ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR FOR THE BACKPACK PROJECT!

The generous contributions of time, treasure and talent from St. Joseph Food Pantry volunteers, CRHP 9 Team, Knights of Columbus, the St. Joseph 8th graders, and many parishioners made this year’s backpack initiative an overwhelming success. These children can start the new school year prepared and ready to learn!
Letter to a Suffering Church

In a continued response to the call for healing in the global Church from the effects of the sexual abuse scandal, St. Joseph Catholic Church has purchased copies of Most Rev. Robert Barron’s recently released book, “Letter to a Suffering Church.” Copies are free and available on the tables in the church and the narthex.

Published in July, Bishop Barron’s book addresses the recent scandals reported in the media and why Catholics should remain rooted in their faith and continue to spread the gospel message, rather than turn away from it.

The book purchase is part of the parish’s Protecting God’s People initiative to address the pain caused by the abuse scandals in the global Church, and to find means to provide healing for individuals and the St. Joseph community overall. Please take a copy home for yourself and consider sharing it with a friend.

ALL ADULTS ARE INVITED

Protecting God’s People
Letter to a Suffering Church

Join us for prayer and discussion of Bishop Robert Barron’s book concerning the abuse issues that the Church faces, and why being rooted in one’s faith in the Trinitarian, loving God is the right path forward.

Tuesdays, October 1, 8 and 15 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Loughry Room

Registration is required. Visit https://stjoseph-libertyville.org/suffering-church to reserve your space.

Information: Dave Retseck, 847-990-1266 or dretseck@stjoseph-libertyville.org.

Our Facilitator:
Fr. John Trout, Pastor

With so much information from the media and other resources reporting and commenting about the sexual abuse crisis in the global Church, there are times when we all may wonder where we can turn to discern the truth, as well as to find materials to help us pray for healing, both for ourselves and the Church in the world.

To help parishioners, St. Joseph has added a new page to its parish website to help Catholics process and reflect on the current abuse crisis. We know this page is an imperfect answer and won’t heal the hurt caused by this betrayal of trust. However, we do trust in God’s work and in God’s ability to turn even the worst brokenness into goodness and holiness through the healing power of Christ.

To learn more, visit www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/addressing-the-abuse-scandal-in-the-catholic-church

Community for the Kingdom

Who doesn’t need another friend? Not just a buddy or a pal, but a true friend, one who supports you, cares for you, and someone in whom you can confide.

Building friendship takes time, but when you have it, it’s worth EVERYTHING.

Parishioners of all ages and backgrounds are learning the value of true friendship through Community for the Kingdom small groups. It’s incredible how a small group of people can make a big difference. When one person is kind and compassionate towards others, they are creating a ripple effect that can impact others for generations to come.

Will you build a new way of being church for the next generation? Small groups composed of individuals and couples, usually 10-12 people, gather in homes to share friendship, faith and reflections and to strengthen their relationship with Christ and each other, while building compassionate communities to bring about the Kingdom of God.

We would love to meet you! To learn more about Community for the Kingdom, visit our website at https://www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/community-for-the-kingdom-1
**Social Justice & Service**

**Backpack Project Going Strong after Ten Years!**

For the past ten years, children of families receiving food from the St. Joseph Food Pantry have been eligible to receive backpacks and school supplies. This year, 150 children in Pre-K through high school from 50 families signed up.

Preparations for distribution were set in motion during the month of July: categorizing, shopping, organizing, and assembly. Backpack distribution took place at the beginning of August when children were provided gender- and age-specific backpacks filled with needed school supplies. The children’s smiling faces and enthusiastic responses reflected how happy and grateful they were.

Thank you for your continued support!

**Solemn Vesper for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**

On behalf of the Archdiocese of Chicago and the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church and Saints Peter and Paul Greek Orthodox Church cordially invite you to the Fifth Annual Solemn Vespers for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. It will be on Sunday, September 1 from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 1775 Grove Street in Glenview, Illinois, 60025. Please call Louise at 847-340-5033 if you wish to carpool.

