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!
Fellow Parishioners,

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas. This feast signifies that Jesus was presented to God in the temple by Joseph and Mary. You will hear in today’s Gospel that Simeon recognized him as the one promised by God as the Light of the World—his parents were amazed. On Candlemas, we bless all of the candles we use in our parish as the sign of Jesus, the Light of the World.

As many of you may have heard, our Director of Music Ron Vanasdel has chosen to move on and accept the position of Director of Liturgy and Music at the newly-formed Divine Mercy Parish in Winnetka. This parish is a combination of Sacred Heart in Winnetka and St. Phillip the Apostle in Northfield. The joining of these two parishes is an outcome of the Renew My Church Initiative in the Archdiocese of Chicago. On behalf of Fr. Trout and our entire staff, I would like to once again thank Ron for his six years of service to St. Joseph Parish and wish him well in his new position.

As we move forward, we will develop a search committee that will help us fill the Director of Music position. This will include members of the Prayer and Worship Commission, various choir members, and the priests. As we form our team and begin our search, I will continue to keep all posted on our progress to identify and hire our next director of music. In the meantime, I have identified and am working on finalizing an interim director and will assist with all aspects of music.

If you have any questions or comments, please send me an email to gkashmar@stjoseph-libertyville.org.

As you go about your week, please be aware of God’s presence among us and ask him to be open to seeing Jesus, the Light of the World, the Light given to each of us at our baptism.

Deacon George Kashmar

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**The Pope’s Tweet of the Week**

Let us make room for the Word of God! Each day, let us read a verse or two of the Bible. We will discover that God is close to us, that He dispels our darkness and, with great love, leads our lives into deep waters. @Pontifex

**Upcoming Events at St. Joseph Catholic Church**

More information at www.stjoseph-libertyville.org

- **February 5** Conversations That Matter, see p. 10
- **February 6** Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations, 3:00 p.m. in Church
- **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 p. 4
- **February 26** Ash Wednesday
- **March 4** Program on Eastern Rites, p. 8
- **March 7** Program for Women, p. 7
- **March 7** Men’s Saturday Morning Live
- **March 14** Parish St. Patrick’s Party

**Fast. Pray. Give**

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

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**Small groups for LENT**

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
Come, follow me…and heal our world

On February 15 and 16, our parish will conduct the Annual Catholic Appeal In-Pew Commitment Weekend. Please remember that the Annual Catholic Appeal is much different than a one-time special collection. It is a pledge campaign where you can make a gift payable in installments.

The Annual Catholic Appeal theme, “Come, Follow Me…and heal our world,” calls us to share in Jesus’ mission to bring healing and transformation to our fragile and wounded world. By supporting the Appeal, you join hands with other Catholics in the Archdiocese and reach out with healing to parishes and Catholic schools in need, religious education programs, ministry formation and initiatives to address violence and to foster justice, peace, and respect for life. Our helping hands through the Appeal also reach out on a global scale to support Catholic Relief Services.

Each pledge makes a difference! Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.

INFORMATION: dretseck@stjoseph-libertyville.org

Next Euchre Night on 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@amppartnersllc.com.

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ould your Community for the Kingdom or small faith group like to try something different this Lent?

Consider journeying through Renew International’s Live Lent!, a 5-week series of praying with the Sunday gospels, and their ties to the Old Testament. The guide offers weekly meditations and resources to do each week as a group and individually.

Cost: $5 each

How to pick up your copy: Stop by the parish office to purchase your book.

INFORMATION: dretseck@stjoseph-libertyville.org

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!

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.

LISTEN TO THE SUNDAY HOMILIES

www.StJoseph-Libertyville.org/Homilies

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.

Lent

Come, follow me…and heal our world

ONLINE!

Registration opens Monday, January 27th
www.givecentral.org/location/181/event/21090

St. Patrick’s Celebration
SAVE THE DATE
ST. JOSEPH’S ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARTY
Koenig Center
MARCH 14TH FROM 6PM TO 10PM
MUST BE 21&OLDER TO ATTEND
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

Come hear the author’s inspirational life story which started in the poverty-stricken back streets of Bombay (now Mumbai), and how a father’s teachings and strong family bonds made life bearable. Join us for this truly Soup for the Soul experience.

