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!

Open House
Sunday, January 26th
10:00am-12:30pm

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- Preschool through 8th Grade
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A WORD FROM ANNE PHOENIX, PRINCIPAL

Dear St. Joseph Parishioner,

It continues to be a privilege to serve as principal of St. Joseph Catholic School. We are a 2009 and 2017 National Blue Ribbon school that was founded over 90 years ago by a group of men and women who knew the impact a Catholic education could have on young children. Each day, I am blessed to witness the excellent work by our faculty and staff as they not only educate our 450 students, but also cultivate the values of service, gratitude, independence, kindness and respect within each student.

St. Joseph Catholic School focuses on each student’s individual growth. While parents remain the primary faith educators for their children, our teachers also influence our students in many ways. Our work is affirmed each year as we graduate strong, independent young adults committed to our Catholic faith and service to others. In communicating with our alumni, it seems as if, year after year, our students graduate from St. Joseph Catholic School with those foundational values built on faith and personal responsibility. I remain convinced that attending a Catholic school is a life-changing experience.

We would not be the vibrant place we are without the generous support and partnership of our parish. For more than 90 years, the parish and school have worked together to provide an excellent education for our students. The financial support from our parish and the generosity of parishioners who have provided scholarships and made investments in our school have transformed our learning spaces and school community. Thank you for your continued support.

Finally, this weekend begins Catholic Schools Week. I invite all parishioners interested in St. Joseph Catholic School, as well as current school families, to join our staff at the 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 26. Following Mass, we are hosting an Open House from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. During our Open House, families will have the opportunity to tour the school and meet our wonderful staff. In addition, we are hosting a Pancake Breakfast in the school gym and a Book Fair in the library. All are welcome! Our theme for Catholic Schools Week—Learn, Serve, Lead, Succeed—is evident in our school, especially among our 8th Grade class this year. They are living this theme daily and are truly a remarkable group of young men and women. They are an 8th Grade class full of leaders who genuinely care for their classmates and who value the high quality education they are being gifted by their parents. When the school year began in August, they set the tone for our school community, and they live each day with the message of treating others with kindness and respect.

I want to thank you for your continued prayers for our school as well as your support. We look forward to the next 90 years of educating students in mind, body and spirit.

Sincerely,
Anne Phoenix, Principal, St. Joseph Catholic School

UPCOMING EVENTS
More information at www.stjoseph-libertyville.org

January 26 School Open House 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Pancake Breakfast 8 a.m.-Noon
January 26 5:00 p.m. Mass hosted by parish men with fellowship afterward
January 30 Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations, 3:00 p.m. in Church
February 5 Conversations That Matter, see page 8
February 9 Teaching Masses at 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
February 19 Guild’s Soup for the Soul, 7:00 p.m., Koenig Center, see page 10

Dear Community of Faith of St. Joseph Catholic Church:

January 26 is my last Sunday to worship with you as the director of your music ministry. I wish to thank you for the opportunities in my experiences here at St. Joseph Catholic Church. The continued development of my professional and personal skills that you have provided me during the last six years was most enjoyable and beneficial. Contributing to your prayer and worship life has been immensely rewarding for me, and I thank you and all the music ministers for the support you’ve given me.

I have accepted the position of Director of Liturgy & Music at one of the Vicariate II parishes recently merged through Christ Renews His Church. I look forward to this new chapter in my life, and I hope that you continue to pray for me as my prayers remain with you as you lead the way in innovation, prayer, and worship for Libertyville and the surrounding communities.

Sincerely,
Ron Vanasdlen
The call of Jesus echoes across the generations and is ever the same: Come, Follow Me…and Share the Word. We are called both individually and as a community to follow Jesus as his disciples. By each of us joining in the Appeal together, we sustain Catholic schools and parishes in need, support programs of religious education, ministerial formation, and many initiatives for the protection of life and the promotion of peace and justice. The Annual Catholic Appeal is an invitation for every Catholic family to respond with a generous heart. 90 cents of every dollar raised goes directly to the critical work of the schools, parishes, agencies and ministries of the Archdiocese of Chicago. Remember that when our parish exceeds its goal, any additional funds received above the goal amount are returned for use in our parish to support our wonderful ministries.

To learn more and to donate, visit www.annualcatholicappeal.com. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response!

