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
depens our spiritual life
• Accountability in using
  our resources wisely

So that we
May live life
Abundantly!

St. Joseph Catholic Church—Libertyville, Illinois
www.stjoseph-libertyville.org

March 24, 2019
3rd Sunday of Lent
Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

With this letter I write to you about a development that should disturb us greatly, both as citizens and as disciples of Jesus, the Lord of life.

Recently, two bills have been introduced in the Illinois House and Senate. The first, House Bill 2495 and Senate Bill 1942, both identical pieces of legislation, seeks to strip unborn persons of any protection – or even consideration – under the law and declare abortion to be a “fundamental right” and matter of health care. The end result is that an abortion could be obtained at any stage of pregnancy, including late term, for any reason and without any regulation. The law would no longer guarantee any modicum of humanity or compassion for any unborn person in Illinois, even if they are partially born. This legislation also repeals the Abortion Performance Refusal Act, which protects doctors, nurses and hospitals who refuse to permit, recommend, perform or assist in abortion. In so doing, rights of conscience, especially religious objections, will be lost.

The second piece of legislation House Bill 2467 and its identical Senate Bill 1594, repeals the Illinois Parental Notice of Abortion Act. This law, upheld unanimously by the Illinois Supreme Court just six years ago, has the common-sense purpose of ensuring that parents would be part of the life-altering decision of their minor child in the case she seeks an abortion. This effective law has reduced abortions performed on minors by fifty-seven percent.

As citizens of a state and people of faith who care about the common good, I urge you to join me and my brother bishops in an effort to defeat this radical departure from current law and practice in our state. Please reach out your State Representative and Senator to urge defeat of these bills. You can find the name of your appropriate politicians and their contact information at https://www.ilcatholic.org/take-action/action-center/. To find out more about these bills, please consult the Catholic Conference of Illinois website, www.ilcatholic.org, or call the Office of Human Dignity and Solidarity at 312-534-5355 for further information.

Entrusting our efforts for all life, from the moment of conception until natural death, to the care of our Blessed Mother, I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

[Signature]
Archbishop of Chicago
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.

Discover at this informal discussion, how you can make a difference, 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, 2019, 3 – 4:30 p.m.
The Home of Michael and Nancy Knight
422 Laurel Avenue, Libertyville IL 60048

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE NOW.

Hosted by CASA Lake County
Questions/Rsvp: Michael Knight mknightcasa@gmail.com

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

March 28 Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Church
March 30/31 Return Almsgiving gifts
April 3 Rediscovering Vatican II, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Koenig Center
April 27-28 Men’s Legacy Weekend

Early Carpenter Deadlines
Palm Sunday, April 14 issue: please have submissions in by Wednesday, April 3 at noon. Easter, April 21 issue: please have submissions in by Wednesday, April 10 at noon. May 5 issue: please have submissions in by Friday, April 26. Thank you.
2019 Lenten Calendar

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, 12:00 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.

Community Building

Upcoming Guild Gathering
Ss. Mary and Martha Circle: Our Circle gathers together to read the scriptures for the coming weekend Mass. We are not a group of scripture scholars. We share how the message affects and is relevant in our everyday lives. We welcome you to join us for all sessions or drop in when you can. 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. at the St. Joseph Room in the Parish Office on Wednesdays March 27 and April 3 and 10. Please contact Lpopecy4@comcast.net.

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.

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!
Please join us in welcoming the following new parish members: Evin & Angela Huntemann, Sylvain & Marjorie Nadeau, Michael & Lauryn Theisen and Eloiza Domingo-Snyder. Welcome to our community of faith!

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**Senior Corner**

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH SPONSORED** • March 29 – 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. • April 3—Vatican II program, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Koenig Center

**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). Information about Libertyville Senior Center events such as exercise, cards, woodcarving, line dancing, dominoes, men's bowling and more are in the Senior Update on tables in the Narthex. Plus, you can find out about RTA Reduced Fare Passes and a Lending Closet of used medical equipment. Dial-A-Ride: Monday-Friday from 6 a.m.-6 p.m., call 800-201-6446.

