

# 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 +*



“If anyone wishes  
to be first,  
he shall be  
the last of all  
and the servant of all.”

Taking a child,  
he placed it  
in their midst,  
and putting his arms  
around it,  
he said to them,  
“Whoever receives  
one child such as this  
in my name,  
receives me;  
and whoever  
receives me,  
receives not me but  
the One who sent me.”

Mark 9:35-37

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 19, 2021

**From our Pastor**



**Vaccine Mandates**

The vaccine mandates are coming into effect for educators and health professionals in Illinois this week. The Church is generally in favor of vaccinations because they promote health and serve the common good. However, the Church considers personal medical decisions a matter of conscience, and there are reasons why a person

may decide not to receive a particular vaccine. As you will see below, the Church reflects on the morality of individual actions and also on the needs of the common good. The Illinois mandate does come with a clause for conscience, so that those who refuse the vaccine can have a weekly Covid test instead. This is somewhat, but not overly burdensome (about \$7 and 15 minutes a week to do the test from WalMart). Unfortunately, some mandates are more directly threatening employment or education, thus undercutting the right of individuals to make a free decision about the costs and benefits of receiving the Covid vaccine.

According to the National Catholic Bioethics Center:

The best ethical decision-making occurs when individuals have sufficient information for discernment and are able to reflect without undue external pressures placed on them. Mandates, by their very nature, exert pressure that can be severe if employment or the ability to further one's education are threatened.

The novelty of the SARS-CoV-2 and of the technologies for eliciting an immune response to prevent or mitigate COVID-19 leave several medical questions unanswered. Only time and careful study of the virus and benefits and adverse effects of the vaccines will provide the answers many persons need to give free and informed consent.

If any institution mandates COVID-19 vaccination, the NCBC strongly urges robust, transparent, and readily accessible exemptions for medical, religious, and conscience reasons.

The most authoritative guidance from the Catholic Church issued on this topic comes from the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith (CDF) and emphasizes that individuals must discern whether to be vaccinated or not in conscience and without coercion:

"Practical reason makes evident that vaccination is not, as a rule, a moral obligation and that, therefore, it must be voluntary. In any case, from the ethical point of view, the morality of vaccination depends not only on the duty to protect one's own health, but also on the duty to pursue the common good. In the absence of other means to stop or even prevent the epidemic, the common good may recommend vaccination, especially to protect the weakest and most exposed. Those who, however, for reasons of conscience, refuse vaccines produced with cell lines from aborted fetuses, must do their utmost to avoid, by other prophylactic means and appropriate behavior, becoming vehicles for the transmission of the infectious agent."

More information can be found at: <https://www.ncbcenter.org/ncbc-news/vaccinemandatestatement>

In Christ's Peace *Fr. Matthew*



**MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN ALL INDOOR SPACES**

All individuals, regardless of vaccination status, age two or over and able to medically tolerate a face covering (a mask or cloth face covering) are required to cover their nose and mouth with a face covering when indoors on the premises of our churches, schools, and diocesan facilities.

Most Reverend David J. Malloy Bishop of Rockford



**Have you ever thought about being a Lector?**

We are in need of lectors- especially for our Saturday, 5:00PM Mass.

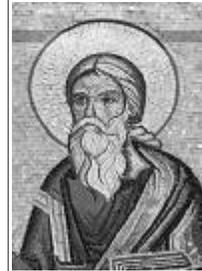
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**September 20  
Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gun, priest,  
and Paul Chong Hasang and  
Companion Martyrs**

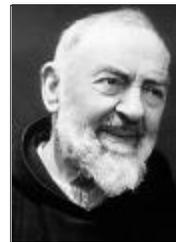
St. Andrew Kim was the first native Korean priest. Paul Chong Hasang, 45, was a lay apostle and married man.

Besides Andrew and Paul, 98 Koreans and three French missionaries who had been martyred between 1839 and 1867 have been canonized.



**September 21  
St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

"As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him." Matthew 9:9  
Matthew, a tax collector. left his entire life when Jesus called him.



**September 23  
St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest  
(Padre Pio)**

Eight years after being ordained a priest, the five wounds of our Lord's passion appeared on his body, making him the first stigmatized priest in the history of the Catholic Church.

Padre Pio's whole life was marked by long hours of prayer and continual austerity. In 1956 he opened the Home for the Relief of Suffering. Worn out by over half a century of intense suffering and constant apostolic activity, he died on September 23, 1968.

