Teens Prepare for Appalachian Mission Trip

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!

Teens and adults preparing for this summer’s Appalachian Mission Trip had a wonderful weekend building community and welcoming Fr. Terrence DeSilva from Holy Trinity, our host parish in Harlan, Kentucky. St. Joseph Parish has 60 teens, 9 young adults, and more than 25 adults preparing for the trip in July. Please keep them in your prayers as they answer God’s call to serve others. See page 6 for more Mission Trip news.
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.

Upcoming Events
More information at www.stjoseph-libertyville.org
February 19 Guild's Soup for the Soul, 7:00 p.m., Koenig Center, see p. 7
February 20 Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations, 3:00 p.m. in Church
February 26 Ash Wednesday
March 4 Program on Eastern Rites, p. 11
March 7 Men's Saturday Morning Live
March 14 Parish St. Patrick's Party

The Pope's Tweet of the Week
Faith grows when we invoke the Lord with confidence, bringing to Jesus who we are, with open hearts, without hiding our sufferings. @Pontifex

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
This weekend, our parish will be conducting 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,” was selected to remind us to continue to answer Jesus’ call to follow Him in thought, word and deed by providing the necessary contribution to fund ministries and services to share God’s love with many others in our parish and our archdiocese.

Each pledge makes a difference! All parish communities participate in the campaign and the gifts of many enable our parishes, schools, and ministries to deliver needed services. Thank you for your prayerful consideration and generous response.
As we gather on this 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, many of us are filled with anticipation of what Ash Wednesday will bring to our faith life. Large, impressive crowds of believers will pay a visit to Church on Wednesday, February 26, so that they may be marked with Blessed Ashes.

Today’s two readings and Psalm, along with the Gospel, call each of us—those who faithfully attend Church in accordance with Church teachings and those who attend Mass according to their own convenience—to prepare ourselves for the Death and Resurrection of Our Lord.

Would 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

Shout Praises to the Lord!
Enroll in the Ministry of Praise! The Ministry of Praise is a call to those in nursing homes, retirement homes, the home-bound and all seniors. What will Ministers be asked to do? Simply pray. Each month you will receive a letter from a staff member or parishioner asking you to pray for intentions. It is a call to join in a chorus of prayer. There are no dues or meetings. Please contact Debbie Costa at 847-347-3601 or email Debbie at dr233@aol.com.

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.

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.
Mass Intentions

**Monday** February 17
6:30 Catherine Didier
and Francis Quigley, Sr.
8:30 Pat Smuck
and Julia Jakubow

**Tuesday** February 18
6:30 Juan Gomez Rivas
and John Harrison
8:30 Virginia Sison, well-being
and Robert Auclair

**Wednesday** February 19
6:30 Francis K. J.
and Francis X. Quigley, Sr.
8:30 Dean Ward
and Jean Reljac

**Thursday** February 20
6:30 Kate Siler
and Judy McClellan
8:30 Anton Boeckholt
and Ann Panico

**Friday** February 21
6:30 Ann Marie Shupe
and Maria Borowiec, well-being
8:30 James Eigner
and Drew Lemberger

**Saturday** February 22
8:30 Betty Maniscali
and Joe & Janet Higgins

**Sunday**
All Parishioners

Please Pray for the Sick
Janice Kleinschmidt
Cal Hasselbring
Linda Krubeck
Michelle Lucas Freer
Betty Schieffer
Mary Pikula
Dolores Schultz
Connor Boyle
Fr. John Hennessy
Alejandro Benavides
Fernando Benavides
Peter Krol
Stan Sztot
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.

