Last Sunday, high school students gathered for food, games and sharing at the Souled Out Teen Space. Come to the 5:00 p.m. Sunday Mass, then head over afterward. High school youth are welcome every Sunday at 6:15 p.m. for a variety of activities. Visit https://www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/youth-commission or email bdutton@stjoseph-libertyville.org.
To prepare for my ordination 30 years ago, I had to visit the pastor in my home parish in Athy, Co. Kildare. As we sat down to talk, he graciously offered me a glass of wine. The conversation went well, he was quite cordial and we finished the plans quicker than either of us expected. As I was about to leave, he offered me another glass of wine which I politely declined. But he was having none of it and immediately refilled my glass while sharing a very Irish expression when it comes to drinking with friends: “A bird never flew on one wing.”

I’ve never forgotten his remark—perhaps because for a significant part of the Church’s history, she has been flying on one wing. Certainly, it is an appropriate metaphor for today’s Church.

In Luke 12:49-53, Jesus said to his disciples, “I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! There is a baptism with which I must be baptized, and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!” This was the mission for which he lived, suffered and ultimately, died. It is a mission rooted in the Blessed Trinity: a mission of love, forgiveness and liberation.

Jesus’ anguish is still great because the fire of love with which he came to set the world ablaze has been profoundly diminished by human failings. Today, many leaders contend the problem stems from relativism, secularism or individualism, focusing the blame on the people missing from the pew. The abuse crisis and its handling by some bishops took a devastating toll, but many people also have concluded the Church is irrelevant. The latter perspective highlights the dire need to change how the Church governs as well as inspires, informs and ignites the flame of faith.

Watching the coverage of Notre Dame engulfed in flames, it struck me that the iconic Paris cathedral was being mourned only as the loss of a place of magnificent architecture and art—as if it was a museum rather than the home of a vibrant faith community. Even in families where for generations the Church has been central to their lives, today the children and grandchildren say the Church no longer provides meaning or purpose. Unfortunately, these families are becoming the majority.

Yet, there are hopeful developments and I firmly believe now is an opportune time for healing, refining and re-imagining. Before we can move forward to achieve this however, it is necessary to look backwards. This was the call of Vatican II, inviting us to return to the sources of our faith, to the practice of the Apostles. Communities for the Kingdom do this as they are:

Communal in promoting authentic friendship;
Contemplative in being Christ-centered;
Compassionate in loving service.

The Apostolic time was also an apocalyptic time, the end of one era but containing within it the seeds of something new and better. Today, we live in apocalyptic time as we come to the end of one way of being church and begin another.

Communities for the Kingdom, the seeds we are planting to nurture and grow a better Church, reflect the mission of the Archdiocese’s Renew My Church initiative to create vibrant faith communities that form missionary disciples who by their lives and commitment share Christ’s love, witness to their Catholic faith, and are better prepared
to pass on the faith to future generations.

At the Mass in the Park two years ago, I asked, “Who among you are going to be the last generation of Catholics in your family?” Thankfully, 700 people responded by attending three CFTK formation sessions. Today, 350 people are actively involved in our small groups, meeting regularly in their homes, forming deeper friendships, focusing on the word of God to fully experience His presence in their lives and making the world a kinder, gentler place through compassionate service.

Today I ask, “Who among you are willing to be the first of your generation to create a new way of being church, by reclaiming the Church of the Apostles?

For those involved in one of our 60 ministries, I express my profound gratitude for your dedication, compassion and generosity. Like Pope Francis and Cardinal Cupich who are inviting all of us to take our Baptismal calling to the next level, I encourage your involvement in these ministries as a way to establish a CFTK group.

For those not involved in any ministry, I invite you to join in creating the Church of the future. We all need authentic friendships, purpose in life and opportunities to make the world a better place. Ultimately these groups, regardless of their origins, are to become the sign and source of His presence to each other and to the world. The future of our Church depends on it. Parishes moving in this direction are increasing members and they have become vibrant, enriching and relevant communities of faith for all generations—especially young people.

The Scriptures underscore the divine power behind both the Petrine and Communal expressions of establishing the Church. In Matthew 16, Jesus gives the great commission to Peter and the Apostles and in Matthew 18, Jesus gives a similar commission to the community of the faithful to establish the Church and bring about the Kingdom of God. From my experience, if any group of people can set the world on fire with Christ’s love, it’s the parishioners of St. Joseph Parish, Libertyville.

