THE CARPENTER

November 24, 2019
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

St. Joseph Catholic Church—Libertyville, Illinois
www.stjoseph-libertyville.org

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!
SECOND ANNUAL THANKSGIVING AWARDS

“As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied grace.” (1 Peter 4:10)

St. Joseph Catholic Church recognizes the value and dignity of each and every member of our parish family. Our 118 ministries provide everyone with an opportunity to share their unique gifts and talents with all members of our parish, as well as the broader community. It is in our response to Jesus’ invitation to discipleship that we serve him in serving each other. We are grateful for those at St. Joseph Catholic Church who answer the call to serve. The Parish Pastoral Council recognizes the seven ministers listed below for their hard work and commitment with our Second Annual Thanksgiving Awards.

In 2019, Deacon Dennis Mudd celebrated 25 years as an Ordained Deacon in the Archdiocese of Chicago. These years have been filled with tireless ministry to the poor. Dennis has also been the Chaplain for the Libertyville Fire Department. He has shared his social justice ministry with his wife Ronnie and their efforts have been many and varied. In addition to raising their own family, they have fostered many children over the years. Thank you for working for the people of God.

Accountability Commission
Joe Wegryn has been a critical leader in managing and maintaining our parish facilities. He has consulted on countless projects over the years, including roofs, structural projects, boilers/HVAC systems, windows, lighting, etc. He has put in significant hours with engineers and contractors; reviewing drawings, materials and plans; and providing guidance for how best to efficiently use resources to maintain our parish facilities. His engineering background, combined with a wealth of experience and knowledge, has been extremely valuable to the St. Joseph Catholic Church community.

Community Building Commission
For more than 16 years, Don Rentsch and his wife Ann have organized the Java with Joe Ministry in our parish. Whenever you have seen coffee and treats in the Narthex supporting any of one of our 60+ ministries and their events, Don and his team were behind the scenes to make this happen. This activity has become a permanent part of our weekend Mass activities and proven to be a significant contributor to our Community Building efforts. In addition to Java with Joe, Don has been active in Men’s Ministry, RCIA and the Choir.

Faith Formation Commission
For more than 25 years, parishioner Linda Poncek has shared her time and talents with the children and families of Children’s Faith Formation, helping to plant the seeds of the Catholic faith in their daily lives. In turn, she has exemplified herself as a witness for Christ. Throughout the years, Linda, in addition to caring for her husband and family, has used her energy, enthusiasm, creativity and organizational skills to help move ministries forward. Her volunteer efforts have included serving in Youth Ministry and Women’s Guild formation circles and, in recent years, as a mentor in the family Faith Weaving program.

Prayer and Worship Commission
Judy Dioszegi is our ministry lead for the Keepers of the Feast and Environment & Art Ministries. Judy, along with her team, help in the development of themes for the liturgical seasons and implement them. Judy and her team also create a visual and artistic environment in our church that encourages and stimulates the participation of our worship community in the celebration of the Liturgy. Judy is a deeply faithful woman and a true example of discipleship.

Social Justice & Service Commission
The Social Justice Commission is proud to present this year’s award to Dan Harris for his dedicated leadership with the St. Joseph Bed Ministry. Dan, along with an energetic team, formed this ministry last year with the motto “No kid sleeps on the floor in my town.” The ministry has been moving full speed ahead since its first Bed Build last November. To date, 300 beds have been delivered to children in Lake and McHenry counties (see photos from last Saturday on page 9). Dan’s leadership and his passion for this ministry has had an invigorating effect on our parish and in our communities. He has created the opportunity to participate in this ministry on many different levels. The opportunity for engagement and encounter is boundless. We are grateful to Dan for his devotion to our church, his generous spirit, and his leadership, which is allowing us to help our neighbors and serve Christ through love.

