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!

7TH ANNUAL MASS IN THE PARK
AUGUST 17, 2019

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH—LIBERTYVILLE, ILLINOIS
WWW.STJOSEPH-LIBERTYVILLE.ORG
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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.

With so much information from the media and other resources reporting and commenting about the sexual abuse scandal, St. Joseph Catholic Church has purchased copies of Bishop Robert Barron’s recently released book, “Letter to a Suffering Church.” Copies are free and available on the tables in the church and 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.

Upcoming Events

More information at www.stjoseph-libertyville.org

August 29 Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations, Church, 3:00 p.m.
September 5 Men’s Tailgate Party, School parking lot, 6:30 p.m.
September 8 Learn about the International Sharing Ministry after the 9:00 and 10:45 Masses, Loughry Room
September 13 Golf Outing, see page 10
September 21 Presentation on the Liturgy, 9:00 a.m.-Noon, KC
September 25 Guild’s Fall Mixer, 7:00 p.m., Koenig Center
September 28 Women’s Day of Reflection, Marytown, 8:30 a.m.
October 1, 8, 15 Protecting God’s People, 7-9 p.m., Loughry Room
October 5 Learn about the Pope’s encyclical on the environment, 9:00-Noon, Koenig Center
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.

BEREAVEMENT GROUP TO BEGIN OCTOBER 20

The St. Joseph Catholic Church 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 Sunday, October 20, the group will meet for six consecutive Sundays from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Formation 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.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

The parish will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Sunday, October 6 at 4:00 p.m. in Sunrise Rotary Park in front of church. You are welcome to bring your cat, dog, fish, gerbil, chicken, horse, or any other pet you have for a special blessing by Fr. Trout.

AS DISCIPLES OF CHRIST, WE STRIVE TO LIVE HUMBLY AND COMMITTED TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Whom does God the Father see when He looks at you? Does He see someone proud with what they have made of themselves—of what they have accomplished in life? Or does He see someone who looks like (who bears the image of) Jesus, His only Begotten Son? We, who believe in Jesus, bear the title of “Christian.” But who do others see when they look at you? Do they see an image of the person you created yourself to be? Or do they see someone who truly bears the image and likeness of our Lord, Jesus Christ? When you come to the end of your life, will God recognize you as HIS child or will He say “I do not know who you are?”

BAPTISMS

Tierney Marie Gruner, child of Lindsay (Schwartz) and Adam Gruner
Vincent Michael Nece, child of Stephanie (Urban) and David Nece
Aurora Sanchez, child of Griselda Guzman and Eduardo Sanchez
Jax William Wall, child of Krista (Pipenhagen) and Derek Wall

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Mikaela Allmon & Patrick Kashmar
Alison Boudreau & Jared Forsythe
Keri Gleason & Lucas McGovern

IN MEMORY

Please pray for the souls of:
Dave Von Holten
Eugene Schmittgens, Sr.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday August 26
6:30 Bob & Jean Mitchell
and
8:30 Victoria McGreal
and
John Beitzel
Tuesday August 27
6:30 John Gwin
and
8:30 Mary Ann Stanczak
and
Peggy Amborski
and
Liz George, well-being
Wednesday August 28
6:30 Souls in Purgatory
and
8:30 Sharon Hylki Kerr
and
Martin Kelliher
and
Lyn George, well-being
Thursday August 29
6:30 Barney Loeb
and
Lisa Iskalis McCarthy
8:30 John Russert
and
Leah George
Friday August 30
6:30 Nicole Dillon Morales
and
Edith Creadon
8:30 Martin Kelliher
and
Annette Galli
Saturday August 31
8:30 Robert J. Tesmer
and
Ellen Majewski
2:00 Mikaela Allmon & Patrick Kashmar
Sunday All Parishioners
**PRAYER & WORSHIP**

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### TRAINING SESSIONS FOR NEW MINISTERS OF CARE

Basic Training for New Ministers of Care for Vicariate I is offered this fall at St. John the Evangelist Parish, Streamwood, on September 21 and 28, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Attendance on both days is required. This program is designed for persons to be commissioned and mandated as Ministers of Care in their respective parishes to visit and/or take the Eucharist to those who are hospitalized, in nursing homes or confined to private homes. No walk-ins will be accepted. Interested persons are asked to contact their Parish Ministry of Care Coordinator (Arlyss Lasecki at arlyss1211@sbcglobal.net or Judy Salzman at salzman1672@comcast.net) for details and before registering for this workshop at [www.vic1chicago.org/registration](http://www.vic1chicago.org/registration). The location is 502 S. Park Blvd., Streamwood, IL 60107 (Park Blvd. is approximately a mile west of Barrington Road and runs north-south between Schaumburg & Irving Park Roads.)