In our narthex’s stained glass window of the Baptism of Jesus, the artist Gabriel Loire from Chartres, France (1965) depicts the Holy Spirit as a dove. The Holy Spirit has been flying too long on one wing. Let St. Joseph Parish be among the first to give the dove two wings, creating a new people of God, renewing the earth and building God’s Kingdom.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His consolations. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Sacrament of the Risen Lord,
September 9, 2019

Dear Parishioners of St. Joseph Parish,

Your pastor, Fr. John Trout, will soon be participating in the Catholic Leadership 360 Review process. This review process is part of the ordinary structure required by Archdiocesan Policy of every diocesan priest approximately every five years. It is an opportunity for Fr. Trout to recognize his talents and to grow to become a better priest and pastoral minister. Selected members of the parish staff and parish leadership, the dean, and I will be reviewers using this instrument.

According to Archdiocesan policies lay leadership and parishioners are to be given the opportunity to recognize Fr. Trout’s gifts and to share their sentiments about his ministry. We are providing a parish-wide survey as part of his review process. The survey can be easily accessed by going to Ministerial Resources for Parishes on the Archdiocese of Chicago website, https://www.archchicago.org/offices-and-ministries/ministerial-resources-for-parishes

In the middle of the page, you will find Parish-wide Survey Review for Priests. The survey is available in English, Spanish, and Polish. Please click on the word ‘Link’ next to your appropriate language to access the survey.

If you have any concerns or comments pertaining to Fr. Trout’s review, feel free to contact me directly. If you have any further questions or suggestions about the review process you may contact Fr. Bob Heidenreich, Coordinator of Ministerial Review and Priests Programs, by email (rheidenreich@archchicago.org) or by phone at the Priests’ Placement Office (312-534-5237).

When the Catholic Leadership 360 Review process has been completed, Fr. Trout will be asked to share the insights he has received and his further developmental plans with you in the parish bulletin and on the parish web site.

Thank you for your willingness to participate and provide constructive information.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Alberto Rojas
Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago
Seminarian Collection

Thank you for your generous donations of $12,303.34 in support of the men seeking to answer God’s call to a life of service as a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago. This does not include the additional donations our parishioners made directly to The Seminarian Education Fund. The Seminarian Education Fund provides support for the training and education of men studying for priesthood in the Archdiocese of Chicago. The fund helps to cover the cost to educate each archdiocesan seminarian, like our own Angelbert Chikere, Angel Tarango and Nick Zummo, as they proceed through the various stages of formation before ordination as a priest for Chicago.

Coat Drive

On October 26 and 27, the Knights of Columbus Communities for the Kingdom group will be hosting a Coat Drive at each Mass. They need clean, lightly-used coats for men, women and children. Please keep in mind the dignity of the people receiving the coats. For information, you can call Joe Graham at 847-367-6088. Thank you.

ST. JOSEPH’S OKTOBERFEST

OCTOBER 12 IN THE SCHOOL GYM, 6 TO 10 PM
HOSTED BY YOUR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 3674

Great German Food: brats, weiners, German potato salad, sauerkraut, big soft pretzels, macaroni & cheese, potato chips.

Cash bar for beer, wine, soda and bottled water.
50/50 Raffle for Mothers with Young Children charity.
German music by Steve’s Oompah Band, face-painting, balloon sculptures.

Register online at Give Central
https://www.givecentral.org/location/181/events-list-basic/category/1208

Mail or drop off check made out to St. Joseph at Parish Office, 121 E. Maple Avenue.

Questions: email David Recker at davidrecker@att.net.
A Few Places Left for the October 9 Windy City Tour: 8:45 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Sign up now at the St. Joseph Parish Office. Cost including lunch: $60/person. Coach departs from parking lot at Hurlburt 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.

Nursery Closed Next Week
No babysitting on October 13 due to the holiday weekend. Our new Parish Nursery is open in the Loughry Room during the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please drop off your 1- to 4-year-old no earlier than 8:45 (space is limited). Please use the Koenig Center doors east of the Parish Office. We are looking for more adults and high school/junior high students to help. To volunteer, please contact Justine Lutz at: Justine.lutz@me.com or 773-704-7055.