Retirees & Wannabes

ST. JOSEPH SPONSORED

- February 3, Quilting Circle, 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Formation Center
- February 5, Conversations That Matter, see page 10 • Eucharie, 6:30 p.m., 200 N. Milwaukee basement
- February 10, Guild Book Club, 7:00 p.m., Parish Office

LIBERTYVILLE SENIOR COUNCIL & SENIOR CENTER

- February 3, Birthday Bash with folk music, 12 Noon • February 4, 11, 18, Chair Massages, make appointment
- February 6, Brain Games & Brunch, 10:30 a.m. • February 11, Health Screenings, 1 p.m. • Grease at Marriott, $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 Narthex.

Guild Circle News

Young Women who are Seniors in High School: Please see the Youth Section on page 6 for information on a scholarship available from the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW).

St. Rose Quilt Circle: Do you have an interest in sewing and quilting? Are you interested in sharing ideas and techniques? Are you looking for fellowship? If so, St. Rose Quilt Circle is for you! Join us on Monday, February 3, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Formation Center Room D. Whatever your skill level, come and create, learn and laugh with us! For further information, contact Diane by email at dmvsow@gmail.com.

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 at the Parish Office to discuss a book and enjoy refreshments and conversation. On Monday, February 10, we will discuss Inside the O’Briens by Lisa Genova. For more information, please contact Joy Levering at mjlevering1@yahoo.com.

All Women Invited to a Spiritual Pre-Lenten Morning of Reflection

Respect is the Heart of Love—Saturday, February 22 by the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Vicariate 1—Reflection Leader will be Fr. John Kartje, Seminary Rector. Morning will begin with continental breakfast at 8:00 a.m. and will end with Noon Mass, after which we will enjoy lunch together. It will be held at Mundelein Seminary Conference Center, 1000 E. Maple Avenue, Mundelein 60060. There is no fee for the Morning of Reflection and breakfast and lunch are included. For overnight accommodations at the seminary, call 847-837-4505 (personal expense). For questions, contact Mary McKenna at 312-218-4251 or mbmckenna1@gmail.com. Register no later than February 10 by mail or email with your name, parish name, home and cell phones, and whether you will stay for lunch to Mary McKenna at PO Box 273, Barrington, IL 60011 or the above email address.
Mothers with Young Children

Bi-Monthly Meeting: Creating a Family Garden on Thursday, February 6, from 9:30 a.m. at the Formation Center. Nicole Burke from Rooted Garden will share tips for starting a family kitchen garden. To RSVP and see further details please check out Meetup.

Family Valentine Craft for Charity & Donuts on Sunday, February 9, from 11:45 a.m. at Koenig Center/Loughry Room, 121 E. Maple Avenue. Join other MYC families after Family Mass on Sunday, February 9 to make Valentines for a local charity. Donuts, coffee, and juice will be provided. RSVP on Meetup.

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.

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 Killacky at 847-367-6211 or email at rkillacky@aol.com.

Please join us in welcoming the following new parish members:
Joseph & Princess Amie Molidor, Arokia & Amalor Sorimuthu and Emily & Jeffrey Schagrin.

Welcome to our community of faith!
The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women (ACCW)

**HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS**

The ACCW offers a 4-year, $1,000 renewable scholarship to young women who are seniors in high school.

Application and guidelines are available on our website: [accw.archchicago.org](http://accw.archchicago.org)

Deadline for submission: **March 20, 2020**

More information: **312-534-8325**

**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/2uZMTrJ](https://bit.ly/2uZMTrJ) or email Nancy Fink at finknj@gmail.com.

**FAITH FORMATION**

The Men’s Ministry of St. Joseph Parish invites all men to join us this Lent for Saturday Morning Live. **Save the Date!**

**SML**  
**Saturday Morning Live**

Join our presenter, Dr. Kevin Murphy as we explore **Mysteries and Miracles** in story and astonishment.

No sign-up needed—one Saturday only.

