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!

Alleluia!
Alleluia!
Alleluia!

Pilgrimage of Mission

Lord,
I desire to live my new life in You.
Show me the way.
My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In today’s Gospel, we learn Mary Magdalene is the first witness to the Resurrection, to a new creation and to a new civilization of love. The community’s paschal faith was founded on her apostolic witness. In a sense, she is the patron saint of Communities for the Kingdom. Reaching the empty tomb early on the first day, Mary Magdalene asks, “Where is the Lord?” This recalls the question the disciples ask Jesus in the beginning of John’s Gospel, “Rabbi, where do you dwell?” [1:38] Spiritually blinded by grief, Mary Magdalene is incapable of revelation—in her weeping she doesn't recognize Jesus even when he stands before her. She equates the absence of his lifeless body with the absence of the living Jesus; she doesn't yet realize the time for an earthly relationship is over. There is a distinction in John between the glorification of Jesus on the Cross when he goes to the Father and the Resurrection by which the glorified Jesus returns.

The return of Jesus to his own is revealed in Mary’s encounter with the “gardener” as she turns from being a distraught follower into a hope-filled messenger to the Christian community. This spiritual conversion occurs when Jesus calls her by name and redirects her, enabling her to recognize his new presence in the world. This recalls another earlier passage in John’s Gospel when Jesus calls his sheep by name and they follow him [10:3-5]. The call is an invitation into a new intimacy, into the same relationship that Jesus has with his Father; never again will there be any separation. His presence, love and forgiveness are guaranteed for eternity.

Jesus’ call to Mary Magdalene is like God’s call to those he chose for a special mission. Her sacred mission was to announce that the Risen Lord is to be found amidst the small community of disciples in the upper room. That is where she discovers the answer to her question. From now on, Jesus is experienced through engagement with a small community of disciples gathered in his name.

Mary Magdalene was also instrumental in the creation of a new People of God. The first People of God, whom Moses led from slavery to the Promised Land, would live with each other in such a way that all people would know of God’s compassion. But they rejected God’s plans for them and all the prophets he sent to restore them, including his only begotten Son. Now God does something new in the Resurrection of Jesus, a new creation is about to take place. This new People of God, gathered in the name of Jesus, would rejoice in this presence through a communion of his disciples, “See how they love one another” and through a sharing of his Word, “Did not our hearts burn within us?” Out of gratitude, they share in the work of the Lord by establishing the Kingdom of God and transforming the world into a new Garden of Eden by eliminating domination, discrimination and depravation.

This Gospel passage is the foundation of our Communities for the Kingdom. Only with his appearances did it become clear that Jesus has returned to take up his abode in his disciples, constituting them as his presence in the world. Where is the Lord? He is with God in glory and present in the community of believers—wherever his disciples are gathered. I am deeply grateful that in the short time since Communities for the Kingdom was introduced in our parish, we now have 30 very active communities. Sharing and reflecting on Sacred Scripture together their “hearts are burning within” as they deepen their relationship with God and each other. Through simple acts of kindness, they are transforming the world into what St. Paul VI urged Christians to build so all may flourish: “a civilization of love.” A blessed and joyful Easter to all!

Wishing you and your family peace and joy this Easter,

[Signature]
Fr. John Trout
Easter 2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As we walk on our life journeys in this world, we may often feel overwhelmed. Struggle and suffering can mark our lives because of health issues, job insecurity, family concerns, or the painful loss of a loved one. The world itself, in Saint Paul’s words, “has been groaning” (Roman 8:22), as it struggles with wars, violence, ecological degradation, economic injustice, and natural disasters. And as we are keenly aware this past year, the Church herself has struggled mightily with the shameful legacy of abuse and its mismanagement.

It seems that the landscape of our lives is entirely shaped by struggle and suffering. And that might seem to be the sum and substance of it all, but, in faith, we know that it is not. Our celebration of the Lord’s Resurrection in this Easter season opens our eyes beyond this desperate landscape to a new and hope-filled horizon. There is more to the story than our struggle and suffering. In the Resurrection of Jesus, we can begin to see a new life ahead of us that God offers to us.