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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 PURCHASE A BANNER KIT ONLINE FOR $20 (ALL MATERIALS INCLUDED) AT 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.
Fr. Kartje and Cardinal Cupich Bless Eleven Parishioners on the Journey to Initiation

On Sunday, March 17, Fr. John Kartje and St. Joseph parishioners sent eleven parishioners from the 9:00 Mass to Holy Name Cathedral in Chicago to be received and blessed by Cardinal Blase Cupich on their journey to full communion into the Catholic Church.

Four were catechumens who signed the “Book of the Elect”, deemed ready to be baptized at the Easter Vigil on Saturday, April 20. They also will be confirmed and receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist for the first time. Catechumens are (pictured with their godparents) Jason Boller (John Flayer), Brennan Cockey (Grace Bower and John Brodarick), and Melissa Thompson (Debbie Costa) from our Rite of Christian Initiation of Adult (RCIA) Program; and Ashley O. (with Ashley’s dad, Terry O. standing in for her godparent, Dixon O.) from our Rite of Christian Initiation for Children program.

Seven baptized candidates, accompanied by their sponsors or substitutes, also were called to “continuing conversion” in final preparation for the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. From our program for children: Emily P. (with grandmother Vida Lukjanova joined here by mother Vida P.) and Serafin S. (Catherine S. standing in for his sister, Carina). From our RCIA Program: John Brandt (Mark Hobson), Steven Cole (Matt Hollis), Maureen Miller (Linda Popp), Ann Rowley (Eileen DeLacluye was unable to attend) and Andrew Smith (Don Rentsch).

Please keep them all in your prayers as they continue on their journey together.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

The Church in the making:

Rediscovering Vatican II

Understanding Lumen Gentium

Presented by:

Fr. Martin Lubonyera
associate pastor
at St. Joseph Catholic Church

Dr. Claire Noonan
Vice President of
Mission and Ministry,
Dominican University

When: Wednesday, April 3, 2019, 7 to 9 p.m.
Where: St. Joseph’s Koenig Center

Join our presenters as they break open the document Lumen Gentium (Light of the People) to help us understand our shared baptismal priesthood and responsibility in Christ’s priesthood and how to work alongside the ordained priesthood in light of the sexual abuse scandals affecting the global Church.

How to register: Visit https://stjoseph-libertyville.org/understanding-lumen-gentium
March 29 RCIA Way of the Cross

“For the sake of the JOY that lay before him he endured the cross.” (Hebrews 12:2)

The RCIA (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Program invites you to join St. Joseph Catholic Church’s newest disciples on the Way of the Cross on 7:00 Friday night, March 29, at 7:00 p.m. In Matthew's Gospel (16:24), Jesus told us, “Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” We’ll use traditional prayers to follow Jesus along his fourteen stations. We’ll witness the pain that can lead to joy when we walk the Way together.

**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.

**Youth**

**LIFE NIGHT**

Sunday, April 14, 6:15 to 8:15
Teen Space

Come join us for Mass beforehand at 5 PM in the church
Direct any questions to dretseck@stjoseph-libertyville.org or visit www.stjosephyouthministry.org

**Prayer & Worship**

**Our Easter Garden of Everlasting Life**

As a way to express our belief in the everlasting life that Easter promises, you are invited to contribute in the memory of a loved one (or in honor of someone living) towards the Easter flowers that will grace our worship space during the Easter Season. The flowers will not just be decoration, but a true garden of life representing those loved ones who are no longer with us. Envelopes for this can be found on the tables in the back of church or in your packet. Simply drop it in the collection basket or send it to the parish office.

**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.

**Presiders/Deacons**

**Sunday, March 30**
5:00 Fr. Ortiz

**Sunday, March 31**
7:15 Fr. Hennessey
9:00 Fr. Trout
10:45 Fr. Trout
10:45 KC Deacon Wilcox
12:30 Fr. Luboyera
5:00 Fr. Ortiz

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.

**In Memory**

Please pray for the souls of:
Karen F. Devine
Muriel Polk
Henry Jose Aguero
**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  
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

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**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 mcodebike5@sbcglobal.net to register or for further information.

**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.

**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). 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.

**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. 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. To register, go to www.vic1chicago.org. Questions? Contact Maureen Evers at mevers@maryofvernon.org. The Koenig Center is handicapped accessible.
### Simple Acts of Kindness and Justice

Lenten Almsgiving Distribution Weekend March 30/31 Volunteers are needed to collect and organize the gifts in the Gym. Please sign up to volunteer on the St. Joseph home page: [https://stjoseph.ivolunteer.com/almsgiving_2019](https://stjoseph.ivolunteer.com/almsgiving_2019) or contact Mary Causey at 947-990-1213.

