Our Vision
Through our Baptism and Eucharist, we are called to love as Christ loves and 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 others in need
  • Engaging and understanding the energy and interests of our youth
• Prayer and worship that deepens our spiritual life
• Accountability in using our resources wisely

So that we may live life abundantly!

Lord,
help me to hear the soft whisper of Your voice throughout the chaos of my day.
2019 Lenten Calendar

2nd Sunday of Lent, March 17
- Children’s Liturgy of the Word at 9:00 Mass in Church
- Rite of Sending for RCIA, 9:00 Mass in Church; Rite of Elect to follow, 2:30 p.m. at Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago

Tuesday, March 19
- Reconciliation for School 5th & 6th Grades, 12:30 p.m.

Friday, March 22
- Choral Stations of the Cross: Mary’s Way of the Cross by the Music Ministry, 7:00 p.m., in Church

3rd Sunday of Lent, March 24
- Children’s Liturgy of the Word at 9:00 Mass in Church

Friday, March 29
- Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m. in Church, hosted by RCIA

Saturday, March 30
- Lenten Almsgiving Distribution Weekend, return gifts to Gym Foyer, 3:00-5:00 p.m.

4th Sunday of Lent, March 31
- Children’s Liturgy of the Word at 9:00 Mass in Church
- Lenten Almsgiving Distribution Weekend, return gifts to Gym Foyer 8:00 a.m.-Noon

Tuesday April 2
- Reconciliation for School 7th & 8th Grades, 12:20 p.m., Church

Friday, April 5
- Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m. in Church: Knights of Columbus

Saturday, April 6
- Simple Supper: International Sharing Nicaragua, 6:00 p.m., Koenig Center

5th Sunday of Lent, April 7
- Children’s Liturgy of the Word at 9:00 Mass in Church

Thursday, April 10
- School Stations of the Cross, 12:30 p.m. in Church

Friday, April 12
- Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m. in Church: Men’s and Women’s Councils

Saturday, April 13
- Extended Lenten Reconciliation 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. followed by 5:00 p.m. Mass

Palm (Passion) Sunday, April 14
- Regular Sunday Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 18
- No 6:30 a.m. or 8:30 a.m. Masses
- Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m.
- Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 7:30 p.m.
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament following Mass, Koenig Center. Night Prayer to close Exposition at 11:30 p.m.

Good Friday, April 19
- No 6:30 a.m. or 8:30 a.m. Masses
- Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m.

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, 3:00 p.m.
- Taizé Prayer, 7:00 p.m., Church

Holy Saturday, April 20
- No 8:30 a.m. Mass
- Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m.
- Blessing of Easter Food, 1:00 p.m.
- No Sunday 5:00 p.m. Mass
- The Great Easter Vigil, 8:00 p.m.

EASTER Sunday, April 21
- Masses: 7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,10:45 a.m.,10:45 a.m. Family Mass, 12:30 p.m. No 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday

Lenten Resources on Parish Website
A message from Pope Francis, Lent Q&A, music and more. Visit our Lenten Page for a more in-depth experience. https://stjoseph-libertyville.org/lent

Lenten Information
All ministries of the parish are reminded that there are to be no meetings scheduled during Holy Week, April 14-April 20. There will be a day-long opportunity for Reconciliation on April 13 from 11 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Confessions will not be heard on Holy Saturday, April 20.

Upcoming Events at St. Joseph Catholic Church
More information at www.stjoseph-libertyville.org

March 21 Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Church
March 19 Prayer and Healing Service, 7:00-9:00 p.m. in Church
April 3 Rediscovering Vatican II, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Koenig Center
April 27-28 Men’s Legacy Weekend

Faith Formation

Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations
Please join the vocations ministers in praying for all members of the clergy and for all those leading consecrated lives during Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. in our church.

Prayer for Vocations Almighty Father, we beg you for an increase in religious vocations and holy marriages in our parish. Help us to be generous in our response to your call. Choose from our homes those who are needed for your work and strengthen us with the courage to say “yes” and to follow you. Help us as a parish and as families to recognize and foster vocations to the priesthood, religious life, lay ministry or whatever path you are calling us to follow. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.
O Lord, You are our Refuge
A Service of Prayer and Healing

Tuesday, March 19, 7 p.m.
St. Joseph’s Church

As part of the Protecting God’s People initiative to address the pain caused by the abuse scandals in the global Church, everyone is welcome to join us for an evening of prayer and reflection as we pray for God’s graces and healing for our Church, for the victims of sexual abuse and for all members of St. Joseph Parish suffering because of the effects of these scandals.