Youth Commission
Keith Tobler began attending the St. Joseph teen mission trip six years ago with his daughter Rachel, and he has continued ever since. Keith has been an adult leader who has been a wonderful example to our teens of someone who follows what Christ asks us to do. He speaks from the heart, genuinely cares about the teens, and teaches them construction skills, life skills and how to serve as disciples of Christ each year on the mission trip. He demonstrates what service to others is all about. He has taught our teens how teamwork, dedication, hard work and love can result in amazing things for those in need. Let us thank and honor Keith for the dedication and love he holds for our Youth Ministry teen mission trip, AMT, and all those involved throughout the years.
Friday, November 29 to December 21
Knights of Columbus Christmas Tree Sales at Marytown:
Saturday & Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.,
Weekdays, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Saturdays, November 30 to December 14
Saturday Morning Live, 7:00 to 8:25 a.m., Koenig Center,
hosted by Men's Ministry

Sunday, December 1 - 1st Sunday of Advent
Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9:00 a.m. Mass
Giving Tree Tags available in the Church

Wednesday, December 4 - Women's Guild House Walk
(10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.), Boutique (9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.,
Koenig Center)

Wednesday, December 4 - Advent by Candlelight
An evening for women at St. Joseph and St. Mary of Vernon
Parishes, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., St. Mary of Vernon Parish Center,
236 U.S. Highway 45, Indian Creek

Thursday, December 5 - Holy Hour for Vocations, 3:00 to
4:00 p.m., Church

Saturday, December 7 - Reconciliation 11:00 a.m. to Noon,
Church

Christmas Giving Tree Distribution weekend in the school
gym. Please return gifts to the Gym Foyer on Saturday
between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 8 – 2nd Sunday of Advent
Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9:00 a.m. Mass
RCIA Dismissal at 9:00 a.m. Mass
Teen Mass at 5:00 p.m. Mass
Christmas Giving Tree Distribution Weekend in the school
gym. Please return gifts to the Gym Foyer on Sunday before
12:00 Noon.

Thursday, December 12 - Holy Hour for Vocations, 3:00
p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Church

Saturday, December 14 - Children's Faith Formation Advent
Bake Sale, after the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the Gym Foyer

Sunday, December 15 - 3rd Sunday of Advent
Children's Faith Formation Advent Bake Sale, after all
Masses in the Gym Foyer
Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9:00 a.m. Mass
RCIA Dismissal at 9:00 a.m. Mass
Santas on Bikes, 10:45 a.m. Mass
Friday, December 20 – School Christmas Mass at the
regular 8:30 a.m. Mass
Saturday, December 21 – Extended Advent Reconciliation,
11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. in Church

Sunday, December 22 - 4th Sunday of Advent
Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9:00 a.m. Mass
Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve Liturgies 4:00 p.m.
in Church, 4:00 p.m. in Koenig Center, 4:15 p.m. in Gym,
6:30 p.m. in Church, 10:30 p.m. in Church. Caroling begins
1/2 hour before each Mass.

Wednesday, December 25 Solemnity of Christmas
Caroling begins 15 minutes before the start of each Mass.
Mass times: 7:15 a.m. (Traditional), 9:00 a.m. (Contemporary),
10:45 a.m. (Traditional), 10:45 a.m. Koenig (overflow) 12:30
p.m. (Traditional). No 5:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day

Thursday, December 26 - 8:30 a.m. Mass only; no 6:30 a.m.
Saturday, December 28 – Reconciliation 11:00 a.m. to Noon,
Saturday, December 28 & Sunday, December 29 -
The Feast of the Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph -
Regular Weekend Mass schedule
Tuesday, December 31 Mass in Anticipation for
the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God - 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God,
a Holy Day of Obligation – 8:30 a.m. Mass only; no 6:30 a.m.
Saturday, January 4 & Sunday, January 5 - Solemnity of the
Epiphany of the Lord – Regular Weekend Mass schedule
Saturday, January 11 & Sunday, January 12 - Feast of the
Baptism of the Lord - Regular Weekend Mass schedule.

Fellow Parishioners,
Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Uni-
verse. This day concludes the liturgical year. Next week we begin the season of
Advent. Today’s celebration is very important as we recognize Jesus as King unlike
any other. Kings normally sit on a throne, are served and catered to each moment
of their lives. Jesus is a King who serves. He brings about the good news of God into
the world. He lifts up the lowly. He provides for those who hunger and thirst. He brings hope and light to a world that lives
in darkness, and for this we must be thankful.

This weekend, we celebrate the 2nd Annual Thanksgiving Awards presented to a person from each commission who serves
our parish with love, fidelity and compassion just like Jesus. The individuals are featured on the previous page. Next Thursday
we also will celebrate Thanksgiving, a time for us to gather with family and friends to focus on the gifts we have been given.
We should take time away from our normal day-to-day activities to relax and reflect on our lives and give thanks to God for
all the blessings he has bestowed on each of us.