PARISH GOAL: $193,030
AMOUNT PLEDGED: $264,275
AMOUNT PAID: $258,384
REMAINING AMOUNT: $5,891
YTD REBATE: $65,354

Dear Friends,
It’s been a long time since we’ve seen one another, but I want you to know that I’m back in town and enjoying my own home with the priests. I am slowly but surely recovering with the help of physical therapy and patience. I have missed you these last few months, but I am aware that I have been in your thoughts and prayers. You have been in mine as well. I am humbled and extremely grateful for your prayers, cards, gifts and your ongoing concern for my welfare. You are wonderful people.

I hope to be back among you as soon as I can, which may be a while. In the meantime, keep praying, as I do for you.

Love,
Fr. John Hennessey

Have you heard about Community for the Kingdom groups? Are you curious about what happens in one?

**TIME TO DISCOVER FOR YOURSELF**

Join us to pray together in community during your Lenten journey. All materials will be provided. Just bring yourself and a friend.

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

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

[https://stjoseph-libertyville.org/cftk-lenten-groups](https://stjoseph-libertyville.org/cftk-lenten-groups)

Please pick up a card at the exits today. The cards have instructions for electronic giving and can also be placed in the collection basket if you wish.

**GIVING IS AS EASY AS 1-2-3!**

1. Text “JOSEPH” to 73256 or scan QR code
2. ENTER your weekly or monthly gift amount.
3. GIVE in gratitude!

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**PRAY THE ROSARY**
Please join other parishioners in church at 7:55 a.m. Monday through Saturday to pray Our Lady’s Rosary.
**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.

**Attention: Ladies of Saint Joseph and Saint Mary of Vernon Parishes**

You look like you could use a morning of Sister Time! Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 7. We will gather for Mass at St. Joseph Church at 8:30 a.m., then get together for a Morning of Reflection. Plans are being worked out and we will share more details soon. The morning will include a light breakfast, fellowship and some faith-sharing. We will conclude by 10:30 a.m. We can’t wait to see you!

**University of Saint Mary of the Lake Seeks Volunteer Digitization Assistant**

The Curator/Historian of USML, 1000 E. Maple Avenue in Mundelein, is seeking part-time volunteer help to digitize a rare books and manuscripts collection. 6-10 hours per week to start, Mondays and Tuesdays. See: [www.usml.edu/employment/](http://www.usml.edu/employment/).

**You Are Invited to Help Celebrate**

When: Sunday, February 9, during the 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Masses
Where: St. Joseph Catholic Church
Who should attend:
Families with children in our Children’s Faith Formation program are invited to celebrate the Eucharist and learn as a family about the greatest prayer that we have.

This counts as a session for Faith Building Preschool to Grade 8 classes. Plan on Attending? Please register at: [www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/teaching-mass](http://www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/teaching-mass)

There will be plenty of room in church, but let us know you plan to attend just the same!

Information: Julie Harding, jharding@stjoseph-libertyville.org

**Editor’s Note:** February 2 in the Church is World Day for Consecrated Life, when we celebrate men and women who serve Jesus and his Church as priests, religious brothers, sisters and in consecrated life. The following is an article from Brother Tarcisius Bucca, a Franciscan brother at Marytown who shares his thoughts on following his vocational calling.

Throughout the Catholic Church’s history, men and women from different ages, backgrounds and nationalities have chosen to follow the three evangelical counsels of perfection. These counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience that Christ invited us to live are not commandments and therefore not necessary to attain salvation. Rather, these counsels are an invitation from Christ that offer the faithful a pathway in the world to live as God intended for every human being before the fall of Adam and Eve.

These three counsels lived by consecrated men and women are necessary reminders to the whole Church of the original harmony that God desired for all of us to have before original sin. The harmony of humans with their own passions, redeemed by the vow of chastity, the harmony of humans with nature, redeemed by the vow of poverty and the harmony of human with God, redeemed by the vow of obedience, is the way to eternal life.

As a Franciscan non-ordained friar, I follow the way of life that our founder, Saint Francis of Assisi, wrote for us as the secure path to holiness. Thus, living the three evangelical counsels, Franciscan non-ordained friars serve Christ and the Church in different capacities. By working as teachers, nurses, sacristans, feeding the poor, running retreat centers and many other varieties of apostolates, they strive for one ultimate end, which is the salvation of their souls and the souls of others.

Unfortunately, the desire of men and women to give their lives in service to God and his Church has declined in the last century with the rising of materialism and relativism. Nonetheless, there are still many young men and women who are courageously following the invitation of Christ to serve him and his people in the consecrated life.

May Mary, the model of consecrated life, help those who are considering a call to religious life to answer their call.

