Heavenly Father,

On this Respect Life Sunday, thank you for the precious gift of life.
Help us to cherish and protect this gift,
even in the midst of fear, pain, and suffering.
Give us love for all people, especially the most vulnerable and
help us bear witness to the truth that every life is worth living.
Grant us the humility to accept help when we are in need,
and teach us to be merciful to all.
Through our words and actions, may others encounter
the outstretched hands of your mercy.
We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

Every Life Is Worth Living
Message from Cardinal Cupich

“Speaking to a Polarized Society”

“How do we communicate in a polarized society? How do we promote unity, encounter and reconciliation while remaining faithful to diversity? What is the attitude, the mindset required to be good communicators in a context where polarization seeks to impose itself on every public or private discussion?”

These are important questions, not only for society, but for the internal life of the Church, as Diego Fares, SJ, and Austen Ivereigh point out in their Civiltà Cattolica article (see laciviltacattolica.com/how-to-communicate-in-a-polarized-society). Knowing that you face tensions every day in your parishes as people align at different ends of the political and ecclesial spectra, I want to offer a few words that will introduce you to the main themes of the full text. The authors based the article on two “nos” and two “yeses”—attitudes proposed by Pope Francis:

1) No, to arguing with people trying to polarize by accusing

The pope speaks of the “virus of polarization,” which can even infect families and loving relationships. The authors of the article point to two examples of how the Holy Father puts this principle of not arguing into practice. First, they recall last year’s conference introducing the pope’s new book on intergenerational dialogue, Sharing the Wisdom of Time. At one point in the conference, a pair of grandparents expressed frustration over their attempts to pass on the faith to their descendants, who were critical and dismissive of such efforts. In response, the pope cited the scene from the Book of Maccabees, where the mother spoke to her children “in dialect,” their mother tongue. So, he advised: “Never argue, never, because this is a trap: children want to provoke parents into arguing. … Always avoid direct disagreement because this creates distance. And always give witness ‘in dialect,’ that is, with gestures and caresses that they understand.”

The second example of the pope’s approach occurred last year on his return flight from Ireland when a reporter asked about the accusations of Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò. The Holy Father refused to fall into the trap of responding within the terms set by Viganò. Instead, he kept silent and invited journalists to do their own investigation and come to their own conclusions.

In both instances, his advice to grandparents and his example on the plane, the pope’s counsel is to refrain from arguing within a polarized environment. As the authors note, “This refusal to argue has nothing to do with a quietist peace or false irenicism, which according to the logic of polariza-

2) No, to seeing contradictions where there are only contrasts

The alternative to arguing, the pope proposes, is discernment with the gift of the Spirit, for at the heart of polarization are bad spirits who seek to turn disagreements into conflicts. Such discernment begins with knowing the difference between contradictions and contrasts. “Contradiction always closes off alternatives, refuses to accommodate them; … Contrasts, however, would rather indicate things which – being apparently and/or actually in tension – can nonetheless be brought into agreement.” Bringing to prayer the diversity of ideas, feelings, imaginations and movements can reach a new inner unity, continued but distinct from the one which was there before the beginning of the process of discernment,” according to Francis.

3) Yes, to the paradigm of mercy; more with actions than with words

Our ability to say “no” in the first two cases is founded on the radical “yes” of accepting the “unconditional mercy of God, which … is the only reality able to heal and harmonize every false contradiction with the strength of God’s love.” As the parable of the Good Samaritan demonstrates, when we say yes, especially in practicing the corporal works of mercy, we send “a clear message, which touches the heart of whoever witnesses them.” It is a way of communicating that upends a sterile logic separating the sinners from the righteous, but at the same time creates nearness in a world that is divided, fragmented, and polarized.

4) Yes, to giving witness in a maternal dialect

Using the image of the maternal dialect from the Book of Maccabees, already cited, Francis urges that we witness by word and deed “in the style of Jesus.” Doing so introduces us to the full meaning of doctrine – those “truths which are lived, not merely known.” The doctrine shapes the real unity, because “the things of God always add up. They never subtract. They gather up.” However, for the same reason it generates opposition and resistance: “Only when the Church affirms doctrine does the real schism surface.” I find this last quote from the pope particularly insightful.