As we go forth in this Easter season, I am reminded of the great Psalm 118 that the Church so often prays:

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I \text{ was thrust down, thrust down and falling,}
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
and has been my savior.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. \text{(vv. 13-15)}
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May this Easter season renew within you and your loved ones the conviction that God is your helper and an abiding awareness of your victory in the Risen Lord Jesus.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

[Signature]

Archbishop of Chicago
**Upcoming Events**
More information at www.stjoseph-libertyville.org

**April 25**
Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations, 3:00 p.m., Church

**April 27-28**
Men’s Legacy Weekend

**May 4**
50th Jubilee Mass for Fr. Val Laini, 10:00 a.m., Church

**May 7**
Mass for Those Grieving a Child, 7:00 p.m., Church

**May 14**
Loyola Scripture School introduction, 10 a.m.-Noon, see p. 7

**May 15**
Guild Spring Event, see p. 5

**May 18**
Men’s Ministry Retreat

**May 18-19**
Ministry Fair after Masses

**June 8**
5K Run/Walk at Seminary

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**Email Security Alert**

Over the past few months, there have been reports of email messages being sent from Father Trout’s email address requesting help or financial assistance. The emails that have been sent appear to be very similar to Father Trout’s account. Father Trout would never send an email requesting financial assistance.

If you receive an email from Father Trout or from any staff member, the address will end in @stjoseph-libertyville.org. The scam email address will often appear to be similar, however, upon a closer look the subtle changes become apparent. When receiving any email, please verify the address extension. For example, our email address is info@stjoseph-libertyville.org not info@stjosephlibertyville.org@gmail.com. You may also see the sender’s actual email address by using your mouse to hover over the sender’s name or by viewing the “reply to” address. Please always confirm by phone or in person before sending money or clicking on links.

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**Father Val’s 50th Jubilee**

Father Val Laini will be celebrating his 50th anniversary of Ordination into the priesthood. He grew up in Tanzania, East Africa, and was ordained as a priest in Rome. From there he served God in Montreal, Peoria, Evanston, and finally here in Libertyville.

Throughout his years here, Father Val led several groups of St. Joseph parishioners to Tanzania to fulfill his dream of providing a good education for the orphans and poor children there. Besides that, a wonderful guest house was built adjacent to the school, which continues to provide funding for the school.

Please join us in honoring Father Val at a special Mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Friday, May 3, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. He would be delighted to see you on this very special day!

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**Special Collection for Mozambique Victims**

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) and their local partners are responding to deadly storms and winds that have devastated communities across Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe. Cyclone Idai made landfall in Mozambique on March 14 along the coast of Sofala province, causing devastation across the country, and continuing through neighboring Malawi and Zimbabwe. It is likely that more than 600,000 people have been affected—in addition to those already in need of assistance due to previous heavy rain and flooding. More than 1,000 people are feared to have died in Mozambique alone, while scores have been killed and more than 200 are missing in neighboring Zimbabwe.

St. Joseph Catholic Church has responded generously. A generous parishioner stepped forward and matched the first $5,000 of donations, for a total of more than $15,000 donated, thus far, to CRS.

Thank you for the tremendous outpouring of support!

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**Early Carpenter Deadline**

The May 5 issue of the Carpenter will have an early deadline. Please have submissions in by Friday, April 26. Thank you.
Irish Set Dancing on Wednesdays

Irish Set Dancing, which is similar to our American Square Dancing, involves eight people dancing in a square or circle. It originated in Irish homes years back where Irish folk gathered to play music, tell stories and sing folk songs. It is great fun and a super aerobic workout. Our group meets every Wednesday evening in the St. Joseph Catholic School Gym at 8:00 p.m. It is open to everyone if you'd like to join us, please call Nuala at 847-280-0006 or email nualakav@sbcglobal.net. Slainte!

Please join us in welcoming the following new parish member: Karen Suo. Welcome to our community of faith!

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.

Faith Formation on Friday, April 26 at 8:30 a.m.

Faith Formation will be hosting another Church & Donuts and playtime! Please see Meetup for more information and to RSVP.

Bi-Monthly Meeting on Thursday, May 2 at 9:15 a.m.

Please join us for a meeting with a panel of Early Intervention therapists. We will have a speech, occupational, developmental, and physical therapist with us to share information about milestones and how to support development in early childhood. Childcare will be available in the room next door. See Meetup 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!

Dash Around the Lake

All ages invited to 5K Run or Walk on June 8

Join us on Saturday, June 8 at 9:00 a.m. for the Dash Around the Lake 5K Run or 5K Walk. Register early at www.dasharoundthelake.org. Enjoy an opportunity to experience a beautiful, unique course on the private grounds at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake (Mundelein Seminary)—a 930-acre campus with a route through the woods along a road circling the 100-acre St. Mary’s Lake. Organized by the St. Joseph’s Knights of Columbus Council 3674. Net proceeds to support our parish youth group’s Catholic Mission Trip to Appalachia this summer and local Knights of Columbus service events. • CARA certified • USATF measured • For all levels of runners and walkers. See the website above for event information and contact email.
Roar into the fun at VBS!