Brother Tarcisius Maria Bucca OFM, Conv. Station at Marytown National Shrine of Saint Maximilian Kolbe
Everyone is Welcome!

What’s in a Name?

Discovering the riches of Eastern Rites

When: Wednesday, March 4, 2020, 7 to 9 p.m.
Where: St. Joseph’s Koenig Center
Mass, Divine Liturgy, Badarak, Holy Qurbana — The names used for Catholic worship may differ in the Eastern and Western churches, but our purpose is unified. Join our presenter in discovering the many treasures of the Eastern Rites and the similarities and differences in the Eucharistic celebrations.
Registration is required. How to register: www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/discovering-the-riches-of-eastern-rites

- Vicar for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs, Archdiocese of Chicago
- Professor in the Liturgical Institute
- Author/Editor of 7 books including Understanding Four Views on the Lord’s Supper

8th Annual Pancake Breakfast
Sunday, January 26 from 8:00 a.m. to Noon
St. Joseph Catholic School Gym
Get together with family and friends for pancakes, sausage, coffee and juice.
Cost: $5 per child & senior, $10 per single adult, $25 per family.
Tickets available through Give Central or at the door.
www.givecentral.org/location/101/events-list-basic/category/1623

Dear St. Joseph Parishioner,

The Invest in Kids Tax Credit Scholarship Program provides Illinois children access to scholarships that could cover up to 100% of their tuition, depending on financial need. I write to you today to ask that you prayerfully consider donating to Empower Illinois Tax Credit Scholarship program and Designating St. Joseph Catholic School, Libertyville as the recipient of your funds. When you contribute to this program, you will receive a state tax credit equal to 75 percent of your contribution. What an amazing opportunity — support St. Joseph students while significantly reducing your state tax bill.

Last year, the Archdiocese of Chicago ran a 2:1 matching promotion from December through February. That promotion resulted in $80,000 in scholarships for several students at SJCS. This year, I am excited to announce that the Archdiocese is again offering the 2:1 matching opportunity. Every $1 donated to Empower Illinois by February 29, 2020 (and naming our school as the recipient of your donation) will be matched 2:1. This is an enormous opportunity for our students in need. In order to take advantage of this 2:1 matching opportunity, your donation must be made to Empower Illinois between December 1, 2019 and February 29, 2020. Please visit: www.empowerillinois.org and click on “donors”.

During the first year of this program, only three SJCS students received a Tax Credit Scholarship, leaving more than 40 students on the wait list. In its second year, 16 students received Tax Credit Scholarships due to your generosity and the 2:1 matching program, but six students remained on the waiting list hoping for additional scholarships to become available. Even in our community of Libertyville, the need is still great for many families.

As you know, St. Joseph Catholic School offers an outstanding education rooted in faith and service. I ask that you please consider making a donation to Empower Illinois and Designating the Funds to St. Joseph Catholic School, Libertyville. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 847-362-0730 or aphoenix@sjslibertyville.org. God Bless,

Anne Phoenix, Principal,
St. Joseph Catholic School
Lenten Mission 2020

The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity ... yet still overlooked in its significance in people’s lives and their missions for Christ. Learn to be open to the Holy Spirit as it moves us during the Lenten season and beyond.

**When:** Sunday, February 23 through Tuesday, February 25, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. (Come one night, or all nights!)

**Where:** St. Joseph Catholic Church, 121 E. Maple Avenue, Libertyville

**Information:** Dave Retseck, (874) 990-1266 or dretseck@stjoseph-libertyville.org

**OUR MISSION PRESENTER:**
- Astrophysicist, Biblical Scholar and Disciple of Jesus Christ
- Rector of University of St. Mary of the Lake Seminary
- Much sought-after teacher and presenter
- Will preach at all Masses the weekend of February 22-23

**Fr. John Kartje**

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**PRAYER & WORSHIP**

Last week and this week, we are listing the people who made contributions toward our Christmas Gift Garden in remembrance of someone who is or has been a gift for them. The beauty of our worship space this Christmas Season truly reflected the beauty of those who have touched our hearts and have blessed our lives!

