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Saturday | 8:30 AM

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Thursday | 3 PM

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Saturday | 11 AM - 12 PM

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Monday - Friday | 7:45 AM

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LETTER FROM FR. JAKE

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

I would like to thank all of you who have participated in our 12th Annual Mass in the Park and all the dedicated parishioners who helped coordinate this wonderful and memorable event in the life of our parish. I would like to especially thank Gerry Salzman, the lead coordinator for Mass in the Park, and all who are a part of his team, for all their efforts in making that day grace-filled, exciting, and fun. Although we could not be in the park due to rain, we were able to celebrate Mass in our Church in thanksgiving to God's many blessings to our parish.

As I mentioned in my homily that day, what made this year's Mass in the Park special is that it falls within our Jubilee Year of Hope. Pope Leo reminded us that we are "Pilgrims of Hope," and he continues to invite us to be tangible signs of hope in the world.

When we look at the picture of the Jubilee Year of Hope, we will see three important images on it. First, we see a boat with people on it. The boat is the symbol of the Church, and as Pilgrims of Hope, we are all in the same boat together. Whatever your circumstances or background, we are called by the Lord to journey together. In our earthly pilgrimage, despite life's challenges, we walk by faith, not by sight. We walk with hope and do not despair, because we are pilgrims of hope and hope does not disappoint.

The second important image in the Jubilee Year of Hope is the cross bending toward the people in the boat. The cross is the symbol of our salvation in Christ Jesus. *"We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, for by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world."* Each time we make the sign of the cross, we make an act of faith and thanksgiving, remembering that we have been redeemed by the precious cross of the Lord.

The third and final image of the Jubilee Year is the image of an anchor at the bottom of the cross. The late Pope Francis said that hope does not disappoint because hope has a name, Jesus Christ, and He is our anchor.

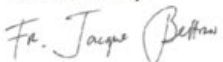
I would also like to highlight some important dates that we will celebrate and observe in the month of September. During this month, it is customary to celebrate Mass of the Holy Spirit to mark the opening of the academic year as well as our catechetical Children's Faith Formation (CFF) year.

On September 1, we observe Labor Day as well as the annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. While Labor Day honors the dignity of human work, the World Day of Prayer reminds us of our responsibility to care for God's creation. The late Pope Francis wrote, *"Today as we celebrate World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, we reaffirm our vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which He has entrusted to our care, and to implore His help for the protection of creation as well as His pardon for sins committed against the world in which we live."*

On September 8, we celebrate the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. *"Let us rejoice in Mary's birth, the mother of Jesus. She was predestined to give birth by the 'strength of the Lord.'" This day reminds us of Mary's special role in salvation history and her faithful example. Then, on September 11, we pause to remember the tragic events of 9/11/2001. We honor the memory of all who lost their lives and pray for their families, as well as for firefighters, police officers, emergency medical technicians, and other first responders who continue to serve with courage and sacrifice. Finally, on September 14, we celebrate the Exaltation of the Cross. "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent, so must the Son of Man be lifted up. God highly exalted him and made him Lord. We adore thee, O Christ, and we bless thee, for by thy Holy Cross you have redeemed the world."* This feast calls us to reflect on Christ's sacrifice and the salvation won for all.

I warmly invite everyone to come together with open hearts to remember, pray, and honor these meaningful days as a community, and *"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."* (Rom 15:13)

God bless,



Fr. Jacques (Jake) Beltran

TOP THREE

IRRESISTIBLE MINISTRY SUMMIT

SEPTEMBER 10
6:45PM-9:00PM | KOENIG CENTER
ALL ARE WELCOME!

The Irresistible Ministry Summit is for everyone: leaders, volunteers, and anyone who wants to take the next step in being part of ministry.

Together we'll learn how to make every experience more meaningful, impactful, and *irresistible*.

**SCAN TO LEARN
MORE & REGISTER**



BEARS TAILGATE PARTY

Spend the afternoon with family and friends as we celebrate the start of a new Bears season. Bring chairs, desserts and a side dish to share. All ages are welcome!

SEPT 14 | 12:00 PM
ST JOE'S SCHOOL
PARKING LOT

Register here!



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MORE INFORMATION.**



UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Euchre Night

September 6 | 6:30 PM | 200 Building Basement

All are welcome to join us for cards, snacks, and meeting people in our community. Open to singles and couples 21+. Come as you are, bring a friend, and enjoy a night of laughter, games, and fellowship. **Register on our website!**

Children's Liturgy of the Word Returns

Starting September 7 | 9 AM Mass

Every Sunday at 9 AM Mass, children in preschool through 2nd grade are invited to participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word, a special opportunity for young hearts to engage with the Gospel in a fun, age-appropriate, and meaningful way.



