



# THE CARPENTER

**ST. JOSEPH**  
CATHOLIC CHURCH

APRIL 12, 2020  
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



April 12  
2020

# Easter

# SUNDAY

HE HAS BEEN RAISED FROM THE DEAD,  
AND HE IS GOING  
BEFORE YOU TO GALILEE.

Matthew 28:7

## 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!

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*Because I live,  
ye shall live also.*

JOHN 14:19

Easter 2020

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Easter dawns accompanied by signs of spring—blooming tulips, crocuses and daffodils, budding trees and more daylight with each passing day—yet saying Happy Easter is a challenge this year. The new life belies the unease and fear around us and the paschal mystery takes on added poignancy as we journey through this pandemic. Living through the AIDS pandemic while serving in South Africa, I learned that facing adversity and uncertainty puts things in perspective.

While Covid-19 is much more frightening as it is invisible and seems to be everywhere, and looks can be deceiving, I believe it is important to trust the signs nature bestows on us. As spring bursts forth, its presence reminds us of the deepest Christian teachings: that life and love are always stronger than sickness and death. St. Catherine of Siena underscored that God loved us even before we came into existence and will continue to love us after we cease to exist in this life.

This is a time to renew our trust in this infinite love and set aside every fear. Gratitude is crucial to renewing our trust in this pre-existing, never-ending love. In our current situation, it is moving to see the appreciation so many people are expressing for those caring for the sick or working to find a vaccine or cure. It is those who make a difference in difficult times who are essential in life. With creativity, generosity and an abiding human spirit, people throughout the world give thanks for the resilience, selflessness and significant contributions of the medical and scientific communities, as well as the dedication of first responders who serve and protect, teachers pivoting to online teaching for the sake of their students, and for those like grocery store workers and others in essential services or volunteers stepping up to do whatever needs to be done.

Authentic relationships in our lives—family and friends, colleagues, neighbors and fellow parishioners—deserve our gratitude as well. This authenticity reveals itself in their readiness to assist us during challenging times or to assure us that we are valued and cherished. Gratitude is also acknowledging that we did not create ourselves. Our life is a gift from God and while there is nothing we can do to guarantee it, God gives us life to enjoy it to the full. Doing this begins with giving thanks to the giver of the gift and focusing on what is good, beautiful and present in our lives, rather than on what we perceive as absent, broken or threatening. We are not a problem to be fixed; we are a gifted creation to be nurtured, appreciated and celebrated.

The Resurrection of Jesus that we celebrate at Easter acclaims the restoration of life and love. They cannot be destroyed. “We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him.” [Rom. 6:9] Given that we will exist in life and love after we cease to live in this world, the special grace of this Easter invites us to contemplate what spring is revealing to us about God and, with grateful hearts, wish each other Happy Easter.

Wishing you a share in the joy of the Risen Lord this Easter,

*F. John Trout*

Father John Trout



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Easter 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

In this joyful season of Easter, the Church frequently prays Psalm 147. It expresses the new life and hope that we have in the Risen Lord. Here are the opening verses:

*Alleluia!*  
*Sing praise to the Lord who is good;*  
*sing to our God who is loving;*  
*to God our praise is due.*

*The Lord builds up Jerusalem*  
*and brings back Israel's exiles,*  
*God heals the broken-hearted*  
*and binds up all their wounds.*

Indeed, God is good. The Resurrection of Jesus leads us out of exile from the land of sin and death to new life. The power and presence of the Risen Lord heals our wounded and fragile lives and binds our hearts with new hope. That is why we sing praise to the Lord who is good.

With this great song of praise, Easter also challenges all of us to re-imagine our lives in light of the Resurrection of Jesus. With his grace, we can break free from the cycles of pain, violence, destructive forces, misunderstandings, and everything else that weighs us and our world down. We can re-envision our lives and live differently.

May God grant you and your loved ones renewal and joy in the Risen Lord Jesus.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

  
Archbishop of Chicago

## NOVENA TO SAINT JOSEPH

Please pray this Novena each day at 12:00 p.m. from April 13 to April 21. The power of praying novenas together is a uniting experience that will touch every aspect of our spiritual lives.