**Given By:**
- Mr. & Mrs. David Yurek
- Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Weiland
- Mrs. Marian Easterbrook
- Mr. Dick Jacob
- Marlene Gregory
- Carol Liermann
- Martha Arroyo
- Mr. & Mrs. John Fitzengerber
- Carol Neal Whiting
- Mr. Ray Beitzel
- Patricia True
- Mrs. Carmen Conrno
- Mr. & Mrs. David Ortega
- Michaela Hickey
- Mr. & Mrs. Richard Frederick

**In Memory or In Honor Of:**
- Danny Yurek
- Colletta Weiland, Anna Ball
- Jerry Easterbrook, James and Ella Novara, Jeanette Roberge
- Mrs. Janet Jacob
- Lawrence Gregory
- Ken Liermann
- Yolanda Arroyo
- Clifford and Dorothy Fitzengerber
- Philip Whiting, Paul Neal, Mary Ann Key, Wesley Wells, Marigay Horn
- Mary Jean Beitzel
- Michael and Pearl Zolnier
- Anthony Cornejo
- Oliva Sison, Manuel Gaa, Sr., Milagros Simon, In Honor of Mary S. Gaa and Virginia Sison
- Thomas J. Hickey
- Patrick and Sheila Leahy, Jack Leahy, Sr. Mary Ann Leahy
Given By:
Ms. Jeanine Fout
Mr. & Mrs. Allan Thelleftson
Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Carpenter
Mark & Theresa Leahy
Mrs. Dorothy Lind
Thomas & Catherine Kwasiborski
Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Vodicka
Mr. & Mrs. John A. Bank
Joseph Rushforth
Mr. & Mrs. John Webb, III
Joseph & Joan Wegryn
Frank Pavelks
Megan Kerrigan Pavelski
James Komp
William and Arlene Genell
Lawrence and Susan Gundrum
Mr. & Mrs. Joel Tanski
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Lobus
Mr. & Mrs. William Kellerhals
Ms. Angelica Canlas & Joseph Centeno
Robert Cornell
Les and Jane Sturgeon
Mark & Michelle Hobson
Chris & Pegie Price
Kathy Rursert
James & Julia Ways
Dan Palmieri
John & Theresa Untorfenger
Mrs. Ann Sicuro
Mrs. Carol Suvanich
The Almario Family
Mr. & Mrs. William Schmidt
Mrs. Elizabeth Kerrigan
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Lanciotti
Don & Ann Rentsch
Ms. Geralynn Casserly
Mr. & Mrs. Kif Ward
Mrs. Rosemarie Simon
Mrs. Ligia Gonzalez
Rita DePrima
Robert Hill
Sisters of CRHP 3
C. Tucker
Vida Yarc
Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Dane
James Tielke
The Borre Family
Sharon Brock
Paul & Marie Brady
Dr. Daniel Sobczynski
Mrs. Theresa Holub
Mr. & Mrs. George Trent

In Memory or In Honor Of:
Wesley W. Fout, Wallace and Rosella Fout, Bill Boysen, William and Lucille Boysen, Sera Fout, Mark Mays
Rudy and Ruth Weibel, Howard and Lorain Thelleftson
The Parents of Kenneth and Joan Carpenter
John J. Leahy, Michael P. Leahy, The Guill Family
Norman Lind
Pete and Loretta Pietrowski, Stanley Kwasiborski, Mary Trytek, Helen Bogdal, John Sherwood
Bessie Biron, Joseph Biron, Jane Paskowicz, Mary Jane Moratti, Jenny Vodicka
Anna Pastuszak McGuckin, David F. McGuckin, Irene Bank, John A. Bank, Jr.
Nancy M. Rushforth, Joseph W. Rushforth, In Honor of Joseph M. Rushforth and Kim P. Rushforth
Pat Webb, Jack Dahm
John and Hedwig Wegryn, William, Frances, Richard and Paul McCaffrey
Francis Pavelks, Debra Lawent
Bob Kerrigan
Marijo Komp
Fred and Helen Genell, Jack and Loretta Ryan
Corndia Gundrum
Joseph Tanski, Hellen Tanski, Kenny Brown, Marie Brown, Robert Brown
The Lobus Family, Kathleen Rosetti, Carolyn McCarthy, Todd Mau
Mr. and Mrs. John Stevenson, Ms. Betty Stevenson, Mrs. Grace Kellerhals
Mauricio Canlas, Steve Dubrava, Manuela Goshien
James Francis Farrell, Dorothy Bridget Farrell, William Prescott Cornell
George, Mary and Michele Slezak, Lillian, Virginia and Lester Sturgeon, Sr.
Bob and Jean Mitchell
Leo and Jean Reljac, Ed and Carolyn Price
John Rursert
Ron and Cynthia Ways
Dolores, Patty, Bonnie and Lyla Palmieri
Richard and Katie Peters and Family
Joseph Sicuro
Sunant Suvanich, Pat Smuck
Colleen and John Kasting
William and Maryann Schmidt
Robert Kerrigan
Robert J. Zengeler
Frances McNamara, Fortunata Caruso, Doris Rentsch
Catherine Quan
Mary Fuhl, Dean Ward
Bob Simon
Germán Gonzalez
George Deprima
Elaine Ross, Roy and Elisabeth Hill
Timothy Dooley, Nicole Morales, David Francis Dooley
Terrence Tucker, William and Matthew McEnery
Ed and Joe Yarc, Stan Grum, Joe, Al and Fritz Konieczny
Barbara Bresnaham
Catherine, Betty and Lorraine Tielke
Mr. Allie E. Brusaw, Jr.
John and Leocadia Sinners
Robert J. Zengeler
Rita and Roman Sobczynski
Theodore Holus
The Hunt and Trent Families