REGISTER FOR VBS 2019!
Children entering Preschool thru 5th Grade, join us for a week of crafts, songs, Bible stories and more!

June 17-21, 2019
9:00 AM - Noon

Register on St. Joseph's Parish website under Faith Formation / Summer Programs

Roar! Life is wild. God is good.

CATHOLIC BASKETBALL CAMP
July 21–24, 2019
Grades 5–8
Guerin College Preparatory High School
Boo W. Belmont Ave.
River Grove, IL 60747

A faith-filled camp experience where leaders are built, sports are played, and faith is strengthened.

Our mission is to teach girls and boys sports through the leadership and teachings of the Catholic Church.

For more information and registration, visit chicagopriest.com/events/catholic-sports-camps

When is it happening?
At St. Joseph: June 23-27, 7 to 9 p.m. for Grades 9-12; June 24-28, 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for Grades 3-8

Where is it happening? St. Joseph Catholic Church campus, Libertyville

What’s happening? Kids entering Grades 3-8 and high school teens are inspired to learn and live their faith in this week-long program packed with games, skits, songs and more! Bring a lunch and water bottle!

Who’s instructing? College students and seminarians share their joy for Jesus with the group. This year’s team will focus on the Sacraments and the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary

What’s the cost? Day program fees start at $50 for 1 child and include a T-shirt. High school evening program starts at $30 for 1 teen.

INFORMATION:
Contact Joy Levering at mjlevering1@yahoo.com

To REGISTER:
www.givecentral.org/appeals-form-registration/acp5c52073bcae9d/user/guest

Mickey Finn’s BREWERY
present this printed ad
when you visit
Mickey Finn’s Libertyville
April 4, 11, 18, 25
from 11 am till close

15% of all food & beverage sales support the St. Joseph School Parent Association. Cannot be combined with other offers. Call in/Take out orders are eligible please mention St. Joe’s
Chicago Catholic Scripture School
...is coming to St. Joseph's!

You will love this – don’t miss out!
FREE PREVIEW Tuesday, May 14
10:00 a.m. - 12 Noon
Formation Center Room C

The Bible is the best-selling book of all time
– over 5 billion copies sold!

Is yours just gathering dust? Join us for The Loyola University Chicago Catholic Scripture School. We are truly enjoying our time together exploring scripture in an interactive setting, and gaining a better understanding of how God is speaking to us through the Bible.

Scripture Study offers many lasting benefits:
• Apply the Bible to life events
• Enrich your personal, spiritual and liturgical life
• Interpret the Bible and its social justice dimensions

Participants are experiencing a transformational encounter with Jesus Christ and formation in Sacred Scripture.

Anyone wishing to deepen their understanding of scripture will benefit from this program.

The first two years focus on biblical study and prayer with the Bible in the Roman Catholic tradition, including a comprehensive study of some major books of the Old and New Testaments. The remaining two years delve more deeply into the Old and New Testaments, covering all other books in the Bible.

Journey through the Bible like never before!

Questions? Contact Director Kevin Pease at kpease@luc.edu, 312-915-7485, or visit Loyola University Chicago's website at: http://www.luc.edu/ips/ccss. Our goal is to help bring people into a closer relationship with God's revealed Word.

Empowerment of the Word, and one's response, transforms lives.

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

Have you ever wished that you could have a conversation with Jesus? Begin the conversation!

Certification Program – The Certification Program is for those who wish to learn more about scripture in a supportive community of life-long learners. We offer the expertise of graduate-level instructors who engage students to deepen their faith through committed study to the Word of God. Participants are to complete homework and exams throughout the course of the academic year. A Certificate in Scripture Studies provides opportunities for direct involvement in parish life, i.e. catechetical leadership credit and more!

FREE PREVIEW: St. Joseph Catholic Church is hosting Chicago Catholic Scripture School on Tuesday, May 14 from 10:00 a.m.-12 Noon in the Formation Center. Register at: https://stjoseph-libertyville.org/registration-for-men
The Institute for Diaconal Studies 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 wife if married, as we explore the potential of a vocation, engage in dialogue and pray in search of the next step. No registration required. Tuesday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m. at Prist Center (Building 201-P) at University of St. Mary of the Lake. For more information, 847-837-4564.

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.