Guest Celebrant Fr. Kartje

YOUNG MEN 18-35:
Check out the Young Men of Christ conference on Friday night, 29 March to meet, pray and network. MenOfChrist.net

BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS
MARCH 30
13TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE MILLER HIGH LIFE THEATER in MILWAUKEE
**MORNING OF REFLECTION AT MARYTOWN**

Join us for this Morning of Reflection, which promises to add a new dimension to your Lenten journey. Susan Tassone has long been a passionate champion for the holy souls in purgatory and is recognized as leading the “purgatory movement” in the United States. She is a best-selling author whose first work, *The Way of the Cross for the Holy Souls in Purgatory*, has sold more than 75,000 copies. She is also the #1 selling author on EWTN. In addition to her many writings on behalf of those in purgatory, she is a popular speaker and frequent guest on radio and TV shows. For details and registration (required), visit [www.kolbeshrine.org/lenten-morning-of-reflection](http://www.kolbeshrine.org/lenten-morning-of-reflection).

Saturday, March 30, 9:00–11:30 a.m. in Founders Hall at Marytown. Cost is $10.

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**2ND GRADERS & PARENTS: JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL FIRST COMMUNION BANNER WORKSHOP!**

**Saturday, April 6, 9:00-11:00 a.m., Koenig Center**

Displaying the Communion banner on the family pew has been a beautiful time-honored tradition at St. Joseph Catholic Church during the First Communion Mass. Join the Faith Formation Religious Education Team with your child for a morning to assemble a personal banner while deepening your appreciation and understanding of the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

In addition to assembling the banner, the children will learn about the “Gift of the Eucharist”, and our very own Deacon Dennis Mudd will show and explain the Sacred Vessels, Tabernacle and other religious items that are part of the Sacrament.

Parents and children are guaranteed to learn something new! (If you have already made your banner, please consider joining us for this event, as your child will learn so much more.) Make sure to register on our website for the workshop even if you have already purchased the banner kit, [www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/first-communion-info](http://www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/first-communion-info)

PURCHASE A BANNER KIT ONLINE FOR $20 (ALL MATERIALS INCLUDED) AT [www.givecentral.org/location/181/event/17197](http://www.givecentral.org/location/181/event/17197)

OR IN THE RELIGIOUS ED OFFICE OR AT THE WORKSHOP. (A PORTION OF THE PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE ST. JOSEPH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION GUARDIAN ANGEL FUND.) OR IF YOU ARE CRAFTY, BRING YOUR OWN MATERIALS & ASSEMBLE IT AT THE WORKSHOP.
Religious Education News

Dates to Know: Monday, March 18: Mystagogy lesson for newly Confirmed students, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Koenig Center.

Wednesday, March 20: Theology of the Body lesson for Grade 7 students and parents, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Koenig Center.

Sunday, March 24 through Tuesday, April 2: Spring vacation. No Religious Education sessions.

Saturday, April 6: First Eucharist Banner Workshop, 9:00 to 11 a.m., Koenig Center and Loughry Room.

Sunday, April 7 and Friday, April 12: Faith Weaving sessions, 6:15 to 7:45 p.m., Koenig Center.

Sunday, April 21 and Tuesday, April 23: Easter Break. No Religious Education sessions.

Tuesday, April 23: First Eucharist Dessert Banquet, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Koenig Center.

Sunday, April 28 and Tuesday, April 30: Last Religious Education sessions.

Seeking Totus Tuus Camp Summer Missionaries

The Archdiocesan Vocation Office is recruiting summer missionaries to teach the Totus Tuus Camp. Totus Tuus missionaries are faith-filled college students and seminarians who are willing to give themselves to Christ and his Church for the summer by preaching the Gospel to children and teenagers. Missionaries commit to traveling in a four-person team, teaching, evangelizing and spreading the Gospel throughout parishes for six weeks. In addition, missionaries are paid a $2,000 stipend and all meals are covered, along with transportation. For more information and questions, please email TotusTuus@archchicago.org.