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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.

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### YOUTH

**You’re Invited!**

**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

**SUNDAY, SEPT. 8 FROM 6:15-8:15 PM**

**AFTER THE 5 PM TEEN MASS**

High Schoolers: Come join us in the Souled Out Teen Space for our first youth group night of the school year! Come hear about our plans for the upcoming year, and spend some time meeting new friends, enjoying good food, and growing in your faith.

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**Mark Your Calendars!**

**SEPTEMBER 8**

**TEEN MASS @ 5PM**

All are welcome to join us for a teen-led mass! Any teen interested in helping at mass should contact Brigid Dutton at bdutton@stjoseph-libertyville.org.

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**Pack 60 Recruiting Open House**

Drop in anytime between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. on August 28 in the basement of the Baird and Warner building (just south of the church).

**What is Cub Scouting?** Cub Scouting is a fun, family-friendly, advancement-based program with a focus on outdoor activities that positively affects every area of a girl or boy’s life. Scouting teaches your child important life skills:

- Confidence
- Responsibility
- Environmental Awareness
- Leadership
- Teamwork
- The Value of Family
- Service to Others
- Faith
- Social Skills

**How Can I find Out More Information?** If you or your child is interested in finding out more about Cub Scouts and Pack 60 or want to sign up, please join us at our **Pack 60 Recruiting Open House** in the basement of the Baird and Warner building (just south of the Church) on August 28. Drop in anytime between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. Or contact Pat Emmons at 847-721-4282 (cell) or email cubmaster@libertyvillepack60.org.
ADOPTING AND NURTURING NEW LIFE...4 months before birth!

On March 25, we celebrated the Feast of the Annunciation. Mary learned then that she would conceive and bear a son who was to be named Jesus. August 25 will mark five months after that special conception, just four months before we will celebrate his birth. His fingers and toes formed, Mary could feel Jesus “touch” her. Initially, it was like the flutter of a butterfly, but it was growing stronger day-by-day. I can imagine Jesus calling to her, “Thank you for taking care of me! I don’t have a ruler or scale in here but I think I’m about 10 inches long and I must weigh nearly a pound. I was just wondering: who will I touch when I get out of here? Will I have the chance to change someone’s life?”

For those who have joined others in spiritually adopting a child this year, that’s the precious potential we hold up in prayer. For those of you who are just hearing about St. Joseph’s Spiritual Adoption initiative, we are reflecting on the movement of Mary and Jesus from the Annunciation to Christmas. And, we have each adopted in spirit the life of an unborn child, mother and father—someone we know or perhaps not, but each very special in the eyes of our Creator. Whose lives will they touch and change?

Let us pray. “Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to protect and nurture the lives of every mother and father and their unborn babies, especially the one I have spiritually adopted.”

St. Joseph Employment Ministry to Meet September 4

Networking is, by far, the most successful route to success in landing in a new job. More than 65% of job-seekers land in their new roles through some form of networking. Please join us for the next meeting of the Employment Ministry 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! 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 jjennings@comcast.net. Employers are invited to post open positions with us by sending an email to: StJosephEmploymentMinistry@yahoo groups.com.

Homeless Housing Discussion This Afternoon

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 jails? 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.

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.

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!

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.

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 jjennings@comcast.net.
Rooted in Love

Learn more about Pope Francis’ encyclical, Laudato Si (“Care for Our Common Home”), and what we should do in our daily lives to nurture the world around us.

Saturday, October 5 - St. Joseph Koenig Center
• 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. - Presentation  • 10:30 a.m. to noon - Small group learning
(For anyone who would like information about future participation in small group study and application of the encyclical, either as a member or a facilitator.)

