



# 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 +**



## ST. VINCENT DEPAUL

**Feast Day: SEPTEMBER 27**

*Patron of Charitable Societies*

**SAINT VINCENT de PAUL** became a priest hoping to rise above his modest upbringing on a small farm in Gascony, France. Assigned to a poor rural parish, he experienced a new joy in his vocation. When hearing the profound deathbed confession of a dying servant, Vincent became more convinced of the special attention that must be given to the poor. In 1625, Vincent founded the Congregation of the Mission for the purpose of caring for the poor. Nearly 400 hundred years later, his legacy lives on.

### THE BEGINNINGS OF THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL

In the midst of the political, social, religious, and economic turmoil of early 19th century France, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul originated. As a young student at the Sorbonne, Antoine Frédéric Ozanam was appalled by the conditions he saw in Paris. At a student meeting, Ozanam and other practicing Catholics were challenged to continue the good works the Catholic Church had done in the past.

On April 23, 1833, his 20th birthday, Ozanam and five other founded the first Conference of Charity to assist the poor. This Catholic lay organization was intended to help members increase in holiness by loving service to those in need. Shortly thereafter, they changed their name to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in honor of their patron saint.

### Saint Vincent de Paul Society at St. Joseph Parish

The members of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul continue his work and mission here at Saint Joseph Parish by helping those in need including assistance with rent and utilities.



- If you are interested in helping with the Saint Vincent de Paul Society here at Saint Joseph, please contact Lynne Monaco through the parish office at 630-844-3780
- Do you need assistance or if there a family you know who needs assistance?  
Please call the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul at Saint Joseph Parish at 630-844-3780 extension 500 and leave a message; someone will get back to you.
- If you would like to make a monetary donation to our parish Saint Vincent de Paul Society, use the special envelope that comes with your weekly envelopes or just mark an envelope with "Saint Vincent de Paul" and put in collection basket or drop at the office. *Please make checks payable to Saint Vincent de Paul*

*"Lord help me to make time today to serve you  
in those who are most in need of encouragement or assistance."  
Saint Vincent de Paul*

**26th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 26, 2021**



**From our Pastor**

**I no longer call you servants, I call you friends...**

Friendship is so essential in life, but we can consider it in a merely worldly way and miss its spiritual significance. Consider this: When the world needed saving, Jesus decided the best thing to do was to spend three years camping with his friends before going to the cross. He didn't write books, or gather armies, or invent lifesaving technologies. He shared life with them and passed on who He was through spiritual friendship and entrusted the Church to these friends when he Ascended. These three years made all the difference for the Twelve and they never stopped talking about their experience with Him.

The care, influence, fidelity, and generosity of friendship is very much a matter of the moral and spiritual life. Human friendship, like the human family can prepare us for Divine friendship. Learning to be a friend is essential for growth in virtue. In the best friendships we learn that people are to be loved as another self, not to be used. We are reasonably cautious about doing that with everyone, but to not be able to feel safe sharing our heart with anyone is a sadness. Both joys and sorrows are better shared.

Being friendly can provide the building block for friendship, but we can mistake it for the full reality. Or we might connect through an activity like work or raising kids of the same age. Doing these things in parallel gives us a lot to talk about and a shared sense of mission.

This can be beneficial to both, but oftentimes there is little intimacy here. There is little self-revelation or gratuitousness. When the job ends or schedules no longer align we don't get together or even have much to talk about except the past. This can be a sadness because we thought it was stronger than that. But a deep friendship that endures requires investment, commitment and sharing of hearts.

Not that we can form deep soul friendships with everyone. Even Jesus had a limited number of friends while on earth. His decision to choose the Twelve and within that to have Peter, James, and John as His closest friends mirrors our capacity for friendship. Jesus called his disciples friends because he had revealed his heart to them (John 15:15). We are blessed if we have people we feel that we can do that with. To have a few friends that we can let our guard down with is a life-giving treasure. I pray that you are blessed with true friendships and that you come to friendship with God.