**Introductory Prayer** O Glorious St. Joseph, faithful follower of Jesus Christ, to you do we raise our hearts and hands, to implore your powerful intercession in obtaining from the benign Heart of Jesus all the helps and graces necessary for our spiritual and temporal welfare, particularly the grace of a happy death, and the special favor we now implore. For doctors, nurses and first responders, that they may be safe as they bring healing to the sick.

O Glorious St. Joseph, spouse of the Immaculate Virgin, obtain for us a pure, humble, and charitable mind, and perfect resignation to the divine Will. Be our guide, father and model through life, that we may merit to die as you did, in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

**Memorare to St. Joseph** Remember, most pure spouse of Mary, ever Virgin, my loving protector, St. Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection or asked for your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding, therefore, in your goodness, I come before you and humbly implore you. Despise not my petitions, foster-father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them. Amen.

**Day 1** O great St. Joseph, with feelings of unlimited confidence, we beg you to bless this novena that we begin in your honor. "You are never invoked in vain" says the seraphic St. Theresa of Jesus. Be you then to me what you have been to your most holy Spouse: protector, provider, and custodian, and graciously hear me as you did Her. Amen.

**Day 2** O blessed St. Joseph, tenderhearted father, faithful guardian of Jesus, chaste spouse of the Mother of God, we pray and beseech you to offer to God the Father, His divine son, bathed in blood on the Cross for sinners. And through the thrice holy name of Jesus obtain for us of the eternal Father the favor for which we implore your intercession: for all the sick, especially those infected and all their families affected with coronavirus, that God grants them strength and healing.

Amid the splendors of eternity, forget not the sorrows of those who pray, those who weep; stay the almighty arm that smites us, that by your prayers and those of your most holy spouse, the Heart of Jesus may be moved to pity and to pardon. Amen.

**Day 3** Blessed St. Joseph, enkindle in our cold hearts a spark of your charity. May God be always the first and only object of our affections. Keep our souls always in sanctifying grace and, if we should be so unhappy as to lose it, give us the strength to recover it immediately by a sincere repentance. Help us to such a love of our God as will always keep us united to Him. Amen. O glorious St. Joseph, through the love you bear Jesus Christ and for the glory of His name, hear our prayers and obtain our petitions. For the unemployed and those who have lost their jobs due to the coronavirus epidemic.

**Day 4** St. Joseph, pride of Heaven, unfailing hope for our lives, and support of those on earth, graciously accept our prayer of praise. You were appointed spouse of the chaste Virgin by the Creator of the world. He willed that you be called father of the Word and serve as agent of our salvation. May the triune God who bestowed upon you heavenly honors, be praised forever. And may He grant us through your merits the joy of a blessed life and a favorable answer to our petition. For all the volunteers, caregivers and essential workers. Amen.

**Day 5** O holy St. Joseph, what a lesson your life is for us, ever so eager to display before the eyes of men the graces that we owe entirely to the liberality of God. In addition to the special favor for which we plead in this novena, for the parents, teachers and students that they may be motivated and strengthened as they

continue their work in these unusual situations. Grant that we may attribute to God the glory of all things, that we may love the humble and hidden life, that we may not desire any other position than the one given us by Providence and that we may always be a docile instrument in the hands of God. Amen.

**Day 6** O glorious St. Joseph, appointed by the Eternal Father as the guardian and protector of the life of Jesus Christ, the comfort and support of His Holy Mother, and the instrument in His great design for the redemption of mankind; you who had the happiness of living with Jesus and Mary, and of dying in their arms, be moved with the confidence we place in you, and procure for us from the Almighty, the particular favor which we humbly ask through your intercession: for priests, deacons and lay ministers of care who are ministering to all our sick brothers and sisters, that God keeps them healthy. Amen.

