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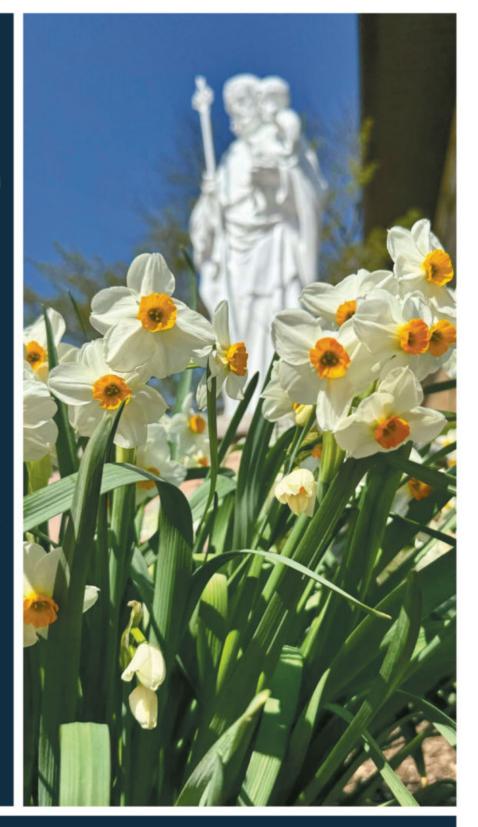


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# LETTER FROM FR. JAKE

#### Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

We welcome the month of July as we continue the whole-year celebration of the Jubilee Year of Hope declared by the late Pope Francis. We also welcome the month of July as we look forward to celebrating our nation's independence (4th of July). Let us together take a moment to thank the Lord for the precious gift of independence that we truly enjoy, but we also are aware that this gift of independence is always threatened, from within or from without. As they say, the threat from within is always the most dangerous one.

As people of faith, we know that the Lord is the author of life and that every good gift comes from Him. True independence or freedom can only come from God in Christ Jesus. The Lord has set us free from the slavery of sin and death through His Paschal Mystery, that is, through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

We celebrate our freedom and independence every time we come together to celebrate the Eucharist, the heart of our Catholic faith, the Source and Summit of our Christian life. One of the responses for the memorial acclamation captures the essence of this freedom that comes from the Lord: "Save us, Savior of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free." Indeed, only through the power of the Paschal Mystery are we truly free and redeemed by the Blood of the Lord, obtained through His Sacrifice on the cross.

We also experience true freedom through the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Penance as we receive the gift of forgiveness, pardon, and reconciliation from our merciful Lord, who gave us the Sacraments so that we may truly live in lasting freedom and happiness. When we go to Reconciliation and confess our sins to the priest, we hear the beautiful prayer of absolution:

"God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of His Son, has reconciled the world to Himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

This prayer is a declaration of God's forgiveness, not a statement of the priest's power to forgive. It signifies that God, through the ministry of the Church, grants pardon and peace to the penitent who has confessed their sins and expressed contrition. The penitent then responds with "Amen" and may also say, "Thanks be to God."

As pilgrims of hope, we journey together as people who live in freedom and not as slaves to sin or darkness. We are called to be instruments of freedom and light to dispel the darkness of sin, ignorance, and sadness. Let us pray that, as we celebrate our Independence Day on July 4th, we may give thanks to the Lord for the gift of freedom to live as His beloved children, spreading the Good News of our salvation and freedom in Christ, who is our HOPE.

I would also like to give our parishioners an update regarding the request to look for a new Associate Pastor as we said farewell to Fr. Martin last June 21. There were 25 parishes who applied for a new associate pastor, and there were 18 new associate pastors who were given new assignments this July 1st. Fr. Emanuel will be completing his 5th year on June 30, 2026. We probably will not get a new associate pastor until next July 1, 2026. In the meantime, we will continue to serve as best as we can, providing Sacraments, spiritual, and pastoral ministry to our parishioners. I am very grateful for your kind consideration, patience, and prayers for us. I will keep you posted when we will be getting a new associate pastor. I have no doubt that St. Joseph will intercede for us, as he always does.

God Bless,

Fr. Jague Betton

Fr. Jacque (Jake) Beltran, Pastor

# ONE YEAR WITH FR. JAKE







This month we celebrate Fr. Jake's one-year anniversary as pastor of St. Joseph Catholic Church!

