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An ever-expanding community, where every person encounters Jesus, follows Him, and shares His love.

OUR MISSION

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LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

It's hard to believe that summer is already coming to an end. As September arrives, many of our families are settling back into the routines of a new school year. I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy some time to rest, spend time with loved ones, and enjoy the blessings of the season.

I want to thank everyone who joined us for our Annual Mass in the Park last month. It was wonderful to see so many people gathered together to celebrate the Eucharist and enjoy time as a parish family. Thank you to everyone who attended, volunteered, and helped make the evening possible, and a special thank you to Fr. Conrad for presiding and sharing an inspiring homily. Events like these remind us that our parish is more than a place we come to on Sundays; it is a community where we grow in faith and friendship together.

This summer also marked an exciting milestone for our parish as we moved forward with the St. Joseph Parish Center project. The demolition of our previous building is now complete, making way for the next phase of construction. While it's never easy to say goodbye to a place that has been part of our parish's history, it's exciting to see the vision for our future taking shape. Thank you for your continued patience, prayers, and generosity as we continue building a space that will serve our parish family for generations to come.

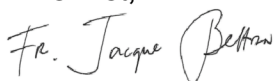
This month, on September 1, we observe both Labor Day and the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. Labor Day reminds us to be grateful for the gift of work and for all those whose efforts help support our families, our communities, and our parish. On that same day, the Church also invites us to reflect on our responsibility to care for the world God has entrusted to us.

Pope Leo XIV reminds us that "creation itself becomes a place of encounter with God." As the beauty of autumn begins to unfold around us, may we take time to appreciate God's handiwork and recognize His presence in the world around us. Through simple acts of gratitude and good stewardship, we can honor the gifts He has entrusted to our care.

As fall begins, many of our parish ministries and faith formation programs are starting up again. I encourage you to take advantage of the opportunities St. Joe offers to pray, learn, serve, and build relationships. Whether you've been part of St. Joseph for many years or are looking for a way to get more involved, I invite you to explore the many opportunities featured in this bulletin and on our website. There's something for everyone, and we'd love to have you join us.

Thank you for being part of the St. Joseph family. I look forward to all that God has in store for our parish in the months ahead. May God bless you and your loved ones.

In Christ,



Fr. Jake

FOLLOWING JESUS

Living out our mission and moving toward our vision

Everything begins with Jesus. At the heart of His teaching are two foundational calls: the Great Commandment and the Great Commission.

In the **Great Commandment**, Jesus calls us to love God with all our heart, soul and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves. In the **Great Commission**, He calls us to go and make disciples, baptizing and teaching others to follow Him. These two pillars are at the heart of our parish:

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But how do we live that mission and move toward that vision in our everyday lives?

Following Jesus is how we put our mission into action. It is a call to continually take our next step as disciples, growing closer to Christ, growing in faith, building relationships, and sharing His love with others.

Our four mission pathways provide practical ways to do just that. Through **Pray & Worship**, **Learn & Grow**, **Connect & Invite**, and **Serve**, we create opportunities for people to live out the call to love God, love their neighbor, and make disciples.

These pathways are not separate from our mission or vision. They are the ways we live them.



HOW CAN YOU FOLLOW JESUS WITH US?

From here forward, our parish will intentionally highlight a different dimension of Following Jesus each month. **Each month will focus on one of our four pathways, Pray & Worship, Learn & Grow, Connect & Invite, or Serve**, giving us a chance to explore that dimension more deeply and discover practical ways to live it out in our everyday lives.

Throughout the year, you'll see these themes woven into our parish life through ministries, events, reflections, and opportunities to take your next step in faith. Each month is an invitation to ask:



***How is Jesus calling me to grow, and
how can I put my faith into action?***



Because everything we do as a parish ultimately comes back to the same call: love God, love our neighbor, and make disciples.

LIVE HIS LOVE THIS SEPTEMBER



This September is to **Connect & Invite!**

Our parish offers so many opportunities to meet others, build relationships, and grow together. From parish events to ministries and small groups, these are great ways to get to know other parishioners, and to invite someone new to be part of our community.

When we make space for others, we create opportunities for people to encounter Jesus and experience His love through our parish community. In this way, we live our mission to love God, love our neighbor, and make disciples.

UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

Euchre Night

September 6 | 6:30 PM | Koenig Center

Join us for cards, snacks, games, and fellowship! Open to singles and couples 21+. Bring a friend and enjoy a fun night in community. Register on our website!

Be a Part of Children's Liturgy of the Word

Starts September 13

Children's Liturgy of the Word begins again on September and we are looking for leaders and assistants to help bring the gospel to life for our littlest parishioners. Learn more on our website.

Grief Sharing Gathering

September 13 | 12:15 PM | Formation Room C

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

Conversation Walk: Reflections on the Season of Creation

September 13 | 2 PM | St. Mary of the Lake

Join us for a reflective walk during the Season of Creation. Enjoy God's creation, reflect on our call to care for our common home, and connect with others along the way. Register on our website.

Fellowship Friday

September 18 | After 8:30 AM Mass | Narthex

Join us the third Friday of each month to connect and enjoy delicious baked goods and coffee with our Church community.

Anointing of the Sick

September 19 | 8:30 AM | Church

This sacrament is available to those facing serious physical, mental, or emotional illness or challenges and is celebrated during the 8:30 AM Mass on the third Saturday of each month, or may be arranged at another time as needed.

Young Adult Mass & Mingle

September 19 | 5 PM Mass | Church

Young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to 5 PM Mass on the third Saturday of each month, followed by an optional outing. Come pray, connect, and enjoy time together! More details on our website.

Youth Ministry Kick Off

September 20 | 5 PM Mass | Teen Space

All current 7th graders, 8th graders, and high schoolers are invited to our Youth Ministry Kick Off event! Come enjoy dinner, meet other teens, and have fun. All are welcome. Please RSVP on our website.

New! Children's Choir

Starts September 23

Children in grades K–8 are invited to share their voices, grow in faith, and experience the joy of worshiping together through music. Learn more and register on our website.

Women's Ministry Bunco For Beds

September 23 | 6 PM | Koenig Center

Join the Women's Ministry for Bunco for Beds and enjoy wine, appetizers, and lively rounds of Bunco! Donations will benefit the St. Joseph Bed Ministry. Please register on our website.

Proclaimer Training

September 24 | 7 PM | Church

Want to proclaim Scripture at Mass? Whether you're new or already serving, this training offers helpful guidance and support. Register on our website.

Priesthood Sunday

September 27

A day to honor and give thanks for the priests who faithfully serve our parish, especially Fr. Jake Beltran and Fr. Conrad Espino, as well as the retired, former, and guest priests who have blessed our community.

Vitalant/Knights of Columbus Fall Blood Drive

September 27 | 8 AM to 12:30 PM | School Gym

Join us this fall and help save lives through the gift of blood donation. Register on our website.

Can I Use AI Without Losing My Soul?

September 27 | 6:30 PM | Koenig Center

Join Fr. Conrad Espino and others for a presentation on Artificial Intelligence (AI), the Pope's perspective, and how to live as a Catholic in an AI world. See website for more information.

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Joseph Catholic School Golf Outing

October 2 | Pine Meadows Golf Course

Learn more on our website.

Young Adult Rosary Walk

October 3 | Mundelein Seminary

Register on our website.

Women's Fall Retreat

October 16–18 | St. Benedict's Abbey

Details and registration on our website.

See all the upcoming opportunities at
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ST. JOE'S HIGHLIGHTS

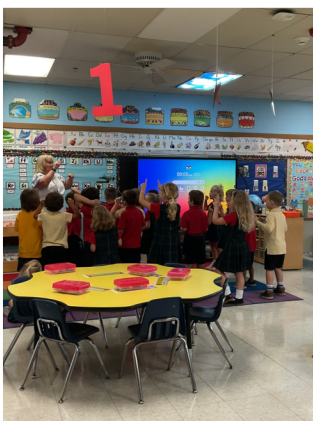
COLLEGE SEND OFF MASS

Last month, we had the joy of celebrating our College Sendoff Mass with around 50 students and their families! We gathered to pray for our college-bound students as they prepare to begin a new chapter, asking God to guide, strengthen, and protect them along the way. Please continue to keep these students in your prayers as they head off to college.