Prayer & Worship

Mary’s Way of the Cross follows the mother of Jesus as she walks the road to Calvary, emphasizing her sense of surrender: “I knew it had to be, so I walked on silently.” Enter an intimate journey of faith through a deep reflection that will unite one’s pain and suffering with Jesus on the Cross through the sorrowful heart of his Mother. The Music Ministry leads us in our weekly Stations of the Cross through the “eyes and heart of his Blessed Mother, Mary”. Since this is the Friday nearest the March 25 observance of the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord, we will hear the traditional announcement and prayers of the Angelus.

Parishioners are invited to join the Music Ministry for the upcoming Triduum Liturgies, April 18-21. You may email Ron directly of your availability (rvanasdlen@stjoseph-libertyville.org). Rehearsals begin soon.
**PRAYER & WORSHIP**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Kyle MacGibbon  
Rita Gagliano  
Ellie Sage  
Mary Joan Beitzel  
Adam Darby  
John Pedigo  
Jake Philbrick  
Cecelia Deslauriers  
Sierra Shuck-Sparer  
Alan Beitzel  
Carol Michalski  
Terry Venchus  
Joseph Locascio  
Mary Kate Zweidinger  
Fr. Val Laini  
James A. Page  
David Guimond  
Mary Foresta  
B. J. Carroll  
Sean Kolber  
Nicole Morales  
Alejandro Benavides  
Fernando Benavides  
Maria E. Coton  
Cliff Young  
Peter Sylvester  
Aidan Kirkpatrick  
Diane LaCrosse  
Bridget Shiel  
Micah Peckels Quirk  

After 4 weeks, please notify the parish office if your loved one is still in need of our prayers.

**IN MEMORY**

Please pray for the souls of:

Raul Heredia  
Feliza Nitro

**MASS INTENTIONs**

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St. Joseph Catholic Church live streams the 5:00 p.m. Saturday and 9:00 a.m. Sunday Masses and occasional special events. To view the live stream video, go to www.stjoseph-libertyville.org. Scroll down until you see the box titled Live Stream Video.

**MINISTRY OF CARE**

**HOME VISITS**

If you or your loved one are ill or elderly and unable to attend Mass on the weekend, we would like to hear from you. Our trained Ministers of Care are available to visit your home to bring Holy Communion. Please contact the Parish Office (847-362-2073), or Arlyss Lasecki (847-778-8023) or Judy Salzman (847-393-7689) to arrange for a Home Visit with Communion.

**SPIRITUAL BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

The St. Joseph Bereavement Ministry is sponsoring a Spiritual Bereavement Support Group for adult men and women who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Beginning on Friday, April 26, the group will meet for six consecutive Friday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the St. Joseph Room at the Parish Office and Ministry Center. Advance registration is required. Please call Maryann Morse at 224-522-6734 or email her at mcodeike5@sbcglobal.net to register or for further information.

**SHOUT PRAISES TO THE LORD!**

Enroll in the Ministry of Praise! The Ministry of Praise is a call to those in nursing homes, retirement homes, the home-bound and all seniors. What will Ministers be asked to do? Simply pray. Each month you will receive a letter from a staff member or parishioner asking you to pray for intentions. It is a call to join in a chorus of prayer. There are no dues or meetings. Please contact Debbie Costa at 847-347-3601 or email Debbie at drc233@aol.com.

**NEED A LOW GLUTEN HOST?**

If you are in need of receiving a low gluten Host, we will be consecrating a number of low gluten Hosts to be kept in a special ciborium in the Tabernacle. This ciborium will be available at the serving station of the presider for each Mass. Please come to Communion at the presider’s station and indicate that you receive a low gluten Host.

**INFORMATION**

Please contact Maryann Morse at 224-522-6734 or email her at mcodeike5@sbcglobal.net to register or for further information.