First Day of Classes for Children's Faith Formation

September 7 & 9

We are excited to welcome all our children and families back for the start of a new year of Children's Faith Formation at St. Joseph's! We pray for all students and their families, catechists, and staff as we begin another year of CFF. May this new year be filled with growth in faith and joyful learning.

Season of Creation Weekend

September 13-14 | All Masses

Join us for Season of Creation Weekend! We'll celebrate God's gift of creation and our call to care for it. After Mass, stop by the table in the Narthex to learn about our Care for Creation Ministry.

Irresistible Ministry Summit

September 10 | 6:45 PM | Koenig Center

You're invited to an inspiring night of vision, encouragement, and equipping, designed for anyone who wants to be involved in leading, planning, or hosting ministry events. Whether you're already in a ministry or looking to join one, this night is for you! **Register on our website.**

Bears Tailgate

September 14 | 12 PM | School Parking Lot

Join us for a fun-filled family afternoon hosted by the Men's Ministry as we celebrate the start of a brand new Chicago Bears season! It's the perfect way to gather with family, friends, and fellow fans to enjoy food, football, and fellowship. Bring chairs, desserts and a side dish to share. All ages are welcome! **Register on our website.**



Grief Sharing Gathering

September 14 | 12:15 PM | St. Joseph Room

If you've lost a loved one, you don't have to walk the journey alone. Come connect with others at St. Joseph who understand loss and can offer support, hope, and friendship.

Proclaimer Training

September 15 | 7 PM | Church

Want to help proclaim the Scripture readings at Mass? Whether you're already serving as a proclaimer or considering joining this important ministry, this training will provide helpful guidance and support. **Visit our website for more information.**

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Rosary Balloon Launch

September 19 | 7:50 AM | Sunrise Rotary Park

Join the students of St. Joseph Catholic School for a special Rosary gathering at Sunrise Rotary Park! This morning of prayer will feature a giant balloon rosary, a beautiful and creative way to help bring the prayers to life for students and the wider community.



Women's Ministry Fall Kickoff - BINGO Bash

September 25 | 7 PM | Koenig Center

All women are invited to enjoy a fun evening hosted by the Women's Ministry with BINGO, appetizers, wine, dessert, and the chance to win great prizes. This 21 and over event is free to attend, with free-will donations benefiting Lake County Haven. Come reconnect with friends or make new ones. **Please RSVP on our website.**

Priesthood Sunday

September 28

Priesthood Sunday, celebrated on the last Sunday of September, is a special moment to recognize and thank the priests who lead us with faith, compassion, and dedication. We are especially grateful for Fr. Jake Beltran, and Fr. Emanuel Torres-Fuentes, whose daily witness and ministry bless our parish in countless ways. We also give thanks for the retired priests, those who have served here in the past, and the guest priests who continue to support our faith community.

Youth Group Bonfire and Outdoor Movie Night

September 28 | After 5 PM Mass | Courtyard

Join the St. Joe's Youth Group for a bonfire and outdoor movie night in our courtyard of the Parish Office. Enjoy gooey s'mores, hot pizza, fun games, and a roaring movie. Dress cozy and bring your friends, blankets, and a lawn chair! All 7th graders, 8th graders, and high schoolers are invited! **Please register on the website.**



Women's Annual Fall Retreat

October 17-19 | Saint Benedict's Abbey

Join the Women's Ministry for a peaceful and faith-filled retreat, a special time for prayer, reflection, and renewal in the company of other women of faith. **Learn more & sign up on our website.**

Retirees and Wannabees Fall Luncheon

October 22 | 12 PM | Olive Garden - Vernon Hills

The Retirees and Wannabees warmly invite you to join them for an amazing afternoon of delicious food, wonderful company, and engaging conversation in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. It's a great opportunity to catch up with old friends or meet new people from our community while sharing a meal together. **Visit our website for more information and to register.**

SAVE THE DATE

Service Weekend - October 18 & 19

Fall Fest - October 24

DISCOVER THE CATHOLIC FAITH: OCIA INVITATION

Dear Friends,

Perhaps you have not completed your Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, and/or Eucharist), or you want to convert to Catholicism, or you know someone who would like to learn more about their faith.

The OCIA (Order of the Christian Initiation for Adults) Program offers a unique opportunity to prepare for the Sacraments of Initiation and deepen understanding of the Catholic faith in a warm and inclusive environment. OCIA is structured to facilitate an encounter with the person of Jesus. The participants pray together, reflect on Sacred Scripture, study the teachings of the Catholic faith, and ask questions to more deeply ponder the revealed truths that surpass human understanding.

We will begin our program on **September 21, 2025**, and the OCIA candidates and catechumens will receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 5, 2026. After Easter, the newly initiated members of the parish continue to enjoy a period of spiritual growth and fellowship called "Mystagogy."

