March 31, 2019
4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

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 see beyond all that blinds me from recognizing You in my life.
March 23, 2019

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/RSPV: Michael Knight mknightcasa@gmail.com

“Come, Follow Me…and Share the Word”
as of March 19, 2019

The Annual Catholic Appeal is an invitation for every Catholic family to respond with a generous heart. 90 cents of every dollar raised goes directly to the critical work of the schools, parishes, agencies and ministries of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Remember that when our parish exceeds its goal, any additional funds received above the goal amount are returned for use in our parish to support our wonderful ministries. To learn more and to donate, visit www.annualcatholicappeal.com.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response!

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Upcoming Events
More information at www.stjoseph-libertyville.org

March 30/31 Return Almsgiving gifts
April 3 Rediscovering Vatican II, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Koenig Center
April 4 Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations, 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. in Church
April 6 Simple Supper for Nicaragua, 6:00 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

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

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.

Social Justice & Service

Green Tip for Lent
FOOD WASTE FAST for CREATION: Food is a precious life-giving resource requiring enormous energy for growing and distribution. The average American family wastes $1,600 of food each year. Here are some ideas for reducing food wastes. Before shopping, plan your meals for the week, inventory what you have on hand, and buy only what you need. Use perishable items soon after purchase. Compost what you can. Food waste ending up in landfills generates greenhouse gases. Grayslake Recycling Center, located at 585 Berry Avenue, is now accepting food scraps for drop-off. Let us all be good stewards of the environment God has given us.
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 at 6:00 p.m. in the Koenig Center. 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.

Special live entertainment by the Marimba Ministry of Holy Cross/Immaculate Heart of Mary

This year “A Simple Supper” welcomes the Marimba Ministry of the Holy Cross/Immaculate Heart of Mary. These performers are a group of young people from Chicago who have found inspiration in music. They play faithfully at Mass in their Back of the Yards parish and at private events, traveling the country. They are leaders, mentors and musicians, finding refuge in music, and becoming hope for their community. Join us Saturday, April 6, at 6:00 p.m. in the Koenig Center for “A Simple Supper” for an evening of fun, fellowship and music!
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!

**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 desirable, 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 jfjennings@comcast.net.

**KAIROS MEN’S PRISON RETREAT #25 AT STATEVILLE CORRECTIONAL CENTER APRIL 27-30**

Needs Your Help Outside the Walls

The Stateville Correctional Center is a men’s maximum security prison. This Inside Kairos Retreat runs from Saturday, April 27 to Tuesday, April 30. Please consider becoming part of this ecumenical ministry by serving as an outside supporter.

**Cookies Needed**

This men’s retreat is an ecumenical version based on the Catholic Cursillo. One thing we bring in as a symbol of God’s love is homemade cookies. We never want these to run out and we are handing these out all weekend to inmates and guards. The team needs to have over 2,000 dozen cookies for the weekend to assure “God’s love doesn’t run out.” As simple as this concept is, the residents feel forgotten by society and hearing that people on the outside spent time praying and cooking for them is moving.

**Recipes and directions are available by email:** brodarick727@comcast.net. I’ll happily pickup the cookies or you may deliver them to my residence located at 727 Ardmore Terrace. I will have coolers on my front porch for collection April 16-19. We need the cookies by April 19.

For those that would rather provide monetary support for this Kairos prison ministry retreat; please send a check to offset the costs of this retreat ($10 suggested amount) made to Kairos Illinois Prison Ministry to John Brodarick, 727 Ardmore Terrace, Libertyville, IL 60048-3319 and you will be sent a charitable acknowledgement as a tax receipt for your donation. Make sure you provide your address on your donation.

Matthew 25:36, “I was in prison and you visited me. www.kairosprisonministry.org

Thank you. Your brother in Christ, John Brodarick, 847-362-6787

**COMMUNITY BUILDING**

**Next Euchre Night IS SATURDAY, APRIL 13**

Our next Euchre Night will be on Saturday, April 13. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., cards begin at 7:00. We meet at 200 N. Milwaukee, Lower Level. Enter through the Milwaukee Avenue doors. St. Joseph Euchre Night is for anyone who plays Euchre and is interested in meeting neighbors, munching on snacks, and having some laughs. Players are adults that are singles or couples of all ages over 21. These are stand-alone events and you’re not making any commitment about attending future nights. If you’re interested in joining us or you just have questions, please send an email to Stuart and Fran Skinner at fskinner@aumpartnersllc.com.

**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.

**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: Kevin & Kelly Friedrich, Benjamin & Jessica Vaughn, and Matt Kenter. Welcome to our community of faith!
**6th Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

Sunday, April 7 after the 9:00 a.m. Mass

Sunrise Rotary Park
in front of church

Pre-K – 5th Grade Children

Fun and Prizes!!!