**SCHEDULES**

**Sunday Masses** 5:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 7:15, 9:00, 10:45 a.m. (10:45 in Church and in Koenig Center), 12:30, 5:00 p.m. Prearranged **Baptisms** at 1:45 p.m. **Saturday Masses** 8:30 a.m. (Second Saturdays-Sacrament of Healing at Mass) **Weekday Masses** 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. or as scheduled. **Holy Day Masses:** 6:30, 8:30 a.m., Noon, 7:00 p.m. **Reconciliation** Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon or by appointment.
**Formation and Training for New Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist**

Here at St. Joseph Catholic Church on April 13—Sponsored by the Vicariate 1, Deanery ABC Ministry Commission

Persons wishing to be Eucharistic Ministers are invited on Saturday, April 13 from 8:30 a.m. to Noon to a formation session in the Koenig Center at 121 E. Maple Avenue (handicapped accessible). This session presented by Fr. Bradley Zamora will focus on:

- The Ministry of Eucharist: Our Baptismal Call to Ministry
- Theology of Eucharist as Celebrated in the Roman Catholic Tradition
- Roots in scripture and the early Church, through the Second Vatican Council
- Historical aspects of our celebration of Eucharist in practice and devotion.
- Review of the Liturgy of the Eucharist and how our ministry as EOM’s ‘fits’

To register, go to www.vic1chicago.org. Questions? Contact Maureen Evers at mevers@maryofvernon.org. This training meets the Archdiocesan requirements for mandation or remandation.

**Eucharistic Ministers who attend April 13:** Practicum training will take place on Tuesday, April 30 at 7:00 p.m. in St. Joseph Catholic Church. Please enter through the handicap doors on the far east end. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Kolber: 847-918-9028 or Limmycat1@gmail.com.

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**Prayer & Worship**

**Lector Training Here on April 13**

For New Ministers Only—Sponsored by the Vicariate 1, Deanery ABC Ministry Commission

Lectors have a critical role in the celebration of the Mass. Because lectors proclaim not just any word, but the word of God, it is essential that they develop the skills required to communicate God’s message competently. Through the use of voice, eye contact and personal presence, lectors help God’s Word come alive for the assembly.

This training will provide the skills and self-confidence needed for those who wish to become lectors in their own parish. Open to adults and high school students.

St. Joseph Church, Koenig Center, Saturday, April 13, 8:30 registration, 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. session

Presenter is Maureen Evers, Pastoral Associate, St. Mary of Vernon. To register, go to www.vic1chicago.org. Questions? Contact Maureen Evers at mevers@maryofvernon.org. The Koenig Center entrance is on E. Maple Avenue, east of the church and before the school. Off-street parking and a rear entrance to the Koening Center are accessible from E. Hurlbert Court. The Koening Center is handicapped accessible.

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**Institute for Diaconal Studies**

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Archdiocese of Chicago

**Exploring the Diaconate**
For those discerning the call from Vicariate I

The Institute for Diaconal Studies (IDS) invites all men who feel the gentle nudge of the Holy Spirit to attend an Exploring the Diaconate session. It is a time to pray, discuss, and learn more about the discernment process and the formation program that aspirants and candidates pursue.

Please join us, with your wives if married, as we explore the potential of a vocation, engage in dialogue and pray in search of the next step. All are welcome to attend any of the sessions. No registration required.

**Tuesday, April 30, at 7:30p.m.**
IDS Office, University of St. Mary of the Lake
1000 E. Maple Ave. Mundelein, IL 60060
Meeting in the Prist Center (Building 201-P)
For more information call: 847.837.4564

Deacon Bob Pahula, Director
Kasia Kasiarz, Associate Director

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**Green Tip for Lent**

**Plastic Fast for Creation**

The average American uses 156 plastic water bottles a year. Even if we recycle, not all the plastic we put in our recycle bins gets recycled because of limited demand. Plastic takes decades to degrade and it breaks down into smaller pieces which can be eaten or absorbed by animals. We must reduce our use of single-use plastic. Some ideas include using reusable beverage bottles or buying drinks in cans, say no to plastic straws and plastic utensils, bring your own containers for leftovers. And, of course, use re-usable shopping bags. This week let’s be conscious of the plastic we use and make an effort to eliminate it.
Social Justice & Service

Help A Child

Too many children in Lake County are in vulnerable situations and need our help. Others are in an already overburdened foster care system and resources are stretched thin.

At this informal discussion, discover how you can make a difference and the many ways to get involved and how to take action with kindness and compassion. The need is real. This is an opportunity to understand the possibilities, and decide if you would like to take steps to help a child’s voice be heard.

April 7, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.  YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE NOW.

The Home of Michael and Nancy Knight
422 Laurel Avenue, Libertyville IL 60048

Hosted by CASA Lake County.
Questions/RSVP: Michael Knight mnightcasa@gmail.com.