**Religious Education Classes begin  
Sunday, September 19,**  
and will follow appropriate safety guidelines.  
Students will be wearing masks.



**Our Religious Education program is still  
accepting students for the 2021-22 year.**

Visit [saintjosephaurora.org/faithformation](http://saintjosephaurora.org/faithformation) for registration forms and more information.

**Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday, September 22**  
in church from 1:00PM-7:00PM

*"A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent in sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament."*  
St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest (Padre Pio)



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



**Pope Francis @Pontifex September 14**

For our life to be great, we need love and heroism. If we look to the crucified Jesus, we find both boundless love and the courage to give one's life to the utmost, without half-measures.





Remember in your prayers  
all who have died especially:

**Alan Krumwiede**

*Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord  
and let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May his soul and the souls of all the  
faithful departed rest in peace. Amen*



**Saturday, November 20, 9AM -3PM  
St. Joseph Parish Center**

Widely advertised  
\$35 per table

Applications are available from  
Cele Reinert 630-217-2736  
Marie Geltz 630-624-0903  
or email: [Geltz30@aol.com](mailto:Geltz30@aol.com)

**Reserve your  
table now**

**Joins us, September 29 at  
7:15pm in the parish center  
for an informational meeting.**



Questions? Contact Judy Cicero at 630-692-9204.



**September 11 and 12**

Sunday Envelopes.....97  
Contributions.....\$ 7,608.000

Our money counters kindly ask that you  
do not use staples or tape on your Sunday envelopes.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

**He said  
to them,  
“Go into the  
whole world  
and proclaim  
the gospel  
to every  
creature.”**

Mark 16:15



**Pray the Rosary**

•Please pray the Rosary  
with us in church during  
our Prayer Service on  
Tuesdays at 12:15PM

•Our intention  
this week is for our  
catechists, summoned to  
announce the Word of  
God: may they be its  
witnesses, with courage  
and creativity and in the  
power of the Holy Spirit.

What does it mean to be God’s servant? In essence, it means being willing to call the world back to its childlike innocence, showing all that a joy-filled playfulness has a place in life. The servant of God serves to foster the Kingdom of God. God’s kingdom is not a sterile, unhappy, strict, and rigid reality. It is quite the opposite. It is a kingdom devoid of jealousy and selfish ambition where peace, gentleness, mercy, and good works abound. To be a servant of this kingdom means that selfish ambition must be set aside so that others can be first, and justice pursued at all cost. The prayer of this kind of servant is not focused on self-advancement or need. Rather, the servant’s prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. In this way, we who are servants can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led by God. We can then be used to lay the cornerstones of the kingdom: faith, hope, and love. It is upon these that God’s firm dwelling is built. Accepting this call may place us last in the world’s eyes but first in God’s.



**How can you help?  
Donations  
for silent auction  
and raffles**

**Our Silent Auction and Raffle rely on donations for all the great items and packages available.**

Don’t know what to donate? Looking for a new idea?

**•Combine with other people:**

Get together with 3 or 4 or more friends/family and buy a more expensive item item-such as Apple Air Pods, Ring Camera, you decide.

**•Gift Certificates/Cards**

Favorite local business can benefit and new customers are always a plus (include a list of your favorite menu items)

**•Local Businesses**

Have a favorite local business you frequent? Next time you are there ask them if they could donate a gift card for Oktoberfest.

**•Theme**

Pick a theme-wine, relaxation, gift cards, children, luxury, bath, favorite foods, cooking-the sky is the limit. Purchase the related items. Bring us a box full of goodies and we will put them together or arrange them yourself.

Busy time for you? Cash donations are greatly appreciated.

Put in envelope marked: Oktoberfest donation and put in collection or mail to parish at 722 High Street, Aurora IL 60505

**Important Dates**

Next **Oktoberfest organizational meeting:**  
**Thursday, September 23, 7:00PM in the parish center**

*Come help make: Tamales and Cabbage Rolls*  
Dates and times will be announced.

Cover photo of detail of window of St Peter’s Church, Newdigate, Surrey, England produced by the James Powell studio in 1877 from designs by Henry Holiday.