As you go about your week, please be aware of God’s presence among us. Give him thanks for being the King of the Universe
and thank all of those people who serve our parish tirelessly.

Always, in Christ,
Deacon George Kashmar
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 3:00 p.m. Sundays, December 1, 8 and 15, Loughry Room
- 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays, December 3, 10 and 17, St. Joseph Room
- 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Tuesdays, December 3, 10 and 17, St. Joseph Room

Register at www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/advent-group

Upcoming Events at St. Joseph Catholic Church

More information at www.stjoseph-libertyville.org

November 28 No Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations today. Happy Thanksgiving!

November 28 and 29 No 6:30 a.m. Mass, only 8:30 a.m.

December 1 and 3 Community for the Kingdom Advent groups begin

December 4 Guild Housewalk & Boutique, see page 11. Tickets on sale now.

December 4 Women's Evening of Reflection, 6:30-9:30 p.m., St. Mary of Vernon

Faith Formation ———

John Paul II Monstrance at Day of Adoration Catholics spent time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament during St. Joseph's Day of Adoration on Wednesday, November 13. During the day-long period of Eucharistic Adoration, the faithful spent time in prayer and reflection, gazing at the Blessed Sacrament, encased in a monstrance held and blessed by St. John Paul II in 2005. The Pope asked that the monstrance be used in churches to pray for priestly vocations throughout the world.

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.

The Pope's Tweet of the Week
God will not be the only one who welcomes us into Heaven. There will also be those with whom we have shared all the Lord has placed in our hands, after administering it well. @Pontifex

Early Carpenter Deadlines
There are upcoming early deadlines for the Carpenter due to Christmas and New Year's scheduling at the printing company. Please have your submissions in by Noon on the following dates. Thank you.

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A Change in the Worship Aids
On December 1, the First Sunday of Advent, we will return to using an 8-page Worship Aid that contains the weekly scripture readings and the Mass music. We will no longer have the Sunday’s Word books in the pews. We hope it will help you to fully, actively and consciously participate in the Liturgy.

We will celebrate Mass on Thanksgiving Day at 8:30 a.m. (no 6:30 a.m. Mass).
The Parish Office will be closed from Thanksgiving Day until Monday, December 2.
On Monday, November 11, St. Joseph Catholic School hosted a Veterans Day prayer service to honor those who are currently serving in the U.S. Armed Forces, and those who have retired or passed away. The Boy Scouts presented the Colors and led the students, staff and distinguished guests in the Pledge of Allegiance. We invited our honored guests to share their thoughts about service and their time in the Armed Forces. Father Martin led us in a special blessing for the military, and Mr. Showstead performed Taps to close the prayer service. God bless America!

Looking to get into the Advent spirit?
Help the Faith Formation Team with Its Bake Sale

Where: School Gym Foyer
When: After all Masses and during Sunday Faith Building sessions on Saturday, December 14 and Sunday, December 15
What to bring: Make your best baked goods recipe (cookies, candies, pies, rolls, etc.)
Drop them off with the Faith Formation Team from Thursday, December 12 through Saturday, December 14.

Sales benefit the Guardian Angel Scholarship Fund
Want to help? Visit the Volunteer link to sign up:
https://stjoseph.ivolunteer.com/guardian_angel_bake_sale_003
Information: 847-990-1282

Saturday Morning Live Registration is underway for Advent.

The Men’s Ministry invites all guys to join us this Advent for “Mysteries and Miracles” during this year’s Saturday Morning Live.

Sessions will be 7:00 to 8:25 a.m. on Saturdays, November 30 through December 14 in the Koenig Center. Doors open at 6:45 a.m. Take some time out on Saturday mornings to get your heart back in shape for the season of Christmas.

The cost is $10 (just pay at the door) for all three sessions. Walk-ins are welcome. Coffee and doughnuts included.

Register at www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/saturday-morning-live-2019 or call 847-322-6013.