Simple Acts of Kindness and Justice   https://stjoseph-libertyville.org/urgent-needs

Listed below are some immediate opportunities to help someone in our community! Simple acts of kindness and compassion can comfort someone in their journey and also warm our hearts!

Waukegan Soup Kitchen Friday and Saturday Nights could use some volunteers. Please contact Mike Lynn for more information and openings, 847-975-2692.

ElderCare in Lake County needs your help! Can you drive a Senior to the doctor’s, make a friendly home visit or go grocery shopping for a senior? Please call 847-406-4683 to sign up for the next orientation.

St. Joseph Employment Ministry is looking for Steering Team Committee Leadership. A background in HR or Talent Acquisition is desirable, but not required. The Ministry meets in the evenings at the Formation Center, usually on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. For more information, please contact John Jennings at jfjennings@comcast.net.

St. Joseph Employment Ministry to Meet March 27

PLEASE NOTE: Due to Ash Wednesday, our meetings in March and April, which are normally held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, will be on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays.

Value Proposition / Brand “You”

The very first section of your resume that a prospective employer should see is your “Value Proposition” (or “Personal Brand”). This is the unique promise of value that you offer an employer. What skills, talents, strengths and abilities make you special, and make you stand out from the others? This is the meeting where we pull together the elements of our previous sessions to create your individual “Value Proposition”. Dan Barber, a career management professional specializing in executive placement, will guide you through creating a crisp, clear value proposition for yourself and prospective employers, developing the language to clearly articulate your unique traits in just a few sentences. Please join us for this vitally important session and remember to bring your worksheets from any previous sessions you may have attended. Our meeting will take place from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Formation Center (112 N. Milwaukee, Libertyville, 60048), Room C. Please enter from the rear of the building. All are welcome, and the session is free—please bring a friend!

The St. Joseph Employment Ministry assists the unemployed and under-employed in the pursuit of personally and professionally fulfilling work at any level or type of work. Anyone with a job to fill or an interest in assisting job-seekers is also invited to attend. Meetings are normally held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month and usually feature topical presentations followed by group networking. If you have questions, please contact John Jennings at jfjennings@comcast.net Employers are invited to post open positions with us by sending an email to: StJosephEmploymentMinistry@yahoogroups.com.

Around the corner, at St. Mary of Vernon: WERC Support Group employment-related meetings are usually held on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. See: https://maryofvernon.org/bulletins for specifics, as well as helpful job-search tips. WERC members and guests will have the opportunity to meet to ask questions of the team and each other, network, share success stories and advice, and discuss the challenges of the job search. Meetings take place in Rooms 110-112 of the Parish Center, 236 U.S. Highway 45, Indian Creek, IL. All are welcome. Questions? Contact the WERC team at SVWERC@gmail.com.

Lenten Almsgiving Project Distribution Weekend March 30 and 31

The tags on the ribbons in the Church display needed items for women, children, the homeless, the hungry, refugees and the lonely. Please take a tag and return the gift (unwrapped) to the Gym on Saturday, March 30 from 3:00-5:00 p.m. or on Sunday, March 31 before NOON! If you would like to volunteer on March 30 or 31, please see the ivolunteer sign up on the St. Joseph home page: https://stjoseph.ivolunteer.com/almsgiving_2019 or contact Mary Causey at 847-990-1213. Thank you for your continued generosity.
St. Joseph Catholic Church International Sharing Ministry

A Simple Supper: Chew for Nicaragua
Saturday, April 6, 6:00 p.m. in the Koenig Center

Join us for our 6th annual Lenten event, “A Simple Supper”, where we open our hearts to children living in extreme poverty throughout the world. To show our solidarity with these children living in poverty, we will share in a simple meal to take a break from our lives of plenty and walk in their shoes. This humble dinner is gratis and open to everyone after 5:00 p.m. Mass.

We’ll share pictures of the projects in Puerto Cabezas and of the children we serve. And this year we’ll have music from the Marimba Ensemble of Holy Cross/Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Chicago, a group of young people who will perform on typical Latin American instruments.

This year we continue our support for the Carmelite Sisters in Puerto Cabezas. Come and help us reach our goal of feeding and protecting children and the most vulnerable in Nicaragua. The International Sharing Ministry will gratefully accept free-will offerings at the event, and at https://stjoseph-libertyville.org/simplesupper2019. All proceeds will benefit the project in Nicaragua.