**ALL FAMILIES WELCOME**

**STATIONS of the CROSS**

Friday, February 28, 7 p.m. in church

**COME PRAY WITH US**

Child and parent reflections for each station

**INFORMATION:**  
[ajakubow@stjoseph-libertyville.org](mailto:ajakubow@stjoseph-libertyville.org)

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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 have served Jesus and his Church religious brothers and sisters and consecrated life. The following is an article from the Libertyville community of Regnum Christi, which together with the Legionaries of Christ, the Lay Consecrated Men of Regnum Christi, and the lay members of Regnum Christi, share a charism, spirit and mission.

Fifty years ago, God planted a seed—he began something completely new in the Church. On December 8, 1969, six women offered their lives to God to follow Christ, living in community and embracing the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience through a new form of lay consecration. During the past 50 years, more young women responded to this call and now there are more than 500 Consecrated Women of Regnum Christi in 50 communities around the world and approved by the Church as a Society of Apostolic Life of Pontifical Right.

Right here in Libertyville, we are a community of six women who live and serve in this vicariate. Our lay consecration means we seek to be “in the world but not of the world” as a response to the current and pressing needs of the Church and society. As part of our consecrated life, we engage the secular culture and awaken individuals and families to their God-given purpose and mission in life and in the Church. We dedicate ourselves entirely to the New Evangelization, accompanying and forming others to become missionary disciples of Christ’s Kingdom.

Our consecration to God permeates all that we are and do. We spend significant time in prayer each day, where God gives us the grace to go out and serve. No matter which apostolate we carry out, the evangelizing mission is the same: to follow Christ’s example, who, throughout his life, personally formed and accompanied his followers. With Mary as our model, we seek to live out our vocation as consecrated women, offering the gift of our femininity to secularized society and the Church. Our spirituality is Christ-centered and, through our apostolate, we support others in developing a personal relationship with Christ, responding to His call to bring his love to a suffering world. Here in Chicago, our community supports the Archdiocese in various ways: Kathleen Murphy is the director of our community and is studying for a degree in vocation discernment and accompaniment. Patricia Klein serves as a formator at Mundelein Seminary. Marial Corona is studying for her Ph.D. in philosophy and teaches at Mundelein Seminary’s Institute of Pastoral Leadership. Mary Maher is supporting the Renew my Church initiative as part of the leadership team. Daire Ryan is a spiritual director for women and serves on the formation team at Eastlake Academy, and Eleanor Segraves is the Parish Vitality Coordinator for Vicariate I.

It is a gift and grace to serve in Chicago, and we ask for your prayers on this day of Consecrated Life that we may be true beacons of light for all those we encounter.

Spiritus Speaker Series at Carmel Catholic High School
Carmel Catholic invites you to attend the Spiritus Speaker Series. Join us to be inspired, to grow in faith and to encounter Christ. All events are free of charge, open to the public and held at Carmel Catholic High School. Jen Kramer and the Year of Love Project #yearoflove – Thursday, February 13, 6:30 p.m. Jen Kramer, CCHS ’88 is an average everyday human with one caveat, she has a gigantic heart. As Jen looked at ways to best impact her year in 2018, she created the “Year of Love” as a way to share and express her love for all people (both those she knew and had yet to know) on her social media channels. What started as Jen’s ambitious New Year resolution, the Year of Love has evolved as a social experiment to be Christ-like in our world.
SAVETHEDATES
The Holy Spirit
Living in the mystery

RETREAT FOR MID-LIFE
SINGLES
Persons in their mid-30s to 50s, are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose and belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at the Joseph & Mary Retreat House in Mundelein on February 28 to March 1. Take a chance and get involved—you won’t regret it! Cost is $215 for meals and a single room. Please visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, or e-mail reflect.chicagoland@gmail.com, or call 630-222-8303 for details.