Who Should Attend?
• Anyone interested in learning our responsibility to care for the environment
• Anyone interested in small group formation to respond to Pope Francis’ call to action

Sponsored by the St. Joseph Care for Creation Ministry

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!

SOLEMN VESPERS ON 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.
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 throughout 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.

Blood Drive in
St. Joseph School Gym Today
Sunday, August 25 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

2019 St. Joseph’s 7th Annual Mass in the Park & Picnic
Thanks to the Parish for Such Great Support!
900 in Attendance despite the threat of rain!

Special Thanks to the Committee:
Anne DeFranco
Kathleen O’Connor
Jim Lobus
Gene O’Brien
Maurice Griffin
Dennis Moffatt
Mike Graham
Dave Recker
Dan Harris
Dave Wacnik
John Jurecko
Dick Vyborny
Bunny Otrembiak
Gerry Salzman
Ron Vanasdlen
Kris Partain
Deacon George Kashmar
Marie Tuohy
Lindee Kadtare
Carol Suvanich
Gail Kahover

Special Thanks to:
St. Joseph Choirs & Instrumentalists
O’Hare Irish Dancers
School of Rock
Proclaimers, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Celebrants & Deacons
St. Joseph Boy Scouts
and also to the 115 Volunteers!

Thanks to our Sponsors:
Sunset Foods - Culvers - Libertyville Music - Libertyville Fire & Paramedics - Lake County Sheriff

See You Next Year on August 15!
If Interested in heading a Committee, please contact Gerry Salzman at gesint49@gmail.com.

Babysitting During Mass
This fall, starting September 15, St. Joseph’s Parish Nursery will be available during the 9:00 a.m. Mass. If you are an Adult, High School or Junior High student who likes working with 1-4 year-olds, this volunteer opportunity is for you! To sign up, please contact Justine Lutz at: Justine.lutz@me.com or 773-704-7055.

Euchre Night on September 14, 6:30 p.m., Lower Level of 200 N. Milwaukee Avenue.
COMMUNITY BUILDING

SENIOR CORNER

ST. JOSEPH PARISH SPONSORED • September 5, Tailgate Party for men, see p. 11 • September 8, International Sharing program after 9 and 10:45 Masses • September 9, register for Windy City Tour • Women's Guild Fall Mixer, September 25 at 7:00 p.m.
LIBERTYVILLE SENIOR COUNCIL & SENIOR CENTER • August 27, speaker on prostate cancer and Ice Cream Social, 1:00 p.m. • August 28, Bingo at 1:00 p.m. • August 29, White Sox Watch Party, 1:10 p.m.

GUILD NEWS:

Guild Executive Board Positions: Are you interested in becoming more involved with the Guild? We are currently looking to fill a few vacant positions on our Board (Vice President or Volunteer Coordinator position). Please contact us at guildofstjosephlv@gmail.com if you are interested in joining the Board.

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. Joseph Women Guild’s Annual Doorways to Christmas Housewalk: Plans are underway for the 33rd Annual Doorways of Christmas Housewalk on Wednesday, December 4 and we are looking for a few more homes to showcase. Be part of this Libertyville honored tradition and help spread Christmas cheer. Houses of all shapes and sizes are welcome. The proceeds from the Housewalk are distributed to local charities. Please contact Joan at joanwegryn@sbcglobal.net, if you are interested in participating.

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.

25TH ANNUAL WINDY CITY TOUR & LUNCH: SIGN-UP BEGINS SEPT. 9

Because of past popularity, this year’s tour will be done twice:

October 2 & 9, 8:45 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Both tours are identical and will be led by Dick Jacob

Visit a suburban church remarkably connected to a church in Chicago by the disastrous 1871 Chicago Fire. Also visit that Chicago church, the first in the city to have electric lights, and it’s still using them. In a sense, same history in three different places. See over 8,300 Toby Jugs, the world’s largest collection; the spectacular Elk’s National Veterans Memorial that has enough opulence for a sultan’s palace; a hidden-away history of early Chicago done in large tiles, and an even earlier history done in mosaic tiles in a building lobby. Walk through a plaza full of photo ops: bring your camera. Lunch at 2:00 is in the historic Union League Club followed by a 30-minute stroll around this area of architectural significance which includes the city’s tallest brick building which was the first in Chicago to have electric lights. In a church on Michigan Avenue we’ll conclude the history started at our first stop and also see an incredible collection of Tiffany windows close enough to touch—a crown jewel of city churches. We’ll walk across the river, alongside it (2 stories up) and under a building en route to an urban oasis to view the river and the river walk, and to photograph the sunset reflected in a building (and with a bit of luck, that building reflected by another across the river). A picture of two sunsets for the price of one!