Join us again for an evening of music, dancing and fellowship as we reflect on global poverty and work to combat hunger and malnutrition in children. Reserve your spot today by emailing simplesupperstjoes@gmail.com. Space is limited.

Social Justice & Service

EL NIÑO REY DENTAL MISSION TRIP REFLECTION

“Our out of love, place yourselves at one another’s service.” —Galatians 5:13

One of the greatest gifts in life is to be of service to others without any strings attached—to just serve. In early February, a dental team of 14 traveled to the remote village of Joculta, Guerrero, Mexico. The area is surrounded by the beauty of the Sierra Madre Mountains and the residents experience daily the challenges of living in extreme poverty in the midst of chronic violence. Yet it is done with dignity, joy and hope for the future. During our 4 days of clinic, we provided dental care to 252 patients which included 286 extractions, 258 fillings and 153 cleanings. The gifts we received far exceeded the care we provided. Families opened their homes for us to take bucket showers, they cleaned the community bathrooms for our use, guards provided security with the greatest of care, meals were prepared with love, basketball games were played with a fun competitive spirit and music was enjoyed by all. We weren’t individuals from different countries, but brothers and sisters in Christ. We communicated not with our limited words but through prayer, hugs, laughter, tears, and song. It’s funny that a place so very different from home can feel so much like home! We are forever grateful for the opportunity to serve the people of Guerrero!

El Niño Rey’s scholarship and dental programs are a source of hope for the families. We ask that you keep the people of Guerrero in your prayers, www.elninorey.org.

Men’s, Women’s, and Children’s Clothing Drive

Wednesday March 27 – Wednesday April 3 (9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.) Please drop off at 601 Rosemary Road, Lake Forest (Drop off items under covered front porch.) Catholic Charities clients are in need of gently-used men’s (all sizes), women’s (all sizes - ESPECIALLY PLUS SIZES). Adult clothing is needed for office work, work in retail shops and factories, and for attending school. Please bring clothing and shoes in good condition, on hangers or folded in bags. Call Colleen Bowman at 847-315-0682 for more information.

St. Joseph and our Spiritual Adoption of the Unborn

This Tuesday, March 19, our parish community will celebrate the Feast of its patron, St. Joseph. We’ll recall the special adoptive care he provided the Blessed Virgin Mary and Jesus, her son, our Savior, from the point of his conception. We invite you to honor him by embracing the Spiritual Adoption of a modern-day mother and child on their own nine-month journey. Through Spiritual Adoption, you would commit yourself to daily prayer over the next nine months leading to Christmas.

For some mothers, the journey from conception to birth can take unexpected turns with life-threatening consequences. For some, conception itself is so overwhelming they are led to consider ending the child’s life before the child is even born. But, even in the best of circumstances, every mother—and father—and unborn child needs prayer and support.

Perhaps you know of someone within your own circle of friends and family who is carrying a child, for whom you can pray. Or, you might imagine someone you have yet to meet, someone you may never meet. This can be a prayerful way to link an unborn child to Jesus and to open your heart, in general, to all those who are vulnerable and in need.

Prayer cards will be available at all Masses beginning the weekend of March 23-24 to help guide your daily prayer. You might name mother and child to personalize your prayer.

As you continue in prayer, watch the Carpenter for monthly reflections on the journey. In seven months, St. Joseph’s will hold its annual Baby Shower to benefit Aid for Women in Gurnee; and in nine months, we will celebrate your adopted baby’s birth as we celebrate the birth of Christ.
Mothers with Young Children

Board Members Needed Are you interested in becoming an MYC board member? The MYC Board is a great way to meet new friends and become involved in our community. Overall, positions do not require a lot of time and are fun. We will have various positions open for the 2019-2020 school year. If you have any questions or would like to attend, please email Maria Childs at maria513@msn.com.

Bi-Monthly Meeting on Thursday, March 21 from 9:15-11:00 a.m. at the Formation Center Please join us as Lind Couri, Director of Lay Ministry and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at the University of St. Mary of the Lake, shares with us what it means to be Catholic in this season of life as well as time—the good, the beautiful, the bad, and the ugly. Babysitting is available in the room next door for $9 per child and $12 for two or more children.