If you would like to know more about the OCIA program or receive further information, please reach out to me at etorresfuentes@stjoseph-libertyville.org or at **847-362-2073**.

We are looking forward to meeting you!

In Christ, Fr. Emanuel Torres-Fuentes

WELCOMING OUR SEMINARIANS!

This fall, we're blessed to welcome five seminarians who will be joining us in September: returning seminarians Anthony Richter, Jonathan Brieva, and Vicente Cobos, along with new seminarians Earl Reyes and Jose Gonzalez. Please keep them all in your prayers as they continue their journey toward the priesthood. Here are a few words from our returning seminarians:

Anthony Richter:

"This past summer I lived at a parish in Olympia, WA and participated in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE), a hospital chaplain training program. It was a powerful experience of seeing God at work in people's lives during medical trials. I'm grateful for the summer and excited to be back in the Midwest continuing my studies."

Jonathan Brieva:

"Hello St. Joseph! I spent 19 months serving in a large, devout parish in El Paso, TX, followed by a chaplaincy internship at a children's hospital in San Antonio. Both experiences were gifts from God and deeply enriching. I'm happy to return to St. Joseph, where I've been welcomed since 2020. I look forward to continuing this journey with you!"

Vicente Cobos:

"Last year was filled with growth. I spent my Pastoral Year in El Paso, TX, serving in various ministries. My favorites were AA, St. Vincent de Paul, and the Knights of Columbus. I also participated in Migrant Pacific Protests and completed CPE in Los Angeles, learning to be a chaplain. I've enjoyed it all and look forward to continuing to walk with you in God's will. God bless you!"

We're grateful for these men and their commitment to serve the Church. Let's continue to support them with our prayers and encouragement.

MASS IN THE PARK

A Joyful Celebration, Rain or Shine

This year's Mass in the Park began with rain, prompting a last-minute move indoors, but the spirit of the day was undampened. We gathered in the Church for Mass, lifting our hearts in worship and prayer, and celebrating God's presence together.

After Mass, we shared a community meal of hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and ice cream.

As the skies cleared, families and friends spread out chairs and blankets to enjoy live music from *Kings for a Weekend*, while others connected inside the Koenig Center. Laughter, conversation, and gratitude filled the air as everyone embraced the unexpected and made the most of their time together.

It was a day full of small, meaningful moments: children running through puddles, friends catching up over ice cream, neighbors swapping stories, and a beautiful sunset with bright lightning streaks across the sky. We are deeply grateful to our volunteers and everyone who joined us.

Even when the plans change, God's presence always shines brightly.



AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

BACKYARD MASSES

This summer, our priests and deacons had the blessing of celebrating Mass in your neighborhoods. Thank you to all the families who generously opened their homes and hearts. We hope these experiences helped bring Jesus' love into our communities and touched the lives of all who joined.



COLLEGE SEND-OFF MASS

This August, we gathered to bless and celebrate our college students as they head into a new school year. After Mass, students enjoyed snacks, time with friends and family, and a small giveaway to take with them. Please keep our students in your prayers as they begin this exciting new chapter!



BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

Students, teachers, catechists, and school staff joined us for a special Back to School Blessing on August 24th! It was a joy to pray over our community as a new school year begins. May this school year be filled with growth, joy, and God's guidance every step of the way!