Are You a Welcoming Person?
Do you remember when you joined St. Joseph Catholic Church? Do you remember coming to Mass and looking around the church for a friendly face? Every year, the parish welcomes around 125 new families (about 400 new members) to our parish community. The Welcoming Committee takes an active role in ensuring that these newest members receive a warm and personal greeting and a gift from the parish. We are looking for men or women to join our “Ambassadors.” Would you enjoy meeting these newest members among us and share a “welcome basket” with them on behalf of the parish? The task is simple and not labor-intensive (deliver a few baskets each year) and it helps to provide personal connections on behalf of a parish as large as ours. If you are interested or need more information, please contact either Gerry Salzman (gesint49@gmail.com or 847-612-4099) or Tom Zimmer (trzimmer@yahoo.com or 847-322-6013).

Mothers with Young Children
Faith Formation Gathering – Guided Meditation + Prayer Intentions on Tuesday, October 8 from 7:30 p.m. at the home of Meg Likus. Treat yourself to some peace and quiet! Join us for a guided meditation. Our goal is to enjoy the peace and quiet of God’s presence while praying together as a small group. Please see Meetup for more detail & to RSVP.

Bi-Monthly Meeting – Women’s Pelvic Health with Dr. Laura Gleason on Thursday, October 17 from 9:15 a.m. at Formation Center. Dr. Laura Gleason from Beyond the Bump Wellness will join us to share more on the topic of women’s pelvic health. Dr. Gleason is a women’s health and orthopedic physical therapist who is passionate about helping support pregnant and postpartum women. Please check out Meetup for more details and to RSVP.

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!

St. Joseph Parish Irish Set Dancing Group
Join us every Wednesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Centre Club, Libertyville. Irish Set dancing is an energetic, fun and social style of dance. It’s a great workout and a fun way to meet new people. Everyone is welcome! To learn more, call or email Nuala Kavanagh, 847-280-0006 or nualakav@sbcglobal.net.

Euchre Night Next Saturday
Our next Euchre Night will be on Saturday, October 12. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., cards begin at 7:00. We meet at 200 N. Milwaukee, Lower Level. St. Joseph’s Euchre Night is for anyone who plays Euchre and is interested in meeting neighbors, munching on snacks, and having some laughs. Players are adults who are singles or couples of all ages over 21. These are stand-alone events and you’re not making any commitment about attending future nights. If you’re interested in joining us or you just have questions, please send an email to Stuart and Fran Skinner at fskinner@aumpartnersllc.com.

The Sock Hop—A St. Joseph Catholic School Tradition
For more than 20 years, the annual SJSPA sponsored Sock Hop has been a roaring success! This year was no exception with over 350 in attendance. Students in preschool through 4th grades rocked the night away with their friends, parents, and the following teachers: Miss Hach, Mrs. Hein, Miss Kaminski, Mrs. Laska, Miss Nowokunski, Miss Ryan, Mrs. Schiff, and Mrs. Truskowski. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Mary Gacs, Nicole Wente, Giselle Leonhardt and the 40 volunteers who helped make it such a hopping fun time! We collected almost 400 pairs of new socks for Socks for Souls to be distributed at the Open Arms Mission Food Pantry in Antioch. Over the last 9 years and in partnership with schools, businesses, families and churches, Open Arms Mission has collected over 50,000 pairs of socks for those in need. We are proud to support this important mission while celebrating with our school community.
JOIN US FOR “THE MEN’S LEGACY WEEKEND”

There comes a time in every man’s life when he’s had enough of trying to figure things out by himself; when he is tired of going through the motions; when he starts to pay attention to what is true and beautiful; when he’s looking for a place where he can be real, genuine, authentic. Maybe for you, that time is now.

We invite you to join us for the Men’s Legacy Workshop Weekend, held here at St. Joseph Parish on November 9 and 10. There are no prerequisites for you to attend. You just need to be a guy who may be looking for a little “more.”

Through stories, laughter and hospitality, we connect to God through each other in a way that is unique to men. There is no “Bible thumping,” no preaching and no lecturing. There are no assignments and no expectations. You can get comfortable. You’ll have some fun. You’ll relax and eat well. You may even have a beer around a fire. Just ask a guy who has been there.