In Christ's Peace *Fr. Matthew*

Proverbs 18:24 "A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."

First Samuel 18:1 "The soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul."

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 "Two are better than one...For if they fall, one will lift up his fellow. But woe to him who is alone when he falls and has not another to lift him up!"

Proverbs 17:17 "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity."

John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends."

**Religious Education Classes Sunday, Sept 26**

**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.

**Collection for the victims of Hurricane Ida**

**Next weekend at the 5:00PM and 9:00AM Masses**

Funds collected in this special appeal will be used to support the efforts of official relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church as they respond to immediate emergency needs and aid in long-term rebuilding and recovery efforts in response to Hurricane Ida and the impact of subsequent flooding and tornados. **THANK YOU**

**FAITH SHARING GROUPS-**

*A great opportunity to grow in our faithfulness to Christ*

Coming together in small groups to pray, learn, and share faith can help with our sense of isolation amid the challenges we face. For safety, groups will meet indoors with masks, outdoors, or using Zoom. Groups will begin in October.

**Elements of the Catholic Mass with Fr. Eusebius**

Led by John Kunkel  
6:30PM Mondays at parish center  
Ten sessions.  
Excellent short videos on the Mass followed by discussion.

**Bishop Robert Barron's THE CREED**

Led by Sue Gardner  
8:00PM Tuesdays on Zoom  
An 8 week video and discussion series

**Women's Faith and Scripture Group**

Led by Cindy McManamon and Lynne Monaco  
7:30PM on Mondays at leader's home  
Using the Sunday Gospels to discuss the intersection of faith and life.

**Saturday Morning Men's Group**

Led by Mike Bauer and Denny Monaco  
8:00AM Saturdays at the parish center  
A relaxed format group, meeting for about an hour to talk about the week's events and to prepare our hearts and minds for hearing Sunday's Gospel message.

**Wednesday Afternoon Women's Group**

Led by Connie Blatner  
1:00PM Wednesdays at Parish Center  
Utilizing prayer, scripture, and Christian literature, this group of women of all ages discuss how Biblical events and people can still be relevant to today's challenges and can help us grow in our Catholic Faith.

**Finding God in the Midst of Loss**

Led by Judy Cicero  
10:00AM Saturdays at leaders home  
A six week program about moving through loss and grief with God's help.

Sign up sheets available in the narthex and can be dropped in the basket or dropped off at the parish office or collection basket, or through the parish office at (630)844-3780 or sign up online at: [signupgenius.com/go/9040A48A9AC28A3FE3-fall1](http://signupgenius.com/go/9040A48A9AC28A3FE3-fall1)



**Spiritual Adoption – Month 8**

At the end of this month your spiritually adopted baby is about 12 inches long (crown to rump) and typically weighs 4.5 to 5.5 pounds. A woman who was undecided about her pregnancy must face the reality that she will soon be a mother. As her companions in prayer, we pray that she turns to the Lord for the strength and support she needs in the weeks and months ahead.

*When I am afraid, in you I place my trust. Psalm 56:4*

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



St. Vincent de Paul would make a Holy Hour asking the Lord blessings on important business transactions and, afterwards, returned to thank the Lord.

St. Vincent De Paul (1581 to 1660) founded the Ladies of Charity, a lay institute of woman, and the Congregation of Priests of the Mission, commonly referred to now as the Vincentians. We invite you to stop by and spend some time with God.



**Pope Francis @Pontifex September 21**

Saints are witnesses whom we venerate and who in thousands of different ways bring us to Jesus Christ, the only Lord and Mediator between God and humanity. They remind us that holiness can blossom even in our lives, however weak and marked by sin.





Coming next week in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi  
**the St. Joseph Parish annual Blessing of the Pets**  
**October 3, 11:00AM** in the parking lot

Bring you pets for a special blessing from Fr. Matthew.  
 For the safety of all people and animals, please be sure to leash, crate or contain all pets.