**GOOD NEWS**

Some of our parishioners were part of a group of people with September birthdays who recently gathered with friends and family for a group birthday party. Instead of presents they asked for donations for the Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry. The Pantry wishes to thank everyone who donated 468 pounds of non-perishable food and diapers and \$350 in monetary donations. The Pantry was very grateful to receive these donations.

**GREAT JOB!**

**2021 PLANT THE SEED CALENDAR WINNERS**

Sunday..... (\$100)..Sept 12.....#417.....Nathan Petit  
Monday..... (\$50) Sept 13....#1122.....Alan Schuler  
Tuesday..... (\$50)...Sept 14....#991.....Dave Nieman  
Wednesday... (\$50)...Sept 15... #1388..... Val Bohr  
Thursday.... (\$50)...Sept 16... #1147.....Cathy & Lou Puscas  
Friday..... (\$50)...Sept 17... #212.....John Kong  
Saturday..... (\$100)..Sept 18... #849.....David Leden



Come walk inside the gym Monday, Wednesday and Fridays beginning at 7:00AM. Air conditioning, a level floor and friendly faces will make your walk healthy and enjoyable.

**MANNA NOTES**

- School Back Pack program is back.
- Orders due by 9:00AM Wednesdays via email.
- Indicate where you will pick up. Check only-no cash
- Pick up is Thursday evenings from 6:00PM-6:30 PM
- 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  
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Sandy Bohr, Business Manager  
Rosalinda Saucedo, Faith Formation Coordinator

**Parish Office** 630-844-3780 Fax 630-844-1338  
Monday through Friday-8:00AM to 4:00PM

**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)

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for the upcoming 2021-22 school year.

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or call our North Campus, at 630-844-3781  
to begin the application process.

For all the latest information:

Check out our Facebook page: @PSJPIIAuroraLL

**The Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary** in Batavia are a group of women in Consecrated Life who have a Spiritual Charism of Faith, Family Spirit and Self-Giving. We invite you to join us as a member of one of our ministries: Delaplace Prayer Ministry and Consecrated Laity Program. To learn more about either of these special programs, please contact Sister Myra Lambert, SSCM at [lam-bert@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lam-bert@sbcglobal.net) or by calling 630-267-4021



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Contact Cindy Sellen at 630-820-3220 ex. 2  
or email her at [csellen@rockforddiocese.org](mailto:csellen@rockforddiocese.org)

**Women's Retreat in Everyday Life Oct 12-Nov 9** on five consecutive Tuesdays from 8:45AM to 11:30 AM based on the spiritual exercises of Saint Ignatius Loyola with Retreat Masters Barbara Ritson and Carol Pankros. Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House, Barrington. For more info visit [jesuitretreat.org](http://jesuitretreat.org) or call 847-381-1261.

**And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace  
for those who cultivate peace. (Jas 3:18)**

**"Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless.  
God is merciful and will hear your prayer.  
St. Pius of Pietrelcina, (Padre Pio)**

## MASS INTENTIONS

**MONDAY, September 20, Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest,  
and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs**

7:00AM Mass Livestream-Nello Avram by Anna Marie Avram  
**TUESDAY, September 21, St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist**

7:00AM Mass Livestream-People of St. Joseph Parish  
7:00PM Mass Livestream-Eleana Bilbao by the Children

**WEDNESDAY, September 22**

7:00AM Mass Livestream-Fr. Joseph Lenk by Sue Gardner

**THURSDAY, September 23, St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**

7:00AM Mass Livestream-Michael Watgen by Mary Travis  
8:15AM School Mass

**FRIDAY, September 24**

7:00AM Mass Livestream-Jane Reinbold by the Family

**SATURDAY, September 25, BVM**

5:00PM Mass Livestream-Jane Reinke

by Howard & Barb Edwards

**SUNDAY, September 26, 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00AM Mass Livestream-Marianne Reier by the Family

## SANCTUARY CANDLE MEMORIAL

During the week of September 19, the sanctuary candle is burning in memory of Katie Woodward requested by the Family

### Readings for the week of September 19, 2021

Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/  
Mk 9:30-37

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/  
Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/  
Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48



### Phoenix Club BINGO on September 20

Doors open at 6:00PM

Early Bird Game at 6:15PM Eyes down at 7:00PM

BINGO food available

Open to the public

### HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

**Aurora Central Catholic HS** Open House, October 28 and November 7. Visit [auroracentral.com](http://auroracentral.com) for more information.

