

DECEMBER 5, 2021 • THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



## St. Joseph & St. Mary

CATHOLIC CHURCHES

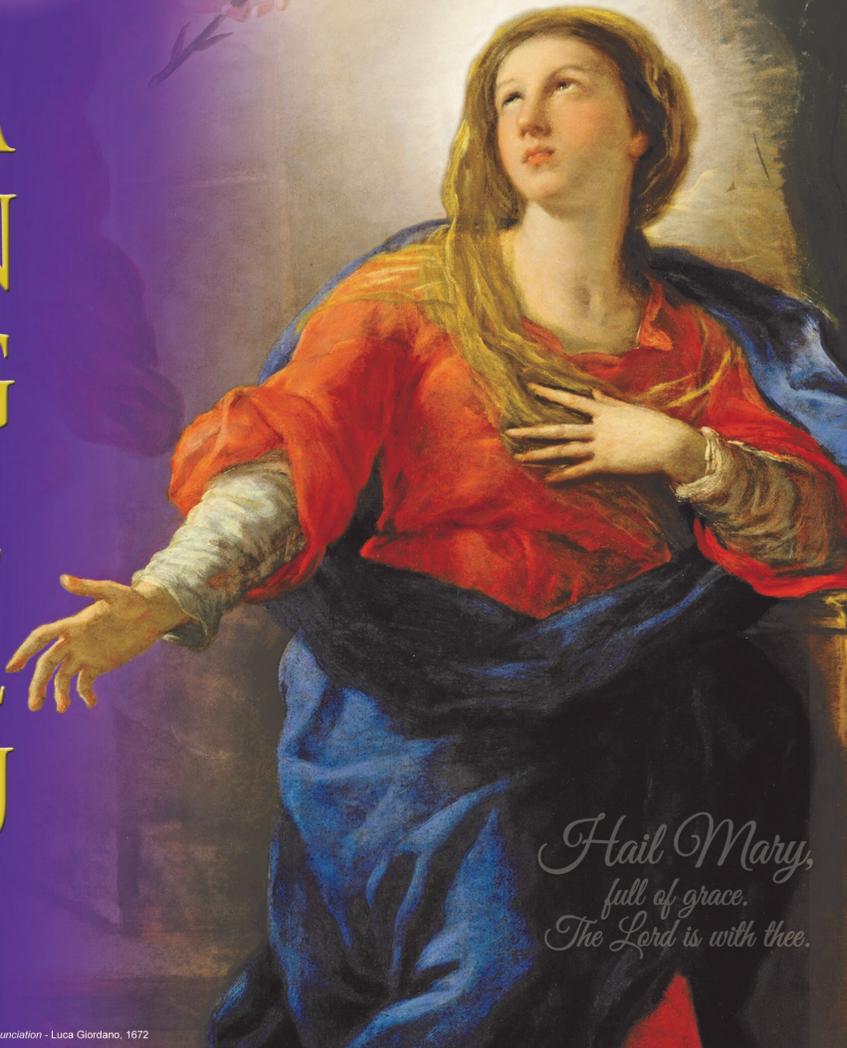
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**V.** Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

**R.** Be it done unto me  
according to Thy word.

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*Hail Mary,  
full of grace.  
The Lord is with thee.*

©Diocesan - The Annunciation - Luca Giordano, 1672

We welcome all visitors to our church.

To join our parish family, please call the office to register.

Submissions for the bulletin are due in the office by Monday at 11:00am.

Bulletins can be viewed online at [stjosephstmary.com](http://stjosephstmary.com).

