



THE CARPENTER

DECEMBER 27, 2020

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

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!



ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH—LIBERTYVILLE, ILLINOIS

WWW.STJOSEPH-LIBERTYVILLE.ORG

CLOSING THE BUDGET GAP CHALLENGE: ENDS SOON

The COVID-19 pandemic has had an unprecedented effect on global health and the global economy. Our parish recognizes that families in our community are struggling and in need of support. Your unwavering generosity helps our parish continue to support those in need, our many ministries, and the faith formation of our school and religious education students. The demand at our food pantry has more than quadrupled since the start of the pandemic.

Our fiscal year-to-date collections, through December 6, 2020, are in the red and considerably off of the budgeted amount by \$148,346. Each week, this gap widens. Weekly collections are down \$58,945 from actual collections a year ago. Like any household, we have maintained a tight focus on costs and operating expenses. You may look at the parish social media and e-newsletter to find out exactly where we stand as of today (the early Carpenter deadline prevents us from having current to-date amounts herein). We are off to a great start. Donations are coming in!

A generous parishioner has stepped forward and will contribute \$5,000 every week that we meet or exceed the

**CHALLENGE
ACCEPTED**

weekly budgeted amount. Take advantage of this exciting challenge during the month of December. Join the generous donor who put up this challenge. **Donate today, but only until December 31!** We need your help to meet or exceed the

weekly budgeted amount. 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.

**by this
Thursday!**

• **Give Online** You can give online through our website. Visit 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.

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!**

Jesus Christ is at the heart of every family. Make room for him in your lives in a deeper way by joining in the Sunday celebration.

Protocols for the two Drive-in Masses in the Hurlburt Court Parking Lot

- Drive-in Mass participants must register the one vehicle, not the persons.
- Parking will be every other spot to accommodate 6-foot social distancing.
- Traffic control will direct you to appropriate space. First come, first served.
- All must remain in their cars.
- Donations can be placed in a large receptacle clearly marked in the lot.
- There will be a radio transmitter which you can tune into at 87.9 FM.
- The communion host will be passed through your car window.
- There will be no music. • Mass is approximately 30 minutes.

Protocols for In-Church Masses

- Parking available in front of church and on Broadway Street. Parking for 10:45 In-church Mass: arrive 10-15 minutes early to allow time to park. Park on the north side of the church (Maple Avenue) or in the 200 N. Milwaukee Avenue lot or on Broadway. There is a Drive-In Mass at 10:45 a.m., so please do not use the back parking lot on Hurlburt Court and Park Place.
- Each individual attending must be registered separately.
- Arrive 5 minutes early for check-in.
- All four entrances will be open on weekends.
- The pews will be marked for spacing and seating.
- Certified, trained greeters will verify that you are registered and wearing a mask.
- Only Music Ministers may sing.

If you have registered and find you are unable to attend, please update your registration to allow your fellow parishioners the opportunity to worship in person, as we are nearing capacity.

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

5 BEHAVIORS TO KEEP US SAFE

As a member of our community, I will ...
1. Wear a mask
2. Keep my distance
3. Wash and sanitize my hands
4. Stay home if I am sick
5. Get tested if I exhibit symptoms
... because protecting others in our community is my responsibility, too.



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 receive You sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

REGISTRATION FOR DRIVE-IN MASSES AND IN-CHURCH MASSES

December 26-27 Sunday Masses in Church

-5:00 p.m. Saturday, 9:00 a.m., 10:45 and 5:00 p.m. Sunday-
Each Mass is open to **182 pre-registered people.**

https://stjoseph.ivolunteer.com/reopeningweekend_2020

https://stjoseph.ivolunteer.com/reopeningweekend_2021

Drive-in 7:15 Mass & 10:45 Family Mass

https://stjoseph.ivolunteer.com/driveinmass_2021

No one may attend the above Masses without registration.