It's hard to believe it has only been a year with our beloved Pastor, Fr. Jake Beltran. With his warm presence, steady leadership, and deep love for the faith, Fr. Jake has become an integral part of our parish family. His fist-bumps, high-fives, and joyful spirit bring energy to everything he does, making our community a brighter and more welcoming place. We are especially grateful for the way Fr. Jake leads, not just with words, but with his heart. As we continue to grow as followers of Jesus, through prayer and worship, serving others, learning and growing in faith, and connecting and inviting others into our community, Fr. Jake shows us what that really looks like in everyday life. His example encourages us all to deepen our relationship with Christ and with each other, living out God's love in the world.

As Pope Francis reminds us, "True pastors serve with humility, patience, and joy, walking closely with their people." That is exactly who Fr. Jake is. Whether through his meaningful homilies, his presence with those in need, or the quiet ways he supports families and individuals, his love for our parish is felt in countless ways, both big and small.

Many of us have a memory of him offering a kind word, a quiet prayer, or simply listening. Those moments may seem small, but they stay with us. In these everyday encounters, we see not just a pastor, but a shepherd and a friend. Over this past year, Fr. Jake has touched lives through celebrating the Eucharist, supporting our youth, encouraging ministries, and praying for all of us every day.

As we celebrate this milestone, we want to say thank you, Fr. Jake, for saying "Yes" to serving our parish. We pray God continues to bless your priesthood and fill you with joy on this journey. We're truly grateful for your presence, your guidance, and your faithfulness.

#### Thank you, Fr. Jake, for all you do!







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# MISSION TRIP 2025

**JULY 12-19** 

Please keep our teens, adult chaperones, and all who will serve in your prayers as they head to Britt, Iowa for their Mission Trip.

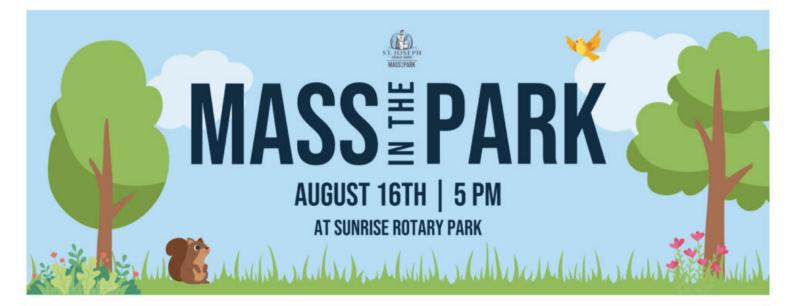


# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**JULY 21-25** 

It's VBS time at St. Joe's!
As our kids grow in faith through stories, songs, and play, we ask for your prayers for a safe, spirit-filled experience.





### **UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES**



#### Dog Days of Summer

#### July 11-13 | Cook Park

Join the Knights of Columbus for a fun-filled weekend! Enjoy an exciting dock dogs competition, family-friendly activities, and the chance to connect with fellow pet lovers. Help support local pet rescues and food pantries while having a great time downtown. Bring your family, and come enjoy a great day!

#### Mission Trip Send Off Mass

#### July 12 | 8:30 AM | Church

Join us for a special Mass as we come together to bless our Mission Trip team before they embark on their journey to Britt, Iowa. This dedicated group of teens and adult leaders have answered the call to serve and connect with others to share Christ's love. Your presence is a powerful reminder that they do not go alone, and they carry our love and the strength of our faith with them. Let's fill the church and send them off with the full support of their parish family!

#### Stay and Chat

#### July 12 | After 8:30 AM Mass | Sunrise Rotary Park

Join the women of St. Joe's after the 8:30 AM Mass for a casual get-together in the park. Stick around to enjoy coffee, juice, and some tasty treats while spending time with familiar faces and getting to know new ones. We'd love to see you there!

#### **Youth Mission Trip 2025**

#### July 12-19

Please keep our teens, adult chaperones, and all who will serve in your prayers as they travel to Britt, lowa for our annual Mission Trip. This group of 32 amazing teens and 6 adult chaperones, will spend the week serving others, building community, and growing in their faith. Follow along on social media for photos and updates from the trip!