PRAYING FOR

September Mass Intentions

- 9/1** Jack Doherty, Elmer & Hilde Waldschmidt, well-being Lynn Homan, well-being John Waldschmidt
- 9/2** Joan Bailey, Glenn R. Krietsch, John & Sophie Koiss, Isidoro "Sid" O. Manalo
- 9/3** Catherine Bloom, Cathy Rudolph, Rosemary Nycz, Rita Sula
- 9/4** Dorothy Rosinski, Bob & Gloria Pifke, Cathy Rudolph, well-being Catherine Macora
- 9/5** Edward Glynn, Judy Catherall, Katie Kroeter, Scott Shoellhorn
- 9/6** Mary R. Lockowitz, Theodore J. Soenksen Sr., Amalie Soenksen, Lt. Timothy Price
- 9/7** All Parishioners
- 9/8** Joe Ptasienski, Edward Glynn, Ning Palisoc, Almera & Ralph Shoellhorn
- 9/9** Helen Couri, Ning Palisoc, Connie Calvino, Wedding anniversary Rick & Terri Scardino
- 9/10** Lucia Trasatti, Ruth & Bill Ivantic, George & Rose Rosko, Marijo Komp
- 9/11** Tillie Scanlan, Harry J. Franklin, Mike Beatty, Gerry Brown
- 9/12** Colleen Kelliher, Michael Scott, Ed & Norma Van Hoorn, Janie Stevens
- 9/13** Claire Ann McDonnell, Richard Ames, Glenn Krietsch, well-being Cliff Hieronymus
- 9/14** All Parishioners
- 9/15** Ellie Sage, Germana Palisoc, Stan & Mary Lockowitz, James Trentham
- 9/16** Juliann Daul, Joyce Finnegan, Nancy Hughes, Kristin Hughes
- 9/17** Thomas Murray, Marijo Komp, Antoinette Milazzo, well-being Kristine Knutson
- 9/18** Kathy, Mary, & James McLaughlin, Kathryn Laura Mitchell, Rita Gagliano, well-being Barbara Delia
- 9/19** Evelyn Lobus, Doug Bowden, Jeff Weiland, well-being Barry Lipson
- 9/20** Phil Sepulveda, Leo Eigner Sr., Kristen Solomos, well-being Marge Waldschmidt
- 9/21** All Parishioners
- 9/22** Maria Elena Castillo, Edward Lobus, Kathleen Kerber Leppert, well-being Sarah & Adam Abrams
- 9/23** Andrew & Mary Yarc, Ann Greskovich, well-being Emily Waddick, well-being Nancy Hipp
- 9/24** Joe Ptasienski, Orville & Barbara Himmelberg, Wedding Anniversary Bill & Arlene Genell, well-being Jerry & Helen Waldschmidt
- 9/25** Dorothy & Joseph LaReau, Thomas DesLauriers, Robert Grumstrup, Paul Brady
- 9/26** Martin M. McGreal, Judy Catherall, Germana Palisoc, well-being Teresa Adkins
- 9/27** Michael Klestinski, Isaac Alaniz, Bob & Rosemarie Simon, Margie Cabel
- 9/28** All Parishioners
- 9/29** Mary S. Gaa, Ray Lobus, Judy Catherall, well-being Cathy Reardon
- 9/30** John Doherty, Cecil Williamson Jr., Fred Walpole, well-being Mark R. Sullivan

August Baptisms

Emily Cala, daughter of Anna Maria (Tripodi) & Andrea Cala
Caiden Haze Castro, son of Stephanie (Panzarella) & Alvaro Castro
Marisol Evelyn Causey, daughter of Alexandra (Geneser) & Alexander Causey
Francis Daniel Kersten, son of Nina (Gyourgis) & Christopher Kersten
Owen Robert Kult, son of Kathryn (Gretencord) & Brett Kult
Brady Alexander Nicolay, son of Caroline (Pardikes) & Richard Nicolay III
Sofia Rose Otis, daughter of Daniela (Mariana) & Charles Otis Jr.
Julietta Marie Potempa Cervantes, daughter of Norma (Cervantes Callejas) & James Potempa
Gianna Taylor Smith, daughter of Tierney (Wessel) & Nathan Smith
Charlotte Isolde Sullivan, daughter of Jordan (Martin) & David Sullivan
Cayden Lee Bender, son of Rebecca (Smith) & Jayson Bender
Declan Michael Kerr, son of Jane (Hilliard) & Michael Kerr

New Parishioners

Jeffrey & Julia Gonzalez, Caleb & Courtney Haley, Dragomir Jevdic, Evon Perez, Eugene & Fran Boese, Danijel Buntic and Anca Zegrean, Kyle Gaughan & Kirby McKenna, Shane & Sarah Hogan, Bret and Caroline Roessler, & Michael Van Camp & Giovanna Zozzaro.

Wedding Banns

Phillip Stackhouse & Lauren Caffarelli

Who are Sick

Evelyn Casey
 Ted Miles
 Paul Langer

In Memory Of

Virginia Cavanaugh
 Ruben Diaz
 Katherine Gruber
 Sherleen Kummer
 Kay Morrow
 Artur Sobol
 Andy Strelec
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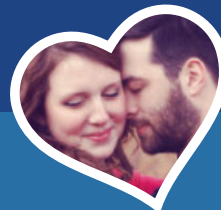
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ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

MASS IN THE PARK 2025: THANK YOU!

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Serve

We extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who served at this year's Mass in the Park celebration.

A special thank you to all the volunteers, ministers, musicians, event organizers, staff, setup and cleanup crews, and anyone who contributed their time, energy, and talents. Your dedication and joyful spirit helped create a welcoming and prayerful atmosphere for those who attended.

Thank you for being a living example of what it means to follow Jesus through your service and love for our community. We are truly blessed!



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OUR VISION

Through our Baptism and Eucharist, we are called to love as Christ loves and to serve as Christ serves.

OUR MISSION

In Jesus Christ, we will grow and flourish through:

Engaging, welcoming, and building community

Lifelong faith formation

Social justice and service to those in need

Understanding and fostering the energy and interests of our youth

Prayer and worship that deepen our spiritual life

Accountability in using our resources wisely

So that we may live life abundantly!

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