### Pastor

Rev. Timothy Barr  
(815) 232-8271 x7

### Hispanic Minister

Rev. Diego Ospina  
(815) 232-3718 or (815) 232-8271 x6

### Deacons

Dcn. Paul Ranney, (815) 990-2818  
Dcn. Mike Timmerman, (224) 230-0566

### Mass Schedule

#### WEEKEND

**Sun.** 8:00am at St Mary

**Domingo** 12:00pm (en Español)

**Sat.** 4:00pm, **Sun.** 10:30am at St Joseph

#### WEEKDAY

**Mon. & Tues.** 8:00am at St Mary

**Wed.** 9:30am at Ascension Living

**Wed.** 5:30pm (alternating):

St Joseph – Jan., Mar., May, July,  
Sept., Nov.

St Mary – Feb., Apr., June, Aug.,  
Oct., Dec.

**Jueves** 7:00pm at St Mary (en Español)

**Thurs., Fri., & Sat.** 8:00am at St Joseph

#### HOLY DAY

Please check the bulletin

### Eucharistic Adoration

**Fri.** 5:00pm - 6:00pm (alternating):

St Joseph – Jan., Mar., May, July,  
Sept., Nov.

St Mary – Feb., Apr., June, Aug.,  
Oct., Dec.

### Reconciliation

**St Joseph:** Wednesday (Jan., Mar., May,

July, Sept., Nov.) 4:30pm - 5:20pm

Saturday 8:40am - 10:00am

Saturday 3:00pm - 3:45pm

**St Mary:** Tuesday 8:40am - 10:00am

Wednesday (Feb., Apr., June, Aug., Oct.,  
Dec.) 4:30pm - 5:20pm

Thursday 6:00pm - 6:50pm

### Baptism

Call your parish office to sign up for a  
Baptismal Class and to set the date.

### Marriage

Wedding preparations take a minimum  
of six months. Call your parish office to  
make an appointment with Father.

## Jesus Is Hiding In Mary

Jesus is coming as a little baby. As we continue through this Advent season, we contemplate how Jesus came even before He was made known to all the world. Before Jesus was born and revealed for all the world to see; He lived in the womb of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There He was hidden in the very body of His mother, Mary. The creator of all things chose to come and be formed in one of His creatures. She is the chosen one. He chooses the lowly one. It was not the rich and famous or the elite that He chose. Rather, He finds the poor and lowly to be the one that is worthy of Him.

We expect the elite to be the chosen ones. They are the ones who set the rules of today in this world. It's comforting to know that God is not like that. God does not lord his true authority over us, whereas the powers among us on this world do so in an instant. Jesus comes to bring us true healing and freedom, whereas the powers of this world would take away our freedoms and, in the end, never bring us real healing. The powers of this world would cause division and anger among peoples, whereas Jesus would have us forgive one another and rejoice

in each other as a gift that God meant us to be.

Jesus comes so little and humble. He came to serve us. Yet in serving us, He is not manipulated nor is He deceived. He knows all things and those who do evil cannot escape His true authority. When He comes to serve, He serves those who choose to love. He is not manipulated.

But how does He serve? He serves Mary His mother. He chose to love her and share His innocence and purity. He shows us how He always wills the good for us. The humility of God heals and brings life to those who would have Him enter. We have to welcome Him and invite Him to come into our souls. When He enters our souls, we need to love Him with all our souls, all our strength, and all our hearts. He wants us to be ever in deeper communion with Him. He wants to live in us. If we give our hearts to Him, He would give His heart to us in return. He constantly gives us His heart, but we cannot receive it, until we also give our hearts to Him.

Jesus lived physically in Mary, His mother. She was the humblest of all creatures. He desires to live in us as we humble ourselves to Him. In this kind of humility, we find great joy. It is the joy of this advent season. God would

choose to be with us and share himself with us. All the goodness that He is, now is made for us. He has purity of heart for us. He always desires the good for us. He protects us from all the evil in the world. Though we may have to suffer some evil in this world, God will make up for any suffering we may have to endure. It is precisely by His gentleness that makes the suffering break out into joy and peace.