#### Mission Trip Welcome Back Mass

#### July 19 | 5 PM | Church

They're back! Tired, joyful, full of stories, and on fire with Christ's love - help us loudly and proudly welcome back our teens and leaders as we celebrate their work and their service at a special Mass filled with gratitude and prayer.



#### Vacation Bible School

#### July 21-25

Vacation Bible School is here! A full week packed with joy, friendship, and faith for youth in first grade up to high schoolers. Keep our children and leaders in your prayers as they explore God's love through games, crafts, and stories. Make sure to catch all the fun on social media throughout the week!



AUG 16 MASS IN THE PARK

AUG 20 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF SCHOOL FOR ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL SEPT 7 & 9 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY OF CLASSES FOR CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

## JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

### **ALTAR SERVER PICNIC**





Our parish recently hosted an Altar Server Appreciation Picnic to celebrate the dedication and service of our youth. It was a fun-filled day of fishing, food, and fellowship at the Mundelein Seminary to recognize the important role these young ministers play in our liturgies. We're grateful for our altar servers!







This summer marks the first year of Camp Joe at St. Joseph Catholic School, and it's been such a blessing! Camp began on June 9 and runs through August 8, welcoming around 50 campers each week. PreK–5th graders enjoy themed weeks full of crafts, STEM activities, water play, and field trips, while 6th—8th graders step up as Junior Counselors. Every morning begins with prayer, reminding the campers of God's love and setting the foundation for a day filled with friendship, fun, and love!











# CAMP JOE





# Women's Ministry Day of Reflection





This year's Women's Ministry Day of Reflection, "Reclaimed & Rooted," took place at the beautiful University of St. Mary of the Lake. Led by Linda Couri, the retreat gave women from our parish a meaningful opportunity to pause, pray, reclaim their time, and grow more deeply rooted in their faith. Thank you to everyone who helped make this special day possible!





### **SHINE 2025**



From June 16-20th, 77 teens came together for SHINE, our local youth service camp for middle schoolers and high schoolers. SHINE focuses on what it means to follow Jesus by serving others. Rooted in this year's theme of living out the Beatitudes, our teens embraced the opportunity to love God and love others through hands-on service, prayer, and community. They attended daily Mass, served at 10 different projects, reflected in small groups, encountered Christ in Eucharistic Adoration and Reconciliation, and yes - had a lot of fun along the way. Altogether, they gave over 1,078 hours of service, living as disciples and making a real impact in our Libertyville community and beyond. Thank you to all the teens, team captains, adult volunteers, dedicated staff and clergy, donations from our parish, and the many prayers that helped make this week possible!



# JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

# MUSIC MINISTRY AT CARNEGIE HALL





Members of our St. Joseph Music Ministry had the incredible honor of traveling to New York City this month to perform at Carnegie Hall, sharing their gifts and talents on one of the world's most prestigious stages. This remarkable experience was not only a celebration of their passion for music and countless hours of practice, but also a powerful expression of faith, sharing their gifts and bringing the spirit of our community and the glory of God to a global audience. We are so proud and thankful to have such talented and faith-filled individuals in our parish!









# FR. MARTIN LUBOYERA'S FAREWELL MASS & RECEPTION

At the end of June, we gathered to celebrate the farewell of one of our Associate Pastors, Fr. Martin Luboyera, thanking him for his faithful 8 years of service and the many ways he blessed our parish community. Thank you to everyone who attended and to the volunteers who helped make the celebration so special. May God continue to bless Fr. Martin as he begins his new assignment at St. Julie Billiart in Tinley Park.