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**Senior Corner**

**St. Joseph Parish Sponsored**

- 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
- April 5, Stations of the Cross at 7:00 p.m.
- Simple Supper, 6:00 p.m., see page 5.
- **Libertyville Senior Council and Senior Center**
  - April 8 Birthday Bash
  - April 16 Massages, make appointment
  - 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.

**Ladies Golf League**

Ladies, are you anxious to begin playing golf? St. Joseph’s Ladies Golf League will begin on Friday, May 3 and continue until Friday, September 27 at Heather Ridge Golf Club in Gurnee. Arrangements can be made to begin in June, if you are unable to start in May. The membership fee is $41.00, plus greens fees. Tee times are available from 7:00 to 8:25 a.m. Registration forms will be sent to last season’s golfers and new members are welcome. Deadline for registration is April 15. For more information and to receive a registration form, please contact Ann Oakley at 847-445-3224.

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**Community Building**

**Guild News**

**ACCW Woman of the Year:**

We are now accepting nominations for the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women’s Woman of the Year Award. The nominee should be a woman who has been a member of the organization for at least 2 years, is a welcoming person who fulfills the mission of the organization, invites others to participate and share their skills and gifts, and has given vital service to the parish in the name of the women’s organization. To nominate an individual, please send a brief submission to us at guildofstjosephlv@gmail.com by Friday, April 5. The awards luncheon will be on Wednesday, May 1. More details to come.

**St. Rose Quilt Circle:**

Do you have an interest in sewing and quilting? Are you interested in sharing ideas and techniques? Join the St. Rose Quilt Circle on Monday, April 1 from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. in the Formation Center Room D. Whatever your skill level, come and create, learn and laugh with us! For further information, contact Diane: dmvsew@gmail.com.

**St. Lucy Book Club Circle**

Meets the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph Room to discuss a book and enjoy refreshments and conversation. On Monday, April 8, we will discuss *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. For more information, or to see a list of upcoming titles, please contact Joy Levering at mjlevering1@yahoo.com.

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**Youth**

**Life Night**

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

Come join us for Mass beforehand at 5 PM in the church

Teen Space

Direct any questions to
dretseck@stjoseph-libertyville.org

or visit
www.stjosephyouthministry.org
St. Joseph Catholic School is delighted to partner with the **Sleep in Heavenly Peace** ministry that provides beds to children in need in Lake and McHenry Counties. Last week, preschoolers visited the Sleep in Heavenly Peace workshop with their 4th grade prayer partners to see how the beds were made and to learn more about the ministry from Dan Harris. After their visit, students decided to organize a pillow drive for the ministry, and they collected over 100 pillows! A perfect aimsgiving project during Lent that embraces our school’s faith theme of “Leaving footprints of kindness and respect!”

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**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

The Church in the making:

**Rediscovering Vatican II**

**Understanding Lumen Gentium**

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

Questions? Call the Adult Faith Formation Office: 847-990-1226

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The Men’s Legacy Workshop Weekend will be held on April 27 and 28, right on the parish grounds at the St. Joseph Formation Center. The weekend is built for men of heart, thoughtfulness and humor, and for men who ask great questions. During the weekend, you will hear from a number of men of the parish sharing stories of their challenges, doubts, transitions, faith and where they are with the movement of God in their lives. The weekend is for anyone looking for something more in their relationship with Christ. It is for anyone seeking greater meaning and connection with other men of the parish. It is for anyone who feels like they are just going “through the motions.”

The weekend begins at 7:30 a.m. on Saturday and concludes about 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. (This is not a sleepover event. You can go home after we finish on Saturday evening.) The cost is just $65 (but scholarships are available... just ask).

For more information or to sign up, call Maurice at 847-830-1142. Or you can sign up on the parish website: https://www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/registration-for-men
**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.

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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.**

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**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.

**In Memory**

Please pray for the soul of:

Blanca Mariela Fernandez

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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.
Please Pray for the Sick

- Rita Gagliano
- Lewis Riniker
- Ann Rentsch
- Kyle MacGibbon
- Rita Gagliano
- Ellie Sage
- Mary Joan Beitzel
- Adam Darby
- John Pedigo
- Jake Philbrick
- Cecilia Deslauriers
- Carol Michalski
- Terry Venchus
- Joseph Locascio
- Mary Kate Zweidinger
- Fr. Val Laini
- Mary Foresta
- B. J. Carroll
- Sean Kolber
- Nicole Morales
- Cliff Young
- Micah Peckels Quirk

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

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.

Baptisms

Wilton Joseph Bullion, son of Jennifer (Bentley) and Keith Bullion
McKenna Carolina Benassi, son of Sara (Snook) and David Benassi

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 Limmymcat1@gmail.com.