The power of God is experienced in what at first appears to be weakness. God possesses the strength of the arm, but His character does not prefer destruction. He desires to restore us. Life is restored and humanity is made whole by the love of God. But God goes beyond this restoration; He renews us, embraces us and raises us up to His heart. As we hide in His heart, He hides in ours.

The great secret was Mary's while she bore the Son of God. He was hidden in her most inner depths. May He come and hide in the most inner depths our souls. Come Lord Jesus!



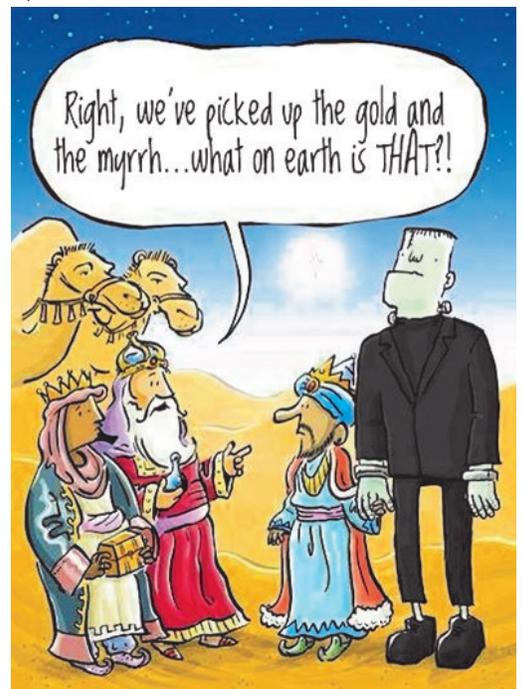
Father Barr

## Novena To The Immaculate Conception Patroness Of the United States

Paper books are available to follow along with the daily Novena. You can also find them on [www.stjosephstmary.com](http://www.stjosephstmary.com) or request one from the office.

## Elle's Pottery is going on sale in the breezeway!

All sales will go to the parish to lessen the current debt. New pieces will be added weekly. These will be available all throughout the Christmas season. Please show your support and pick up something today!



## From the Father; A Pro-Life Notice



There have been some very important events going on recently on the respect life issues in our state and federal government. On the federal government level, there is a big decision on the Dobbs v Jackson case that may have the ability to overturn Roe v Wade. The Roe v Wade decision made abortion legal in all states. On the same day, another decision was made that abortion was legal for any reason (Doe v Bolton). As Catholics, we need to make sure that our government acknowledges that babies have the right to live outside the womb. Abortion is not ok, especially for any excuse.

At the state level, Our Illinois legislatures have taken away parents rights by allowing minor girls to get abortion without parental consent. Any school or worse, any child molester could take the minor girl to an abortion facility and obtain the abortion without parents even knowing. This opens young girls up to much abuse and would attract sex traffickers into our state all the more.

To counter these threats against our children, we will be praying a novena to the Immaculate Conception starting on March 30 to the feast day of the Immaculate Conception, the patroness of the United States on December 8. The prayers will be posted on our Facebook pages daily. The entire novena will be posted on our website. We will also print copies of it and put them in the back of the churches and the Saint Joseph breezeway.

To pray for the federal government respecting the personhood of the babies in the womb and in reparation of all the abortions done in the US, we will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and confessions on Wednesday, December 1 at 4:30pm and Mass at 5:30pm in St Mary Church.



As requested by our bishop, in reparation of the State of Illinois reversal of parental rights, we will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions at 4pm and Mass on Wednesday, December 8 at 5pm in St Mary Church. The Bishop has also asked us to take note of who voted to take away these parental rights and let them know that we the people will take this to the voting booth next time. Therefore, we are providing you with their voting record as provided by the diocese on their website. We will also give you the contact information of each legislator.

Keep also a heads up on talks that I may give on these issues in the near future.  
Thank you for standing up for the most vulnerable.