**Aid for Women in Gurnee** Please contact Carol Walsh 847-542-3768 to volunteer in the Gurnee office with Carol. We offer by appointment only, free and confidential pregnancy testing and resources for pregnant and parenting women and their babies.

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

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### 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 volunteer sign up on the St. Joseph home page: [https://stjoseph.ivolunteer.com/almsgiving_2019](https://stjoseph.ivolunteer.com/almsgiving_2019) or contact Mary Causey at 947-990-1213. Thank you for your continued generosity.

### The Annunciation…

**An Invitation to Spiritual Adoption**

This Monday, March 25, we celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation. Luke (Chapter 1:26-37) tells us that the angel Gabriel proclaimed to a humble virgin, Mary, that she would conceive a child, by the power of the Most High, whom she was to name “Jesus”. “He will be called the Son of the Most High…and of his kingdom there will be no end.”

The narrative is a profound testament to the sacredness of conception and the unique call of every child, from the mother’s womb through birth to life on earth. The first, nine-month step is particularly challenging even under the best of circumstances. Prayerful support is a critical blessing for every mother and unborn child.

With that in mind, St. Joseph Catholic Church invites you to embrace the Spiritual Adoption of a mother and unborn child from now through Christmas. Through Spiritual Adoption, you would commit yourself to daily prayer. 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.

St. Joseph Parish is making a prayer card available, beginning this weekend at all Masses, to help remind and guide you. Of course, you are welcome to use your own prayer! As you continue day by day, watch the Carpenter for monthly reflections on the journey. In seven months, we will hold our 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.

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### Green Tip for Lent

**Water Fast for Creation**

Water is a precious life-giving resource requiring enormous energy for treatment and distribution. Three-quarters of the Earth’s surface is covered in water, yet the global supply of clean, fresh water is steadily decreasing due to growing demand, pollution and sanitation issues, as well as climate change. The Great Lakes hold 90% of North America’s fresh surface water, but this water supply is not unlimited. For Lent, let’s be conscious of our water use.

Fully load washing machines and dishwashers to use water more efficiently. Avoid letting water run unnecessarily. Consider purchasing low flow shower heads, washers, dishwashers, and toilets to reduce water waste.

### Clothing Drive

**Wednesday March 27**

- **Wednesday April 3**

Please drop off at 601 Rosemary Road, Lake Forest (put 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.

### Loving Outreach to Survivors of Suicide

LOSS meets monthly throughout the Archdiocese. Suicide is a tragedy for not only the victim, but for the loved ones left behind. Catholic Charities invites those who have experienced the devastation of suicide to participate by phoning 312-655-7283. LOSS is a non-denominational program offering hope and healing.
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 live 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.

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 other candidates? 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 fjennings@comcast.net Employers are invited to post open positions with us by sending an email to: StJosephEmploymentMinistry@yahooogroups.com.
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.

**Awareness**

“all good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change.”

James 1:17

**Gratitude**

“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

1 Thessalonians 5:18

**Sharing**

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.”

1 Peter 4:10
**Accountability**

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.

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**Stewardship of Treasure**

**Weekly Offering for March 3, 2019**

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St. Joseph Parish is grateful to those who give generously on the weekends and monthly through our automatic contribution program. Thank you to those who regularly and generously give of their treasure as well as those who give of their time and talent to support the work our parish does in the name of Jesus Christ. Learn more at www.stjoseph-libertyville.org.

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**Thoughts on Giving**

“He said to the gardener, ‘For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.’” (Luke 13:7) We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous, we are called to develop and nurture our gifts and return with increase.

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**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 jsosa@stjoseph-libertyville.org & Deacon George Kashmar at gkashmar@stjoseph-libertyville.org by noon on Mondays. Guideline: 1-2 sentences.

**Accessibility**

If you have a disability and require special accommodations at a parish event, please call the parish office.