SPRED (SPECIAL RELIGIOUS DEVELOPMENT) ADULT GROUP NEEDS A CATECHIST

SPRED is a ministry that offers those with special needs an enriching experience in faith formation in relationship with a catechist and friend. Respectful and designed to preserve the dignity of those with special needs, SPRED is a carefully developed small faith community. We invite you to join our catechists, to join our faith community, to open your heart and to serve special children of the Lord. Anyone 21 or older willing to share friendship and faith with others from the community can participate as a catechist. No prior experience with persons with special needs is needed. Training and observation is offered throughout the year to help volunteers become comfortable with the SPRED method of catechesis. If you feel called to this or have questions, please contact John Brodarick, St. Joseph SPRED chairperson, at 847-362-6787 or email at brodarick727@comcast.net.

Chicago Scripture School Winter Registration

If you did not get the chance to participate in the fall term of Loyola University’s Chicago Scripture School program, there is time to sign up for their winter term, which begins Tuesday, January 7. Sessions are 10:00 a.m. to Noon in Room C of St. Joseph’s Formation Center. The winter session will delve into the books of Deuteronomy and Genesis. Cost is $195 per term. Seniors may audit the sessions for $95 per term. To register, visit www.bit.ly/loyolawinter. Students will select the “St. Joseph Parish – Libertyville, IL” option. For information, contact Director Kevin Pease at kpease@luc.edu and/or 312-915-7485.
Prayer & Worship ————

Need a Low Gluten Host?
If you are in need of receiving a low gluten Host, we will be consecrating a number of low gluten Hosts to be kept in a special ciborium in the Tabernacle. This ciborium will be available at the serving station of the presider for each Mass. Please come to Communion at the presider’s station and indicate that you receive a low gluten Host.

Faith Formation ——————

Advent by Candlelight —— a special event for the women of our parishes

Wednesday, December 4, 6:30-9:30 p.m.
St. Mary of Vernon Parish Center

Sisters, we know the meaning of Advent, of the work in preparing and making way for the celebration of the Lord’s Birth! This year, we invite you to a very special event among ourselves to luxuriate in the blessing of Advent and treasure the Reason for the Season! The evening will include prayer, guest speakers, music, a cookie walk, and time for socialization. This special event includes a catered meal from Jimmy’s Charhouse. Please bring two dozen Christmas cookies for the cookie walk.

Space is limited. Reserve your spot now.
The cost of this event is $30.00 per person. There are two ways to register:
1. Register and pay online no later than Nov. 26. The link can be found at: www.maryofvernon.org or at https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-mary-of-vernon-advent-by-candlelight-women-of-light-tickets-79661538807
2. Register and pay by mail. Please make checks payable to St. Mary of Vernon. Reservation forms and money may be dropped off at St. Mary of Vernon Parish Office or mailed to: St. Mary of Vernon, Attn: Advent by Candlelight, 236 U.S. Highway 45, Indian Creek, IL 60061. Reservations must be received no later than Nov. 26.

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Gedville, 847-987-9576, jgedville@lavinlawpc.com or Debby Emery, 847-668-7265, dce41@aol.com.

Prayer & Worship ————

The Memory of Loved Ones
to Create Our Christmas Garden

Central to the Christmas Season is the giving and receiving of gifts. Gifts speak to the love that we have for one another. This Christmas Season, as a way to remember those who have been a gift to us, you are invited to contribute towards the flowers that will grace our worship space during the Christmas Season. This might be in memory of a deceased loved one, someone who encouraged you in faith, or a friend or relative who gifted you with their guidance or their encouragement. Through these memorials the Christmas flowers will be a true garden of gifts representing those who have blessed our lives. Envelopes for this can be found on the tables in the back of church and are in your envelope packets. Fill one out with your contribution and drop it in the collection basket or send it to the parish office. After Christmas, the names of those remembered in our Gift Garden will be published in the Carpenter.

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BAPTISMS
Eli Michael Fehrman, child of Samantha (Marrs) and Andrew Fehrman
Evelyn Noelle Lewis, child of Tara (Beckman) and Peter Lewis
Mia Erica Slaby, child of Joanna (Plucinska) and Stanislav Slaby
Sonny James Thibaudeau, son of Rebecca (Lehman) and Paul Thibaudeau

LISTEN TO THE SUNDAY HOMILIES
www.StJoseph-Libertyville.org/Homilies
All Souls Day at our Parish
God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort.