-Father Barr

## CHRISTMAS and ASCENSION LIVING need your help!

The St. Joseph Marian Society and St. Mary's Guild will be assembling festive gift bags for the residents. Ascension Living has provided a list of small gifts appropriate for either men or women and each bag will include at least four items. This year, we will take care of obtaining those items, so all we need from our parishioners is cash donations.

**Place your donation in an envelope marked "CHRISTMAS GIFTS" and...**

- Place in the collection basket,
- Mail to the St. Joseph office, or
- Drop into the office mail slot.

**Checks may be made out to either St Joseph Marian Society or St Mary Guild.**

**Please have your donation in no later than December 5th.**

**Thank You!**



# OUR PARISH COMMUNITY

## ST JOSEPH CORNER



*“Be always our protector [St. Joseph]. May your interior spirit of peace, of silence, of good works, and of prayer, in the service of the Church, animate us always and make us rejoice, in union with your blessed spouse, our most sweet and*

*Immaculate Mother, in a most strong and sweet love of Jesus, the glorious and immortal king of ages and peoples.”*  
—St. Pope John XXIII

~St. Joseph, Pray for us.~

## MARY’S CORNER

*If our faith is weak, we should turn to Mary. St. John tells us that it was because of the miracle that Christ performed at his mother’s request at the marriage feast at Cana, that His disciples learned to believe in Him. Our Mother is always interceding with her Son, so that He may attend to our needs and show Himself to us in such a way that we can cry out, ‘You are the Son of God!’*

~Mother of the Church: Pray for us~



**BELLARMINE**  
Jesuit Retreat House

**December 8, 2021**  
9:00AM - 3:00PM

Embracing the Heart  
of Mary with  
St. Ignatius

Advent Day of Reflection for Men & Women  
with Holly Schapker

420 W County Line Rd | Barrington, IL 60010 | 847-381-1261  
[JesuitRetreat.org](http://JesuitRetreat.org)



## ST JOSEPH CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Jesus is stated in the Holy Gospel according to Luke (4:43):

*“I must announce the good news of the reign of God, because that is why I was sent.” “We, the people of St. Joseph Parish, Freeport, Illinois, faithful to Jesus’ mission, regularly celebrate the Eucharist and other Sacraments, from which we are sent both to live the Gospel, and to evangelize our neighbors, near and afar. As stewards of God’s generous gifts we are committed to provide the personnel and resources needed to carry out our mission.”*

## ST MARY CHURCH MISSION STATEMENT

*“We, the People of St. Mary Parish in Freeport, Illinois and the Catholic Diocese of Rockford, are called by the Father through baptism to be a people of prayer, worship, community and service. United in faith and the abiding presence of the Holy Spirit we proclaim the redeeming love of Jesus Christ and his reign in heaven and on earth by the way we live our lives.”*

### Christmas Novena Chaplet Begins from the feast of St. Andrew (Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>) until Christmas.

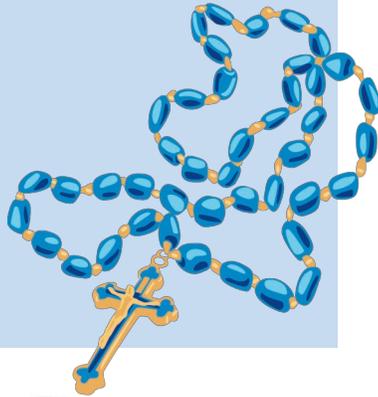
'HAIL and blessed be the hour and moment in which the son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in piercing cold.

In that hour vouchsafe, O my God!, to hear my prayer and grant my desires, through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother.

*Amen.*

This is a reminder that the Christmas Novena begins Tuesday, November 30, 2021, (on the feast day of St. Andrew). ...

('It is piously believed that whoever recites the above prayer fifteen times a day will obtain what is asked.')