**Day 7** O faithful and prudent Saint Joseph, watch over our weakness and our inexperience; obtain for us that prudence which reminds us of our end, which directs our paths and which protects us from every danger. Pray for us, then, O great Saint, and by your love for Jesus and Mary, and by their love for you, obtain for us the favor we ask in this novena: for all those in public office and research working on the cure and vaccine, that God grants these the knowledge and wisdom they need. Amen.

**Day 8** O blessed Joseph, to whom it was given not only to see and to hear the God whom many kings longed to see and saw not; to hear and heard not; but also to carry Him in your arms, to embrace Him, to clothe Him, and to guard and defend Him, come to our assistance and intercede with Him to look favorably on our present petition. For those who have died, may they be welcomed into God's presence in heaven.

**Day 9** O good St. Joseph, help us to be like you, gentle to those whose weakness leans on us; help us to give to those who seek our aid, succor that they may journey unafraid. Give us your faith, that we may see the light of truth. Give us your hope that we may stand secure, firm with our anchor beyond the veil. Give us your love that as the years increase a charitable heart may bring us peace. Give us your purity that the hour of death finds us untouched by evil's breath. Give us your love of labor that we shirk no lot in life that calls us for honest work. Give us your love of poverty so that we live contented, let wealth come or go. Give us your courage that we may be strong; give us your meekness to confess our sins. Give us your patience that we may possess the kingdom of our souls without distress. Help us, dear Saint, to live that when life ends we pass with you to Jesus and His friends. O Glorious St. Joseph, hear our prayers and obtain our petitions: for those grieving a loved one, and those who aren't able to bury their dead, may God grant them strength and healing. Amen.

**Concluding prayer** O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in you all my interests and desires. O St. Joseph, assist me by your powerful intercession and obtain for me from your Divine Son all spiritual blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord; so that having engaged here below your heavenly power, I may offer my thanksgiving and homage to the most loving of Fathers. O St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating you and Jesus asleep in your arms; I dare not approach while He reposes near your heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine head for me, and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. Amen. O St. Joseph, hear my prayers and obtain my petitions. Saint Joseph, pray for us!

## THANK YOU, THANK YOU

This year, very different than any other, the people who assisted with daily Mass, Lent and Holy Week preparations needed to be flexible and nimble beyond belief. It is with deep gratitude that I would like to thank the following people.

- Dan Harris and his staff for the set-up, tear-down and preparations for the church. This has been accomplished with no one present and entirely through phone and email conversations.

- Judy Dioszegi and Carol Suvanich, for their constant care for the environment of our church, even while knowing that our parishioners would only enjoy while watching from home.

- The proclaimer ministry, for their care in ensuring that we had proclaimers for the morning, weekend and Holy Week Masses. And for the proclaimers, who stepped in and performed their ministry with deep faith and loyalty to God.

The list is lengthy and I want to thank everyone who, by the grace of God, were present for the people of God, ministering through this very stressful and unique time in our lives.

- Deacon George Kashmar



## OUR PRIESTS ARE STAYING AT HOME

We checked in to see how the priests were managing their time at home. Looks like they've been watching the Food Network! Father Trout, Father Martin and Father Robinson are whipping up fantastic meals while Father Hennessey enjoys the fruits of their labor! How are you spending your time?



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**Question: What do Google Hangouts, Skype & Zoom have in common?**

**Answer: They are all ways you can connect with your small groups online!**

Sure, it's different, but doing things differently is **OK**.  
Prayer and community can happen, even when you can't be in the same room.

Try using one of these digital tools to connect with your members!  
If you found another way to connect with your group, let us know!

Want to learn more about building communities of love?

Visit [www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/community-for-the-kingdom](http://www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/community-for-the-kingdom)  
Information: Email [dretseck@stjoseph-libertyville.org](mailto:dretseck@stjoseph-libertyville.org)



Authentic Friendships Christ Centered Helping Others



## 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.*

## A LOOK AHEAD

**Church and Parish Offices Closed**—St. Joseph Catholic Church is closed until further notice. The following will not be held until further notice: Weekday Masses, Weekend Masses, Baptism, Saturday Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration/Holy Hour and all meetings and parish events. 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](http://www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/staff).