**Rosary HS** Open House-October 17. Visit [rosaryhs.com](http://rosaryhs.com) for more information.

**Marmion** Open House-November 7. Visit [marmion.org](http://marmion.org) for more information.

**The Aurora Food Pantry is celebrating 40 years of serving the Fox Valley community!** October 8, 5:30PM-10:00PM at Society 57. Aurora. 80's themed birthday benefit to commemorate 1981 when the pantry was founded. Tickets:\$100/person. Featuring both Live & Silent Auctions, the "Wallbanger" Wagon Raffle, and open bar. For more information visit: [aurorafoodpantry.org/houseparty/](http://aurorafoodpantry.org/houseparty/)

# CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

## "Say the Word and My Soul Shall be Healed"

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

The mission of the church reflects the mission of Jesus to teach, preach, heal, and forgive. Through these acts, Jesus shares the good news of salvation and invites all people to share in the life and love of God. The church continues this mission in all its ministries, but especially, and perhaps most importantly, through catechesis.

Catechetical Sunday is celebrated on the third Sunday of September. The task of handing on the Gospel is entrusted to the whole community, who by word and example, form young and new members in the way of the Gospel. Parish programs assist parents in teaching the basics of faith through liturgical experience, instruction, and faith formation. This ministry is essential for the parish to grow, for individuals to develop as believers, and for the ongoing spiritual formation of the whole community. It reminds the church that preaching the Gospel and growing in faith are essential to our sacramental practice and our liturgical prayer.

**PARENTS** are the first and primary catechists in a child's life, but **WE ALSO ARE IMPORTANT CATECHISTS IN THE LIVES OF OUR COWORKERS, OUR SPOUSES, OUR RELATIVES AND OUR FRIENDS.**

### Prayer for Catechists

Father of all families, you have called me to serve the family in truth and love as a catechist. May I be faithful to this call, rooted in your Word, and open to the gifts of the Holy Spirit. May I use these gifts, especially the gifts of faith, hope, and love, to serve the family as a witness to you, who are love and life and the source of destiny for all families.

Let your Spirit enlighten my mind and strengthen my heart so that I can be a path of Christ's love to families, especially those in need, the homebound and aged, the disabled and the disheartened. Through the intercession of Mary and Joseph, I pray for the Church, the Bride of Christ, whose mission to build a civilization of love passes through the family. Amen.

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**ALL** of us are **CALLED** to **ECHO** and **SHARE** the **GOSPEL** message

**The word "catechesis" means "to echo."**

Literally, we are to echo the good news of Jesus Christ to the world. This is not a suggestion; it is a command of our Lord.

### ST. JOSEPH PARISH FAITH FORMATION



#### IGNITE YOUR FAITH-beginning January, 2022

St. Joseph Parish is excited about our new parish faith formation program, Ignite Your Faith. This program calls us to share our faith with family, friends, and community to grow as followers of Jesus. The Lord desires us to be ablaze with His grace and ignite in others the fire of his love.

This program is open to all-seniors, single adults, couples, families and children.

As a parish, we will provide a place to gather, a story to learn, teachings to embrace, and Sacraments to celebrate, as we are more aware that Jesus is alive and real in our lives. The Ignite Your Faith program will welcome everyone, to grow in faith on Sunday mornings after the 9:00AM Mass.

We seek to provide our parishioners with opportunities to:

- Learn more about your faith
- Share your faith in community with others,
- Experience prayer and Catholic spirituality in community, and through all of this,
- Grow in relationship with each other and with God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION** is a part of the Ignite Your Faith program. This new model continues to include instruction and allows children and parents to learn and pray together. Religious Education is open to all children in grades 1st-9th grade. Classes have already begun but registration is still open

#### THE SACRAMENTS

**First Communion and Reconciliation** are part of a 2-year journey typically beginning when the child begins 1st grade.

**Confirmation** is conferred by the Bishop of the Diocese of Rockford. It is a 2-year educational preparation for candidates in 7th and 8th grade.

### St. Joseph Parish Catechists

Elena Blackwell  
Connie Blatner  
Bridget Butler  
Margaret Gabor  
Rich Gabor  
Mary Garza  
Sharon Hernandez  
Jesse Renteria  
Holly Roate  
Rosalinda Saucedo

For information about our Faith Formation programs- Ignite your Faith and Religious Education, please contact Rosalinda Saucedo, Faith Formation Coordinator at 630-844-3780 x221.

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