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL AT ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The new school year is off to a great start at St. Joseph Catholic School! Our students, teachers, and staff returned in August, filling the halls with excitement, laughter, and new beginnings. We're grateful for another year of learning, friendship, and growing together in faith. May God bless our St. Joseph School community throughout the year ahead!



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MASS IN THE PARK 2026

Even with a little rain, this year's Mass in the Park was a wonderful celebration of faith, fellowship, and community! We gathered together for Mass, lifting our hearts in worship and prayer and celebrating God's presence among us.

After Mass, the celebration continued with delicious hamburgers, hot dogs, ice cream, good conversation, and music. The rain didn't stop the fun as families and friends enjoyed the afternoon together and made the most of every moment.

Thank you to everyone who joined us and helped make this celebration so special! We are especially grateful to our incredible volunteers and generous sponsors whose time, support, and dedication helped make the day possible.

Even when the weather doesn't go as planned, God gives us every reason to come together, give thanks, and celebrate His goodness!



ST. JOSEPH PARISH CENTER (SJPC) UPDATE

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The St. Joseph Parish Center (SJPC) project continues to move forward, and we are grateful for the many people who have helped bring this vision to life.

The new St. Joseph Parish Center will serve our growing faith community for generations to come by offering a welcoming Fellowship Hall connected to the Church for families to gather before and after Mass, new and adaptable classroom spaces for our school students and faith formation programs, and a sacred, intimate Chapel dedicated to personal prayer and Eucharistic Adoration. Thank you to everyone who has contributed through their time, talents, prayers, and financial support.



Demolition is now complete, and we continue to make progress with design and construction planning. Construction of the Chapel, Fellowship Hall, and School Classrooms is currently planned to begin in April 2027.

As we look ahead, please continue to pray for this project and for everyone involved. With the rising costs of materials and labor, we also invite those who have not yet made a pledge to consider supporting the project financially. To make an online pledge, please scan the QR code below. We also have pledge cards available in the Church. Pledge cards can be returned in the Narthex drop boxes or at the Parish Office at any time. If you have questions or want to talk more about the project, please don't hesitate to reach out to our team at sjpc@stjoseph-libertyville.org.

These new spaces will help create more opportunities for us to live our mission: **we give our all to love God, love our neighbor, and make disciples**, supporting our vision of **an ever-expanding community where every person encounters Jesus, follows Him, and shares His love**.

Together, we can continue moving this vision forward and create a lasting foundation for generations to come.



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OR DONATION!

PRAYING FOR

September Mass Intentions

9/1	Mark Hobson, Annie Trojak, Walter Baczek, George Seal
9/2	Rosemary Nycz, Charlotte & Hugh McLarnon, Janice Kleinschmidt, George "Mike" Peters
9/3	James Peters, Cathy Rudolph, Kay Tschanz, Deslauriers Family, Joseph & Laura LaReau
9/4	Helen Heidenreich, Laverne Vanderwerff, Edward Glynn, Annie Trojak
9/5	Lt. Tim Price, Mary R. Lockowitz, Jerry Waldschmidt, well-being Catherine Macora, well-being Craig Paulson & Sara Silvestri
9/6	All Parishioners
9/7	All Parishioners
9/8	Raymond Paul Sommer, Eternal rest for unborn children, Rita Sula, Mark Hobson
9/9	Kathy, Mary, & James McLaughlin, Connie Calvino, George Seal, Judy Elfering
9/10	George & Rose Rosko, Bill & Ruth Ivantic, Elizabeth Brose, Mark Hobson
9/11	Mike Beatty, Evelyn Lobus, Tom Finnegan, George Seal
9/12	David Gewalt, Baby Olivia Rose Himley, Steven Stamper, Thomas Goslinowski
9/13	All Parishioners
9/14	George Seal, Priscilla Suarez, Thomas Finnegan, Richard Carani
9/15	James Trentham, Stan & Mary Lockowitz, Marijo Komp, Mark Hobson
9/16	John Grzych, Marion Grenier, Eugene O'Brien, well-being DeSanto Family
9/17	Antoinette Milazzo, Mark Hobson, George Seal, Kathryn Laura Mitchell
9/18	Andrew & Mary Yarc, Bob Goss, Rita Gagliano, Debbie Russo
9/19	Phil Sepulveda, Doug Bowden, Isaac Alaniz, Pat Tracey
9/20	All Parishioners
9/21	Anna Turski, Leo Eigner Sr., Edward Lobus, Marie Mascia
9/22	Mark Hobson, Patrice Barrett, Maria Elena Castillo, Samuel & Ines Vargas
9/23	Tom Finnegan, Mark Hobson, Gordon Botts, Gerald T. Lynch
9/24	Fely Matias, Louise Mullaley, Patricia Holveck, well-being Sarah & Adam Abrams
9/25	Martin M. McGreal, Paul Brady, well-being Bob Delia, well-being Susan Byrd
9/26	Mary Beatty, German Gonzalez, Wendell Smith, Sister Janice Rosinke
9/27	All Parishioners
9/28	Frances Schram, Gordon Botts, Mark Gierke, Fr. John E. Hennessey
9/29	Mary S. Gaa, Ray Lobus, Everta Neis, well-being Leny Causin
9/30	Orville & Barbara Himmelberg, Fr. John E. Hennessey, George Trent, Vincent Ross