The authors conclude with these thought-provoking remarks: “Finding ways to give witness to (Continued)
love and mercy in ‘maternal dialect’ is the nucleus of a behavior that applies to both the restricted family environment and wider public discussions. In essence, in order to communicate well, the key task is to locate the thread of that language which is at the basis of life, where behind the words it is possible to find the source of tenderness that made possible the communal life of each family, every community and every people. This is the challenge: find and not lose the thread of that native language which unites all reality, to deal with the abstract language of ideologies that divide. ‘Ideas are to be argued, situations to be discerned. We are gathered to discern, not to argue.’

I encourage you to read the full article and hope you gain as much from it as I have.

A WORD FROM
DEACON
GEORGE KASHMAR

Fellow Parishioners,

On this 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time we hear in the Gospel that of the ten lepers that were healed by Jesus, only one went back and thanked him. Jesus says, “Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine?” This invites me to think that I should always give thanks to God for all the gifts I have been given. All of us as children of Jesus through our Baptism should thank God for the gifts of our lives, our families and our livelihood as well as our community of faith at St. Joseph Catholic Church. It is in community—whether it be in Libertyville, our neighborhood, our parish—that we are able to see God and come into contact with him on a daily basis.

We should see Jesus in our interactions with one another and through events at our parish. Last night we celebrated Oktoberfest sponsored by our Knights of Columbus. This was a great event to gather in Jesus’ name and be community—a time to get to know one another, break bread and rejoice in the gifts given to us. Last Sunday, we also celebrated the blessing of pets in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. This event was widely attended and many different pets—also gifts to us—were blessed by Fr. Trout and the joy that was around the park was wonderful!

As you go about your week, please be aware of God’s presence among us and give him thanks for all of the gifts he has given us.

Always, in Christ,
Deacon George Kashmar

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.

Series concludes on Tuesday, October 15 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. in the Koenig Center

All Adults are Invited

Our Facilitator: Fr. John Trout, Pastor

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

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

On October 20, we join with the Catholic Church across the globe to celebrate World Mission Sunday. This annual second collection provides critical support to communities of faith in some of the most economically disadvantaged regions of our world. Working with limited means, these local churches bear witness to the Gospel amid poverty and turmoil, addressing all forms of material and spiritual need. On World Mission Sunday, we stand in solidarity with them through prayerful and financial support. For more information and to donate, please visit WeAreMissionary.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT
ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

More information at www.stjoseph-libertyville.org

October 13 Please return Baby Coat Drive in Narthex
October 15 Protecting God’s People, Shower gifts to Narthex
October 17 Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations, 3:00 p.m.
October 21 Six-week program on The Mass begins, 7:00 p.m., Loughry Room
October 26–27 Coat Drive in Narthex
November 9–10 Men’s Legacy Weekend
December 1 and 3 Community for the Kingdom Advent groups begin
BABY SHOWER THIS WEEK! IN CELEBRATION OF RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY
This weekend is the Annual 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.

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 jfjennings@comcast.net. Employers are invited to post open positions with us by sending an email to John.

SIMPLE ACTS OF KINDNESS AND JUSTICE
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!

Winchester House is in need of a piano accompanist to assist their leader of song at Mass on Monday mornings. The time is from 10:00–11:30 a.m. Please contact Rita Tschanz by phone, 847-772-4087, or John Brodarick by email, brodarick727@comcast.net. Your help will be greatly appreciated by all!

CARE FOR CREATION
COME CELEBRATE OAKTOBER
Celebrate fall with an arborist-led tree walk. Lydia Scott, Director, Chicago Region Trees Initiative at the Morton Arboretum will talk about oak tree health, their importance in our environment, and diseases threatening them and what can be done to ensure their future. Arborist Steve Lane will inform us of the importance of fall tree care including how and when to trim them. The event is free and will be held Sunday, October 20, from 1:00-2:30 p.m. at the David Adler Music and Arts Center, 1700 N. Milwaukee Avenue in Libertyville. All are welcome.

LAUDATO SÍ OPENS MINDS & HEARTS TO RELATIONSHIP WITH CREATION
Several parishioners and visitors from the Archdiocese gathered to hear guest presenter Fr. Richard Fragomeni discuss Pope Francis’ encyclical Laudato Sí on the beauty of creation and our call as the baptized to care and nurture God’s gift to us. Hosted by the Care for Creation ministry of the Social Justice Commission, the morning-long program also included prayer led by Fr. Fragomeni. Fr. Fragomeni brought with him a first-class relic of St. Francis of Assisi, whose feast was October 4, for veneration. The Care for Creation ministry hopes to continue to study of the encyclical in small groups in the future.