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Mass Intentions

Monday January 27
6:30 Lorraine Winkler
and Alex Doroba, Blessing
8:30 Bernie Drew
and Ivey Partain

Tuesday January 28
6:30 Jeff Gwin, Blessing
and Linda Hay
8:30 William Tumulty
and Michelle Miller Rowley

Wednesday January 29
6:30 Francis Quigley, Sr.
and Betty Schieffer
8:30 Ann Pavlus
and Suzanne Fenton

Thursday January 30
6:30 George DePrima
and Dick Mainland
8:30 Lily Anna Cramsey
and Thomas Hanna

Friday January 31
6:30 Purgatorial Society
and Marilyn Fales
8:30 Shirley D’Auben
and Ray Colasante

Saturday February 1
8:30 Mickey Bowden
and Gerard Neuses

Sunday All Parishioners

Baptisms

Morgan Joyce Griffin, child of Karen (Ciszewski) and Michael Griffin
Gloria Iris Rivera, child of Colleen (Pragalz) and Oscar Rivera

Schedules

Sunday Masses 5:00 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 7:15, 9:00, 10:45 a.m. (10:45 in Church and in Koenig Center), 12:30, 5:00 p.m. Prearranged Baptisms at 1:45 p.m. Saturday Masses 8:30 a.m. (Second Saturdays-Sacrament of Healing at Mass) Weekday Masses 6:30 and 8:30 a.m. or as scheduled. Holy Day Masses: 6:30, 8:30 a.m., Noon, 7:00 p.m. Reconciliation Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon or by appointment.

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**PRAYER & WORSHIP**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**
Cal Hasselbring  
Linda Krubeck  
Michelle Lucas Freer  
Betty Schieffer  
David Farrell  
Mary Pikula  
Dolores Schultz  
David Farrell  
Connor Boyle  
Larry Dolnik  
Fr. John Hennessy  
Alejandro Benavides  
Fernando Benavides  
Peter Krol  
Stan Szot  
Rita Gagliano  
David Guimond  
Carol Michalski  
Terry Venchus  
Joseph Locascio  
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:
Richard Flayer  
William Liberatori  
Doris Lothspeich  
Judy McClellan  
Tony Rattin  
Jeffery Tomaszek  
Leonida Vanta  
Mary Wagener  
Elmer Waldschmidt  
William Weiland

Children in grades 1-5 are invited to take part in Children’s Liturgy of the Word next week at the 9:00 Sunday Mass.

**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.

**SOCIAL JUSTICE & SERVICE**

**CONVERSATIONS THAT MATTER — BUILDING COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY**

*Wednesday, February 5, 6:30 p.m. at the Royal Room at O’Tooles Libertyville*

Join the Social Justice Commission for our first Conversations that Matter — Building Compassionate Community, a discussion series tackling topical issues affecting our families and our community.

Through thoughtful and respectful discussion, we hope to open hearts and minds, promote solidarity and build community. We welcome all who want to learn, network, and live out their faith through education, advocacy and service in the realm of social justice.

Our February topic is “The Unintended Consequences of Legalized Marijuana” presented by Diana Bottari, a physician and expert on opioid mitigation strategies. The decriminalization of marijuana brings up many complex issues as it relates to social justice. Ms. Bottari will address the medical consequences that could follow this legalization. We aim to inform and to educate the community on advocacy and legislative action as it relates to this topic.