### A Day of Prayer For Christ and Life

**Wednesday, December 1st, 2021, noon-1:00pm, on the sidewalk at the Stanley J. Roszkowski United States Federal Courthouse 327 South Church Street, Rockford. Easy parking at this location.**

Wednesday December 1st, is the day that the United States Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in the Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization case — **that could overturn Roe v. Wade!**

This is a day when Christians like you are needed to pray, fast, and do penance to seek God's grace to overturn the Roe v. Wade decision that has resulted in the deaths of over 60 million children.

**This is also a day when Christians like you are needed to be a public witness for Christ & Life.** We will be joining Christians all across America in praying in public to seek God's grace to overturn the infamous Roe v. Wade decision.

We will unite in praying the  
**THE HOLY ROSARY  
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET  
STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

To seek God's forgiveness for the lives lost through abortion and to beg God for the grace to overturn the Roe v. Wade decision.

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE UNITE FOR LOVE OF GOD AND LOVE OF ALL OUR NEIGHBORS.  
For more information contact Kevin at [stbre@comcast.net](mailto:stbre@comcast.net)



**CHICAGO MARCH FOR LIFE  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 8, 2022**

FREEPORT L.I.F.T. CATHOLIC TEEN GROUP TRIP!  
MOTORCOACH TO CHICAGO,  
LUNCH, RALLY, MARCH & MASS  
CONTACT LOU ANN HAYES TO SIGN UP  
847-373-5745 -call or text!

*A moment of silence for our recently departed parishioners and loved ones...*



### Called Into Eternal Life

*"Do not let your hearts be troubled; have faith in God and faith in me."* God called

James Spangler into eternal life on November 11 2021, and family services were held in his memory. We offer our prayerful support and sympathy to the Spangler family. Eternal rest grant unto James O Lord!



### Called Into Eternal Life

*"Do not let your hearts be troubled; have faith in God and faith in me."* God called

Joseph Tricker into eternal life on December 1, 2021, and family services will be arranged in his memory. We offer our prayerful support and sympathy to the Spangler family. Eternal rest grant unto Joseph O Lord!

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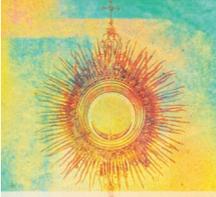
## Prayer Corner

Please keep the following people in your prayers:  
 Johanna Finley, Brenda Barr,  
 Mark Songer, Judy  
 Gonzalez, Ceil Plese, Kathy  
 Lynch and George Goldsmith, and Teresa  
 Fox.



Please call the parish office to add a loved one to our prayer intentions for the bulletin and to the intentions read at Mass. By law we **must** have permission from the family before we can add them. Names will be included for three weeks. You must call to have the name added again. There is power and healing in prayer! Call us at 815-232-8271.

## ADORATION



**Need some time with Jesus?  
Need some spiritual healing?**

**DECEMBER:**

**St Mary Church  
Fridays 5-6:00pm**



## Pro Life Corner

*(Presented by Stephenson Co. Right To Life)*

Prayer for the Unborn;  
 Heavenly Father, You created  
 us in Your own image, and  
 You desire that not even the  
 least among us should perish.  
 In Your love for us, You entrusted  
 Your only Son to the Holy Virgin Mary.  
 Now, in Your love,  
 protect against the wickedness  
 of the devil, those little ones to whom You  
 have given the gift of life.

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, December 6

- 7:00 am Holy Hour and Rosary ..... (SM)
- 8:00 am † Ev Bouray ..... (SM)

### Tuesday, December 7

- 7:00 am Holy Hour and Rosary ..... (SM)
- 8:00 am † Charlene Williams..... (SM)

### Wednesday, December 8

- 9:30 am Ascension Living - St Joseph Village.....(AL)
- 5:30 pm † Irene Gralewski ..... (SJ)

### Thursday, December 9

- 7:00 am Holy Hour and Rosary ..... (SJ)
- 8:00 am † Joseph Tricker ..... (SJ)
- 7:00 pm Fr. Norbert Richter (en Español) ..... (SM)