“The hospitality and food are off the charts; the laughs are abundant and the friendships that are formed are honest and real.” The Weekend starts on Saturday morning at 7:30 and concludes around 4:00 p.m. on Sunday. This is not an overnight event. You can go home after we conclude on Saturday evening and return on Sunday morning. For more information, call Chuck at 312-735-3316. Sign up on the St. Joseph Parish website: https://www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/mens-weekend-registration.

ST. JOSEPH CLERGY APPRECIATION WEEKEND

Imagine being far from home from your loved ones, to follow a call from Jesus. What would it be like to have to miss family events or time with family to care for Christ’s family, his Church? Those are some of the choices priests and deacons have to make every day of their lives. Have you thought about the sacrifices our priests make in dedicating their lives to serving God and to serving us?

Next weekend, October 12 -13, is Clergy Appreciation Weekend. St. Joseph parishioners have so much to be grateful for because these men are here—present to us and for us—leading us on our path towards God and heaven.

The St. Joseph Vocations Ministry asks you to please show your appreciation next weekend. Choose the way that best suits you but please let our clergy, our priests and our deacons, know that they are appreciated and loved.

Learn about the Diaconate

The Institute for Diaconal Studies invites men, along with their wives, to attend an Exploring the Diaconate session on Wednesday, October 9 at 7:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Glenview, McDonnell Hall (lower level of church). Register with Sr. Caroline Onuoha, 847-837-4563 or conuoha@usml.edu.

Retreat for Veterans

Bellarmine Jesuit Retreat House in Barrington will have a Coming Home retreat for veterans (Active Duty or Reserves) and adult family members on Sunday, October 13 from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Call 847-381-1261 to learn more or visit ComingHomeRetreats.org.

The September 28 Women’s Council Fall Day of Reflection at Marytown was a huge success with 77 women attending! Theresa Ertmanis was the featured speaker and Linda Couri facilitated. The women of St. Joseph and St. Mary of Vernon Parishes experienced a satisfying day of prayer, sharing and renewal.
**Prayer & Worship**

**Mass Intentions**

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**Please Pray for the Sick**

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Fernando Benavides
Ivey Partain
Janice Kleinschmidt
Peter Krol
Tom Omiatek
Kelly Hobbs
Stan Szot
Rita Gagliano
James A. Page
David Guimond
Carol Michalski
Terry Venchus
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.

**IN MEMORY**

Please pray for the souls of:
Christopher C. Mores
Marc Constance Mahinay-Ganaban
Barbara Busssiere
Sigita Damasius

**Banquets of Marriage**

Meghan Toth & Kyle Mentink
Angelica Kamysz & John Patrick Love

**Baptisms**

Evelyn Janina Eckholm, child of Anne Marie (DePaz)
Dune Lee Sloan, child of Amy Schweikart and Christopher Sloan

**In Memory**

**Altar Servers Family Meeting Tonight**

Sunday, October 6, 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Koenig Center. There are two meetings a year: one in February and one in October. At this meeting, Fr. Robinson Ortiz is going to present on the Mass and share updates for the Altar Servers. All the families are invited to attend. Pizza and beverages will be served. RSVP at www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/altarservers.

**Bereavement Group to Begin October 20**

The Bereavement Ministry is having a 6-week Spiritual Bereavement Support Group for adults who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Beginning Sunday, October 20, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Formation Center. Advance registration required. Please call Maryann Morse at 224-522-6734 or email her at mcodebike5@sbcglobal.net to register or for further information.

**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.

**Blessing of the Animals Today**

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

**Be a Part of the Cleaning Ministry**

We are looking for some new people to join our group. We work individually on a rotational basis in light cleaning of the sanctuary, straightening the book holders in the pews, emptying and cleaning the holy water fonts, etc. If you have 1 to 1-1/2 hours once every 6 weeks, please contact Kris Partain at 847-477-3642.

**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. to 12:00 Noon 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.
**Prayer & Worship**

**Training for Eucharistic Ministers and Proclaimers**
October 19 from 8:30 a.m. until 12:00 Noon at St. James Parish, 820 N. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60004. Register at www.vic1chicago.org/registrations. A follow-up session will take place in your parish. Questions? Contact Marie Paul at mariep@sttheresachurch.org. **Formation and Training for New Eucharistic Ministers:** • The ministry of Eucharist: our baptismal call to ministry • A theology of Eucharist • The roots in Scripture, the early Church, and through Second Vatican Council • History of Eucharist in practice and devotion. Training meets Archdiocesan requirements for mandation and remandation.