**Food and drinks are available for purchase** from the O’Tooles menu. Come early and break bread with your neighbors, and/or grab a pint and mingle. We aim to keep the conversations deep, but the fellowship fun. All are welcome, but RSVP is encouraged—space is limited, and this timely topic will draw a crowd. Organizers will send out an email packet of background information to provide context for each discussion, so make sure to include your email with your RSVP. Go to: [www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/conversations-that-matter](http://www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/conversations-that-matter)

For more information, email our Director of Social Justice & Service, Mary Causey, at mcausey@stjoseph-libertyville.org.

**GREEN TIP BE SALT WISE THIS WINTER**

Salt can infiltrate and permanently pollute groundwater and streams. Suggestions: 1. Shovel – clear the walkways before snow turns to ice. 2. Scatter – If you use salt, scatter it so there is space between the grains. A 12-ounce mug of salt is enough to treat an entire 20-foot driveway. 3. Switch – If temperatures are below 15 degrees, salt won’t work. Switch to sand for traction or a different ice melter such as calcium chloride that works at lower temperatures. 4. Store correctly – Store ice melting products in airtight containers to maximize effectiveness. [www.wisaltwise.com](http://www.wisaltwise.com).
St. Joseph Employment Ministry to Meet February 5

Value Proposition / Brand “You”

The very first section of your resume that a prospective employer should see is your “Value Proposition” (or “Personal Brand Statement”). This is the unique promise of value that you offer an employer. What skills, talents, strengths and abilities make you special, and make you stand out from other candidates? In this meeting, we pull together the elements of our previous sessions to create your individual Value Proposition. Dan Barber, a career management professional specializing in executive placement, will guide you through creating a crisp, clear value proposition for yourself and prospective employers, to clearly articulate your unique traits in just a few sentences.

Bonus—Elevator Speech: Maureen Mueller, Lake County Workforce recruiting specialist, will then guide us through an exercise to succinctly communicate your brand verbally in about one minute (the time you might share on an elevator with the hiring manager).

Please join us for this vitally important session and remember to bring your resume and worksheets from any previous sessions you may have attended. We’ll meet from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Formation Center (112 N. Milwaukee, Libertyville, 60048), Room C. Please enter from the rear of the building. All are welcome, and the session is free—bring a friend!

The St. Joseph Employment Ministry assists the unemployed and under-employed in the pursuit of personally and professionally fulfilling work at any level or type of work. Anyone with a job to fill or an interest in assisting job-seekers is also invited to attend. Meetings are normally held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month and usually 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.

Around the corner, at St. Mary of Vernon:

WERC Support Group employment-related meetings are usually held on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Please see: www.maryofvernon.org/bulletins for specifics, as well as helpful job-search tips. Questions? Contact the WERC team at SMVWERC@gmail.com.

Girl Scouts Religious Program

The local Girl Scout Service Unit is hosting a My Promise, My Faith workshop on Saturday, February 8, at Oak Grove School on O’Plaine Road, 9:00-10:30 a.m. All Girl Scout levels are invited and girls may attend individually; troop participation is not required.

Girls may earn a new My Promise, My Faith pin each year of scouting. The workshop is an opportunity to compare a tenet of the Girl Scout law to the customs, beliefs and practices of the scout’s faith and the faith of others. We are examining “Use Resources Wisely” during this year of unprecedented environmental crises and will be joined by women of the Jewish, Christian, Hindu and Muslim faiths. Adults are welcome to stay and participate. Please see this link for the complete flyer with details about the event https://bit.ly/2uZMTtrJ or email Nancy Fink at finknj@gmail.com.

Mothers with Young Children

MYC Book Club: The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin on Tuesday, February 18 from 7:30 p.m. at Joni Kane’s house. Goodbye to 2019, and hello 2020! Bring an appetizer, dessert, or wine, and arrive in your comfiest loungewear to celebrate the end of dressing up for the holiday season! Slippers encouraged! Relax and unwind! Check for more details & RSVP your spot today on Meetup!

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.
COMMUNITY BUILDING

The Women’s Guild of St. Joseph Catholic Church Invites the Women of the Parish to

Soup for the Soul

Guest Speaker: Ramesh Shah, Author of “Tomorrow will be a Better Day”

• 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, February 19 in the Koenig Center •

Complimentary Soup, Salad, Desserts and Beverages will be served.