**Live-streaming Masses**—Our parish live-streams **weekday Mass at 8:30 a.m. Monday through Saturday.** The **5:00 p.m. Saturday and 9:00 a.m. Sunday Masses** are also live-streamed each weekend. All of the Masses will be in our archived section after they have been broadcast. Watch here: [www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/live](http://www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/live).

**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](http://www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/give). Or use your smart phone 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.

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. We ask for your patience, understanding and prayers.

## Message from Father Trout sent to 2nd Grade parents last week, regarding First Eucharist



Dear Second Grade Parents,

Throughout these last few months, I have heard about your child's progress with their formation and preparation for their First Eucharist. I know our First Communicants are looking forward to coming to Christ's table.

Based on current guidelines from local public health departments as well as our governor, Cardinal Cupich has mandated the suspension of all public gatherings and liturgies beginning Friday, March 13 until further notice. Additionally, schools are closed until a minimum of April 30, 2020.

At this time, I have determined that it is best to postpone your child's First Eucharist until we can safely come together to celebrate this joy-filled sacrament. I want our First Communicants to remember their First Eucharist as a day that was full of love and peace while surrounded by their family and friends. Please know that I am committed to celebrating your child's First Eucharist as soon as possible.

I apologize for the challenges this has presented to you and your families and all who planned to gather for this celebration. Your patience and understanding in these challenging times are greatly appreciated. Please keep all those affected by this pandemic in your prayers.

In gratitude,  
Fr. John Trout, Pastor  
St. Joseph Catholic Church

## 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.



### Give Online

You can give online through our website. Visit [www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/give](http://www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/give).

### 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!**

# FAITH FORMATION



## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL A LOCAL LEADER IN ONLINE LEARNING



St. Joseph Catholic Church supports our parish school. The school children finished their scheduled spring break, but now what? How will they continue their education with the school doors closed?

Thanks to a proactive approach by SJCS's leadership team, composed of Principal Anne Phoenix, Director of Technology Kelly McMahon, Assistant Principal Liz Hein and the teachers, in 2018 they began creating a remote learning program in anticipation of short-term school closures due to inclement weather. They were prepared for the school closure and able to provide support to local schools that were less prepared.

Take a moment to read the *Daily Herald* article highlighting the measures our parish school put in place for remote learning success. [bit.ly/SJCSHerald](http://bit.ly/SJCSHerald)

**MAKE YOUR  
APPOINTMENT  
TODAY!**

**CHILDREN'S  
FAITH  
FORMATION  
2020-21  
REGISTRATION**

**UPDATE YOUR  
REGISTRATION  
INFORMATION  
QUICK  
& EASY!**



New and Returning Families:  
**HOW TO BEGIN?**  
Visit  
[www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/  
reregistration](http://www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/reregistration)  
&  
set up an appointment.

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Coordinator for  
Children's Faith Formation  
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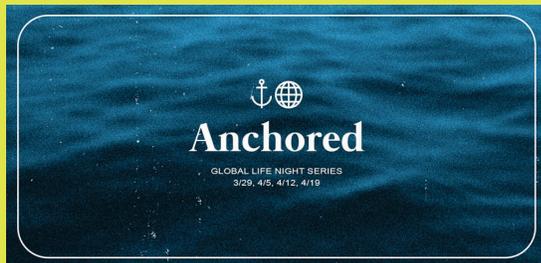
**The Pope's Tweet of the Week Today** we contemplate the empty tomb of Christ and we hear the words of the angel: "Do not be afraid! He is risen!"



#Easter. @Pontifex

# YOUTH

**Join us for  
Virtual Life Nights!**



**Sundays, April 12 & 19 @ 7 PM**

To join the Zoom group, contact Brigid Dutton at [bdutton@stjoseph-libertyville.org](mailto:bdutton@stjoseph-libertyville.org)

**All high school & 8th grade teens are welcome to join us for faith, fellowship, and fun!**



**Friday, April 17 @ 7PM**

To Register:

<https://forms.gle/yKbb9TuFGLf8RA9z9>

\*A link to join the Zoom call will be sent out a few days before our event.

