



# St. Joseph Catholic Church

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**January 2, 2022**  
*The Epiphany of the Lord*

*The people of Saint Joseph Parish, are called to express our Catholic identity in joyful worship and in the responsible sharing of our gifts, as we reach out to others in our community and grow in our faith, knowledge, and love of God.*

## Eucharistic Schedule

### Sunday Obligation Mass

Saturday at 5:00p  
Sunday at 8:00a and 10:30a

### Weekday Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:00a with Rosary 25 minutes before Mass

### Communion Service

Thur. 8:00a

## Devotion Schedule

### First Friday of the Month

Holy Hour Exposition, Confessions, and Benediction after the 8:00am Mass

### First Saturday of the Month

Litany to St. Peregrine for the aid of those struggling with Cancer, and Confessions after the 8:00a Mass

### Mother of Perpetual Help

Tuesdays after the 8:00a Mass

### Litany to St. Joseph

Wednesdays after the 8:00a Mass  
Saturdays after the 5:00p Mass  
Sundays after 8:00a & 10:30a Masses

### Divine Mercy Chaplet

Fridays after the 8:00a Mass

### Holy Hour for Vocations

Adoration and Confessions  
Second Wednesday from 7:00p-8:00p

## Parish Staff

### Pastor

Monsignor Martin Heinz

### Deacons

Norm Kocol, Dennis Holian, Albert Dietz

### Religious Education Coordinator

Lisa Sachs  
education office phone 815-678-4720

### Liturgical Music Coordinator

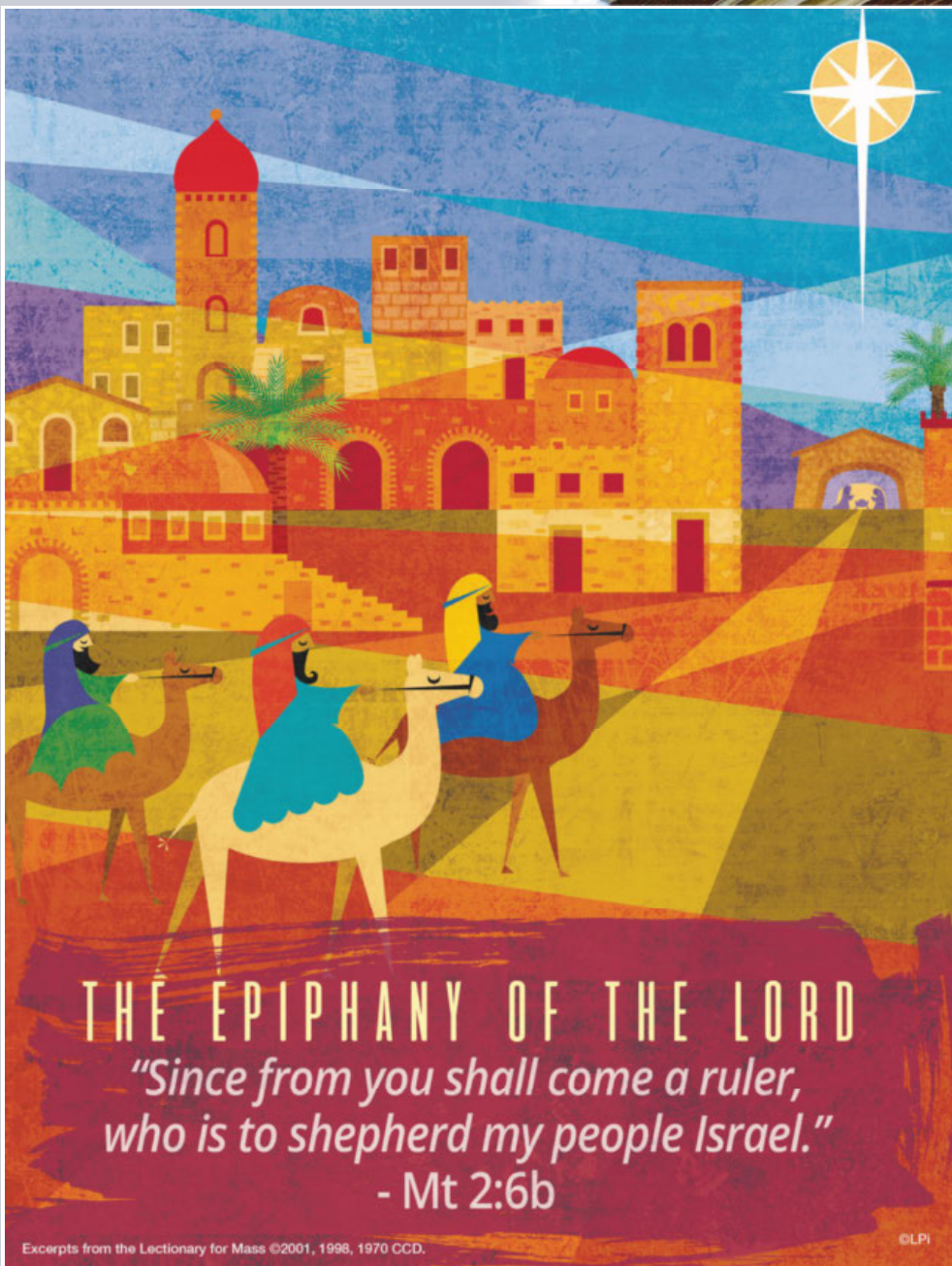
Barbara Russell

### Parish Office Staff

JoLynn Smuda  
Edward Varga, PE

### Parish Office Hours

Mo. and Tu. 8:30a to 2:30p  
We. Th. and Fr. 8:45a to 2:00p



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,  
who is to shepherd my people Israel."*

- Mt 2:6b

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## Gospel Reflection Epiphany

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: "Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction." Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, "Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God's love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being."

Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved. ©LPI

Remember to celebrate Epiphany by taking home a package of blessed chalk, and a prayer card with instructions on blessing the doors to your home.

The chalk will be blessed during the January 2, 2022, Sunday Masses.



## St. Joseph Parish Information

**New To The Parish** Please call or visit the Parish Office to register with our Church. A registration form can also be found on our website (see the bulletin cover for the URL and QR code).

**Sacrament of Baptism** A Baptismal interview is required for parents and the Family must be registered with the Parish. Please call the Parish Office for more information.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** Saturday 4:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., First Friday after 8:00 a.m. Mass until 9:00 a.m., First Saturday after 8:00 a.m. Mass, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays during Holy Hour at 7 p.m.

**Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)** If you are interested in becoming Catholic or want to learn more about the Catholic faith, please contact the Parish Office and a Deacon will be in touch.

**Private Prayer in the Church** St. Joseph Catholic Church remains open Monday through Friday, on days when the Parish Office is open, from 8:30am to 2:00pm for private prayers. Enter at the Main Street doors or at the accessible entrance on the North Side of the Church.

**Sacrament of Matrimony** Please contact the Pastor through the Parish Office at least six months before your planned nuptials.

**Community Ministry** Please notify the Parish Office when sacraments, visits and prayers are desired for those confined to the home, hospital or nursing home.

**Bulletin Announcements and Notices** Publication items are due at least 14 days in advance. Bulletins available online at [www.SeekAndFind.com](http://www.SeekAndFind.com) or [stjosephrichmondil.weconnect.com](http://stjosephrichmondil.weconnect.com)

**January 14-16, 2022**  
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**Men's Weekend Retreat:**  
"Renewal Through the Intercession of Ignatius Loyola, Francis Xavier and Pedro Arrupe"

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### Pro-Life Quote of the Week

"You and I have a rendezvous with destiny. We will preserve for our children this, the last best hope of man on Earth, or we will sentence them to take the final step into a thousand years of a new Dark Age. There is nothing less at stake than America's future and if you care, you can't run and you can't hide. We must pick up the fallen chalice and carry forward for a positive, principled, conservative Millennium. You and I have the ability, the dignity, and the right to make our own decisions and to determine our own destiny; with God's help we will do what is right for us, for our children, and for our beloved America."  
—Pres. Ronald Reagan



Scripture Readings for the Week

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6  
Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.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  
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 [11b]  
Acts 10:34-38  
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or  
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, 21-2



Mass Intentions for the Week

**M 01-03 Deacon Al Dietz**  
*Req. in appreciation*  
**+ Ellen Holian**  
*Req. by Nancy Ditmar*

**T 01-04 The Living and Deceased Members of the Cermak Family**  
*Req. by Char Smith*  
**+ Paul Gubin**  
*Req. by Norm and Mary Kocol*

**W 01-05 + Glen Borst**  
*Req. by Shirley Borst*  
**+ Nancy Inman**  
*Req. by Char Smith*

**Th 01-06 Communion Service**

**F 01-07 + James Holian**  
*Req. by Nancy Ditmar*  
**+ Susan Bergh**  
*Req. by Kathy Meinshausen*

**Sa 01-08 (5p) Frank and Bertha Bergsma**  
*On the occasion of their 88th Wedding Anniversary*  
*Req. by the Bergsma Family*

**Su 01-09 (8a) The People of God of St. Joseph Catholic Church**  
*(10.5a) + Rosemary Buffo*  
*Req. by Pam Maloney*  
**+ Rev. Jack Heraty**  
*Req. by Michael Kearns*

*Request Mass Intentions by contacting the Parish Office, emailing [saintjosephchurch@gmail.com](mailto:saintjosephchurch@gmail.com), or leave a note in the mailbox at the office. Provide Name of the Intended, if living or deceased, Requestor Name & phone number. Fee for an intention is \$10.00.*



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**Dr. Roland J. Barnes, DDS**  
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**In need of a meaningful New Year's Resolution?**  
Then resolve to share your blessings by joining either the **Knights of Columbus** or **Altar and Rosary Society**. Both of these organizations help not only our parish but our community as well. Those interested should

contact the parish office with their contact information.



**Mark your Calendars!**

- 01-06-22 Knights of Columbus Regular Meeting, Thursday at 7:00pm
- 01-12-22 Wednesday, Holy Hour for Vocations, 7p-8p Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions, Pray for an increase in Holy Orders
- Altar and Rosary Regular Meeting Thursday, Jan. 13, 7:00pm
- 01-15-22 Saturday, Rockford Walk for Life, 11a Rockford Federal Courthouse
- Knights of Columbus Officer Meeting Thursday, Jan 20, 7:00pm
- 01-22-22 7:30-8:00pm Saturday, Light for Life, Woodstock Square - Sponsored by Right to Life McHenry County



**Building Committee Update**

Pictured are the members of the building committee at their December meeting. They are hard at work planning the 2022 building demolition and construction on the north end of our campus. Our surveyors have gathered their field information and a plat of survey with topography that will aid our planning with regard to stormwater runoff will soon be in hand. Initial discussions with the Village of Richmond have proved promising, and bids from architects to


complete the construction drawings are coming in. Thank you to everyone for their donations to our building fund. Please continue to pray not only for our project but for the committee members guiding it.

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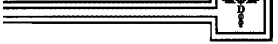
  
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