### Friday, December 10

- 7:00 am Holy Hour and Rosary ..... (SJ)
- 8:00 am † Ev Bouray ..... (SM)

### Saturday, December 11

- 8:00 am † Irene Gralewski ..... (SJ)
- 4:00 pm † Michael Goecke ..... (SJ)

### Sunday, December 12

- 8:00 am People of the Parish ..... (SM)
- 10:30 am † Mr. and Mrs. Scott and Louann Haugh ..... (SJ)
- 12:00 pm † John & Dolores Shaughnessy (en Español) ..... (SM)

## Readings for the Week of December 5, 2021

- Sunday**      **Second Sunday of Advent**  
 Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6;  
 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6
- Monday**     **Saint Nicholas, Bishop**  
 Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12,  
 13-14; Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday**    **Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop  
and Doctor of the Church**  
 Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac,  
 11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday** **Solemnity of the Immaculate  
Conception of the Blessed Virgin  
Mary**  
 Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;  
 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Thursday**   **Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin**  
 Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11,  
 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
- Friday**      **Our Lady of Loreto**  
 Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6;  
 Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday**    **Saint Damasus I, Pope**  
 Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b,  
 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sunday**      **Third Sunday of Advent**  
 Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6;  
 Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

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## St Joseph Church Nov 27-28

Sunday Offering.....	\$ 1,592.50
Online Giving .....	\$ 325.00
Amount needed weekly.....	\$ 5,200.00
Short.....	\$ 3,282.50

## St Mary Church Nov 28

Sunday Offering.....	\$ 556.00
Hispanic Offering.....	\$ 825.00
Online Giving .....	\$ 315.00
Amount needed weekly.....	\$ 4,700.00
Short.....	\$ 2,504.00

*Jesus thanks you!*

## Part-Time Bookkeeper Needed

St Joseph and St Mary Parishes are looking for a part-time bookkeeper. Duties include the management of all monetary filings, check writing and payroll processing. Computer skills, including use of QuickBooks required. Budget planning for the fiscal year in coordination with the finance councils are also required. The bookkeeper will assist parishioners entering the office and answer phone calls in coordination with the secretary. If you are interested, please contact Father Timothy Barr at 815-232-8271, ext. 7.

## Mass Intention Payments

Both St Mary and St Joseph have a separate account for Masses. If you will be paying for a Mass intention by check, please make your check payable to the church where the Mass is scheduled. Thank you!

## Saint Joseph Church

229 W. Washington Place • Freeport, Illinois 61032

## Saint Mary Church

704 S. State Avenue • Freeport, Illinois 61032  
(Mailing address: 229 W. Washington Place)

### Pastor

Rev. Timothy Barr..... 815-232-8271 (ext 7)

### Director of Hispanic Ministry, Freeport Deanery

Rev. Diego Ospina...815-232-3718 or 815-232-8271 (ext 6)

### Deacon

Dcn. Paul Ranney .....815-990-2818

Dcn. Mike Timmerman.....224-230-0566

### Coordinator of Religious Education

Ann Peters .....815-233-0005

### Bookkeeper

..... 815-232-8271 (ext 4)

### Secretary

Emily Morris ..... 815-232-8271 (ext 3)

### Music Director

Mary Ann Hasenour .....815-990-0327

## Ministries

### Prayer Tree

Pat Weigel .....815-990-1884 (SJ)

Barbara Feiner.....815-235-2084 (SJ)

Millie Whitford..... 815-908-9249 (SM)

Pat Carey..... 815-232-1581 (SM)

**Homebound Visits** .....815-232-8271

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**..... 815-232-8271 (ext 2)

### Parish Office

229 W. Washington Place • Freeport, Illinois 61032

Phone.....815-232-8271

Fax..... Not in service

Hours ..... Monday- Friday 8:30am-12:30 pm

### Holy Family Community Center

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### My Parish App

St. Joseph and St. Mary Parishes

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