All Souls Day Mass was celebrated on Saturday, November 2. More than 240 people attended this emotionally touching service celebrated by Fr. Trout, concelebrated by Fr. Martin and Fr. Robinson. The Resurrection Choir and the Hand Bell Choir provided beautiful music and song. This Mass included a special candle blessing ceremony and was followed by refreshments and fellowship in the Narthex. Our parish family honors the memories of all loved ones and keeps them and their families in our prayers. To help our parish community honor and remember all the souls in their prayers, pictures of the deceased will be on display in the Narthex until November 28.

All Souls Day Pictures
All of the pictures from the display in the Narthex will be removed on November 28 and available for pick-up in the St. Joseph Room at the Parish Office. Thank you. - The St. Joseph Bereavement Ministry

Children’s Liturgy of the Word
All During Advent
Children in grades 1–5 are invited to join us for Children’s Liturgy of the Word at the 9:00 a.m. Mass during the Advent Season on the following Sundays: December 1, 8, 15 and 22. CLW is an opportunity to experience the Gospel using age-appropriate readings, songs, skits, and activities. Father dismisses the children during the 9:00 Mass, and we proceed to the Koenig Center for our session. Parents are invited to come along with their child(ren). Are you a student looking to fulfill volunteer hours? We welcome you to join us and assist as CLW facilitators. We look forward to your participation! Questions? Contact Janet Ritter at 847-362-5372 or Maribeth Bettarelli at 847-362-0121 for more information.

Watch Mass Online
St. Joseph Catholic Church live streams the 5:00 p.m. Saturday and 9:00 a.m. Sunday Masses and occasional special events. To view the live stream video: go to www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/live.

Mass Intentions

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Please Pray for the Sick

Dorothy Skinner
Maria Coton
Bill Knapp
Patricia Coughlin
Fr. John Hennessy
Donna Wantrobski
Charlotte McLarnon
Nancy Bodner
Paula Markos
Alejandro Benavides
Fernando Benavides
Peter Krol
Stan Szot
Rita Gagliano
David Guimond
Carol Michalski
Terry Vencus
Joseph Locascio
Fr. Val Laini
B. J. Carroll
Sean Kolber
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:
Larry Harmon
William Wolfe

Ban banns of Marriage
Maria Sapienza and Joseph Schwender
We pray to the Lord.

May they be welcomed into loving families:

We pray to the Lord.

May the Lord guide their journey and also warm our hearts!

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**St. Joseph Was a Carpenter, Too!**

Last weekend, the St. Joseph Bed Ministry delivered its 300th bed (including sheets, comforter and pillow) to a child in need. Three hundred hand-built beds in one year! This enthusiastic parish ministry hosts Bed Build days. To find out how to get yourself or your group involved, email Dan Harris at dharris@stjoseph-libertyville.org.

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**Carmel Catholic High School Entrance Exam**

The Entrance Exam for the Class of 2024 will take place on Saturday, December 7 at 8:00 a.m. The fee is $25 (checks payable to Carmel Catholic High School). Eighth graders should also bring several #2 pencils. Although pre-registration is strongly encouraged, it is not required. Pre-registration began on November 23. Free bus transportation is available from area parishes and schools. Families are encouraged to visit our website, [www.carmelhs.org/entranceexam/](http://www.carmelhs.org/entranceexam/) for additional information regarding the Entrance Exam, including the bus schedule. If there are special circumstances which prevent a student from taking the Entrance Exam on December 7, or if you have additional questions, please contact our Admissions Office at 847-388-3418.

**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. 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/](http://www.carmelhs.org/shadowday/) to learn more and register.
CONGRATULATIONS ON 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE!

Charles and Mary Kelley received a special blessing at last Saturday’s 5:00 Mass in honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. Their grandchildren were in attendance and were very happy to have their picture taken.

Please join us in welcoming the following new parish members: Ray & Shirley Hoven and Anthony & Rikki Jennings. Welcome to our community of faith!