Mom’s Night Out on Thursday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. See Meetup for location. The next MNO will be at Jenn Doherty’s house for a Make & Take Paint Party. Please join us as we will be painting and stenciling wood blocks with fun and cute quotes. Heather of Life Expressions Decor will be instructing us. BYOB. Light appetizers will be provided. Please go to Meetup for more information, including pricing, and to RSVP by March 14.

Drop-In Playgroup on Thursday, March 28 from 9:15-10:30 a.m. at Gracie Barra Please join our Drop-in Playgroup for a free Mommy & Me self-defense and anti-bullying class at Gracie Barra in Libertyville. It’s a fun and interactive class, so please wear comfortable gym gear. Snacks and beverages will be served after the class. All ages are welcome! Please see Meetup for more information and to RSVP.

MYC Book Club on Tuesday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m. See Meetup for Location MYC’s Book Club is meeting on Tuesday, April 16 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss The Lost Girls of Paris by Pam Jenoff. Please bring an appetizer or bottle of wine to share. Check out Meetup for more information and to RSVP.

If you or someone you know would like to join MYC, please contact us at stjoesmyc@gmail.com. We will provide information on the Meetup app where we post events. Membership is free and you can be as involved as you like. We’d love to have you!

Senior Corner

St. Joseph Parish Sponsored • March 18 - St. Rose Quilting Circle, see above • March 19 – St. Anne de Beaupré Card Making Circle, see above • March 22 – Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. • St. Mary & St. Martha Circle, Lent Wednesdays, 1:30 to 3:00 in St. Joseph Room to read scriptures for the coming weekend Mass.

Libertyville Senior Council and Senior Center • March 27, Safety Event with Libertyville Fire Dept. • April 30, Trip to Kenosha Civil War & Public Museums & a Historic Streetcar Ride • Free Art Class with John Kirkpatrick, 1st and 3rd Thursdays. Please register at Senior Center. • Men’s Bowling on Monday and Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m. at Fairhaven Lanes in Mundelein. • Cook Memorial Library afternoon movies on Thursday (Cook) or Friday (Aspen).
Gratitude and Sharing God’s Gifts

Reflections on nurturing our gratitude and responding generously

1. Having an attitude of Gratitude is a way of living our lives with awareness and appreciation that all that is good comes from God, still belongs to God and is meant to be shared.

2. Being grateful to God, how should we respond? With prayer and praise to God. We owe him our best efforts to use his gifts wisely and productively. We prayerfully ask God for his guidance on how we spend our time, our resources, and how we develop and apply our talents. Jesus said we are to be servants of others.

3. We are called to respond with gratitude for the blessings of our faith and our Church. We come together at Mass to give thanks to God for his gifts, to hear and ponder his word, to receive in the Eucharist the graces we need to live Christian lives as followers of Jesus Christ.

4. As a Parish family of faith, we are called to the Church’s mission, and through our life in the Parish, we are abundantly blessed and equipped to respond. Our mission is to know the Lord and to serve him by carrying his love and mercy into the world.

5. Being grateful to God for our Catholic faith community of St. Joseph, how should we respond? In addition to worship and praise of God in community, being grateful for God’s gifts should also change our attitude toward using our collective resources in the world.

6. As people grateful to God, we are called to become good stewards of God’s gifts. We wish to return to the Lord an increase on every good gift he has given us. This include our personal and collective talents, resources and time.

Today, we will explore the gratitude we can experience for the abundant blessings the Church brings to our Faith. The Church’s teachings of our Catholic Faith, based in scripture, are rich in grace, wisdom and tradition. They provide us with a model for Catholic living from cradle to grave and should serve us well as the foundation of an abundant life in Christ. The Church, as stewards of this treasury, shepherds us ever closer to Christ through proclaiming God’s word, through illuminating teaching, and through mediating the Sacraments to us.

With recent news, we may doubt these blessings of the Church. Don’t. There are multitudes of holy, good religious and lay people, who are faithful in following Christ, faithful to their vocations and who perform acts of mercy and spread the Good News daily. We must play our role as well, through developing and protecting our own holiness, to renew the Lord’s Church in these troubled times. So pray, fast, give, and serve those in need. And do not lose faith in the Lord’s words. Matthew 16:18—And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. Defend us this Lent, we beseech Thee, O Lord, from all dangers to mind and body. And through the intercession of the blessed and glorious Mary, ever Virgin, Mother of God, of St. Joseph, of Thy Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and of all the saints, in Thy loving kindness grant us safety and peace, and commitment to Lenten practices; that, all spiritual adversaries, adversities and errors being overcome, Thy Church may serve Thee in fidelity, security and freedom.
We’ve updated our social media URLs

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Email Newsletter: sign up here
Sign up to receive occasional emails from the parish. We currently send an email out twice a month.