**Prayer Vigil for Crisis at the Mexican Border**

St. Lawrence Episcopal Church will have a Prayer Vigil for Peace and Reconciliation in Response to the Human Crisis at the Border on Sunday, August 25 from 5:45 to 6:15 p.m. at St. Lawrence Episcopal Church in Libertyville. All are welcome to attend.

**Green Tip**

**How Much Water Does My Lawn Need?**

Who thought we’d be talking about watering our lawns this summer? A typical lawn only needs 1 inch of water per week to survive. So if there is no rain, water every 6-8 days to reduce your water bill. A best practice: water for 15 minutes then allow the water to soak in for a while and repeat 3-4 times, lessening run-off. This deeper soaking technique encourages the roots to grow deeper and be more drought-resistant.

**Moving Forward: What’s Next for the International Sharing Ministry?**

We are called to go out into the world to be agents of social justice and compassion. Now that our project in Nicaragua has been fully funded, it is time for us to extend our ministry to another project in another part of the world. **Come join us at one of the sessions on Sunday, September 8 after the 9:00 or 10:45 a.m. Mass in the Loughry Room** where we will contemplate what to tackle next. Members of the International Sharing Ministry will be there with coffee and ideas and we would love to hear your ideas, too.

Our parish continues to build our International Sharing Ministry with a solid foundation and ideology of social justice, transparency and self-sufficiency. **General Criteria for project consideration include:**

- Enable self-reliance and sufficiency for children living in poverty
- Align with Catholic organizations for oversight and succession plan
- Create opportunities for members of our community of faith to serve together in direct service and international justice initiatives
- Create an emotional connection between our Catholic community and international communities of faith

All are welcome to join the discussion! For more information, please contact Marjorie Gaitan at marjorieegaitan@gmail.com We hope to see you on September 8!

**Homeless Housing Discussion**

Sunday, August 25, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. at United Methodist Church, 429 Brainerd Avenue, Libertyville

Did you know: homelessness increases costs for hospitals, Emergency Room admissions, shelters and jail? Be part of the solution. Learn from the experts. Join us as Amy Lawless of Lake County United and Meghan Powell-Filler of PADS Lake County explain how we can network to make affordable housing a reality. Light refreshments will be served. For more information: Karilyn Parrott, 847-549-7974, or Bob Kowal, 234-426-1907.
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!

**Willow House**, a non-profit organization that helps support grieving families, schools, and communities, is seeking volunteer group facilitators for our grieving children’s groups (Pre-K through high school) at our Libertyville location. Training provided. Email sharonrosman@willowhouse.org for more information.

**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.

**Volunteer with ElderCARE!**

As little as three hours a month can bring you and your care receiver blessings. Join us at an ElderCARE Orientation on September 7 at 1:00 p.m. at Waukegan Public Library. Let us know you’re coming, 847-406-4683.

**St. Joseph Bed Ministry in Need of New Twin Comforters and Sheets**

The Bed Ministry has delivered over 200 beds to children who do not have a bed and sleep on the floor, couch or with their parent. New twin comforters and sheets can be donated and left in the donation boxes in the Narthex the weekend of August 25 and September 1. Thank you for your generosity—the families are so appreciative! Any questions, contact Mary Causey at 847-990-1213.

**St. Joseph Employment Ministry to Meet September 4**

Please note: SUMMER BREAK! There will be no meeting on August 21—BUT, be sure to ‘Save the Date’ for September 4, when we will reconvene for Paul Duski’s excellent presentation on Relationship Building.

Networking is, by far, the most successful route to success in landing a new job. More than 65% of job seekers land in their new roles through some form of networking. Please join us for our September 4 Employment Ministry meeting to learn more from **Paul Duski**, a Lake County relationship-builder and networking coach, who will present Networking & Relationship Building. Paul will provide practical information on all aspects of the networking process, and will show you, step-by-step, how to build relationships and put successful networking techniques into practice. This is also an opportunity to meet members of your local community who you may be able to help or who may be helpful to you.