**Office Hours & Evening Access**

The Parish Office and Ministry Center at 121 E. Maple Avenue is open 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8:00 a.m.-Noon on Saturday. The front door of the P.O.M. Center has a keypad for entry into its vestibule area. Anyone hosting a scheduled meeting in the evening or on a weekend is asked to pick up the key for the space they need before 4:30 p.m. (Mon.-Fri.) or by 12:00 Noon on Saturday (for weekend meetings) if you cannot make it by 4:30 (M-F) or by Noon Saturday, please call the office, 847-362-2073, before 4:30 (M-F) or Noon Saturday to reserve your key and to get the access code for the vestibule, where the key will be kept. You must return the key immediately after your event by putting it in the same box you obtained it from, **NOT in the slot to the left of the door.**

**Worship Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities**  • Accessible Washrooms, west side of narthex • Hearing Loop for persons with hearing aids • Assisted Hearing Devices in sacristy for persons with difficulty hearing • Accessible, powered door at east end of narthex • Ramped north entrances to narthex • Accessible Ramp on east side of sanctuary • Pew Accessibility on east front side and center sections • Padded Pew last row, far southeast corner of church • Accessible parking spaces north of church along Maple Avenue.  • A “read-aloud” PDF version of The Carpenter for those with visual impairments. Please email request to info@stjoseph-libertyville.org.

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**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**

Please call the parish office for assistance from a Bereavement Minister and a funeral planning guide.

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**Matrimony**

Congratulations! Please contact the parish office as soon as you are engaged. 6 months is usually required for marriage preparation.

**Infant Baptism**

As an expectant parent, you are invited to the Pre-Baptismal Session 3 months prior to birth; 6:00 p.m. the 2nd Monday of every odd-numbered month at 6:00 p.m. in church.

**Baptism for School-aged Children**

Preparation classes for parents and children begin in September. Call 847-362-5797 for information and registration.

**Sacrament of Penance**

Celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday mornings or by arrangement.

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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 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Leader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, “Go wash in the Pool of Siloam” — which means Sent. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, “Isn’t this the one who used to sit and beg?” Some said, “It is,” but others said, “No, he just looks like him.” He said, “I am.”

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, “He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see.” So some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a sinful man do such signs?” And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, “What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

They answered and said to him, “You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?” Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered and said, “Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “I do believe, Lord,” and he worshiped him.


REFLECTION

This week, the Gospel focused on the image of Jesus as life-giving water, whereas next week that shifts to one of God as light. Through the parable of the man born blind, our attention is drawn to Jesus as the one who opens our eyes to the love of the Father. Jesus reminds us directly that He is the light for the world. Since we all know we cannot see well without light, if we don’t walk in the light of Christ the darkness of the world can more easily overtake us. During Lent we are encouraged to identify and reject those things of the world that loom in the shadows causing us to trip into sinfulness. In addition, we must seek to identify false lights we encounter which seek to divert our attention from the true light of Christ. When we allow shadows to overtake us, or if we head toward the bright and glittery lights of our temptations, we can soon find ourselves in the darkness of loneliness and despair where the evil one can tempt us into harmful behaviors or habits. As we move more deeply into Lent, we are encouraged to be aware of the darkness that can surround us, and choose to turn our attention to the cross and resurrection of Christ which is a true and powerful beacon of the light of God’s unconditional love for us. The cross illuminates God’s love through Jesus’ example of surrendering to the will of the Father. When we hold up the cross as our torch, the love of God will crowd out all darkness and sin that live in the shadows of our lives. We will be able to see more clearly that “God so loved the world that he gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life” (John 3:16). And as we look forward to the Resurrection we can more clearly see that in Christ there is always the ray of hope to lead us to a more joyful and peaceful life.

For further reflection on Sins against Faith and Hope, see The Catechism of the Catholic Church and 2091; and on Ignoring the Opportunities God Provides Us, paragraphs 1866, 2094, 2733 and 2755.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Where do I see God’s love shining most brightly? Where in my life am I most tempted to live in the shadows of temptation and sin? What might I do to shine the light of Christ onto these dark corners of my life?
2. Our Catholic faith is intended to be continuing source of Christ’s teaching light. Do I look to the Church’s teaching as a source of Jesus’ light? Do I turn away from the light of Church teaching in any respect?
3. As Christians we are called to carry the light of Christ into the world. Where and how am I bringing God’s love to light? Where and how might I be a bearer of darkness? In my home? In my parish? In my community?

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