One-day Retreat on Laudato Sí: Love God, Love Creation: an Immersion into a Sacred Journey
Joseph & Mary Retreat House, 1300 Stritch Drive, Mundelein. October 19, 9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. $75 per person. Join us in a spiritual retreat based on Pope Francis’ encyclical, Laudato Sí. Day includes prayer by St. Mary’s Lake, time outdoors, Mass, input and reflection. Register: www.eventbrite.com/e/love-god-love-creation-an-immersion-into-a-sacred-journey-tickets-70909112063
COMMUNITY BUILDING

**Mothers with Young Children**

Baroque Concert, Wednesday, October 16 at 11:00 a.m., David Adler Music and Art Center, 1700 N. Milwaukee Ave., Libertyville. These baby-friendly concerts are designed to encourage parents and caretakers to take a break in their day to share the joy of music with their babies and young children. Join us for a fun and relaxing time. Please check out Meetup for more details and to RSVP to this event.

**Bi-Monthly Meeting – Women’s Pelvic Health with Dr. Laura Gleason**

The Mass begins, 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 to this event.

**Myc Book Club - Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng, Tuesday, November 5 from 7:30 p.m.** 

at Joni Kane’s home. Enjoy a good read and great discussion with this page-turner. Take a look at Meetup for further details and to RSVP for this mommy free time!

**GUILD NOTES**

**St. Lucy Book Club Circle:** Our Circle gathers on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph Room to discuss a book and enjoy refreshments and conversation. On Monday, October 14 we will discuss The Kommandant's Girl by Pam Jenoff. For more information, or to see a list of upcoming titles, please contact Joy Levering at mjlevering1@yahoo.com.

**St. Anne de Beaupré Card-making Circle:** Join us this week, Tuesday, October 15 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 terriecoconate@yahoo.com. 

**Thank you to everyone who attended the Fall Mixer on September 25! Over 100 women joined in the fun as we mixed and mingled with women from various ministries from the parish and school! It was a wonderful night spent making new friends and learning about ways to be more engaged. Thank you to everyone involved in this fun event!**

**Senior Corner**

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

**St. Joseph Parish Sponsored**

- October 12-13, return Baby Shower gifts
- October 14, St. Rose Quilting Circle, 11 a.m. –2:00 p.m., Formation Center
- St. Anne de Beaupré Card-Making Circle, 9:30 a.m., Formation Center
- October 20 Bereavement Group begins, see page 11
- October 21, series on The Mass begins, 7:00 p.m., see page 8
- October 24, Taizé Prayer at St. Mary of Vernon, 7:00 p.m.

**Libertyville Senior Council & Senior Center**

- October 14, Birthday Bash, 1 p.m. with 1950s music
- October 15, Health Screening, 1 p.m.
- October 17, Trip to Apple Holler, 10:45 from Senior Center
- October 21, Taste of October, 12:00 Noon
- October 22, Prostate Cancer discussion, 1:00 p.m.

Hot Topics and Toddlers, Fridays at 10:00 a.m. Movies every Thursday at 1:30 p.m. Lending Closet of used medical equipment at Senior Center. RTA Reduced Fare Passes at Libertyville Township. Dial-A-Ride, 6 a.m.–6 p.m., call 800-201-6446. Information about these Senior Events along with exercise, cards, woodcarving, line dancing, dominos and more are identified in the Senior Update on tables in the Narthex.
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.

On October 2, parishioners enjoyed one of the many splendors of Chicago on the 25th Windy City Tour

Community Building

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Youth

Upcoming Schedule

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 for some Fun—Stay for some Faith!

ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

For more information, contact Tom and Brigid Dutton at bdutton@stjoseph-libertyville.org or 847-275-2597.

SOCOCER CHALLENGE 2019
These winners from the Council & District Championship hosted by the Knights of Columbus now qualify for the Regional Championship!
Girls U9–Elizabeth G.
Boys U9–Gael V.
Girls U10–Katie R.
Boys U10–Austin S.
Boys U11–Brayden W.
Boys U12–Kyle P.
Boys U14–Tom R.
Good Luck in the Regionals!

Carmel Catholic High School Open House
Carmel Catholic High School, a four-time Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, cordially invites you to its 2019 Open House on Sunday, November 3, from Noon to 3:00 p.m. This event will give prospective families the opportunity to tour the campus, meet faculty, staff, and current students, and learn more about the Carmel Catholic community. Guided tours will begin at the Auditorium entrance (Door G) throughout the event.
Thank You to Our Clergy

To our beloved priests—Fr. Trout, Fr. Martin, Fr. Robinson and Fr. Hennessey—and to our deacons—Dan Coughlin, George Kashmar, Dennis Mudd and Dave Tiemeier—and all of the clergy who serve our parish: THANK YOU!