Our meeting is 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. The session is free, and all are welcome—please bring a friend! We look forward to seeing you there.

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@yahoo.com.
Euchre is Back on Saturday, September 14

Our first Euchre Night of the new season will be on Saturday, September 14. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; cards begin at 7:00 p.m. We meet at 200 N. Milwaukee, Lower Level. Enter through the Milwaukee Avenue doors. If you like playing cards and want to learn Euchre, this first night of the new season is for you. If you play any card games, it can take as little as one evening to learn Euchre. Or, maybe you came to a Euchre Night before but you’ve forgotten how to play. Come on September 14 and learn again. If you already know Euchre, think about joining us. St. Joseph Euchre Night is for anyone interested in casual Euchre play, meeting neighbors, munching on snacks, and having some laughs. Players are adults that are singles and couples of all ages. 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.

Senior Corner

KEENAGER – Free newspaper by Catholic Charities. Call 312-655-7425.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH SPONSORED • August 19, St. Rose Quilting Circle, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Formation Center, Room D • August 20, St. Ann de Beaupré Card-making Circle, 9:30 a.m. • August 22, Tables for Eight, see page 6 • August 25, Blood Drive, 8 a.m.-2 p.m., School Gym • September 9, register for Windy City Tour at Parish Office • Women's Guild Fall Mixer, September 25 at 7:00 p.m. • Ministry of Praise, call Debbie Costa at 847-347-3601. • Joyful Again program for the widowed, phone 708-354-7211 for information.

LIBERTYVILLE SENIOR COUNCIL & SENIOR CENTER • August 19, Chicago Lighthouse Lecture, 1:00 p.m. • August 21, Senior Lifestyle Expo Trip, 10:30 to 3:00 p.m. • August 22, Cubs Watch Party, 1:20 p.m., free! • August 23, Western BBQ, Lunch and sing-along. • Men's Bowling on Monday and Thursday mornings at 9:00 a.m. at Fairhaven Lanes in Mundelein • Bingo every 3rd Thursday • Free art class, 1st & 3rd Thursday's

Guild News:

Women's Fall Mixer: Save the Date! All women of the parish are invited to attend a Women's Fall Mixer hosted by Mother's with Young Children, St. Joseph School Parent's Association, Women's Council and Women's Guild on Wednesday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Koenig Center. 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? Are you looking for fellowship? If so, St. Rose Quilt Circle is for you! Join us on Monday, August 19 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. Anne de Beaupré Card-making Circle: Join us this week on Tuesday, August 20 at the Formation Center at 9:30 a.m. We have a wonderful group of ladies who enjoy making greeting cards. For more information, call Terrie Coconate 847-682-1652 or email terrieconocone@yahoo.com.

St. Judith Walking with Purpose Women's Catholic Bible Study: Do you desire to grow in your Catholic faith? Would you like to connect with other women in our parish community? Do you feel that you are doing so much but none of it very well? We invite you to consider joining Walking with Purpose this fall here at St. Joseph Parish. Bi-monthly group sessions are starting in September. Keeping in Balance, our study for this fall through spring, focuses on creating balance within. No previous Bible study experience is necessary and you are welcome to come as you are as we explore Biblical ways we can manage life’s pace and pressure while living with calm and steadiness. Walking with Purpose transforms the hearts and lives of women by providing Bible studies that enable women to know Christ through Scripture and the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Interested in learning more? Please join us on September 9 for the evening group (7:30 p.m.) or on September 13 for the morning group (9:15 a.m.) to find out what Walking with Purpose is all about! Bring a friend to meet us at the Formation Center (in strip mall south of church; use rear entrance) to learn more. For questions or to RSVP, contact Katie Sivak, katie.m.sivak@gmail.com and 312-520-6664. Feel free to visit Walking with Purpose webpage at www.walkingwithpurpose.com.

Married in 1969?

