

# CFF JANUARY NEWSLETTER



## Did You Know About Our Catholic Faith?

Christmas is more than just one day—it's an entire season in the Church! The Christmas season begins on December 25 and continues until the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord in January. This is a time of celebration and reflection on the incredible gift of Jesus Christ, God's Son, coming into the world.

The Twelve Days of Christmas, from December 25 to January 5, lead up to the Feast of the Epiphany, when we remember the visit of the Magi to the baby Jesus. This reminds us that Christ came for all people, and His light shines throughout the world. During this season, we are called to share the joy of Christ's birth with others through love, kindness, and gratitude. Let the Christmas spirit guide your actions as we enter this new year!

## Mass Attendance Instead of Class

**Mark Your Calendars!** On **January 19 and 21**, we will not hold regular classes. Instead, students are expected to attend Mass as part of their faith formation.

- **Teaching Mass Times:**

- Saturday, January 18, at 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, January 19, at 9:00 a.m.
- These special Teaching Masses will help you and your family learn more about the parts of the Mass and their significance in our Catholic faith.

### Mass Attendance Options:

- If you are unable to attend the Teaching Mass, you may fulfill this requirement at any Mass over the weekend:
  - Saturday, January 18, at 5:00 p.m.
  - Sunday, January 19, at 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., or 5:00 p.m.

**Attendance QR Codes:** QR codes will be available at all Masses. Please scan the code to submit your child's attendance.

Thank you for helping your child participate fully in their faith formation by attending Mass with your family.

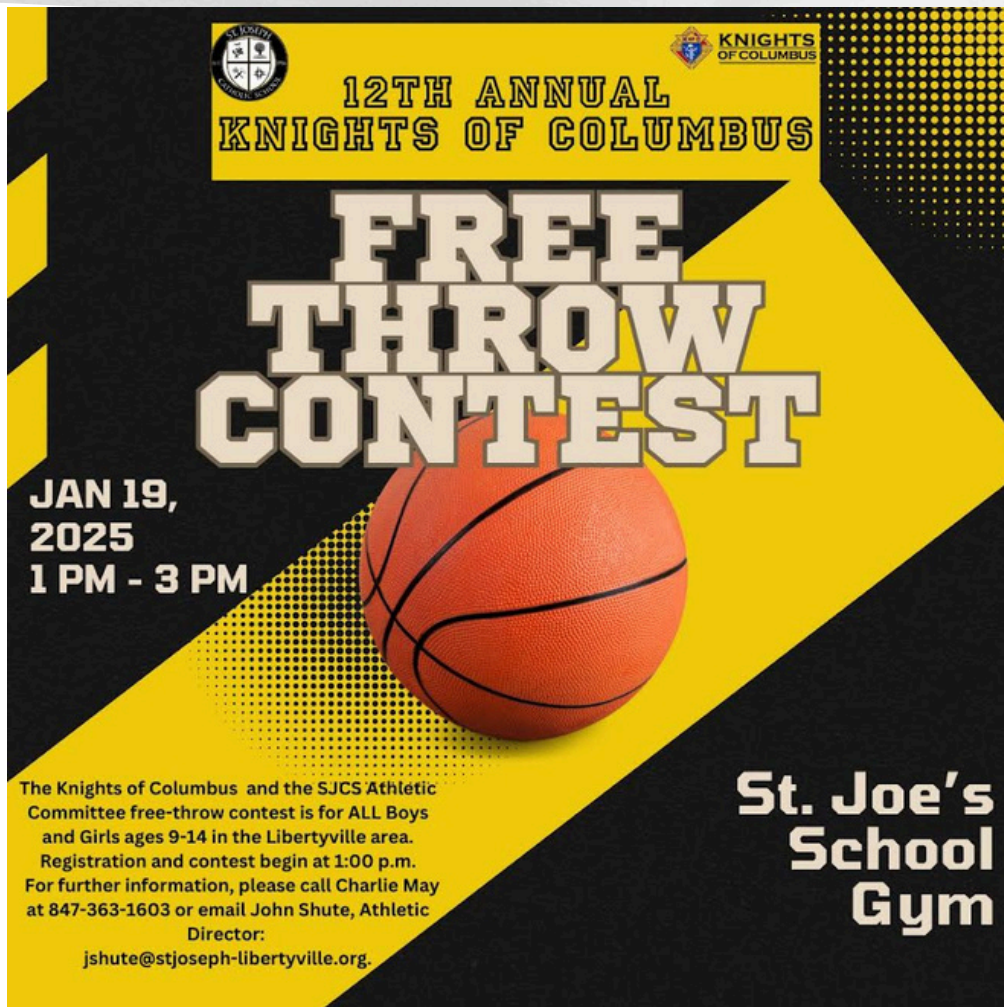
# It's Time for the Annual Free Throw Contest!