Prayer & Worship

Mass for All Who Grieve
The Loss of a Child
Join our faith community as we celebrate this special Mass on Tuesday, May 7 at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of this Mass is twofold: first to remember the children we have lost due to accident, illness, miscarriage or abortion. We may have lost them recently or long ago. Their age doesn’t matter; they are always our children. The second is to offer comfort and support to the parents, other family members and friends as we join together in prayer and ask for God’s healing grace. This Mass includes participation in a beautiful floral tribute and a special prayer of healing. Refreshments will be served after Mass. - Sponsored by the St. Joseph Bereavement Ministry

Spiritual Bereavement Support Group
To Begin on April 26
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
Janice Kleinschmidt
Bob Salata
Rita Gagliano
Lewis Riniker
Ann Rentsch
David Guimond
Adam Darby
Carol Michalski
Terry Venchus
Joseph Locascio
Mary Kate Zweidinger
Fr. Val Laini
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.
PRAYER & WORSHIP COMMISSION

Spring Ministry Fair

After all Masses the weekend of May 18-19

Tables will be set up in the Narthex

Please consider joining one of our ministries and help serve the St. Joseph Catholic Church community.

- Altar Servers (Adult and Children)
- Children’s Liturgy of the Word
- Extraordinary (Eucharistic) Ministers
- Family Mass
- Greeters
- Legion of Mary
- Liturgy Coordinators
- Ministry of Care
- Ministry of Praise
- Music Ministry
- Prayer Shawls
- Proclaimers
- Sacristans
- Ushers

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.

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.

Mass Intentions

To view the live stream video: go to www.stjoseph-libertyville.org. Scroll down until you see the box titled Live Stream Video.

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:

Stella Dreyer

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.

PRAYER & WORSHIP
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!

Volunteers Needed for Franciscan House Shelter The Franciscan Outreach operates one of the most important homeless shelter networks in Chicago, including the Franciscan House Shelter, located on Chicago’s West Side. The primary focus is emergency shelter, which provides over 294,000 meals and 120,000 shelter nights a year to some of Chicagoland’s most needy. In the spirit of St. Francis, guests are offered supper, breakfast, showers, a weekly medical clinic, some case management services and unconditional acceptance. Check out the web site at www.franoutreach.org. Since the early 1990’s, St. Joseph Parish has provided volunteers to help serve meals as well as donating significant amounts of food and personal items. We are looking for volunteers of high school age and above to help serve on the 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sunday’s of every month. The volunteers leave Libertyville (often by car pool) at approximately 6:00 p.m. and return by approximately 9:30 p.m. (an hour earlier in the winter months). If you can help, please contact Randy Nipper, 847-573-1762 or rtnipper@aol.com. Sharing just a few nights a year can make a big difference. Please help.

Aid for Women relies on donations from individuals and churches like St. Joseph’s. We currently have a need to train a person for answering the phones overnight from 2 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. the next morning when the office re-opens. If you would like to pick up donations on occasion, that would be helpful too, especially with the garage sale season around the corner. Call Carol Walsh at 847-542-3768. Life is a gift from God; what we do with it is our gift to Him.

Catholic Charities-The Community Center, 914 8th Street in Waukegan, IL 60085, 847-775-0858
• Computer Classes Instructor for: Basics & Intermediate levels (if possible, we would like to provide these classes in Spanish and English (separate classes) • Office Assistant to assist with general data entry and other administrative duties • Citizenship Instructor to work with our clients who are preparing to become U.S. Citizens. The classes are held on different days, both in morning and evening hours. (In desperate need of a Spanish-speaking volunteer to teach the Spanish class on Friday and Saturday mornings.) • Spanish Literacy Instructor to teach students how to read/write and other basic literacy in Spanish. Looking for instructor who is available during the day any day of the week. • After-school Homework Tutor to assist children and youth with tutoring after school in a variety of school subjects. This can be held any day of the week as often as tutor(s) is available.

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 April 24
Free Resume Review

Is your resume consistently getting you the interview? Does it crisply and clearly communicate your value proposition to a prospective employer? Here’s your opportunity to have it professionally reviewed! Bring your resume to our next meeting for a Free One-on-one Resume Review and critique by career transition professionals to help you fine-tune it, and present yourself most compellingly to prospective employers. We will meet from 7:00-9:00 p.m. on April 24 at the Formation Center (112 N. Milwaukee, Libertyville 60048), Room C. Please enter from the rear of the building. All are welcome, and our sessions are free—please join us and bring a friend!

The St. Joseph Employment Ministry assists the unemployed and under-employed in the pursuit of fulfilling work. Anyone with a job to fill or an interest in assisting job-seekers is also invited to attend. Meetings are usually held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month and typically feature topical presentations followed by discussion and group networking. All are welcome! 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 SMVWERC@ gmail.com.