Couples who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary from across the Archdiocese of Chicago are invited to gather together for the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass that will be celebrated by Cardinal Cupich on Sunday, September 8 at 2:45 p.m. The Mass will be held at St. John Brebeuf in Niles, Illinois. To register, contact your parish office or register online at bit.ly/goldenweddingchicago.
Please join us in welcoming the following new parish members: Jillian Hanes, Brian & Ellen Stewart, Edward & Alissa Sindles, George & Lauren Souri, Rachel Weltzien, Connor McCauley and Jessica Perkins & Michael Hoefke.

Welcome to our community of faith!

Babysitting During Mass
Would you be interested in having your 1- to 4-year-old children play with their peers while you participate in Sunday Mass? Or would you be interested in volunteering your time watching young children while their parents attend Mass? We are looking for volunteers to fill this role on a rotating basis for the 9:00 a.m. Mass, starting this September through May. Please click on the Google link if you are interested in participating: https://forms.gle/1huAy2qs3QC9gM1j8. Please contact Justine with any questions: justine.lutz@me.com.

Mothers with Young Children
We have a great line-up of events for moms and children this fall. Watch for our update next week. If you or someone you know would like to join MYC, please contact us at stjoesmyc@gmail.com. We will then 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!

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WOMEN’S FALL DAY OF REFLECTION:
Image of God, A Woman’s Spiritual Journey
Saturday, September 28
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Marytown, 1600 Park Avenue, Libertyville

The program will be facilitated by Linda Couri, Director of Lay Ministry, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at St. Mary of the Lake Seminary.

The registration fee is $15 and includes a continental breakfast, lunch and Mass at noon. Participants will have ample time to enjoy Marytown’s beautiful chapel, grounds and gift shop. Registration is required by signing up online at St. Joseph’s website: https://stjoseph-libertyville.org/womens-day-of-reflection. Payment will be accepted at the door—Cash Only. Registration will close on September 24. Sign up early! Space is limited. Any questions, contact kayfischer@comcast.net.
**Faith Formation**

“In have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing!”

Luke 12:49

God is always the source of our strength. We cannot make it in this world solely on our own. We need the fire of his love to ignite our hearts and give us the strength to follow him.

**An invitation for those who are not Catholic**

Is God stirring a fire in you? Have you thought deepening your love for God and others through the path of Catholicism? Now is the time to take the journey into the Catholic faith.

Sessions for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) will begin in late September and continue through Pentecost. **To learn more, please contact:** Dave Retseck, Faith Formation Office: 847-990-1266 or dretseck@stjoseph-libertyville.org.

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**Theology on Tap Next Sunday**

The Young Adult Ministry of Lake County will continue the summer program of Theology on Tap on Sunday, August 25 with a discussion featuring Jim Stanislawski on the topic of “How to Discern”. The evening will be at Fatman’s in Gurnee, on Route 41. For more information, email yamlakecounty@gmail.com. Ages 18-39 are welcome.

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**Friday Morning Bible Study**

Learn about the story of one of the most interesting and passionate prophets in the Old Testament when Friday Morning Bible Study sessions resume in September. Participants gather in the Formation Center from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Fridays, beginning September 20.

The Book of Jeremiah is a combination of history, biography and prophecy. It is a peek into the window of a tumultuous time, following the destruction of the Northern Kingdom nearly 150 years earlier. Harkening to God’s warnings, the 22-year-old prophet desperately urged the Southern Kingdom to heed God’s word, hoping to avoid Babylon’s eventual obliteration of the land and the Temple itself.

Study materials need to be ordered soon. To register or for information, email or call Cherie Gaiser by September 1 at Catbirdsong@aol.com or 847-816-4654.
Faith Formation

Two Parishes Working Together

In the spirit of Renew My Church (the grouping of St. Joseph of Libertyville and St. Mary of Vernon parishes), The Mary and Joseph Adult Faith Council is a cooperative effort between the parishes to share resources and work together to encourage and form followers of Christ, wherever they are. The program below, Divorce & Beyond, is one of the Council’s initiatives.