EUCHRE NIGHT ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

The next Euchre Night will be on Saturday, December 7. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., cards begin at 7:00 p.m. Please note our location: 200 North Milwaukee, Lower Level (enter through Milwaukee Avenue doors). December Euchre is a little different than the rest of the season. Instead of playing for nominal, donated prizes, we invite Euchre players to make a freewill donation towards a scholarship for a graduating student at our Sharing Ministry School in Moshi, Tanzania so they can continue their education. St. Joseph’s Euchre Night is for anyone who plays Euchre, is interested in casual play, meeting fellow parishioners, munching on snacks, and having some laughs. Players are adults who are singles or couples of all ages. These are stand-alone events and you’re not making any commitment about attending future nights. If you’re interested in joining us at our next Euchre Night, or you just have some questions, please send an email to Stuart and Fran Skinner at fskinner@aumpartnersllc.com.

MOTHERS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Bi-Monthly Meeting with Father Trout on Thursday, November 21 from 9:15 a.m. at St. Joseph Formation Center (112 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Libertyville)

Father Trout will join the group to discuss motherhood and sacrifice. Please see Meetup for further details and to RSVP.

Drop-in Morning Playgroup on Thursday, December 5 from 10 a.m. at 1401 North Midlothian Road, Mundelein

Parent/Tot Open Gym is the opportunity for your little ones to run around and play in the gym at the community center. Toys and equipment will be provided for frolic and fun. RSVP on Meetup.

MYC Book Club - Little Women by Louisa May Alcott on Saturday, January 11 from 11 a.m. at AMC Hawthorn 12, 675 Hawthorn Center, Vernon Hills

Happy Holiday Season, ladies! We’ll be reading Little Women by Louisa May Alcott. Come join us for lunch at Mellody Farms (actual location TBD), and then head over to AMC to see the new Little Women movie. Reserve your spot on Meetup soon!

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 join us!

BABYSITTING DURING 9:00 a.m. MASS

The Parish Nursery Ministry is happy to care for 1- to 4-year-olds during the 9:00 Mass. Please drop your child off in the Loughry Room no earlier than 8:45 a.m. Use Koenig Center doors. To volunteer, email Justine at justine.lutz@me.com. Nursery may be closed during long holiday weekends.

RETIREES & WANNABES

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- December 1 or 3—Advent Community for the Kingdom groups begin
- December 4–Guid Hallwalk & Boutique
- December 4—Women’s Evening of Reflection, 6:30 at St. Mary of Vernon
- December 7—Euchre Night, 6:30, lower level of Kreuser & Selier 200 Building
- Bake your favorite for the Faith Formation Bake Sale on December 14-15, see drop-off details on page 5.

LIBERTYVILLE SENIOR COUNCIL & SENIOR CENTER

- November 26–Prostate Cancer discussion, 1:00 p.m.
- December 4—Marriott Theater for Oliver, $37
- December 5—Shopping Trip to Fashion Outlets in Rosemont, $5
- Hot Topics and Tiddys, 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, dominoes and more are identified in the Senior Update on tables in the Narthex.
Women’s Guild of St. Joseph Catholic Church Proudly Presents
the 33rd Annual “Doorways to Christmas Housewalk and Holiday Boutique”
on Wednesday, December 4 — Tickets on sale now!

Christmas Housewalk
Tour Libertyville’s loveliest homes fully decorated for the holidays. Homes are open 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tickets went on sale on Monday, November 18 and can be purchased at the St. Joseph Parish Office and How Impressive! (326 North Milwaukee). Tickets are $30 in advance and $35 the day of the Housewalk and are available at each house and at the Boutique. For questions about the Housewalk, please contact Joan at joanwegrzyn@sbcglobal.net.

Christmas Boutique
Stop by the Koenig Center for a little holiday shopping. Handmade gifts, children and baby accessories, glass art, custom woodwork, jewelry, and much more will be featured at this year’s Boutique. The Boutique will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and admission is free. For any questions about the Boutique, please contact Carolyn at husnick_carolyn@yahoo.com.

Proceeds from the Housewalk will benefit the following 501(c)(3) charities: Aid for Women of Northern Lake County, ACCW Scholarship Fund In Memory of Pat Smuck, Community Social Services (House of Peace), Franciscan House of Mary and Joseph, Infant, Inc., Kindred Life Ministries, Inc., SisterHouse in Memory of Pat Smuck, St. Joseph Bed Ministry, St. Joseph School and Children’s Faith Formation, USO (No Dough Dinner) and Women’s Prison Retreat.