**Proclaimer Training:** Proclaimers have a critical role in the celebration of the Mass. Since they proclaim the Word of God, it is essential that they communicate God's message competently. Through the use of voice, eye contact and personal presence, proclaimers help God's Word come alive. Training will provide the skills and self-confidence needed for those who wish to become lectors.

**This Week’s Readings Call Us to Ask:**
As Disciples of Christ we recognize that being a servant of God is a privilege. Do you simply take your faith for granted, routinely showing up for Sunday Mass because that is what you have always done? Or are you sincerely grateful for the gift of faith? Mass is the ongoing call of Jesus Christ to continue in our conversion and the work of salvation, by offering us the opportunity to immerse ourselves in God’s grace. And when we practice fully, consciously, and actively participating in the Mass, ongoing conversion happens whether you are initially aware of it or not. How do you know? You begin to realize how much your faith means to you. And finding sublime joy in that, you begin to look for ways to live your faith, so as to bring that gift of God’s grace out into the world. There you discover you are not alone in living your faith. For faith is never stronger than when it is openly shared in service to another. And you begin to experience what a tremendous privilege it is to bring Christ’s life into the lives of strangers and friends through simple acts of kindness, compassion, sacrifice and love that pour forth freely from the willing servant you become, which is a continuing participation in the salvation of the world.

**The Red Mass**
Lawyers, judges and court personnel gathered at St. Joseph Catholic Church’s 5:00 Mass on September 28 to pray for God’s guidance in administering the law and asking God to bless, strengthen and enlighten all servants of the law in order to better achieve “the blessings of liberty and justice for ourselves and our posterity.” A reception was held after Mass.

**Taizé Prayer**
Thursday, October 24, 7:00 p.m.
St. Mary of Vernon Catholic Church
All are welcome

**Upcoming Schedule**

**October 6**

**Game Night** from 6:15-8:15 in the Souled Out Teen Space. Food will be served.

**October 13**

**Teen Mass** at 5 PM
**Life Teen** from 6:15-8:15 in the Souled Out Teen Space. Food will be served.

**October 20**

**Service Project** from 6:15-8:15 in the Souled Out Teen Space. Food will be served!

**Come Join the Fun**

**Every Sunday!**

**St. Joseph High School Youth Ministry**

For more information, contact Tom and Brigid Dutton at bdutton@stjoseph-libertyville.org or 847-275-2557.

**Shadow Days at Carmel Catholic High School** To get a firsthand look at Carmel Catholic, we encourage prospective students to spend a day with us for Carmel’s most popular program. During a Shadow Day, visiting students are paired with a Carmel student for the day and get to follow that student through his or her classes. We have found that visitors who participate in this unique Shadow Day experience are less apprehensive about their impending high school experience. Shadow Day visits are until May. Visiting students will receive a free lunch in the cafeteria, along with fun giveaways at the end of their visit! Visit www.carmelhs.org/shadowday/ to learn more and register.
St. Joseph Catholic Church will celebrate life this October with our **Annual Life Chain on Sunday, October 6** after the 12:30 p.m. Sunday Mass. It is a time of silent prayer in reparation for the sins against life (abortion and euthanasia). We will gather in front of the Formation Center and signs and Rosaries will be provided. The following weekend is the **Annual Baby Shower on Sunday, October 13 in the Narthex** before and after all Masses. Pastel ribbons with tags for suggested baby gifts will be hung on the walls of the church beginning on September 28. Small bassinets filled with baby bottles will also be available for families to take home and fill with loose change to be returned the day of the baby shower.

All the items will go to Aid for Women of Northern Lake County in Gurnee, one of six pregnancy centers approved by the Archdiocese of Chicago because of its adherence to all Church teaching on the life issues. All donations are totally tax deductible. Questions? Call or email Carol Walsh 847-542-3768 or walsh.carolann@gmail.com.

**ADOPTING AND NURTURING LIFE…3 MONTHS TO BIRTH!**

On March 25, we celebrated the Feast of the Annunciation. Mary learned that she would conceive and bear a son who was to be named Jesus. As Mary and Joseph entered October, God-made-man was entering his third trimester, a bit over a foot in length and growing to two-to-four pounds in weight. Mary’s appetite was picking up. From her womb, Jesus was calling to her, “Hmmm, yes! Feed me!”