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](http://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**

Saturday, March 14
9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Holy Cross Parish
724 Elder Lane
Deerfield, IL 60015

**Baptisms**

Julia Sofia Cusack, child of Sofia (Castillo) and Robert Cusack
Olivia Grace Lienau, child of Emma (MacAlister) and James Lienau
Hadley Ann Matheson, child of Rachel (Bowers) and Timothy Matheson
Charlotte Elise Murauski, child of Kathleen (Richert) and Christopher Murauski

Presiders/Deacons

Fr. Kartje is homilist at all Masses
* Fr. Kartje speaks after Communion

**Saturday, February 22**
5:00 p.m.  Fr. Ortiz

**Sunday, February 23**
7:15  Fr. Ortiz
9:00  Fr. Kartje
10:45  Deacon Kashmar
10:45 KC  Fr. Luboyera
12:30  Fr. Trout *
5:00 p.m.  Fr. Trout

Deacon Coughlin

In Memory

Please pray for the souls of:

Bernard Stewart
Ed and Betty Richert
Pauline McKee

Eucharistic Adoration

Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is nothing less than a close, private conversation with a living person who is the risen Christ in the Eucharist. It is about as close as we can come in this life to talking with God face to face. St. Gilbert Parish in Grayslake is expanding the hours of Eucharist Adoration so that every Wednesday you will be able to come before the Lord from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Chapel in an intimate setting. This 12-hour Adoration will begin on Ash Wednesday, February 26. We pray that you will open your heart and commit to spending one hour a week with the One who loves you unconditionally. Sign up now and prepare yourself for the blessings! To sign up to spend your special hour with Him, or if you have questions, call Crystal Sullivan at 847-507-7486 or send an email to crystalskevin28@gmail.com.
**Lenten Almsgiving Tag Day**

**March 7, 8:00-10:00 a.m. in Formation Center C**

Please join us in putting the tags together for the requested needs of the agencies that our parish is helping. At the Tag Day, you will meet fellow parishioners, enjoy snacks and have great conversations while making the tags and hanging them in the church. To volunteer, please contact Mary Causey by email at mcausey@stjoseph-libertyville.org or phone 847-990-1213. Please remember to bring a stapler!

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**Catholic Nurses**

The Council of Catholic Nurses of Lake County will have a Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 7 at Marytown Retreat Center on Route 176 west of Butterfield Road beginning at 8:30 a.m. and concluding with Noon Mass and lunch. Rev. Joe Curtis will lead the retreat. $25 for members, $35 for non-members. RSVP by March 1 to Marian Henderson, 847-281-7790. All nurses are welcome.

**Green Tip How To Do Smarter Laundry**

American households do about 300 loads of laundry every year. It’s estimated that U.S. residential laundry causes CO2 emissions of about 179 million metric tons. About 90% of the energy a washing machine uses is for heating the water. An occasional hot wash can help with general hygiene. But otherwise, stick to cold water. Dryers can use 5 to 10 times more power than a washing machine. The best thing to do to reduce energy consumption is take full advantage of the high-speed spin cycle on your washing machine. That means less water needs to be evaporated off. The Department of Energy also recommends doing full loads of laundry and using dryer balls. Of course, air drying is the most energy efficient method of drying. A few simple changes could reduce emissions sharply and save you money.
**Social Justice & Service**

**St. Joseph Employment Ministry to Meet February 19**

Creating a Compelling Resume

Your resume is usually your first opportunity to make a great impression on a prospective employer. A well-constructed resume highlights your skills and experience in a compelling manner, to help win that critical first interview. But you have questions: What type of resume is best for me? How long should it be? What format is preferred? What skills and competencies should I emphasize?, etc. Come to our next meeting and learn how to design a resume that will make you stand out, by highlighting your “Personal Brand” or Value Proposition.

Please join us for “How to Create a Compelling Resume”, co-led by Dan Barber, a career management professional specializing in executive placement, and Brandon Beck, HR professional and parishioner. Please bring your current resume and worksheets from any previous sessions you may have attended. We look forward to seeing you there!

We’ll meet from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Formation Center (112 N. Milwaukee Avenue), Room C. Please enter from the rear of the building. All are welcome, and our sessions are free.

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 jnjennings@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 held on the 4th Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the Rev. John P. Finnegan Parish Center. Next meeting is February 24. All are welcome. Please see: [www.maryofvernon.org/bulletins](http://www.maryofvernon.org/bulletins) for specifics and helpful job-search tips. Questions? Email the WERC team at: [SMVWERC@gmail.com](mailto:SMVWERC@gmail.com).

**Help Support St. Joseph's Teen Appalachian Mission Trip!**

All are welcome!