DIRECT DONATIONS FROM AN IRA TO SUPPORT THE PARISH

If you are over 70 ½, there is a law that could impact how you donate monies to the Parish.

At the close of 2015, lawmakers approved the Protecting American from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act. A provision of this Act made available distributions from individual retirement accounts through Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs). This is superb news for Catholics looking to support their favorite missions and our parish in a tax-advantage way.

Rules for Qualified Charitable Distributions

- Donor must be 70 ½ or older at the time the distribution is made • QCDs are made from IRAs or Roth IRAs
- Distributions must be made directly to an organization eligible to receive tax deductible contributions
- $100,000 annual limit • Charity receiving gift must provide donor proper documentation of the gift

Benefits

- Can satisfy required minimum distribution (RMD) requirements in year QCD is made • QCD amount is not included in the donor's adjusted gross income, helping to avoid increased taxes on SSI, higher Medicare premiums, and the loss of deductions • Provides donors that use the standard deduction a tax break for the contribution.

If you are considering a charitable donation, a CPA or financial advisor can help you minimize your tax liability and maximize the value and impact of your gift by choosing the right strategy or combination of strategies for your situation.
ACCOUNTABILITY

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Offering for November 3, 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 “….giving thanks to the Father, who has made you fit to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light.” (Colossians 1:12) God wants us to be happy! Instead of looking at the Ten Commandments as being restrictive and telling us what we can’t do, look at them as guides for living a joy-filled and peaceful life. Most of our problems arise when we put our own needs first or spend most of our time trying to acquire “things.” Instead, try putting God first in all things. Ask Him how He wants you to use your gifts.

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AT MASS
Due to Jasmine Sosa at jsosa@stjoseph-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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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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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 — Matthew 24:37-44

Leader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: “As it was in the days of Noah, so it will be at the coming of the Son of Man. In those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, up to the day that Noah entered the ark. They did not know until the flood came and carried them all away. So will it be also at the coming of the Son of Man. Two men will be out in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken, and one will be left. Two men will be in the same boat; one will be taken, and one will be left.”

Response: Glory to You, O Lord

and one will be left. “Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come. Be sure of this: if the master of the house had known the hour of night when the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and not let his house be broken into. So too, you also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

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

REFLECTION

Next week marks the beginning of a new Church year and the Advent season. Advent is known as a season of preparation and our readings clearly focus on that theme. As we prepare for the birth of Christ on Christmas Day, the festivities often focus on the ‘birthday party’ while the Gospel seeks to remind us that the most important thing for us to prepare for is the difference that Christ was meant to make for us and for the world. As we get ready for Christ’s birthday party, we are encouraged to step more deeply into the new life that Christ came to share with us. We contemplate the miracle and the magnitude of the gift of new life, especially the new life of Christ. We reflect on the strength of our faith in the potential of that new life to transform and shape our own lives and the world in which we live. So how should we prepare to celebrate the possibility of new life in Christ?

The first reading (Isaiah 2:1-5) encourages us to focus on the transforming power of love and peace that Christ would bring into the world. We might want to reflect on how well we have brought Christ’s love and peace into our hearts or the world around us this past year and how we might make changes to advance in holiness in the year ahead. The second reading (Romans 13:11-14) encourages us to reflect on those things in our life that may stand in the way of our efforts to take on Christ. And finally, the Gospel encourages us to remember that our preparation is not merely for the celebration of Christ’s birthday party but it is for that unknown day and hour when we will be called to account to God how well we have shared the gift of life He bestowed upon us at our birth. Our preparation is the gift of renewal in our hearts that we might present to Jesus on His birthday and then live each day thereafter.

For further reflection on the meaning of Advent and Christmas, see The Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 522-526; and on communion with God, paragraphs 1, 27 and 45.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. What can I do to more zealously live the peace that life in Christ promises? What distractions to my spiritual growth in the coming year do I need to eliminate? What first steps might I take?
2. At Christmas we celebrate the birth of Christ as a community. What can I do in the year ahead to journey with Christ and others in our community? With whom might I share the good news of Jesus alive in our world?
3. The gift of Christ’s life is love alive in our world through each of us. What one thing might I do in the year ahead to make Christ’s love more visible to my family? in my parish? for the poor and marginalized?

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