About forty years ago, the Church designated October “Respect Life Month”. For all of us, especially for those who have joined St. Joseph in spiritually adopting a child, it’s a special time to reflect on and pray for every child in the womb; indeed, for every child who comes forth from the womb. All are God’s children; and in 1983, Cardinal Joseph Bernardin popularized the phrase “seamless garment” to capture the unity of Catholic teaching on all life issues. The phrase was first coined by Eileen Egan, the twentieth century journalist and first professional layperson with Catholic Relief Services, who ministered to refugees and victims of the Holocaust.

Let us pray that all governments, all candidates for office, will recognize the sacredness of every person from conception to death and in every station and circumstance. And, recall that October is also a month we dedicate to Mary. This Monday, October 7, we will specifically celebrate Our Lady of the Rosary. The rosary is a centuries-old prayer, especially for troubled times. Might we each say a rosary for life?

**St. Joseph Employment Ministry to Meet October 16**

**Breaking the Job Search Myths**

We’re very pleased to welcome James Warda, author, speaker, former job seeker, and latest member of the SJEM Leadership Team, who will present his workshop entitled **Breaking the Myths of the Modern Job Search**. In this interactive presentation, James will share lessons learned from his recent job search, many of which go against prevailing advice. For example, he doesn’t believe in asking those who are working to “have coffee,” believes the handbill needs a common-sense makeover, and shares how the “power of two” can get surprising results for any job seeker. Participants will be invited to share their own stories and lessons learned, and afterwards will walk away with a copy of James’ updated **41 Lessons Learned in the Job Search**. We meet 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. Please join us, and 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 personally and professionally 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 each month and typically feature topical presentations followed by group networking. 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 John.

**Around the corner, at St. Mary of Vernon:** WERC Support Group employment-related meetings are usually held on the 4th Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Next meeting is on Monday, October 28. Please 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 some of 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.
SPANISH SPEAKERS NEEDED TO HELP WITH INTAKE DAY ON WEDNESDAY

Please help our Food Pantry families fill out Christmas Gift requests for their children. Intake Day will be on Wednesday, October 9 from 9:30-4:30 in the St. Joseph Formation Center. Come and help for a couple of hours, or for whatever time you can spare. Please contact Mary Causey at 847 990-1213. Thank you.

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!

**Kairos Men’s Prison Ministry Needs Help Outside the Walls**

Your Prayers Needed  An important part of our Ministry is the prayers of many individuals outside the walls who are asking God to work in the hearts of the incarcerated attending the weekend. We offer half-hour time slots to those who wish to pray for the inmates and Kairos team during the October 19-22 retreat at Stateville. If you are interested, please contact me at brodarick727@comcast.net or at 847-362-6787 with your email address, so that I may send you the prayer vigil website.

Cookies Needed  One symbol of God’s love is homemade cookies. The team needs over 2,000 dozen cookies to give to inmates and guards to assure “God’s love doesn’t run out”. **Recipes and directions are available by email** at brodarick727@comcast.net. I’ll happily pick up the cookies or you may deliver them to my residence located at 727 Ardmore Terrace, Libertyville no later than October 11. I will have containers on my front porch for collection from October 9 to 11. Thank you.

- John Brodarick

**Care for Creation**

**Celebrate the Season of Creation**

Early each fall, Christians celebrate the Season of Creation by praying and acting together to protect our common home. We Catholics are uniting with others in the Christian family to protect every creature in God’s beautifully complex web of creation. This is a time to celebrate abundance of life and to refocus our efforts to protect creation in all its glory. Caring for Creation protects the inheritance the Creator has given us, an inheritance essential to our well-being. Pope Benedict XIV told us protecting this inheritance is a way of fulfilling our role as stewards of Creation. Pope Francis urges us to recognize our connectedness with the natural world saying, “Nature cannot be regarded as something separate from ourselves or as a mere setting in which we live. We are part of nature, included in it and thus in constant interaction with it.” (LS 139)

**Emotional Problems?**

Holbrook Counseling Center of Mundelein, a program of Catholic Charities, has professional staff who can help with all of your problems. Our therapists have experience working with individuals and couples, and treating a multitude of problems, including substance abuse and addiction as well as marital conflict, personal issues, family problems and other difficulties. Day and evening appointments available. Fees are reasonable, and we respect your privacy. 312-655-7725.
ACCOUNTABILITY

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Offering for September 15, 2019

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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.