CATHOLIC YOUNG
ADULTS ACTIVITIES
Every Wednesday, Libertyville
Eucharistic Adoration, 8:00-9:00 p.m. at Marytown followed by gathering at Culver’s on 176. Feel free to attend Mass as well, which starts at 7:00 p.m.
Whirly Ball Thursday, February 6, 7:00-9:00 p.m., for some stress releasing friendly competition. Cost will be $10-$20. RSVP to maggieslingerland1@gmail.com by Wednesday, February 5. Food is available at the venue. 285 Center Drive, Vernon Hills. (must be older than 21 to attend)
Feed My Starving Children on Thursday, February 20, 6:00-7:30 p.m., at the Libertyville location. Details to come—email yamlakecounty@gmail.com.

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

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

Questions? Call the Adult Faith Formation Office: 847-990-1266
Liturgical Ministry Training Next Month
The following training sessions are offered by the Vicariate I-ABC Ministry Commission and are available for all parishioners of Vicariate I. Please visit the Vicariate website, www.vic1chicago.org, for details and registration.

Ministry of Care Training - English
Saturdays, March 7 & March 14
Session: 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
St. Mary of the Annunciation
22277 W. Erhart Road
Mundelein, IL 60060

Extraordinary Minister of Communion Training - English
March 14
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Holy Cross Parish
724 Elder Lane
Deerfield, IL 60015

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.

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.

Presiders/Deacons
Saturday, February 8
5:00 p.m.
Fr. Terrence DeSilva
Deacon Coughlin

Sunday, February 9
7:15
Fr. Luboyera

9:00
Fr. Ortiz
Deacon Kashmar

10:45
Fr. Terrence DeSilva

10:45 KC
Fr. Kartje

12:30
Fr. Kartje

5:00 p.m.
Fr. Ortiz
Deacon Coughlin

IN MEMORY
Please pray for the souls of:
Patricia O’Brien-Wendt
Daniel Bergman

BAPTISMS
Nora Eileen Finerty, child of Jill (Duewel) and Kevin Finerty

Mass Intentions
Monday February 3
6:30 Nathan Ablog
and Alex Doroba, Blessing
8:30 Lorraine Tielke Cahoy
and James Eigner

Tuesday February 4
6:30 Jeff Gwin, Blessing
and John Harrison
8:30 Tony Boeckholt
and Drew Lemerger

Wednesday February 5
6:30 Francis X. Quigley, Sr.
and Deceased Member of the Luczak Family
8:30 John Russert
and Joan Perius

Thursday February 6
6:30 Bill Costigan
and George Puthumanu
8:30 Mary R. Lockowitz
and Sophie & Edward Nowak

Friday February 7
6:30 Francis X. Quigley, Sr.
and Deceased Members of the Makosz Family
8:30 Connie Calvino
and George Beck

Saturday February 8
8:30 Alvin Schueller
and Ron Bielinski

Sunday All Parishioners
The Care for Creation Ministry will host the OEFF 2020 film

**Cooked: Survival by Zip Code**

SUNDAY, MARCH 8
2:00-5:00 p.m., KOENIG CENTER

More information to follow

ALL ARE WELCOME      ATTENDANCE IS FREE

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**GREEN TIP** wash clothes in cold water and save — A whopping 75-90% of the energy used to wash clothes goes into heating the water. With today’s detergents, most clothes will get just as clean in a cold-water wash. Not only will you save money, you will also reduce energy consumption and thus reduce climate warming emissions. An exception is if someone in the family is sick. Washing their clothes and bedding in hot water can help stop the spread of germs.

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**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

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

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**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 jjjennings@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 SMVVWERC@gmail.com.
We Offer Prayers for All Who Currently Serve Our Country

Please keep the following military in your prayers. We salute them, one and all! If you wish to have someone on this list, please e-mail info@stjoseph-libertyville.org or call 847-362-2073. Also, please let us know if one of the listed is no longer on active duty.