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

Widely advertised  
 \$35 per table

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

**Reserve your table now**



**Knights of Columbus**  
 St. Joseph Council #14795

**Thank you** to all our volunteers and supporters of our recent Tootsie Roll drive.

Over \$2000 was raised for local charities.



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

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



**September 18 and 19**

Sunday Envelopes.....87  
 Contributions.....4,556.00

Our money counters kindly ask that you do not use staples or tape on your Sunday envelopes.  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

**“Instead of speaking saintly words we must act them.”**

St. Jerome



**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 we become more like the saints in both prayer and acts.

Who are the little ones?

They are the many and varied faces of people who see hope in Jesus’ message about the Kingdom of God. They have come to believe that there is a different world to be had: a place where everyone has a home, all have an equal opportunity to share in God’s bountiful gifts and blessings, where justice reigns, truth presides, and peace fills hearts. The little ones are those who may have left their former views behind, perhaps even their former lives to follow Jesus and believe in the Beatitudes as God’s world vision. They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus’ looking for Jesus from a tree, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who have learned that suffering and death are nothing to fear. These are all of the little ones. Jesus gathers and protects them as a shepherd guards his sheep. Whoever causes one of these little ones to sin deserves the greatest wrath. Be more concerned about what people are doing than where they came from.

**The Gift of Our Guardian Angels**

It’s good to know we’re not alone. This October 2nd we celebrate the feast of our guardian angels. This ancient belief has roots in Scripture. In Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus implies the special guiding care of the angels. “See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father” (Matthew 18:10). Our guardian angels are given to us by God to protect and watch over us from the moment of our conception until the hour of death. Let’s pray together to our own heavenly help: *Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God’s love commits me here, ever this day be at my side to light, to guard, to rule, and to guide. Amen.*



**Help provide dinner at Hesed House**  
**Sunday, October 3**

Visit online at: [signup.com/go/PPfdppg](http://signup.com/go/PPfdppg) for a complete list of items needed and sign up or scan the QR code



Drop off food items today, Sunday, October 3  
 Hugo Saltijeral, 671 Aurora Ave from 3PM-4PM

**SCAN ME**



Help save lives with praying for an end to abortion in our community by praying from September 22-October 31

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. Visit [40daysforlife.com](http://40daysforlife.com) for more information.

**The Seasons of Life...**If you live in the northern part of our country, you see the signs all around. Leaves turn from green to yellow to orange or red, then fall and fade to brown. Birds slowly disappear for the south. Grass withers underfoot.

“To everything there is a season,” we read in Ecclesiastes. The natural world speaks spiritual truths, if only we have ears to hear. God invites each and every one of us into the seasonal progression of our own conversion.

No matter who we are, each of us has something in our life that is ready to turn. Is it an area where we’re weary? A good habit we’ve been putting off? A familial reconciliation that needs to happen? As the world passes from one season to another, where is God inviting you to turn toward Him?



**2021 PLANT THE SEED CALENDAR WINNERS**

Sunday..... (\$100)..	Sept 19.....#1115...	Bobbie & Dave Kucharski
Monday..... (\$50)	Sept 20.....#304.....	Stacy Rukas
Tuesday..... (\$50)...	Sept 21.....#1097.....	Larry Lesnik
Wednesday... (\$50)...	Sept 22... #272.....	Ron & Leslie Jakious
Thursday..... (\$50)...	Sept 23... #562.....	Peg & Dennis Key
Friday..... (\$50)...	Sept 24... #1873.....	Bernadette Pauls
Saturday..... (\$100)..	Sept 25... #1643.....	Jean Strotz



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  
Deacon Bruce Watermann, S.F.A.  
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)

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

 Facebook: @stjosephaurora

### Pope St John Paul II Catholic Academy

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**Pope St. John Paul II Catholic Academy**  
is still accepting registration  
for the upcoming 2021-22 school year.