Registration will open each Wednesday for the following Sunday Masses. This week, online registration for December 26-27 Masses opens on Wednesday, December 23 at 9:00 a.m. and the deadline is Saturday at 4:00 p.m. Register at links above. If you are unable to register online, you may phone 847-362-2073 **only on Wednesday, December 23** from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

6:30 & 8:30 a.m. Daily Mass in Church

No one may attend the daily 6:30 or 8:30 Mass without registration. Each Wednesday, registration opens for the following week's daily Masses and continues Monday to Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. You may register for more than one daily Mass at a time.

6:30 Mass: https://stjoseph.ivolunteer.com/630weekday_2020

https://stjoseph.ivolunteer.com/630weekday_2021 ←

8:30 Mass: https://stjoseph.ivolunteer.com/weekday_2020

https://stjoseph.ivolunteer.com/weekday_2021 ←

If you are unable to register online, you may phone 847-362-2073 **only this Wednesday** from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Only the Maple Avenue doors will be open for daily Mass.

Funeral Masses

Please go to <https://stjoseph-libertyville.org/funeral> to see a listing of scheduled Funeral Masses. You must register to attend. If you are unable to register online, you may phone 847-362-2073 Monday to Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Private Prayer & Reconciliation

The church is open for private prayer from 7:30-9:30 a.m. Monday to Friday. Reconciliation is on Saturday, 11:00-Noon, in church.

Eucharistic Adoration Eucharistic Adoration is livestreamed on Thursday afternoons at 3:00 p.m., hosted by the Vocations Ministry. Join in at: www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/live.

Livestreams Continue www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/live

- Sunday Mass at 5:00 p.m. Saturday and 9:00 a.m. Sunday
- Daily Mass Monday-Saturday at 8:30 a.m.
- Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays at 3:00 p.m.

Worship Aids

If you have registered to attend Mass, please download/print a PDF of the worship aid at www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/live and take it with you after Mass. For livestreamed liturgies, follow along in the online worship aid or print yourself a copy.

A WORD FROM FR. ROBINSON

Dear Parishioners,

On December 8, the whole Church received a surprise from the Vatican: Pope Francis proclaimed the **Year of St. Joseph**, from December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021.

What a beautiful opportunity for us here at St. Joseph Parish to celebrate our patron. I invite all of us in the first weeks of this special year to read the Apostolic Letter "Patris Corde" (With a Father's Heart) that Pope Francis has written in honor of St. Joseph.

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_letters/documents/papa-francesco-lettera-ap_20201208_patris-corde.html

NEW LINKS FOR IN-CHURCH MASS

REGISTRATION TO BEGIN DECEMBER 30

← The URLs to sign up for in-church weekend and daily Masses are changing, effective December 30, 2020. The link (URL) for Drive-in Mass registration will remain the same. The new links are **in red** in the instructions listed in the column to the left. If you are signing up for December 26-27 Masses, use the links in blue, as usual. **Remember to use the red links for Masses beginning January 2.**

LOGISTICS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Greeters are needed to help with reopening efforts. If you are over the age of 18 and with no underlying health conditions, please submit your availability. Persons older than 65 are welcome as long as you are aware of the risks involved. Visit: <https://www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/churchreopening>. You will be contacted with information on the required training.

THE PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED

We are following recommendations from the Archdiocese in determining a reopening date for our parish offices. Please contact staff or clergy through email. A list of email addresses can be found at www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/staff.

The Pope's Tweet of the Week



May Emmanuel bring light to all the suffering members of our human family. May He soften our often stony and self-centred hearts, and make them channels of His love. On this joyful day, may He bring His tenderness to all and brighten the darkness of this world. @Pontifex

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH CHRISTMAS SEASON CALENDAR 2020

Also accessible at www.stjoseph-libertyville.org

Saturday, December 26 & Sunday, December 27,
Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph-
Regular Weekend Mass schedule
Thursday, December 31 Mass in Anticipation for the
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God at 5:00 p.m.

Friday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
(Holy Day of Obligation) – No 6:30 a.m. Mass, only 8:30 a.m.
Saturday January 2 & Sunday January 3, Solemnity of the
Epiphany of the Lord-Regular Weekend Mass schedule
Saturday, January 10 & Sunday, January 11, Feast of the
Baptism of the Lord-Regular Weekend Mass schedule.