THOUGHTS ON GIVING “For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control.” (2 Timothy 1:7) Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything, all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party, at work or out shopping, would your actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS
Submit Carpenter articles to Marie Tuohy (marietuohy@sbcglobal.net) after approval by your Pastoral Staff Lead. Articles must be received by Noon on the Monday before issue date.

NEW PARISHIONERS
Welcome! Please stop or call the parish office weekdays from 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. or download registration form on-line at www.stjoseph-libertyville.org.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AT MASS
Due to Jasmine Sosa at jsosa@stjoseph-libertyville.org & Deacon George Kashmar at gkashmar@stjoseph-libertyville.org by noon on Mondays. Guideline: 1-2 sentences.

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

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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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.

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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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BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

A JOURNEY TO DISCIPLESHIP—JESUS COMPANIONS US THROUGH SCRIPTURE

1. Proclaim God's Word. Choose someone to read the Scripture. After reading, there is silence from the group in reverence.
2. Invite Response. Invite individuals to respond to a word, phrase or passage that strikes them in some way.
3. Praise God. After a period of response, close by leading the group in praise of God by praying together the Glory Be.

NEXT SUNDAY’S GOSPEL — Luke 17:11-19

Leader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

As Jesus continued his journey to Jerusalem, he traveled through Samaria and Galilee. As he was entering a village, ten lepers met him. They stood at a distance from him and raised their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master! Have pity on us!” And when he saw them, he said, “Go show yourselves to the priests.” As they were going they were cleansed. And one of them, realizing he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. Jesus said in reply, “Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?” Then he said to him, “Stand up and go; your faith has saved you.”

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

Reflection

Over these last four years, the invitation in Breaking Open the Word has been to reflect more deeply on Scripture readings in order to encourage each of us to grow stronger in our faith and become more confident in our ability to share that faith with others. The accompanying reflection questions are designed to help us contemplate three important aspects of our spiritual formation: our relationship with God; our identity as Catholic Christians; and our mission to actively spread the Gospel. We are hopeful that these reflections have led to a greater appreciation of God's desire for intimacy with you. We hope that it has helped you to see the Church as an empowering messenger helping to keep Christ's teaching alive in our world and in your life rather than a confining authority. Finally, our greatest desire (as is the Lord's) is that you be so filled with God's love and the graces available through the active practice of your Catholic faith that you can't help but pass along the Good News to all you encounter in your daily life. Vatican II encouraged each of us to take responsibility for our own faith formation and that of our families. Familiarity with Christ's teaching as highlighted in the Liturgy of the Word each week provides us with an opportunity to better understand Christ's desire for His love to affect us and the community in which we live.

In last week's reflection we focused on the potential trap of pride and complacency, with their antidote being a healthy humility. We were reminded that all the good we have in life is not our own doing but a gift from God. Next week's Gospel asks us to reflect on humility's first cousin which is gratitude. Like the leper, our faith in a loving God moves us to appreciate the gifts that He showers upon us and to respond in gratitude by giving him glory and praise. Our challenge is to look for goodness even in suffering. In His desire for our happiness, God wants us to recognize goodness, appreciate the gift and share our appreciation by letting others know how good He has been to us. We are encouraged, as Fr. Trout urged us early on, to develop and live out an “attitude of gratitude.”

For further reflection on giving thanks to God see, The Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 2097, 2099 and 2637-2638.

Reflection Questions

1. An attitude of gratitude should have us reflecting frequently on the many gifts of love God brings into our lives. Reflect and list all of the gifts, spiritual or corporal, for which you might thank God today. Add two more each day of this week.
2. What do I consider to be the greatest gifts growing out of the practice of my Catholic faith?
3. An attitude of gratitude should spur us to act out of thanksgiving by passing along the gifts we are blessed with. How might I better share the gifts I have recognized in question 1 above?
4. What could make these reflections more helpful to me in my desire to grow more deeply in my Catholic faith? Consider emailing any suggestions to kts81791@aol.com.

Readings for the Week

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