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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THOUGHTS ON GIVING “I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession.” (Genesis 15:7) Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

MINISTRY OF CARE, SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Sick is celebrated at 8:30 a.m. Mass on the 2nd Saturday of each month, or by arrangement. Contact the parish office if seriously ill, hospitalized, or homebound. A Minister of Care is available to bring Communion.

GUIDE TO FUNERAL PLANNING

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BAPTISM FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN
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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE
Celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday mornings or by arrangement.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS
Submit Carpenter articles to Marie Tuohy (marietuohy@sbcglobal.net) after approval by your Pastoral Staff Lead. Articles must be received by Noon on the Monday before issue date.

NEW PARISHIONERS
Welcome! Please stop or call the parish office weekdays from 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. or download registration form on-line at www.stjoseph-libertyville.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AT MASS
Due to Jasmine Sosa at jmosa@stjoseph-libertyville.org & Deacon George Kashmar at gkashmar@stjoseph-libertyville.org by noon on Mondays. Guideline: 1-2 sentences.

ACCESSIBILITY
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BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

A Journey to Discipleship—Jesus Companions Us Through Scripture

1. Proclaim God’s Word. Choose someone to read the Scripture. After reading, there is silence from the group in reverence.
2. Invite Response. Invite individuals to respond to a word, phrase or passage that strikes them in some way.
3. Praise God. After a period of response, close by leading the group in praise of God by praying together the Glory Be.

NEXT SUNDAY’S GOSPEL — John 4: 5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Leader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon.

A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, “How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?”—For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans.—Jesus answered and said to her, “If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, ‘Give me a drink,’ you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.” The woman said to him, “Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?” Jesus answered and said to her, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water that I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.

“I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem.” Jesus said to her, “Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth.” The woman said to him, “I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything.” Jesus said to her, “I am he, the one who is speaking with you.”

Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him. When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them, and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, “We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world.”

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION

As we journey more deeply into the Lenten season, the Scriptures encourage us to reflect on who Jesus is and what having a relationship with Him can mean for us. Using the image of life-giving water, the Gospel reminds us that following Jesus isn’t just about getting to heaven, but also living with the peace and contentment the world cannot offer. Much like natural water sustains life, Jesus the life-giving water that Jesus offers us will satisfy our heart’s desires. We have to ask ourselves not only how thirsty are we but what is it we thirst for? As we see in the example of the woman at the well, worldly comforts and pleasures ultimately fail to satisfy and can even become a source of pain or anxiety or shame. The life-giving graces that flow from following Jesus can cleanse us from doubt, fear and shame, transform us and inspire us to seek more satisfying ways to live. By seeking spiritual waters we can hope to grow in holiness and happiness. As we continue our Lenten journey, let us not only focus on the gift of eternal salvation but also on the life-giving water of Christ. Let us drink freely and frequently not out of a thirst for pleasure and comfort but to fill that “holy longing.” Our lives will be transformed and we will live fully aware of the reality that we are cared for by an ever-loving God who desires our joy and peace. For further reflection on the Encounter at Jacob’s Well, see The Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 2560-2562 and 2652; and on Jesus as Messiah, paragraphs 436-440.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Catholic author Fr. Ronald Rolheiser described our thirst for God as a “holy longing.” How strong is my longing for God? What earthly desires do I need to control in order to focus on developing a more intimate relationship with God Our Father and His Son Jesus? 2. Our Catholic faith helps us know Christ as the source of living water which we need to sustain us in this life and prepare us for the next. Do I “thirst” for the graces of the Mass and the sacraments? How might I increase the flow of graces into my life? 3. Our Christian call is to not only live in a state of grace but to be a source of grace to a world in need of the life-giving water of Christ. In what ways might I carry Christ’s love to those thirsting for it in my family? my community? the Church?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

| Monday: | Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38 |
| Tuesday: | 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a St. Joseph |
| Wednesday: | Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28 |
| Thursday: | Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31 |
| Friday: | Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 |
| Saturday: | Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32 |
| Sunday: | Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 |