Mass Intentions

Monday April 1
- 6:30 Dowling & Whisten
- Family, well-being
- Margaret McCraken
- Greg Matias
- Katie Barber
- Jane Barber

Tuesday April 2
- 6:30 Albert Allen McDonald
- Danielle Elizabeth Thomas
- 8:30 Ronny Flood
- Al Foresta

Wednesday April 3
- 6:30 Antonio Carrazza
- Carmina Duca
- 8:30 Mary Neuses Jordan
- Chuck & Mary Jans

Thursday April 4
- 6:30 Parishioners
- 8:30 Lawrence Gregory
- Marilyn Cannino

Friday April 5
- 6:30 Parishioners
- 8:30 Jose Zavala
- Joe & Janet Higgins

Saturday April 6
- 8:30 Mary Lockowitz
- and Linda Evert

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.

Readings for the Week

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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 includes our personal and collective talents, resources and time.

Today, our focus is the gifts and blessings we receive through Parish life here at St. Joseph. As a Parish family, we are abundantly blessed. The blessings we receive here through the Sacraments give us the strength and inspiration to live and love as Christ calls us. We are blessed with priests, deacons, pastoral staff and lay ministers who have responded devotedly to God’s call to serve us, his people. We are all brothers and sisters in Christ, walking and working with each other to draw closer to him and to carry His love and mercy into the world. This is the mission of our Community for the Kingdom groups. “So then you are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone. Through him the whole structure is held together and grows into a temple sacred in the Lord; in him you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.” (Ephesians 2:19-22)

Lord God, you alone are the source of every good gift, of the vast array of your universe, and the mystery of each human life. We praise you and we thank you for your tender, faithful, astounding love. Everything we are and everything we have is your gift. After having created us, you have given us into the keeping of your Son, Jesus Christ. Fill our minds with his truth and our hearts with his love, that in his spirit we may be bonded together more firmly into a community of faith, a parish family, a caring people. In the name and Spirit of Jesus, we commit ourselves to be good stewards of the individual and community gifts entrusted to us, to share our time, our talents, and our material gifts as an outward sign of the treasure we hold in Jesus and in St. Joseph. Amen.

(Awareness Gratitude Sharing)

1 Thessalonians 5:18

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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 11: 3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45**

Leader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

The sisters of Lazarus sent word to Jesus, saying, “Master, the one you love is ill.” When Jesus heard this he said, “This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it.” Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, “Let us go back to Judea.”

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you.” Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise.” Martha said, “I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day.” Jesus told her, “I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” She said to him, “Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world.”

He became perturbed and deeply troubled, and said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Sir, come and see.”

Response: **Glory to You, O Lord**

But some of them said, “Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man have done something so that this man would not have died?”

So Jesus, perturbed again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay across it. Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the dead man’s sister, said to him, “Lord, by now there will be a stench; he has been dead for four days.” Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?” So they took away the stone. And Jesus raised his eyes and said, “Father, I thank you for hearing me. I know that you always hear me; but because of the crowd here I have said this, that they may believe that you sent me.” And when he had said this,

He cried out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” The dead man came out, tied hand and foot with burial bands, and his face was wrapped in a cloth. So Jesus said to them, “Untie him and let him go.”

Now many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in him.

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

**REFLECTION**

Our Lenten journey is quickly heading to its tragic, yet triumphant conclusion. For many, Lent can be somber yet our gospel readings consistently point us to the glory that awaits those who are willing to walk with Christ. We have been regularly reminded of the divinity of Christ, His power to heal our hurts and infirmities, and His desire to sustain us in our life. Lest any doubt remains, we are told in the story of the raising of Lazarus that He has the power over death. We can only imagine how the disciples, who were surely impressed with three years of miracles, had to be awestruck when Jesus raised Lazarus after having been dead for four days. What a blessing it should be for all of us to know and believe that Jesus has the power over death! His power is not only over physical death but most importantly over spiritual death as well. We are encouraged to reflect on Jesus’ power to lift us up from any condition we find ourselves in. He can lift us up throughout our darkest days and He can lift us even higher when we are enjoying fulfilling times. All we need to do is to turn our hearts and minds toward Him in and invite the Spirit of God to guide us. Regardless of where our Lenten journey has taken us so far, we are called to choose to seek the Spirit of Jesus to dwell within us so as to lift us up to new life, draw us closer to Him and remove any darkness shadowing us. We can trust that He will always fill us with the graces of faith, hope and love.

For further reflection on Miracles as Signs of the Kingdom, see *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraphs 547-550; and on the Place of Sickness in the Life of Christians, paragraphs 1500-1513.

**REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

1. Paul warns that “Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to Him.” How strongly do I have the Spirit of Christ within me? How would those I encounter in my daily life know that I belong to Christ? How can I better demonstrate that I do belong to Christ?

2. As Catholics we believe that Jesus gave us the Eucharist and the other sacraments so that He could bring His life-giving Spirit and its sustaining grace into our daily lives. How might I better appreciate the graces available to me through the more active pursuit of my Catholic faith?

3. In today’s world, Jesus has no hands but yours. How am I called to share Jesus’ life-giving power? What might I do in these last days of Lent to bring this new life in Christ to my family? my parish? my community?

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK ARE ON PAGE 10 THIS WEEK**