Reservations begin on Monday, September 9 (but not before) at the St. Joseph Parish office, 121 E. Maple Ave., Libertyville. Cost including lunch: $60/person. Checks payable to St. Joseph Church. Email addresses & cell phone numbers are requested for everyone who has them. Coach departs from parking lot at Hurlbut Court & Park Place at 8:45 a.m., returning about 7:00 p.m. Wear comfortable shoes with non-slip soles, and bring a light coat for the sunset stop. Questions to Dick Jacob, seabeejake@comcast.net or 847-744-0235.
Please join us in welcoming the following new parish members: Brian & Katie Fahrenbach, Kathy & Dirk Rodgers, Jails Galet & Julin Dennis, Ruben Sereno, Kevin & Haeli Byrnes, Joseph & Carla Ghanem, Katrina Basch and Robert & Tracey Posadas.
Welcome to our community of faith!

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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FAITH FORMATION

Returning this fall!

Divorce & Beyond

“When in the Lord with all your heart…
In all your ways be mindful of him, and he will make straight your paths.”

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

Sponsored by the Mary and Joseph Adult Faith Council
A joint effort of St. Mary of Vernon and St. Joseph-Libertyville parishes

WOMEN’S FALL DAY OF REFLECTION:

Image of God,
A Woman’s Spiritual Journey

For the women of St. Joseph and St. Mary of Vernon Parishes—Sponsored by St. Joseph Women’s Council

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.
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.

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.

Can I Be a Catechist? 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! Your time and 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. Thank you!
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.)

BEARS vs. PACKERS

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

Questions? Call the Adult Faith Formation Office: 847-990-1266

Understanding Sacrosanctum Concilium

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

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
Weekly Offering for August 4, 2019
Weekend Offering $22,856 $136,827 $25,010 $140,312
Electronic Giving $3,172 $84,923 $5,665 $95,460
Total Collection $26,028 $221,750 $30,675 $235,772
Budget for Collection $42,230 $253,380
Difference $(16,202) $(31,630)

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

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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 — Luke 14:1, 7-14

Leader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

On a Sabbath Jesus went to dine at the home of one of the leading Pharisees, and the people there were observing him carefully.

He told a parable to those who had been invited, noting how they were choosing the places of honor at the table. “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not recline at table in the place of honor. A more distinguished guest than you may have been invited by him, and the host who invited both of you may approach you and say, ‘Give your place to this man,’ and then you would proceed with embarrassment to take the lowest place.

“Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place so that when the host comes to you he may say, ‘My friend, move up to a higher position.’ Then you will enjoy the esteem of your companions at the table. For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Then he said to the host who invited him, “When you hold a lunch or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or your wealthy neighbors, in case they may invite you back and you have repayment. Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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

Reflection

This Sunday’s Gospel warns us about the vice of pridefulness. Whenever we seek attention, status or treasure, we were admonished that “the first shall be last and the last shall be first” in this week’s Gospel, next week we hear that those who are moved to seek God’s plan for our lives and to surrender to His holy will. In what areas of my life do I resist submitting to God’s will for me or my family? How might I get more comfortable with having God in charge?

Reflection Questions

1. A few years ago our parish Lenten theme was “I am God and you are not.” We were encouraged to seek God’s plan for our lives and to surrender to His holy will. In what areas of my life do I resist submitting to God’s will for me or my family? How might I get more comfortable with having God in charge?
2. As Catholic Christians we are called to be humbly obedient to the teachings of Christ passed on to us through Scripture and the magisterial teaching of the Church. Are there areas where obedience is still difficult for me? What might I do in humility to reconcile myself to Christ’s teaching?
3. In humility what might I do to give more attention to the needs of others? In my family? my Church? my community?
4. The book of Proverbs warns us that pride goes before the fall. What prideful thoughts do I need to let go of?

Readings for the Week

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