**ST. JOSEPH HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY**

Life Teen Night 6:15-8:15

February 16

**SAVE THE DATES!**

- **March 6** - Teen Edge event
- **April 1** - Theology of the Body for 7th Grade teens and parents
- **April 17** - Teen Edge Event*
  *6th grade youth are invited to begin attending tonight!
- **April 20** - Post-Confirmation Meeting for 8th grade teens and parents
- **April 26** - Confirmation information meeting for 6th grade youth and parents
- **May 15** - Teen Edge event

For more information, visit [https://stjoseph-libertyville.org/](https://stjoseph-libertyville.org/)

**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
St. Patrick’s Celebration

ST. JOSEPH’S ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARTY
Koenig Center
MARCH 14TH FROM 6PM TO 10 PM

50/50 Raffle
For The Waukegan Soup Kitchen

CASH BAR

Make Checks Payable to St. Joseph Church and Please drop off or mail to the parish office. Please note St. Patrick’s Day on the Check and on the bottom left side of your envelope.

You can also pay online at: https://www.givecentral.org/location/181/event/21090

FEATURED PERFORMANCES CURRENTLY SCHEDULED:
McNulty’s Irish Dancers
Music by a Mickey Finn’s Performer Colin Halliday

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.

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.
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 17 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: dmvsew@gmail.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.

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 rkkillackey@aol.com.

15 Years of CRHP
The Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) Team No. 3 recently celebrated its 15th anniversary with Mass and some time in fellowship and sisterhood. The ladies, along with former CRHP organizer Catherine Sims, reflected and shared how the members have grown and matured in their love for Christ and others.
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
Totus Tuus – Totally Yours

Lead youth in enriching their faith while strengthening your own relationship with Jesus.

- Paid salary, including food and lodging
- Nine-week commitment (excludes week of July 4th)
- Team and individual daily prayer and retreats

Apply at chicagopriest.com/events/totus-tuus/
missionary-teacher-information

For more information please email: totustuus@archchicago.org

May 30 – July 31, 2020

SERVE | PRAY | EXPERIENCE (CHICAGO) | HAVE FUN

The Men’s Ministry at St. Paul the Apostle, Gurnee, invites all men to join them for A.M. Shift this Lent as they explore the Paschal Mystery—Reflections on the Way of Love, and Intimate Communion with God. The guest speaker is the renowned Terry Nelson-Johnson. Save the dates, Saturdays, February 29 and March 14 in the lower level. Doors open at 6:40 a.m. The program starts at 7:00 a.m. and finishes at 8:30 a.m. Take some time out to get your heart ready. Jesus is gently and firmly inviting us to participate in The Paschal Mystery, not to watch from a distance. Where people are gathered together in love, God is present, good things happen and life is full. You can sign up on St. Paul the Apostle website: https://bit.ly/AMshift but walk-ins are welcome. The cost is $10 for both sessions and includes coffee and doughnuts. Just pay at the door.

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.

Special Showing of the Movie “Where There Is Darkness”

LENTEN THEME of mercy and forgiveness—a “CSI-type” true documentary. It’s a story of a Catholic priest’s life, murder, and forgiveness. Unrated, but on par with PG13. This new release has won over 60 awards at many film festivals. Wednesday, February 19 at 7:00 p.m. at the Libertyville Civic Center, Room C (135 W. Church Street). Free-will offering: contributions will be used to fund a priest’s pilgrimage to Medjugorje. RSVP to Bob and Arlyss Lasecki, 847-778-8019 or 847-778-8023, so we can have adequate seating. The film's producers, Cimela Kidonakis and Jessi Hannapel, will be there to answer questions after the screening. See trailer at www.wherethereisdarkness.com.
Celebrate “We Are Mundelein” Month Throughout February

Mundelein Seminary forms parish priests for the Archdiocese of Chicago and 33 other seminaries across the country, and your prayers and support are vital to our mission. Join us in celebrating “We Are Mundelein” Month this February to honor all the priests and seminarians who are devoting their lives to the Church. Visit www.usml.edu/wearemundelein to see how you can participate! Send a photo of yourself with your parish priest, seminar-ian or parish group to socialmedia@usml.edu, sign up to pray a holy hour for voca-tions to the priesthood, or make a gift to support the formation of your future par-ish priests. We are Mundelein—and you are an important part of that “we.” Thank you for your support!