The purpose of the Mary and Joseph Adult Faith Council is to:
- Share ideas that serve our adult/family communities; that enhance Spiritual life, as well as Doctrine, Catechetical and Scriptural knowledge;
- Encourage a vibrant inter-parish social atmosphere;
- Sponsor 2-4 events per year, including but not limited to speaker events, parish missions, field trips, and ongoing support groups made available to both parishes;
- Share information about other adult faith formation events ongoing at our respective parishes.

The Adult Faith Council meets quarterly. We are looking for one new member each from the parishes to join the team. For more information, please contact Maureen Evers at St. Mary of Vernon (847-362-1005 or mevers@maryofvernon.org) or Dave Retseck at St. Joseph (847-362-2073 or dretseck@stjoseph-libertyville.org).

Returning this fall!

Divorce & Beyond

“How do I register? Email your name and contact information to:
pgcartwright@hotmail.com

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.

FOR THE MEN OF ST. JOE’S

SAVE THE DATE

Bears v. Packer Tailgate
Tend the Fire Tribute Dinner
Men’s Legacy Weekend
Saturday Morning Live

September 5th
October 5th
November 9-10
Advent 2019
ATTENTION ALL MEN OF THE PARISH
St. Joseph Men’s Ministry is Hosting its 3rd Annual Tailgate and Viewing Party

Game Day Details
- Gates open around 6:30 p.m. and game time is 7:20.
- The Men’s Ministry will provide burgers and hot dogs.
- We ask that you bring an appetizer or dessert or other item to share as well as your own beverages (alcohol is allowed.)

Thursday, September 5, 2019
Where: St. Joseph School Playground
(between Rt. 21 and Park Place along Hurlburt Court)

YOU BET!

- Grow in your own faith while helping our children to open their eyes and hearts to Christ and build a relationship with the living God!
- Share in Jesus’ ministry with your own talents and gifts! Challenge yourself, have fun and make friends!
- Don’t think you have what it takes? If you have an open heart and are willing to say YES, you already do!

Can I be a catechist?

Your time & talents are appreciated:

Traditional K-6: Co-catechists needed on Sundays in Grade 6; on Tuesdays: Catechists in Grades 4, 5 and 6

Confirmation Prep (Grades 7-8): Co-catechists needed for Grades 7 and 8 on Sunday and Tuesday evenings.

Information? Julie Harding, (847) 990-1226, jharding@stjoseph-libertyville.org
or the Faith Formation office, (847) 362-5797
In Memory

Please pray for the souls of:

Betty Kelly
Bernard J. Mitchell
Bruce Gregory Becker
Patricia Wichlin
Ladonna Rollins
Joyce Heffern

Baptisms

Lily Jane Hynes, daughter of Amy (Goodenow) and Michael Hynes
Kennedy Kathleen Natonton, daughter of Taylor (Howeth) and Karlo Natonton
Lucas Theodore Cassata, son of Allison (Pedone) and Francesco Cassata

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.

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.

Mass Intentions

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Please Pray for the Sick

Chuck Swoboda
Jake Philbrick
Judith Boggs
Virginia Youska
Clarke Harris
Liz Schwoerer
Nancy Adams
Don Rentsch
Regina Pumpera
Joanne M. Boehm
Rita Gagliano
James A. Page
David Guimond
Carol Michalski
Terry Vencus
Joseph Locascio
Fr. Val Laini
B. J. Carroll
Sean Kolber
Cliff Young
Micah Peckels Quirk

After 4 weeks, please notify the parish office if your loved one is still in need of our prayers.
As Disciples of Christ, may we always remember to stay strong in our faith and know that we will always be challenged. How often do you think about Christ in the course of a week? Once on Sunday? A couple of times when saying a prayer? Only when in need? Now, what if Christ was a living, essential part of your daily existence? Each and every day is full of life's challenges, and each and every day a super abundance of grace is poured out into your life, available to you at any given moment. Remember, grace is God's very life freely offered to you to strengthen you for all that is being asked of you in life. Do you live out of that grace, or do you live out of your own willfulness? A disciple of Christ contemplates the difference between the two and chooses the best they can to see that God's grace does not end with them, but continues to pour forth for love of God and all God loves.