Thank you for your love of Christ and the Church. Thank you for bringing us the sacraments. Thank you for your sacrifices, dedication and devotion. Thank you for praying for us and with us. Thank you for your homilies that inform and instruct us. Thank you for your patience and understanding, guidance and direction. Thank you for supporting our children and grandchildren at St. Joseph School and in Religious Education. Thank you for all that you do.

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests and deacons. Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments. Help our clergy to be strong in their vocation. Set their souls on fire with love for your people. Grant them the wisdom, understanding and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. Inspire them with the vision of your kingdom. Give them the words they need to spread the Gospel. Allow them to experience joy in their ministry. Help them to become instruments of your divine grace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen. -United States Conference of the Catholic Bishops

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.

Coat Drive October 26–27

One of our parish Community for the Kingdom groups will be hosting a Coat Drive. 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, please call Joe Graham at 847-367-6088. Thank you.

Grandparents Day

For over 25 years, St. Joseph Catholic School has celebrated the special bond between children and their grandparents with a special prayer service. On October 4, the first grade celebrated Grandparent’s Day. Almost 90 grandparents and special guests attended this event as students recited poems, sang songs and said blessings for all in attendance. The children then shared refreshments with their grandparents, read stories together and visited the classrooms. It was a lovely afternoon of faith and family.

Our annual Fr. Ken Kiepura Tend the Fire Tribute Dinner was on Saturday, October 5. This tribute dinner is held to honor one man in the parish who represents Fr. Ken’s legacy of friendship and faith. Larry Gundrum was this year’s honoree. St. Joseph Catholic Church is truly blessed with Larry’s active involvement, kindness, and leadership within our parish. God bless you, Larry!
Bishop Robert Barron’s THE MASS

Walk through the Liturgy with Bishop Barron and you’ll be transformed through insights on this most privileged and intimate encounter with our Lord Jesus Christ.

See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it resonates with a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and, most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist.

The Mass will help you understand how to fully, consciously, and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life.

Video series presented in six parts.
Mondays, 7 to 8:30 p.m.
October 21 - November 25
Loughry Room

RSVP before October 18
to order the study books for each participant.

Facilitator:
Fr. Robinson Ortiz
Associate Pastor,
St. Joseph Catholic Church

www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/themass
Have you heard about Community for the Kingdom groups?
Are you curious about what happens in one?

FIND OUT.

Join us to pray together in community and prepare our hearts for the pending Christmas season. All materials will be provided. Just bring yourselves and even a friend.

How: Sign up to join a community for the Advent season. Choose 1 of the 3 options below:

- 1:30 to 3 p.m. Sundays, December 1, 8 and 15, Loughry Room
- 9 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, December 3, 10 and 17, St. Joseph Room
- 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesdays, December 3, 10 and 17, St. Joseph Room

Register at https://stjoseph-libertyville.org/advent-group

Information: Dave Retseck at dretseck@stjoseph-libertyville.org or 847-990-1266
FAITH FORMATION

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: www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/mens-weekend-registration.

“Broken Mary” presented as part of Carmel Catholic High School’s Spiritus Speaker Series by renowned radio personality Kevin Matthews on October 16, 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium, Free. One of Chicago's most beloved radio personalities shares his inspiring journey from successful careers in comedy and radio, to finding a broken Virgin Mary statue in a dumpster that changed the course of his life. Told with Matthew’s signature humor, your heart will be moved and empowered to recognize the gift of God's love through His Heavenly Mother.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

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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.
THE FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS—Blessing of Pets

On Sunday, October 6, our parish celebrated the Feast of St. Francis with the Blessing of Pets presided over by Father Trout. While mostly dogs were blessed, there were honey bees and a young man’s turtle. St. Francis of Assisi lived in Italy during the late 12th and 13th centuries and founded the Franciscan Order. He is remembered for his generosity to the poor and his willingness to minister to the lepers. He is remembered for his love for animals and nature. St. Francis died at Portiuncula, Italy on October 4, 1226. In the year 1228, Pope Gregory IX pronounced him a saint. The pope also laid the foundation stone for the Basilica of St. Francis in Assisi, Italy. The church, also known as Basilica of San Francesco d’Assisi, is a UNESCO world heritage site. Each year we celebrate this wonderful saint by the Blessing of Animals.

