

CFF NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER

Attendance Protocol for Absences

If your child will be absent from CFF, please notify us by choosing one of the following options: call the attendance line at 847-3652-5797 and select Option 1, email your child's catechist directly, or email me at jgonzalez@stjoseph-libertyville.org. Your cooperation helps us maintain accurate records and ensure the best experience for all our students. Thank you!



Mandatory Reconciliation for Grades 3rd-7th

We invite all students in grades 3 through 7 to participate in a mandatory Reconciliation service. Parents may choose from one of the following dates: Sunday, December 7, from 1 to 3 p.m.; Sunday, December 14, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.; or Tuesday, December 17, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. If you select the Tuesday session and your child attends Tuesday class, they will be dismissed from class and accompanied to the church. Please sign up using this link: [Reconciliation Sign-Up](#), and be sure to include your child's first and last name. Thank you for ensuring your child's participation!



First Communion Parent Meeting

We invite all parents of students preparing for their First Communion this year to attend an important meeting on November 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Koenig Center. During this meeting, we will discuss essential information regarding First Communion preparation and outline the preferred method for selecting a First Communion date. Your attendance is vital to ensure a smooth and meaningful preparation process for your child.



Christmas Joy Jamboree



Join us for **the Christmas Joy Jamboree** on **Sunday, December 15, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.** at St. Joe's! The afternoon begins in the church with joyful music, classic Christmas carols, and a short Christmas pageant performed by young parishioners.

Calling Young Actors! We need **20-25 children** to bring this pageant to life. The first meeting is on Tuesday, November 5, at 5:30 p.m. in the Church. Our older participants (4th–6th graders) are invited to audition for featured roles, such as narrators, Joseph, or Mary, which require additional rehearsal time and memorization. [Sign up here](#) to participate!

Thanksgiving Dinner Hosted by St. Joe's Youth Ministry

Join us for a FREE Thanksgiving Dinner hosted by St. Joe's Youth Ministry right after the 5 p.m. Mass! It's a perfect chance to come together, share a meal, and celebrate all we're thankful for as a community. Everyone is welcome! **Sign up here** to let us know you'll be joining. We can't wait to celebrate with you!



7TH & 8TH GRADERS

Service Opportunities: Thanksgiving Dinner Volunteers Needed

St. Joe's Youth Ministry is looking for teen volunteers to help with the Thanksgiving Dinner after the 5 p.m. Mass. This is a wonderful chance to lend a hand, give back to our parish community, and earn service hours! If you're interested in volunteering, please sign up here: **Thanksgiving Dinner Volunteer Sign-Up.**

2025 Youth Mission Trip – Info Meeting

Looking for a meaningful way to spend your summer? Join us for the 2025 Youth Mission Trip Info Meeting! This summer's mission trip to Britt, IA is open to all current 7th graders through high school seniors. For 7th graders, this is an amazing opportunity to complete all required service hours for 8th grade over the summer. For 8th graders and high schoolers, it's a chance to gain incredible experience, build friendships, and make a difference!

Info Meeting Details:

 Thursday, November 14, 2024

 7:00 p.m.

 Koenig Center

Come learn more about the trip and how you can get involved. Don't miss out on this unforgettable experience!

Service Opportunities: Care of Creation Shoe Drive

The Care of Creation team is looking for a few teens to assist with their Shoe Drive on November 9 & 10. Volunteers are needed to help carry collected shoes out of the Narthex after each Mass. This is a great chance to earn 1 hour of service!

Mass Times for Volunteers:

- Friday, November 8, at 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, November 10, at 7 a.m., 11 a.m., and 5 p.m.

If you're interested, please email Mrs. Louise at louise.przywara@gmail.com to sign up!

8th GRADE

Reminder for 8th Graders: Confirmation forms Due

A reminder to all 8th graders preparing for Confirmation! The Confirmation Name Form, Sponsor Form, and Bishop Letter are due on December 11. You can submit these forms to your Catechist or drop them off at the parish front office. Please make sure to complete these requirements on time as part of your Confirmation preparation.

Confirmation Retreat Requirement

Attention Confirmation Candidates! The Confirmation Retreat will be held on January 18 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. here at St. Joseph. Attendance at a Confirmation retreat is a mandatory requirement set by the Archdiocese of Chicago for receiving Confirmation.

If your candidate cannot attend this retreat, they must connect with another parish to complete the requirement. You can find a list of alternative retreats and contact information here: [Alternative Confirmation Retreats](#). Please ensure they reach out to the parish contact to confirm availability.

Thank you for helping your candidate meet this important requirement!

YOUTH GROUP

Mystery Night

All 7th graders, 8th graders, and high schoolers are invited to our MYSTERY NIGHT! What is it? You'll have to come to find out! Join us for 5 p.m. Mass on Sunday, November 10, then head over to the Teen Space from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. for a night of fun, competition, and free dinner.

Bring your friends and enjoy a night to remember! [Sign up here.](#)

3RD & 4TH GRADE HOLYWEEN MEMORIES

