Hosanna to the Son of David!

“Surely it is not I Lord?”

the bond of friendship has been violated... “Behold, the hour is at hand...”

...may we always be watchful “I do not know the man!”

...keep us awake and faithful

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!
Have some of your Calls to Action been halted because of the home-stay requirements?

Perhaps group members have found ways to reach out to neighbors next door or in your community. Are you taking turns with shopping errands or making deliveries to homebound friends and families?

If you've had ideas or created some new ones, share them! We'll let the parish know as well.

Want to learn more about building communities of love?

Visit www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/community-for-the-kingdom
Come, follow me…and heal our world
as of March 24, 2020

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.

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: $164,879
AMOUNT PLEDGED: $201,457
AMOUNT PAID: $120,832
REMAINING AMOUNT: $44,047
YTD REBATE: $0

A LOOK AHEAD

Cancellation of Private Prayer Hours in Church—St. Joseph Catholic Church is closed to private prayer until further notice. The following will not be held until further notice: Weekday Masses, Weekend Masses, Baptism, Confirmation, Saturday Reconciliation, Stations of the Cross, Eucharistic Adoration/Holy Hour and all meetings and parish events.

Live-streaming Masses—As announced by the Archdiocese, all Masses including Holy Week, Triduum and Easter Vigil and Easter Day are cancelled until further notice. Holy Name Cathedral and our parish will be live-streaming these services. According to the Archdiocese, no palms will be distributed for Palm Sunday; however, if a priest blesses palms privately, those palms may be reserved for distribution at a later date.

This Holy Week, our parish live-streamed weekday Mass is at 8:30 a.m. Monday through Wednesday. For the Sacred Triduum, we will live-stream the Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m. on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, the 7:30 p.m. Mass on Holy Thursday, the 3:00 p.m. service on Good Friday, the 8:00 p.m. Saturday Easter Vigil Mass and the 7:15, 9:00 and 10:45 a.m. Easter Day Masses. All of the Masses will be in our archived section after they have been broadcast. Watch here: www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/live. There will not be a Blessing of Easter Food on Holy Saturday.

It is important that the parish be able to continue its vital work during this crisis—We encourage you to continue your important support through your generous giving. Please sign up for online giving at www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/give. Or use your smartphone to text a gift to the parish by following the instructions on the next page. You are also welcome to mail or drop off your weekly envelope at the mail slot at the Parish Office.

The Parish Office will be closed until further notice—Please contact staff or clergy through email only, as phone coverage will not be available. A listing of email addresses can be found at www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/staff.

We will continue to monitor this fluid situation and we will share new or additional guidelines as we receive them. Our website and social media accounts will also be updated. This is a challenging time for all of us. We ask for your patience, understanding and prayers.
Options to Give
Many of you give from the pews on Sunday and might be wondering how you can still support St. Joseph Catholic Church during this time of uncertainty. Last fall, when our collections were down, we asked you to increase your donations and you generously responded. We need your help, now more than ever, as the coronavirus is impacting our collections.

Here are three easy ways for you to give and continue to support St. Joseph Catholic Church:

Text To Give
Text To Give can be done right from your phone. Simply Text “Joseph” to 73256 and enter your weekly or monthly gift amount; or give a little extra this time.

Mail or Drop Off
Mail or drop off your donation in the mail slot at the parish office: 121 E. Maple Avenue, Libertyville, IL 60048.

Thank you! This is a challenging time for all of us and we thank you for your continued support!

“I GAVE TODAY” #StJoesGiving
Encourage others to give and share on your social media accounts that you supported St. Joseph Catholic Church with a simple “I GAVE TODAY” post using the hashtag #StJoesGiving.

Stay Healthy And Pray!

An Act of Spiritual Communion
My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

The basic elements of an Act of Spiritual Communion are an Act of Faith, an Act of Love, a desire to receive Christ, and an invitation to Him to come into your heart.

Hosanna!
“Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest” (Matthew 21:9). With these words the Church enters the holiest of weeks, commemorating the passion, death, and resurrection of Christ. When the people of Jerusalem cried out with their “hosannas,” they were using an ancient Hebrew shout of acclamation that meant “Pray, save us.” The king to whom they were shouting eventually would save them, but in a way that would be far from what they expected. Salvation would come from the wood of the cross as Jesus hung there to bring freedom from sin and life through death, opening the gates of heaven for all who put their faith and trust in him.

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INCLUDES 10 ENVELOPES & QUOTE ON EACH CARD
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THANKS FOR SUPPORTING THE APPALACHIAN MISSION TRIP!
Expanded Parish Food Pantry Hours

The St. Joseph Catholic Church Food Pantry is open:
- Monday and Thursday, 11:00-1:00 p.m.
- Wednesday and Friday, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
- Sunday, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon

The pantry is located at the front entrance at the Formation Center, on Milwaukee Avenue, north of Route 176 and south of Hurlburt Court. Families may enter one at a time. We are not asking for identification, and the pantry is open to anyone who needs food—no questions asked. If you have any questions, please email Mary Causey at mcausey@stjoseph-libertyville.org. The Libertyville Township Food Pantry is open on Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 359 Merrill Court. Please look at www.libertyvilletownship.us/supervisor/food-pantry to see the township’s residency requirements and identification needed.