Pvt. Kurt Feiereisel, U.S. Marine Corps, son of Kurt and Jani Feiereisel
Sr. Chief Brian Woydziak, U.S. Navy, son-in-law of Paul & Nancy Zgonena
Major Jason Actis, U.S. Marine Corps, parishioner and husband of Christina Actis
2nd Lt. Maeve Daw, U.S. Air Force, daughter of Anne Ise & Sean Daw
2nd Lt. Daniel Mudd, U.S. Marine Corps, grandson of Ronnie & Dennis Mudd
Lance Corporal Shaun Kelly, U.S. Marine Corps, nephew of John & Veronica O'Malley
PFC Liam Acton, U.S. Marine Corps, nephew of Nancy & Michael Knight
EMN3 Matthew T. Mano, grandson of Kip & Tooty Izac
PFC Maksim K. Jankowski, U.S. Marine Corps, nephew of Larry
Major Patrick J. Walsh, nephew of Carol Walsh
ENS Brian D. Shannon, grandson of Rita & Jim Gorman and Pat & Bill Shannon
Capt. Tierney A. Shannon, granddaughter of Pat & Bill Shannon
Cadet Ryan L. O'Malley, U.S. Military Academy, son of John & Veronica O'Malley
Capt. Robert E. Stone, grandson of Pat & Bill Shannon
EM3 Joe Criel, U.S. Navy, grandson of Rick & Kelly Hobbs
Lt. Col. Brian Stehle, U.S. Army, nephew of Penny & Mike Klesi
Major Richard F. Kehoe, U.S. Army, son of Kathy Kehoe
Captain Kevin P. Boyle, son of James and Gerri Boyle
1 Lt. Troy Howell, U.S. Army, grandson of Rita DePrima
1 Lt. Conor P. Dooley, U.S. Army, nephew of Susan and Ed Speth
LTC Erik Archer, U.S. Army, son of Ann Harmon
Major Jessica Larson Horine, P.A., U.S. Army, niece of Carol Suvanich
MAJ Thomas McGee, U.S. Air Force, son-in-law of John and Rita Tschanz

LT Michael A. Pirih, U.S. Navy, son of Tony & Maria Pirih
Captain Brandon Mokris, U.S. Marine Corps, nephew of Maura & Kedric Chamberlin
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GUIDE TO FUNERAL PLANNING

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

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

SACRAMENT OF Penance

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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 5:13-16

Leader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: “You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its taste, with what can it be seasoned? It is no longer good for anything but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot. You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”

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

REFLECTION

Ever since the Protestant Reformation of the 16th century, many denominations have come to adopt the belief that Christians are saved by faith alone—sola fides. Simply stated, the premise is that Christ has saved us once and for all by His death on the cross. It follows that they believe we are saved by faith and not by works. As a result, many Christian believers don’t think they are called to do much other than accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior to find their way to heaven. While Catholics don’t believe that we can earn God’s favor, we do believe that we have to demonstrate our faith in Christ by actively imitating Him. Next Sunday’s readings remind us that our faith in action should be visible. When Jesus shares the examples of salt going flat or light being hidden under a bushel basket, it is as if He is telling us that we shouldn’t be self-satisfied being good and holy like the Pharisees. Clearly, our faith is meant to be an active one—one where people can tell we are Christians by our love. We should be making a difference in the lives of others. We are not ‘salt’ unless we are helping to make the lives of those around us more vibrant. We are not ‘light’ unless we are helping to show others how loved they are by God. Jesus is helping us to see that not only are we called to draw ever closer to God and love Him above all else, we are also called to serve Him by reflecting His light into the world. We are to be like a mirror with our lives turned directly toward God so that we might reflect and radiate His loving goodness and care in all directions. As we grow in holiness, we can be tempted to sit back and just enjoy where we find ourselves in our own faith life and religious practices. Jesus reminds us that the gift of faith we have received is not just for our own edification, but it is to be shared with others and we are to love our neighbor as ourselves.

For further reflection on the mission of the Church, see The Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 849-856; and on our role in the mission of the Church, 897-913.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. How active am I in living out my faith in ways that make a difference in my life and the lives of others? Am I satisfied with how active I am in pursuit of my faith?
2. How am I adding to the richness of my Catholic community? Have I gone flat in the practice of my faith? How can I bring new intensity to my faith journey?
3. When I look around, where do I see darkness that might be “enlightened” by my loving presence or outreach? In my family? In my community?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20 St. Blaise; St. Ans gar
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6 St. Agatha
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13 St. Paul Miki and Companions
Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34 St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita
Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16