**All 6th-8th grade youth are invited!**

# SOCIAL JUSTICE & SERVICE

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## A RESOURCE LIST FOR THESE CHALLENGING TIMES

**Lake County:** Lake County government with resources <https://www.lakecountyil.gov/4414/How-to-Get-Help>



**211:** Lake County telephone hotline system – confidential and free referrals for Lake County-based social services. Dial 211 or <https://211lakecounty.org/> United Way of Lake County's 211 connects people to available health and human services in our community, including food, shelter, rent and utility assistance, and other essential services. To access 211, simply call 211 or text your zip code to 898211 to speak with someone who can help. For more information, visit [www.211LakeCounty.org](http://www.211LakeCounty.org). 211 is an information and referral helpline and does not provide direct services or financial assistance.

### **Village of Libertyville:**

This site has information on local food pantries, mental health help-lines, and resources for small business <https://www.libertyville.com/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=951>

### **Catholic Charities Lake County Services**

Phone: 847-782-4000

To get help with rent, SNAP or utility service, phone: 312-655-7700 <http://www.catholiccharities.net/GetHelp.aspx>

### **Meals on Wheels Northeastern Illinois -** <https://mealsonwheelsnei.org/>

General Inquiries: [info@MealsonWheelsNEI.org](mailto:info@MealsonWheelsNEI.org) or Phone: 847-332-2678

Volunteering: [volunteercoordinator@MealsonWheelsNEI.org](mailto:volunteercoordinator@MealsonWheelsNEI.org)

Meal Program Information: [programcoordinator@MealsonWheelsNEI.org](mailto:programcoordinator@MealsonWheelsNEI.org)

### **Social Justice Ministries Responses to COVID-19 for immediate needs**

**ElderCare Lake County:** Seniors can get help, or volunteer <https://www.eldercarelakecounty.org> or 847-406-4683

**Aid for Women:** operating on reduced hours with social distancing practices. Baby formula and diapers and other items such as car seats, and baby clothes are available to those who are eligible. Contact: 847-249-2700 for more information.

**Mary and Joseph Shelter/Franciscan Outreach:** The Franciscan Outreach shelter is in dire need of donations to aid the homeless population. They have an immediate needs list on Amazon. Any items purchased through this link will be delivered directly to shelters. You can find links to donate items here: <https://franoutreach.org/covid-19-response/>

### **Holy Family Soup Kitchen in Waukegan:** 914 8th Street Waukegan, 847-775-0116

Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Patrons are being served at the front door, drive-through style. Immediate Needs: The soup kitchen needs 8 oz. juice and milk cartons for serving drinks carry-out style. They also need bread and food runners and the ability to catalog and web-post deliveries so weekly teams can tell what food is available in the kitchen before they start their assigned shifts. Contact Mike Lynn for more details [mlynn1662@comcast.net](mailto:mlynn1662@comcast.net)

**PADS:** is operating a 24/7 shelter site in Warren Township as a response to the pandemic. You can find out more information on how to help on their website: <https://www.padslakecounty.org/>



**St. Joseph Food Pantry:** A donation box will be outside of our church doors on Maple Avenue every day 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. for food donations. For more information contact: [mcausey@stjoseph-libertyville.org](mailto:mcausey@stjoseph-libertyville.org). The food pantry is running extended hours. Located at the Formation Center. The St. Joseph Food Pantry is not asking for I.D. and is open to anyone that needs food with no questions asked. If you have any questions, please email Mary Causey at [mcausey@stjoseph-libertyville.org](mailto:mcausey@stjoseph-libertyville.org).

Monday and Thursday 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wednesday and Friday 4-6 p.m.