Food Pantry Donations Welcome!

A donation box has been placed in front of St. Joseph Catholic Church on Maple Avenue for food donations. It will be in use every day of the week, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. You may also drop food donations off at the Food Pantry during its open hours (see article to the left).

PADS Needs Volunteers

Volunteers are needed to monitor Lake County PADS shelter sites and help prepare breakfasts or dinners. Please use the Sign Up Genius link below to sign up for any day and time you feel you can safely help. www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0a4bafa722a3f49-pads6

Lenten Almsgiving Gifts

Last Sunday, these gifts were dropped off near the gym by generous parishioners. If you took a tag from church but have not yet dropped off your gift, you are welcome to drop items (with the tags) at the donation box in front of church on Maple Avenue. The donation box will be available every day of the week from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Faith Formation

Staying indoors? Check out FORMED.org

Grow in your faith together!

The Catholic Faith. On Demand.

St. Joseph Catholic Church has given you unlimited access to plenty of formation for every age group: eBooks, Movies, Talks, Individual and group faith studies, Kids’ videos and more!

The subscription is paid for! You just need to sign up!

- Register at FORMED.org
- Select “I belong to a Parish or Organization” and enter St. Joseph’s name
- Create an account and start using it

Visit www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/formed.org for more information
The Pope’s Tweet of the Week

It is not the time of your judgement, but of our judgement: a time to choose what matters and what passes away, a time to separate what is necessary from what is not. It is a time to get our lives back on track with regard to you, Lord, and to others. @Pontifex

Pray for Vocations

Until we can resume our Thursday Adoration for Vocations, please pray in private.

Prayer for Vocations: Almighty Father, we beg you for an increase in religious vocations and holy marriages in our parish. Help us to be generous in our response to your call. Choose from our homes those who are needed for your work and strengthen us with the courage to say “yes” and to follow you. Help us as a parish and as families to recognize and foster vocations to the priesthood, religious life, lay ministry or whatever path you are calling us to follow. We ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Faith Formation

New and Returning Families: HOW TO BEGIN?
Visit www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/reregistration & set up an appointment.
Patty McCarthy, Coordinator for Children’s Faith Formation pmccarthy@stjoseph-libertyville.org

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Please Pray for the Sick

Margaret Bregenzer
Diego Anez
Donna Wantrobski
Marion O’Neill
Maria Coton
Janice Kleinschmidt
Michelle Lucas Freer
Mary Pikula
Dolores Schultz
Connor Boyle
Fr. John Hennessey
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
and all those affected by COVID-19

During these weeks of church and office closings, we will be keeping the sick on our prayer list. Once things return to normal, please notify us if your loved one remains in need of our prayers.
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 drc233@aol.com.

WORSHIP AIDS FOR YOUR USE AT HOME
You may download/print a PDF of each weekend Mass worship aid by going to www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/live. We hope this will be a help for you as you watch our live-streamed liturgies—5:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, and 9:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday. This week, there will also be a PDF of the Triduum worship aid posted for those who will be watching the live-stream of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday’s Masses or service.

IN MEMORY
Please pray for the soul of: Diane Ulrich

MASS INTENTIONS & PRESIDERS/DEACONS

There will be a live-streamed Mass Monday through Saturday at 8:30 a.m. available to view at www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/live. During this Holy Week, the parish will also live-stream our liturgical celebrations on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Parishioners are NOT to come to these Masses in Church.

The following intentions will be prayed for at the live-streamed daily Masses.

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| Monday    | April 6  
Henriette Leahy  
Mary R. Lockowitz  
Jose Zavala    |
| Tuesday   | April 7  
Aniela Jalowiec  
James Eigner    |
| Wednesday | April 8  
Michael Volino  
Joanne Boehm  
Edward Bukantix  
Elaine Zengeler |

Holy Thursday, April 9  
Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m.  
Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 7:30 p.m.  
(Fr. Luboyera)

Holy Saturday, April 11  
Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m.  
The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night, 8:00 p.m.  
(Fr. Ortiz)

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, April 12  
Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m.  
Easter Day Masses: 7:15 a.m.  
(Fr. Luboyera)  
9:00 a.m. (Fr. Trout)  
10:45 a.m. (Fr. Ortiz)

The Director of Vicariate Operations of the Archdiocese of Chicago shares this prayer with all of us, asking for the Blessed Mother’s intercession in this time of need.

Holy Virgin of Guadalupe,  
Queen of the Angels and Mother of the Americas.  
We fly to you today as your beloved children.  
We ask you to intercede for us with your Son,  
as you did at the wedding in Cana.