Visit our website, [jp2aurora.org](http://jp2aurora.org),  
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

### Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary Spiritual Ministry Program:

Discovering God in the Evolving Universe: Faith and the New  
Cosmology: September 29, 6:30PM-8:00PM, online  
Approved Apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary: October 14  
9:00AM-10:30AM One Heart, One Soul Spirituality Center, Kankakee  
Mending the Compassionate Heart: Finding Spiritual Nourish-  
ment for Your Caregiving: Thursday, October 28, 9:30AM-  
11:00AM online  
For more information about our programming, please contact  
Susan Amann: [samann@sscm-usa.org](mailto:samann@sscm-usa.org)



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or email her at [csellen@rockforddiocese.org](mailto:csellen@rockforddiocese.org)

**Women's Retreat in Everyday Life Oct 12-Nov 9** on five con-  
secutive Tuesdays from 8:45AM to 11:30 AM based on the spir-  
itual 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://visit.jesuitretreat.org) or call  
847-381-1261.

Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one  
who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the  
same time speak ill of me. Mark 9:38

## MASS INTENTIONS

### MONDAY, September 27, St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

7:00AM Mass Livestream-Clarence and Mamie Thill  
by the Family

### TUESDAY, September 28, St. Wenceslaus, Martyr

St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs

7:00AM Mass Livestream-People of St. Joseph Parish  
7:00PM Mass Livestream-Carolyn Clemen by Lenore Blatner

### WEDNESDAY, September 29, Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

7:00AM Mass Livestream-Frances Kramer by The Travis Family

### THURSDAY, September 30, St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

7:00AM Mass Livestream-Alan Krumwiede by St. Joseph Parish  
8:15AM School Mass

### FRIDAY, October 1, St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

7:00AM Mass Livestream-Jim Brummel by Gladly Brummel

### SATURDAY, October 2, The Holy Guardian Angels

5:00PM Mass Livestream-Emilio, Sr, Agustina and  
Juan Carrizales by the Family

### SUNDAY, October 3, 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00AM Mass Livestream-Bill Millen by Sherry Millen

## SANCTUARY CANDLE MEMORIAL

During the week of September 26, the sanctuary candle is  
burning in memory of Marianne Reier requested by the Family

### Readings for the week of September 26, 2021

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

Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/  
Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab,  
2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8-11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [cf. 5]/  
Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12



### Phoenix Club BINGO on September 27

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 commemo-  
rate 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/)



**How can you help?**  
Join us for the next Oktoberfest  
organizational meeting on:  
**Thursday, September 30, 7:00PM**  
in the parish center

or  
Donate some of your time, talent or treasure-  
lots of choices are available

### **DONATIONS for SILENT AUCTIONS 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.

#### **Cash donations**

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

### **DONATE YOUR TIME**

#### **PRE MAKE FOOD in the parish center**

Come help make:  
**Tamales:**

**Friday, October 1 11:00AM**  
**and Saturday, October 2 at 8:00AM**

**Cabbage Rolls:**  
**Saturday, October 2, 9:00AM**

All ingredients will be supplied  
No experience or recipe needed

### **HELP SELL RAFFLE TICKETS**

**1st-3rd Prize \$500.00**  
**4th Prize\$200.00 5th Prize\$100.00**  
**6th Prize\$ 50.00 7th Prize\$ 50.00**  
Tickets are \$1.00 each or\$5.00 for six

Pick up your cash raffle tickets in  
the narthex this weekend.  
Each parishioner is asked to sell  
2 packs of 6 tickets.  
Additional packs of tickets are  
available in the parish office.

### **VOLUNTEER**

Beginning this weekend,  
the sign up boards  
will be in the  
narthex of church before and  
after both Masses.  
Volunteer for an hour  
or two or three,  
wherever you choose

or scan the QR code  
and sign up online



### **HELP US SPREAD THE WORD**

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