Sunday 10 a.m.-noon

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## GREEN TIP FROM CARE FOR CREATION MINISTRY



A suggested activity during this time of social distancing from Care for Creation Ministry—Now is the perfect time to plan your garden. It will give you a chance to focus your thoughts on God's gift of creation. You can actually plant radishes, carrots, peas, and greens such as kale or spinach seeds now. When you plan your garden, please plan enough to be able to share your harvest with the St. Joseph Food Pantry.

# SOCIAL JUSTICE & SERVICE

## ST. JOSEPH EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY TO MEET *VIRTUALLY* ON APRIL 15

In compliance with social distancing initiatives, we have suspended our face-to-face meetings until further notice. However, we are very pleased to welcome back once again Bruce Bennett, who hosted the Employment Ministry's first-ever online meeting, to host our second Zoom Meeting – details below:



Here's the link to our live online meeting:  
**5 Keys to Impressing a Hiring Manager**

April 15, 7:00 p.m. Central Time

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://zoom.us/j/938435687?pwd=RnNqbGJFMGJxT2pYeHB1Rk41bU04UT09>

**Meeting ID: 938 435 687**

**Password: 016150**

**Use computer audio (or dial in: 312-626 6799)**

**5 Keys to Impressing a Hiring Manager** – Searching for a job and preparing for interviews go hand in hand. **Bruce Bennett**, Career Coach and public speaker, will highlight five key focal areas in preparation for your next job interview. Learn how to demonstrate your knowledge of the company and its products. Understand how confidence in your abilities and being actively engaged in your profession are essential. Additional themes include using solid work examples to prove you are a problem solver and finally, closing the sale. Our sessions are free, and all are welcome—please join us for our second online session!

The St. Joseph Employment Ministry assists the unemployed and under-employed in the pursuit of fulfilling employment opportunities. Anyone with an interest in assisting job-seekers is also invited to attend. Meetings are usually held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month and feature topical presentations. If you have questions, contact John Jennings at [jjennings@comcast.net](mailto:jjennings@comcast.net). Employers are invited to post open positions by sending an email to John.

## PRAYER & WORSHIP

### MASS INTENTIONS

There will be a *live-streamed* Mass Monday through Saturday at 8:30 a.m. available to view at [www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/live](http://www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/live). Parishioners are NOT to come to these Masses in Church.

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

<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 13</b> Michael & Agnes Durkin Greg Rudolph Marilyn Schoellhorn George Knauff	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 16</b> Edward T. Clark Evelyn Lobus Elizabeth C. Phillips Ted Vanderwerff
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 14</b> Drew Lemberger Hazel Finnegan Well-being of Catechists for Children's Faith Formation James Eigner	<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 17</b> Dick & Kitty Prinz Nathan Doty Mary Graham Sutter Toots & Tony Basso
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 15</b> Ann Panico Peggy Ames Oscar Lutz	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 18</b> Kathy & Jim McLaughlin Betty Tielke
		<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 19</b> All parishioners

### PRESIDERS/DEACONS

During this time, these two Masses will be live-streamed and available to view at [www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/live](http://www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/live). Parishioners are NOT to come to either of these Masses in Church.

**Saturday, April 18**

5:00 p.m. Fr. Luboyera

**Sunday, April 19**

9:00 Fr. Trout

### IN MEMORY

Please pray for the souls of:

**Don Addabo**  
**Kathi Mullenberg**  
**Jeannette Masek**  
**Diego Anez**

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Margaret Bregenzer  
Donna Wantroski  
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.

# PRAYER & WORSHIP

## WORSHIP AIDS FOR YOUR USE AT HOME

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# ACCOUNTABILITY

## STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Offering for March 22, 2020

	Current Year		Last Year		Over (Under) Last Year	
	Week	Year to Date	Week	Year to Date	Week	Year-to-Date
Weekend Offering	\$20,099	\$1,035,294	\$18,847	\$995,915	\$1,252	\$39,379
Electronic Giving	\$14,000	\$580,013	\$5,397	\$598,138	\$8,603	\$(18,125)
<b>Total Collection</b>	<b>\$34,098</b>	<b>\$1,615,307</b>	<b>\$24,244</b>	<b>\$1,594,053</b>	<b>\$9,854</b>	<b>\$21,254</b>
Budget for Collection	\$42,230	\$1,646,970				
<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$(8,132)</b>	<b>\$(31,663)</b>				

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## THOUGHTS ON GIVING

“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.” (Colossians 3:2) Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be re-adjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment—I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.



