and Jesus being placed in the tomb come directly from Sacred Scripture. The numbers, however, along with the subject and sequence of the stations was set by Pope Clement XII in 1731.
- The Franciscans took over custody of the Holy Places in 1342. Part of their mission was to promote devotion to the holy places and to the Passion of Christ by way of the Stations of the Cross. Under their influence, the devotion spread rapidly from Italy to the rest of Europe.
- The Franciscans were largely responsible for developing artistic representations and carvings of holy scenes and arranging them in churches throughout the west. Although the historical roots and the development of the Stations of the Cross are rich in history, we must keep in mind that the stations themselves, and the devotion, are only aids to remembering and honoring the Passion of Our Lord. They are a means to an end, not the end itself.

*✠ We place ourselves in your presence, O Lord; illumine with your light the eternal truths and awaken in our soul a sincere desire for conversion. ✠*

**Pax et Bonum, Deacon Bruce**

The new St. Joseph Church was dedicated and the first Mass celebrated on the Feast of St. Joseph, March 19, 1955. Later that day, the Stations of the Cross were erected in the church by Father Godfrey Weitkamp, OFM.

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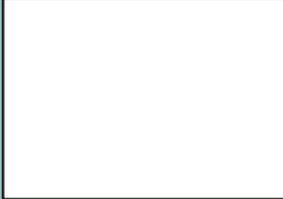
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