#### **PRAYING FOR**

#### **July Mass Intentions**

	Dichard & Emily Kruzich Gracon Immal Paul Prady Pohort C McVibbon In
7/1	Richard & Emily Kruzich, Gregory Immel, Paul Brady, Robert G. McKibben Jr, Sr. Rosemary Connelly, well-being of Misericordia residents & their families
7/2	Edward Glynn, Joyce Finnegan, Bruno Wrobel, Claire McDonnell
7/3	Patrick & Yvette McCarthy, Rose Crichton, Cecile Harris, Vito, Theresa, & Vincent Gargano
7/4	All Parishioners
7/5	Cecile Harris, Ann Panico, Helen Byrne, Bob & Jean Mitchell Family
7/6	All Parishioners
7/7	Glenn Kanaby, Bob Miller, Delphine Waddick, Kenneth Greiczek
7/8	Marion Grenier, Scott Pucino, Cathie Preusker, Elizabeth Owesley
7/9	Marijo Komp, Rita Sula, Denise Moyse, Katharine Winter
7/10	Dorothy Greiczek, Christine Warnock, Susan Kueny, Kate Mitchell
7/11	K.J. Joseph, Peggy Amborski, Cecile Harris, Vito, Theresa, & Vincent Gargano
7/12	Bernardina Medalla, Robert Werner, Peter Paveglio Jr, well-being of Frances O'Hern
7/13	All Parishioners
7/14	Bob & Jean Mitchell Family, Leo Marubio, George & Rose Rosko, Maria Cristine Selz
7/15	Carole Evans, Philip Grenier, Kay Lunne, Tillie Scanlan
7/16	Rodney Finnegan, Lulu Calzavara Nagler, Peter Gerard Phillips, Eileen Padera
7/17	Dorothy & Joseph LaReau, Thomas DesLauriers, Carol A. Paulson, Kathy, Mary, & James McLaughlin
7/18	Baby Connolly, Cecile Harris, Rita Gagliano, Kate Linde
7/19	Maddalena Mozzone, Lauren Shaw, Mannat Khosla, Vito, Theresa, & Vincent Gargano
7/20	All Parishioners
7/21	Marilyn Kraft, Adam Darby, Ellie Sage, Tillie Scanlan
7/22	Maria Elena Castillo, Derna Buglio, Tillie Scanlan
7/23	Edward & Evelyn Lobus, Marijo Komp, well-being Chris Leyba
7/24	Allen & Catherine Hipp, Martin M. McGreal, Thomas Davis, Vito, Theresa, & Vincent Gargano
7/25	Richard Boyd, Cecile Harris, Don Skinner, Jennifer McGillivray
7/26	Elizabeth C. Phillips, John Thumel, Isaac Alaniz, Judy Klestinski
7/27	All Parishioners
7/28	Ann Freund, Blanca Matos, Robert Smith, Katharina Winter
7/29	Eric Bertaud, Mannat Khosla, Amy Morrissey, Noree N. O'Brien
7/30	Janet Jacob, Orville & Barbara Himmelberg, Cesira Calzavara Nagler, Mike Andre
7/31	Katharina Winter, Frederic Ragatz, Evelyn & August Radloff, Tillie Scanlan

#### **June Baptisms**

Rosalie Mae Haws,

daughter of Kathryn (Thomas) and Tyler Haws
Oliver James Kontny,

son of Karolina (Minikiewicz) and Justen Kontny Chloe Amber Marie Lustig,

daughter of Samantha (Worthington) and Joseph Lustig

Luca Francis Mariani,

son of Samantha (Schultz) and Francis Mariani

Luca Pedro McAdams,

son of Milagros (Aliaga) and Nathan McAdams

Avi Anh Nangia,

daughter of Patricia (Do) and Nishant Nangia
Holli Lynn Sanders,

daughter of Hali (Schneider) and Kevin Sanders

Martin Anthony Zorn Shu,

son of Amanda (Zorn) and Adam Shu

Hailey Grace, Jacob Ricardo and Julian Jonathan Trujillo,

children of Caritina (Gil) and Ricardo Trujillo Jr. Eleanor Grace Zimmer,

daughter of Brittany (Ahlgrim) and Richard Zimmer

#### **New Parishioners**

Alvaro Atariguana and Margie Cervantes
Matt and Deanne Boston
Henry and Meghann Caldwell
Oscar Del Rio and Diana Enciso
Mitch and Angie Hameister
Jijo Mathew and Reshma Marratte
Thomas and Brianne Schofield III
Nicholas and Meagan Skala
Maria Vaszuez
Beverly Watson

#### **Wedding Banns**

Christian Verdin and Carolyn Rossetti

#### Who are Sick

Mannat Khosla Mary Ann Morse Mary Beth Silver

#### In Memory Of

Donna Rae Bowlby Judith Catherall Ann Fuller Frank Frederick Gary Graham Charlene Neuses Lauren Shaw Alfredo Salto-Tagle Carol Wamser

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