Book available for purchase at Amazon.com & Amazon Kindle

A FATHER’S ADVICE TO HIS SON CAN IMPACT GENERATIONS

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A compelling page-turner about a young boy’s journey from poverty in India to a successful scientific career in America. His father’s words, “Tomorrow will be a better day”, inspire Ramesh to face the many obstacles he must overcome with perseverance, honesty, compassion and hard work. A must-read!” - Mary Murphy Gryczka, Author of Catholic Morality

Please register at www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/soup-for-the-soul-2020 or watch the Carpenter for more information or register at the parish office Limited Seating. Must be 21 years or older.

Retirees & Wannabes

ST. JOSEPH SPONSORED

• Pancake Breakfast in Gym, 8 a.m.-Noon • January 26, program with St. Mary of Vernon, see page 6 • January 26, 5:00 Mass hosted by parish men with fellowship afterward • February 1, Trivia Night, next page • February 5, Conversations That Matter, see page 8

LIBERTYVILLE SENIOR COUNCIL & SENIOR CENTER

• January 27, Bingo, Noon, $7 • January 27, Casino Trip, 10:00 a.m., $10 • Marriott “Grease”, $40. Hot Topics and Toddys, 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, 6:00 a.m.-6:00 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.

Guild Circle News

Young Women who are Seniors in High School: Please see the Youth Section on page 9 for information on a scholarship available from the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW).

Our Lady of Consolation Circle: Our Lady of Consolation is one of the St. Joseph Women’s Guild circles. No meetings, no training, just a heart for providing consolation to the families of women who have died here in the parish. We usually gather at either McMurrough Chapel or Burnett-Dane Chapel at 5:45 p.m. on the evening of the wake. We take turns praying short scripture passages which allows the family members to sit and have quiet time. Total service usually is less than 10 minutes and the families are very grateful to have their loved one honored. If you want to attend one of the wake services and perhaps be part of this ministry, call Carol Walsh and you will be invited to see our “Honor Guard” in service to our parish, 847-542-3768 or email to walsh.carolann@gmail.com.

Babysitting During 9:00 a.m. Mass The Parish Nursery Ministry is happy to care for 1- to 5-year-olds during the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Please drop your child off in the Loughry Room no earlier than 8:45 a.m. Use Koenig Center doors. The Nursery Ministry will not be open on Sundays, January 19, February 16, March 22, April 5 and 12, and May 10 and 24. To volunteer, email Justine at justine.lutz@me.com.

Please join us in welcoming the following new parish members: Mathieu Carpentier & Veronique Renaud and Michael & Nicole Graham. Welcome to our community of faith!

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, contact Nuala Kavanagh, 847-280-0006, or email nualakav@sbcglobal.net.
**COMMUNITY BUILDING**

**Golden Rose Award to Young Woman in Parish**

On Saturday, December 7, Grace Kraft, along with 30 other young women of Vicariate 1, were honored at the Golden Rose Breakfast by the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW). Bishop Rojas presented the award to all of the recipients. This award is given to young women who show leadership, portray spirituality, go above and beyond in service, and are practicing Catholics. Congratulations to Grace and her parents Dan and Beth on this outstanding accomplishment.

**Next Euchre Night is Saturday, February 8**

Our next Euchre night will be on Saturday, February 8. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., cards begin at 7:00. We meet at 200 N. Milwaukee, Lower Level. Enter through Milwaukee Avenue doors. 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.

**New Weekday Euchre Group**

Euchre Weekday is a new monthly parish activity arising from the popular Saturday Night Euchre. Euchre Weekday will meet on Wednesday, February 19 (third Wednesday of the month) at 1:00 p.m. in the lower level of the 200 N. Milwaukee Avenue building (Baird & Warner). If you are interested or have any questions, please call Bob Killackey at 847-367-6211 or email at rkillackey@aol.com.

**Readings for the Week**

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<td>2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35</td>
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Accountability

Stewardship of Treasure

Weekly Offering for January 5, 2020

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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

“He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him.” (Matthew 4:22)

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries, and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

Stay Connected!

We have options for everyone! Website: www.stjoseph-libertyville.org
www.youtube.com/sjlibertyville
www.instagram.com/SJLibertyville
www.facebook.com/SJLibertyville

Ministry of Care
Sacrament of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Sick is celebrated at 8:30 a.m. Mass on the 2nd Saturday of each month, or by arrangement. Contact the parish office if seriously ill, hospitalized, or homebound. A Minister of Care is available to bring Communion.

Guide to Funeral Planning

Please call the parish office for assistance from a Bereavement Minister and a funeral planning guide.