Calling all young athletes ages **9 to 14**—show off your shooting skills at the 12th Annual Free Throw Contest hosted by the **Knights of Columbus**!

- **When:** January 19, 2025, 1:00–3:00 p.m.
- **Where:** St. Joe's School Gym
- **Registration and Contest Start:** 1:00 p.m.

This fun event is open to all boys and girls in the Libertyville area. Don't miss the chance to test your skills and enjoy a fun afternoon with friends and family!

For more information, please contact Charlie May at 847-363-1603 or email John Shute, Athletic Director, at [jshute@stjoseph-libertyville.org](mailto:jshute@stjoseph-libertyville.org).



  **12TH ANNUAL  
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

**FREE  
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**JAN 19,  
2025  
1 PM - 3 PM**

The Knights of Columbus and the SJCS Athletic Committee free-throw contest is for ALL Boys and Girls ages 9-14 in the Libertyville area. Registration and contest begin at 1:00 p.m. For further information, please call Charlie May at 847-363-1603 or email John Shute, Athletic Director: [jshute@stjoseph-libertyville.org](mailto:jshute@stjoseph-libertyville.org).

**St. Joe's  
School  
Gym**



# 7TH & 8TH GRADERS

## Service Opportunities: Rockland School Patty Cake Breakfast

**When:** Saturday, March 8, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Where:** Rockland School, Libertyville

Middle school students are invited to volunteer at the Rockland School Patty Cake Breakfast! This is a great chance to earn service hours, have fun, and give back to the community. Volunteers will assist with running games and ensuring the event is a success.

**Sign Up to Volunteer:** [Volunteer Link](#)

## Service Opportunities: Join Us for the 2025 Mission Trip to Britt, Iowa!

**Calling all 7th and 8th graders!** Don't miss the chance to join us for an unforgettable **Mission Trip** this summer!

- **When:** July 12–19, 2025
- **Where:** Britt, Iowa
- **Why:** Make a difference, grow in your faith, and have a ton of fun!

This trip is also a **great opportunity for service hours**. Current 7th graders who join will **complete all their service hours for 8th grade** during the mission trip!

Spots are limited, and registration closes **January 15**—so don't wait to sign up!

**Learn more and register:**

[Summer Mission Trip Info](#)

**ST. JOSEPH**  
LIBERTYVILLE

# Summer MISSION TRIP

**CALLING ALL 7TH GRADERS THROUGH HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!**

**WE WANT YOU TO GO ON A SUMMER MISSION TRIP WITH US!**

**WHEN: JULY 12–19, 2025**  
**WHERE: BRITT, IOWA**

- ✓ MAKE A DIFFERENCE 🙏
- ✓ GROW IN YOUR FAITH 📖
- ✓ HAVE THE BEST WEEK EVER 🎉

LEARN MORE AND SIGN UP AT  
[STJOSEPH-LIBERTYVILLE.ORG/SUMMER-MISSION-TRIP](http://STJOSEPH-LIBERTYVILLE.ORG/SUMMER-MISSION-TRIP)

# 8th GRADE

## Confirmation Retreat Reminder

**Date and Time:** January 18, 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

**Location:** Koenig Center

This is a reminder that attendance at the Confirmation Retreat is a mandatory requirement set by the Archdiocese of Chicago for receiving Confirmation. Pizza will be provided for students during the retreat.

### Action Required:

Please fill out the Confirmation Retreat Attendance Form ASAP, even if your child cannot attend. The form includes instructions for arranging attendance at another parish's retreat if needed. Complete the form here:

[Confirmation Retreat Attendance Form](#).

## Look at What Our Students Are Up To!

We're so proud of the amazing things our students are doing to live out their faith and contribute to our parish community!



**Jeremy Johnson:** Jeremy has been helping with the Mass sound system and has become one of our Mass Sound Engineers! How cool is that? Thank you, Jeremy, for your dedication and hard work!



On December 19, **Mr. Krietsch** organized a service project at Feed My Starving Children. The students helped pack meals for children in need around the world, embodying the spirit of giving and service. Great job, everyone!



**Mrs. Booth and Mrs. Husnick's Class:** The generosity of our families shone brightly during this class's Blessing Bags project! After reading and discussing a Gospel about generosity, the students created Blessing Bags and blankets to help those in need. Their hard work, generosity, and joyful spirit made this project a success. The class finished their day with a trivia game and donuts—a wonderful combination of faith and fun!



## Santas on Bikes and a Surprise Visitor!

On December 15, just before our winter break, our students received a special treat from Santas on Bikes! They brought holiday cheer (and candy canes!) to our students, spreading smiles and joy.

But wait—it didn't stop there! Even The Grinch made a surprise appearance. Don't worry, though—he couldn't steal our holiday spirit!

It was a festive and fun-filled day that our students will surely remember. Check out the photos of this joyful celebration!