Please join us in welcoming the following new parish members: **Maciej & Magdalena Chudeki** and **Anastasia Jakubow**. Welcome to our community of faith!

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## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday:	Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday:	Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
Thursday:	Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2ab, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday:	Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27a; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday:	Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday:	Acts 2:42-47; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Pt 1:3-9; Jn 20:19-31

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**Members of the Parish Pastoral Council:** Fr. John Trout, Marjorie Gaitan (Social Justice & Service), Michelle Hobson (Chair), Jon Monroe (Faith Formation), Megan Paveleske (Youth), Gerry Salzman (Community Building), Brian Savage (Accountability), Dennis Valentini (Prayer & Worship)

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**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](http://www.stjoseph-libertyville.org).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AT MASS** Due to Jasmine Sosa at [jsosa@stjoseph-libertyville.org](mailto:jsosa@stjoseph-libertyville.org) & Deacon George Kashmar at [gkashmar@stjoseph-libertyville.org](mailto:gkashmar@stjoseph-libertyville.org) by noon on Mondays. Guideline: 1-2 sentences.

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**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.

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

**BAPTISM OF SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN** Classes for parents and children begin in September. Call 847-362-5797 for information.

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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 — John 20:19-31

Leader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Response: **Glory to You, O Lord**

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Now, Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

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

**REFLECTION** As we reflect on next Sunday's Gospel we might find ourselves empathizing with how the Apostles might have felt. They had shortly before triumphantly journeyed with Christ into Jerusalem only to see Him suffer and die on the cross. Their joy, hopes and dreams were dashed, their world was turned upside down and they found themselves hidden away filled with new doubts and fears. In much the same way, we are experiencing to one degree or another our own new doubts and fears. We must cope with stress in our daily lives much differently than we did mere weeks ago. Fortunately, the Gospel provides us with answers to what we might learn from these unsettling times. Reflect on the difference Jesus makes when He enters the room where the Apostles were hiding. **They were filled with joy and invited to share in Christ's peace.** As He breathed the Holy Spirit upon them, they were given a new resolve and a mission to minister to others. We have a similar yet unique opportunity to do the same if we can invite Christ to be a bigger part of our forced isolation. We can recognize anew that the triumph of the Cross and the hope of the Resurrection promise us that God will give us the strength and inspiration we need to overcome any challenges the world might throw at us, if we are willing to let Christ into the rooms of our lives.

During our separation from each other, let us take to heart the words of the First Reading (Acts 2: 42-47). We are in fact united in the Body of Christ. Although we are not able to gather, we are all called to lift each other up and live in joy and peace. Let us all rise to the challenges ahead of us with a true sense of Church and seek to bring God's grace into our lives and those of our neighbors in new and different ways, knowing that in whatever room we might find ourselves Jesus is there with us to calm our fears and our doubts.

For further reflection on sacramental grace, see *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraphs 1077, 1086-1087; on the action of the Holy Spirit and grace in our lives, paragraphs 694-701; on the Sacrament of Reconciliation, 1440-1449.

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. The First Sunday after Easter is designated as Divine Mercy Sunday. Consider praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet (3:00 p.m. is considered the Hour of Mercy) while reflecting upon the power of God's mercy in your own life and on the specific needs of others in your home and community.
2. Consider how you can grow closer to Christ spiritually despite the fact that sacramental graces may not be available for some time. Where do I encounter Christ in my life and how might I actively seek the graces of the Holy Spirit?
3. Like the Apostles, we are called to spread the gospel of God's love and mercy. What fears and doubts keep me from being a true lay apostle? What small step might I take to reach out and bring the hope and peace of Christ to others in these trying times?

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