ALTAR SERVERS MEETING

The Altar Servers and their families responded to the invitation made by the Altar Servers Leadership Team. More than 100 people came together on the evening of Sunday, October 6.

THIS WEEK’S READINGS CALL US TO ASK:

As Disciples of Christ we give thanks and praise to God at all times for all things. For what do you give thanks and praise to God for? It is easy to give thanks and praise when things are going well for us, though we often forget to, simply because we are off enjoying the good times in life. When we fall on hard times, our go-to reaction is to plead to God for healing and help. So when do we, with all sincerity of heart, thank and praise God? When our prayers have been answered in the way we had hoped it is easy to offer praise and thanksgiving, but what about when all of our prayers and pleadings fall short of our desired expectations? A Disciple of Christ has learned at the foot of the Cross that offering praise and glory to God for ALL things is an honor far beyond anything we deserve. For in the good times and through the bad times GOD IS PRESENT: supporting us, cheering us on, speaking to us, guiding us, holding us close, forgiving us, loving us far beyond our limited understanding of love.

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.

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.

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.
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** “Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?” (Luke 17:18) Most of us live “easy” lives. We have food, shelter, and clothing. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn’t this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you.

**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 or 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.

**STAY CONNECTED**
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**MATRIMONY**
Congratulations! Please contact the parish office as soon as you are engaged. 6 months is usually required for marriage preparation.

**INFANT BAPTISM**
As an expectant parent, you are invited to the Pre-Baptismal Session 3 months prior to birth; 6:00 p.m. the 2nd Monday of every odd-numbered month at 6:00 p.m. in church.

**BAPTISM FOR SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN**
Preparation classes for parents and children begin in September. Call 847-362-5797 for information and registration.

**SACRAMENT OF Penance**
Celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday mornings or by arrangement.

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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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.


Leader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the necessity for them to pray always without becoming weary. He said, "There was a judge in a certain town who neither feared God nor respected any human being. And a widow in that town used to come to him and say, 'Render a just decision for me against my adversary.' For a long time the judge was unwilling, but eventually he thought, 'While it is true that I neither fear God nor respect any human being, because this widow keeps bothering me I shall deliver a just decision for her lest she finally come and strike me.'" The Lord said, "Pay attention to what the dishonest judge says. Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? Will he be slow to answer them? I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Response: Glory to You, O Lord

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

Reflection

Over the past few weeks, we have heard parables that challenge us to think not as humans do but to try to contemplate God’s way of thinking. However challenging this might be, in the process we are learning what Christ wants us to value and model. His desire is for us to set our sights on the Kingdom and to find strength, courage and inspiration to persist in battling against the temptations that regularly threaten to turn us away from holiness. Next week’s Gospel parable is extremely direct. The message is the importance of persistence in your faithfulness to prayer. It would be hard to find anyone who would disagree that prayer is an important element in our faith journey. It keeps us turned to God where only good things will follow. But our challenge can often be with being persistent not just in prayer but in keeping ourselves seeking God’s direction. While desire or need is naturally going to motivate us to pray, familiarity and trust will encourage us to persist in heading in the right direction. We might be reluctant to place our faith and hope in strangers. Instead we look to family and friends when we are in need. How much more so should it be with God our Father! Are we not familiar enough with God? Do we not know of His desire for our happiness? Do we not trust in His ability to bring joy and peace out of our struggles and suffering? If we have any doubts, the answer lies in our ability to develop a greater intimacy with God. Scripture, faithful prayer and regular encounters with Jesus in the Sacraments provide us with proven pathways to knowing, loving and serving God in this world and living with Him throughout eternity. The old woman in the Gospel passage persisted in her pleas before the judge because she knew that he was the only one able to give her the justice she was due. As we come to appreciate that institutions and others will fail us, we can take comfort that God will always be there for us if we are willing to turn to Him and persist in seeking Him out.

For further reflection on the Importance of persisting in prayer and the difficulties in doing so, see The Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 2742-2745 and 2725--2737.

Reflection Questions

1. Does my prayer life lead me closer to Jesus? What might I do to more regularly turn to God? In thanksgiving? In sorrow? In need?
2. The Holy Spirit in speaking to us through the saints, Catholic tradition and the teaching authority of the church and its leaders. What can I do to listen for the Spirit’s wisdom and encouragement in the many faithful voices that encourage us to grow in holiness and closeness to Christ?
3. Does my relationship with Jesus and my understanding of my faith leave me confident enough to actively share my faith with others I encounter? What might I do to become more confident?

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