Pray for us, loving Mother,  
and gain for our nation and world,  
and for all our families and loved ones,  
the protection of your holy angels,  
that we may be spared the worst of this illness.

For those already afflicted,  
we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance.

Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful,  
wipe away their tears and help them to trust.  
In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church  
to love one another and to be patient and kind.  
Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land  
and to our hearts.

We come to you with confidence,  
knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother,  
health of the sick and cause of our joy.  
Shelter us under the mantle of your protection,  
keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to  
know the love of your Son, Jesus. Amen.
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Offering for March 15, 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

“As they were marching out, they came upon a man of Cyrene, Simon by name; this man they pressed into service to carry his cross.” (Matthew 27:32) The Lord calls us to love God and to love our neighbor. Every day we are presented with opportunities to love our neighbor and help him “carry his cross.” These opportunities aren’t usually big events, they are usually ordinary occurrences like helping someone carry their groceries or holding the door open for them. The key is putting the other person's needs before our own and not expecting anything in return.

DIRECT DONATIONS FROM AN IRA TO SUPPORT THE PARISH

If you are over 70 ½, there is a new law that could impact how you donate monies to the Parish. At the close of 2015, lawmakers approved the Protecting American from Tax Hikes (PATH) Act. A provision of this Act made available distributions from individual retirement accounts through Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCDs). This is superb news for Catholics looking to support their favorite missions and our parish in a tax-advantage way.

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

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

EMAIL SECURITY ALERT

Over the past few months, there have been reports of email messages being sent from Father Trout’s email address requesting help or financial assistance. The emails that have been sent appear to be very similar to Father Trout’s account. Father Trout would never send an email requesting financial assistance.

If you receive an email from Father Trout or from any staff member, the address will end in @stjoseph-libertyville.org. The scam email address will often appear to be similar, however, upon a closer look the subtle changes become apparent. When receiving any email, please verify the address extension. For example, our email address is info@stjoseph-libertyville.org not info@stjosephlibertyville.org@gmail.com. You may also see the sender's actual email address by using your mouse to hover over the sender's name or by viewing the “reply to” address. Please always confirm by phone or in person before sending money or clicking on links.
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121 E. MAPLE AVENUE, LIBERTYVILLE, ILLINOIS 60048
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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 Pavelske (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 Sauer, Brian Savage, Tom Sear, Craig Sondalle

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 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.

Babysitting During Mass The Nursery Ministry will care for 1- to 5-year-olds during 9:00 a.m. Mass. Drop child off at Loughry Room no earlier than 8:45 a.m.

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

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

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

Matrimony Congratulations! Please contact the parish office as soon as you are engaged. Six 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.


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

Pray the Rosary The Rosary is prayed in church at 7:55 a.m. Monday through Saturday.

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 south-east 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.

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.
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 — John 20:1-9

Leader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Response: Glory to You, O Lord

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, “They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him.”

So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in.

When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

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

REFLECTION

With our celebration of Palm Sunday behind us, we turn next to the celebration of Holy Week as we journey with Christ to Calvary and ultimately to the joy of Easter. We do so this year with a remarkable opportunity to challenge ourselves to look at things in a new way. The circumstances of our times remind us that things that have always been won’t necessarily always be. We are challenged anew to ask ourselves “What can I believe in? Where do I place my trust? What hope can I have for the future?” We are being given a wonderful gift to reevaluate what is most important in our lives. We are invited to take a fresh and honest look at how real and strong our faith is in the God who created us. The Resurrection is and always has been a tremendous source of hope for those who believe. We are called in a real way to seek out the risen Lord whose love for us is demonstrated by His suffering and death on the cross. As we experience how quickly our lives can be turned upside down, let us not be like so many of those who celebrated Jesus’ triumph on Palm Sunday and then fled on Good Friday. Let us seek to grow in faith and hope in Christ by recognizing the great gift of His triumph over sin and death on the cross, the gift of God’s unconditional love for us. As we contemplate the uncertainties of the weeks and months ahead, let us choose to reaffirm our faith in God, believe in Jesus His Son and the grace of the Holy Spirit which can lead us to joy and peace in this life and in the next.

For daily reflection on Jesus’ journey to the cross, this week read and reflect upon John 12:1-11 on Monday; John 13:21-38 on Tuesday; Matthew 26:6-35 on Wednesday; John 13:1-20 on Thursday; John 8:1-19:42 on Friday; and Luke 24:1-12 on Saturday.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Each day, reflect on reasons to believe in God’s goodness and the difference your faith in Jesus has made in your life. Ask “How much trust am I willing to place in God?”
2. Each day, reflect upon what else Jesus wants you to know about Him. Contemplate whether you can become more like Him.
3. Each day, contemplate what you can do to turn over more of your heart to God. Ask “What can I do to be more effective in spreading the Good News of the life, death and resurrection of Christ through how I choose to live my life?”

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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