Stay Connected

Website: www.stjoseph-libertyville.org
Facebook: www.facebook.com/SJLibertyville
Twitter: www.twitter.com/SJLibertyville
Instagram: www.instagram.com/SJLibertyville

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

Matrimony

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

Infant Baptism

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

Baptism for School-Aged Children

Preparation classes for parents and children begin in September. Call 847-362-5797 for information and registration.

Sacrament of Penance

Celebrated at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday mornings or by arrangement.

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.

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.

Worship Accessibility for Persons with Disabilities • Accessible Washrooms, west side of narthex • Hearing Loop for persons with hearing aids • Assisted Hearing Devices in sacristy for persons with difficulty hearing • Accessible, powered door at east end of narthex • Ramped north entrances to narthex • Accessible Ramp on east side of sanctuary • Pew Accessibility on east front side and center sections • Padded Pew last row, far southeast corner of church • Accessible parking spaces north of church along Maple Avenue. • A “read-aloud” PDF version of The Carpenter for those with visual impairments. Please email request to info@stjoseph-libertyville.org.
Mrs. Mary Causey, Director of Social Justice and Service
847-990-1213, mcausey@stjoseph-libertyville.org

Mr. & Mrs. Tom and Bridig Dutton, Youth Ministers,
847-275-2597, bdutton@stjoseph-libertyville.org

Mrs. Ann Harmon, Parish Office Manager
847-362-2073, aharmon@stjoseph-libertyville.org

Mr. Dan Harris, Facilities Manager
847-722-5345, dharris@stjoseph-libertyville.org

Deacon George Kashmar, Pastoral Director of Ministry
847-990-1224, gkashmar@stjoseph-libertyville.org

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL E-mail the PPC at info@stjoseph-libertyville.org. Your questions and suggestions are welcome. Members of the Parish Pastoral Council: Fr. John Trout, Marjorie Gaitan (Social Justice & Service), Michelle Hobson (Chair), Jon Monroe (Faith Formation), Megan Paveleske (Youth), Gerry Salzman (Community Building), Brian Savage (Accountability), Dennis Valentini (Prayer & Worship)

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL Fr. John Trout, Bob Killackey, Joseph Loumeau, Kevin Rule (Chair), Joanie Sauers, Brian Savage, Tom Sear, Craig Sondalle
REFLECTION

This Sunday, the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time, has been designated by Pope Francis as a day devoted to the celebration of the Word of God. He asks that it be marked “with a certain solemnity.” He encourages us to enthrone the Scriptures in order to present to the assembly (our family) God’s Word as the unifying value for all Christians. Next Sunday we celebrate another solemnity of the Word of God in the person of the infant Jesus at His presentation in the temple. As Simeon and Anna recognized the Messiah in the person of the Christ Child as He was presented to God in the temple, we are also being invited by the Holy Father to recognize and celebrate that Christ is present to all Christians each and every day in the sacred Scriptures. At that first presentation, perhaps only Mary and the prophets Simeon and Anna comprehended what the life of the infant Jesus would mean to the world. We have the benefit of the Scriptures to help us better comprehend Christ’s life and what we are supposed to learn from Him. While not all were drawn together by His coming, all who came to know Him or who have come to believe in Him through the years have become the stewards of the church, who unites us all. As we look forward to the celebration of the Presentation of the “Word of God” next Sunday, let us take time to reflect on our relationship with God’s Word. Let us consider how sacred Scripture can bring Christ alive in our own daily life. Let us embrace Scripture as a living thing which can shape our walk with the Lord and help us always to treasure Christ as a companion who will never leave us orphans.

For further reflection on Christ’s infancy, see The Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 527-530; and on the importance of family, paragraphs 2301-2306.

QUESTIONS FOR DEEPER REFLECTION

1. Do I claim God as my father? What is my relationship with the Father as I find Him present in Scripture? How much effort do I make to know God better? How do I see God working in my life?

2. The Catechism of the Catholic Church serves to bring forth the inspiration of the Holy Spirit found in Scripture and the wisdom of ages found in the writings of the Church Fathers. These great theologians continue to provide us a source for living the Word of God more faithfully. How well do I know Church teaching? Do I incorporate reading of the Catechism into my reflection on Scripture? How much influence does the Catechism have on how I live my daily life?

3. As Mary and Joseph presented Jesus to the world in a ceremonial way, so too are we responsible for presenting Jesus to the world in a living way. How do I attempt to do that? In what ways do I think I can best share the Word of God with my family, friends and fellow parishioners? What can I do to help bring greater unity to the family of God?