Spring into a New Job

Catholic Charities will hold a Job Fair on Thursday, April 25 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at The Community Center, 914 8th Street in Waukegan. Bring plenty of resumes and dress in business casual. Questions, please call 847-782-4149.
Catholic Charities Collection on Mother’s Day

Sarah was a young woman with two children when she entered the Catholic Charities New Hope Apartments program. She had been in foster care most of her life, and needed to learn basic skills to be a good parent and successful adult. Catholic Charities worked with her to break the cycle of poverty and helped her learn budgeting and parenting skills. She blossomed before her case manager's eyes and went on to have a successful career, marry and has a great family thanks to the compassion and hope she received at Catholic Charities which serves the poor of Cook and Lake County.

Please give to Catholic Charities on Mother’s Day to help families from our community overcome enormous obstacles. Learn more at www.catholiccharities.net.

“In the poor and outcast we see the Christ’s face; by loving and helping the poor, we love and serve Christ.” – Pope Francis

Green Tip

HAPPY EARTH DAY from Care for Creation Ministry!

In Laudato Si, Pope Francis links our Catholic faith with environmental sustainability. The U.S. Council of Catholic Bishops says, “We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of Creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God’s Creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.”

Nurses to Meet

The Council of Catholic Nurses of Lake County will meet at St. Patrick Church (15000 Wadsworth Road in Wadsworth) on Saturday, April 27. Mass at 8:30 followed by installation of officers by Fr. Merold. Help celebrate our 30th anniversary with a complimentary brunch and a get-to-know program. All nurses welcome. Members free, guests $5. Call Ginny DeReu to RSVP by April 23, 847-471-6843 or email gindereu@aol.com.

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.

Parishioner Information Update

Please help us keep our records up to date. If you or your family members have had any changes to your contact information, such as a change of address, new email address, or phone number, please fill out the form below and drop it off in the collection basket or bring it to the parish office. You can also call the parish office to make your changes. We appreciate your help in keeping our records up to date.

Thank you!

Name (First, Middle, Last) □ Remove me/us from your records □ Update my information

Type of Change: □ Address □ Home Phone □ Cell Phone □ Email □ Other
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Offering for March 31, 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.

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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MINISTRY OF CARE

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

New Parishioners
Welcome! Please stop or call the parish office 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.

Thoughts on Giving “He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.” (Acts 10:38) On this Easter Sunday, open your hearts to receive God’s love, mercy and forgiveness. God is love and we are made in His image and likeness. Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray for guidance on how to live your life and give thanks for all that He has given you.
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**NEXT SUNDAY’S GOSPEL — John 20:19-31**

Leader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.”

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

Response: Glory to You, O Lord

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

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

**REFLECTION**

This Sunday we celebrate the joy of Easter. But what is it we celebrate? Is our joy in relief that Lent is finally over and we won’t have to dwell on the sorrowful Passion of Christ any longer? Or is it a joy that comes from appreciating that the Resurrection helps to verify the truth that Jesus is the Son of God sent down from heaven to save us from our sins and renew our hope in the promise of new life? Do we rejoice in knowing how deeply and unconditionally we are loved by God? For the apostles, the days after the Resurrection were more fearful than joyful. Joy did not even seem remotely possible as they experienced both qualifications and breaths the new life of the Holy Spirit into them. With the Holy Spirit they received the wisdom to start to understand the full power and significance of the Paschal mystery.

It is obvious to us that breath means life. Yet it is easy to take breathing for granted. Breath is a reality of new life and all life. God breathed new life into Adam at Creation. He breathed life into the new Adam, Jesus, at His birth and Jesus breathed that new life in the Holy Spirit into His disciples and His Church so that we might one day share in the new life in Christ. So let us not take our spiritual breath for granted. In the week ahead take time to sit in silence where the breath of God’s Holy Spirit can best fill our souls and contemplate the ways He is breathing new life into your world.

For further reflection on the role of the Holy Spirit in the Church, see The Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 694-701.

**REFLECTION QUESTIONS**

1. Much like He did when He breathed life into Adam, God breathes life into each of us and declares all of His creation good. What do I need to do to see the good in myself that God sees? What do I need to brush aside or let go of to better see my own goodness and how much I am loved by God and others?
2. After Christ’s death, the Apostles were huddled away in the Upper Room for fear of the Jews. What fears do I have that hold me back from going out into the world to proclaim the Good News of salvation through the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus?
3. St. John Paul II designated the Sunday after Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday with promises of incredible graces of mercy. In her diary, St. Faustina recorded Jesus’ promises of grace and mercy associated with this Feast (www.thedivinemercy.org). Consider participating in a local celebration of the Feast of Divine Mercy and praying the Chaplet each day this week for your family, friends, neighbors or community members.

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

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