Adult Confirmation Preparation

Adults in Vicariate I will have the opportunity to be confirmed by Bishop Alberto Rojas this fall. Formation classes for men and women will commence September 19 to prepare for the conferral of the Sacrament of Confirmation on November 18, 2019. Both the classes and the Confirmation Mass will take place at St. Mary of the Annunciation Catholic Church, 22333 W. Erhart Road, in Mundelein. Contact Sue Matousek, 847-223-0010, or smatous@stmota.org to register for classes.

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.

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.

Thoughts on Giving

“Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division.” (Luke 12:51) Living a stewardship lifestyle means stepping out of our comfort zone when needed. Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves, stay in the middle of the road. In today’s world we are called to be informed and take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.
ACCOUNTABILITY

**We’ve updated our social media URLs**

Stay Connected!

We have options for everyone!

Website: www.stjoseph-libertyville.org

www.facebook.com/SJLibertyville

www.twitter.com/SJLibertyville

www.instagram.com/SJLibertyville

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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**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.

**STAY CONNECTED**

Website: www.stjoseph-libertyville.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/SJLibertyville

Twitter: www.twitter.com/SJLibertyville

Instagram: www.instagram.com/SJLibertyville

Our YouTube address is: www.youtube.com/sjlibertyville

**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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**STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE**

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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-MJCFSUZWJMMFPSH%FBDPO(FPSHF,BTINBS0@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 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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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 revere nce.
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.


Leader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus passed through towns and villages, teaching as he went and making his way to Jerusalem. Someone asked him, “Lord, will only a few people be saved?”

He answered them, “Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.

“After the master of the house has arisen and locked the door, then will you stand outside knocking and saying, ‘Lord, open the door for us.’ He will say to you in reply, ‘I do not know where you are from.

“And you will say, ‘We ate and drank in your company and you taught in our streets.’ Then he will say to you, ‘I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!’

“And there will be wailing and grinding of teeth when you see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and you yourselves cast out. And people will come from the east and the west and from the north and the south and will recline at table in the kingdom of God.

“For behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

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

REFLECTION

This week we hear Jesus directly addressing those who might be His followers, which of course includes us. He reminds us that all are invited to follow Him and enter into the Kingdom of God. Yet not all of us will have the strength or the courage to follow. Following Christ and entering through the “narrow gate” challenges us to think small when it comes to the ways of world. Humility is needed because a big head may not fit. We are warned of the danger of letting the desire for worldly success distract us from our call to be imitators of Christ. The temptation for many of us is to compartmentalize our faith. We are content with being faithful, church-going Catholics on Sunday even as we strive to keep up with the Jones’ the rest of the week. Christ reminds us that walking with Him is not going to be a walk in the park, but a lifelong journey along a winding road that will test both our strength and our will to be saints. When we come knocking at the door of the Kingdom of Heaven, do we expect to be recognized as one of Jesus’ followers just because we showed up on Sunday? What will we say of how we imitated Jesus’ love Monday through Saturday? Were we spending all our time seeking pleasure and comfort or did we make time to give Him the glory and honor He so deserves? Were we busy striving to be number one or were we willing to put Him first? The big wide world constantly beckons us to give it our full attention. Jesus reminds us that if we narrow our focus on Him we will find the way to joy and peace on this earth and eternal happiness in the next. The choice is ours. Will we clutter our lives with the ways and the cares of the world or seek to live and share the love of the Lord so that when the time comes we will be able to enter the narrow gate?

For further reflection on heaven, hell, purgatory and the final judgment, see the Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraphs 1021-1041.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Do I truly believe that God wants my happiness in life? Do I see Jesus’ teachings as the pathway to joy or as an obstacle to getting the most out of my life?
2. As Catholics we are called to help others to know Christ and follow in His footsteps. How well-prepared am I to find my way to Jesus and help lead others to Him?
3. Christ calls us to be humble servants and to be open to putting the interests of others before own desires. Where do I strive to be one of the “first” and where am I content to be one of the “last”?

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