Baptisms

Maverick Samuel Adamsick, son of Alexis (Gibson) & Andrew Adamsick
Lillian Mary Augustine-Ross, daughter of Elizabeth (Augustine) & Peter Ross
Julian Pio Diel Beltran, son of Chelo (Odonzo Diel) & Jim Beltran
Lyla Grace Bennett, daughter of Mary (Rechtoris) & Bradley Bennett
Christopher Patrick Brandt, son of Je Na (Raye) & John Brandt
Everett Roland Campe, son of Grace (Flood) & Ryan Campe
Percival Bear Escobar, son of Gizeh (Castrejon Contreras) & Diego Escobar
Michael Jeffrey Heppert, son of Lauren (Loverde) & Matthew Heppert
Elina Aleksandra Ksiazek, daughter of Meghan (Reilly) & Jakub Ksiazek
Ellis James Lachitavongs, son of Krystal (Butterfield) & Panupun (Joe) Lachitavongs
Haley Alexandra Ley, daughter of Victoria (Botts) & Michael Ley
Anthony Jordan Medel, son of Barbara (Carata) & Jonathan Medel
Everly Lynne Tamondong, daughter of Cathlyn (Devenecia) & Albert Tamondong

New Parishioners

Vibin Abiliose & Jiji Joseph, Jerome & Rosalie Addam, Angie Rose Baquiran, Noe Campos & Monica Manrique, Thomas Cashman, Nicole & David Filippini, Marianne Napoleoni, Michael & Lisa Pasciak, Geogy Vennikandam & Dr. Madhu Mathew, and Corrine & Corrine Zajac.

Wedding Banns

Michael Daniel Lupa & Rebecca Anne Zordan

Who Are Sick

Avery Edmondson, William Graham, Anita Kanaby, Adam Kwiecinski, Winifred Kwiecinski, Jacqueline Raclaw, Marigrace Stephens, and Shirley Washburn.

In Memory Of

Sandra Bartoszek, George Boehm, Steven Geary, Edward Gonwa, Dale Harris, Dick Kennedy, Peter Kovac, Nancy Kreuser, Larry Laske, Colyn Murphy, Richard Podolski, Charles Porras, Juanita Poveda, Rosalind Theresa Reilly, and Stephen Schiller.

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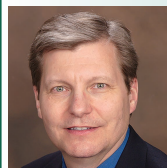
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A NEW SEASON FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

This fall, we are blessed to have four seminarians serving and growing with our St. Joseph parish community: Anthony Richter, Vicente Cobos, Giuseppe Njuelem, and Earl Reyes.

We are grateful to welcome Giuseppe and Earl and look forward to the ways they will continue to grow in their formation and serve our parish community. This semester is especially meaningful as Anthony and Vicente prepare to be ordained deacons at the end of the semester. Following their ordination, they will return to their home parishes as they continue preparing for priestly ordination.

During their time at St. Joseph, Anthony and Vicente have become valued members of our parish community, sharing their time, gifts, and faith with us in meaningful ways. We are grateful for the impact they have made here and look forward to celebrating them as they take this next step in their journey toward the priesthood.

Please keep our seminarians in your prayers as they continue their journeys toward the priesthood. We are grateful to have them as part of our St. Joseph family!

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