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

When: Wednesday, March 4, 2020, 7 to 9 p.m.
Where: St. Joseph’s Koenig Center
Mass, Divine Liturgy, Dadarak, 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

Teaching Masses Celebrated Last Sunday
Families gathered to learn about the roles of ministers at the Eucharistic celebration during this year’s annual Teaching Masses which were celebrated at the 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Sunday liturgies. Families learned about the roles of the priest, deacon, altar servers, ushers and more and how each one has an important part in worshiping our God. In addition, Fr. Robinson Ortiz and Deacon Dan Coughlin began the celebration by showing the assembly the vestments they wear and how they put them on.
Thoughts on Giving

“For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.” (Matthew 5:20) The scribes and Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear—it’s the love that you have in your heart that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules out of obligation, not love, does not put you on the path to heaven. Attending Mass on Sunday and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner in the parking lot is an example of a modern day Pharisee.

MINISTRY OF CARE, SACRAMENT OF THE SICK
The Sacrament of the Sick is celebrated at 8:30 a.m. on the second 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

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 after approval by your Pastoral Staff Lead. Articles must be received by noon on the Monday before issue date.

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

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 • 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.

ACCOUNTABILITY

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Offering for January 26, 2020

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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.

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 second 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.

Stay Connected! We have options for everyone! Website: www.stjoseph-libertyville.org

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The Sacrament of the Sick is celebrated at 8:30 a.m. Mass on the second 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
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BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

A JOURNEY TO DISCIPLESHIP–JESUS COMPANIONS US THROUGH SCRIPTURE

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

NEXT SUNDAY’S GOSPEL — Matthew 5:38-48

Leader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: "You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.

“You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

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

REFLECTION

In the Gospels, Jesus’ primary role is one of teacher. As the Son of God, He shares the love of the Father and helps us to know the rewards of following Him. In next week’s Gospel, Jesus helps us to see what is being asked of us and He does so in a way which clearly lets us know that it is very different from the ways of the world. If the human Jesus were to walk with us in the present day, He would surely be teaching and preaching unity and not division. He would be counseling us to not become prideful, but rather to seek reconciliation instead of spewing disrespect or dishonor. Our pride can easily get in the way when we are insulted or wronged. But in asking us to be meek and humble, He is really asking us to imitate Him. We do this by choosing love in all circumstances. He wants our first reaction to be empathy, not anger or retribution. He wants us to believe in the power of love and He desires that we live in communion—a common union—with one another as we unite ourselves to Him through Holy Communion. We see division all about us in our country, the world and even in our Church. We live in a culture that only sees value in a life of utility. We often see the unfortunate as a burden. We marginalize those who we don’t deem as profitable. As Paul would remind us in next week’s second reading (1 Corinthians 3:19), we must resist these notions for “the wisdom of the world is foolishness in the eyes of God.” The world plays into the vanity of humankind. Jesus teaches meekness and humility. We have a choice, one not entirely different than the one presented to Adam and Eve. As we prepare to move into the Lenten season, let us ask for the grace to be aware of the choices presented to us in our daily lives and for the courage to choose to follow Christ.

For further reflection on the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity, see The Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 1812-1832; and on promoting peace in the world, 2302-2306.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS
1. Which of the world’s enticements do I find it hardest to resist? Which of Christ’s teachings do I find most difficult to embrace? What might I do to be less prideful this Lenten season?
2. Christ has invited us to live in communion with Him with the sacraments and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit as sources of grace. How can I more actively practice my Catholic Christian faith so as to grow in my ability to follow the directives of Christ and resist the temptations of the modern word?
3. The Gospel tells us to love everyone. Who do I need to reconcile with? How might I better reconcile particular “enemies” that I need to reach out to in love? In my family? My workplace? My parish? In my community? What can I do to help someone who has been marginalized by the culture to know my love and the love of the Lord?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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