FAITH FORMATION



MAKING THE SEASON BRIGHT & WARM



St. Joseph Catholic School's 3rd grade classes embarked on a special service project this month. With the help of Anna Roeser, the Class of 2026 obtained the names of 34 seniors in our community who have been homebound due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The children wrote letters, decorated boxes and filled them with pre-packaged goodies, and delivered them over the first two weeks of December. They had a wonderful time spreading Christmas cheer and bringing smiles and joy to special members of our parish community. Merry Christmas from St. Joseph Catholic School and the Class of 2026!



THE TWELVE DAYS OF GIVING



In December, St. Joseph Catholic School hosted **The 12 Days of Giving** for the parish food pantry, and it was a tremendous success! We collected hundreds of bags of food—thousands of items—for the food pantry. We challenged our families to reach a goal, and they did it! As a result of reaching this goal, an anonymous donor has donated \$1,000 to the food pantry. The spirit of giving is alive at St. Joseph Catholic School. Merry Christmas!

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL
LITTLE KNIGHTS PRESCHOOL
NOW ENROLLING FOR
2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR**



**3'S AND 4'S PROGRAMS AVAILABLE
FULL AND HALF DAY OPTIONS
SPACE IS LIMITED!**

CONTACT TRACY LOMBARDO AT
TLOMBARDO@SJSLIBERTYVILLE.ORG OR 847.362.0730



December 2020

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 \$100,000 in scholarships for 19 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 28, 2021 (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, 2020 - February 28, 2021. Matching funds are limited, so please make your donation before matching funds are depleted. Please visit: <https://empowerillinois.org> to learn more and to make a donation.

During the first year of this program, only three SJCS students received a Tax Credit Scholarship. Now, in our third year of Tax Credit Scholarships, 19 students received a scholarship toward their SJCS tuition obligation. However, six students remain on the scholarship wait list. Even in our community of Libertyville, the need is still great for many families, especially now due to the pandemic.

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION WILL NOT BE HELD DEC. 31



The livestreamed Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations is on Thursday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. Please tune in at: www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/live

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.



Universal **US** in **action**

Putting
Fratelli Tutti
into practice

Saturday, January 16, 2021, 9:30 -11:30 a.m.

Where: Online

Pope Francis stresses in his recent encyclical that there are no “others,” no “them,” there is only “us.” How does a local parish put his words into action? Learn from the Pope’s own experiences as a pastor.

Participate by registering for the Zoom link:

<https://stjoseph-libertyville.org/universal-us-in-action>

More information and a summary of Fratelli Tutti, visit

www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/events/theuniversal-us

Returning to share with us:



Fr. John Trout
Pastor at
St. Joseph
Catholic Church



**Robert
O'Gorman,
Ph.D.**
Professor Emeritus
of Pastoral Studies,
Loyola University



**Paul Dokecki
Ph.D.**
Professor Emeritus of
Department of Human
and Organizational
Development,
Vanderbilt Peabody College

Questions? Call the Adult Faith Formation Office: 847-990-1266

CONSECRATED WOMEN OF REGNUM CHRISTI GATHERED

On the evening of December 8, the community of Consecrated Women of Regnum Christi (<https://rcchicago.com/about-us/consecrated-women/>) hosted their Advent Open



House, although this year the guests were invited via a Zoom link. It started out with a lovely piece on the piano, followed by short introductions from each of the consecrated women, in which they shared who they are and what each of them does in her ministry. Jill Swallow played some verses of *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*. After this, there was an opening prayer, a reading from Isaiah and an Advent reflection entitled *Divine and Human Hospitality: Welcoming God to our Hearts This Christmas*, given by Mary Schwarz. The night concluded with the singing of some Christmas carols and lots of waves and smiles over the Zoom screen. The consecrated women of Regnum Christi are hoping to host a big in-person Open House next year!

Give YOURSELF the gift of



Authentic Friendships Christ Centered Helping Others

Join a small group!



Talk with someone
to learn more!

Visit www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/community-for-the-kingdom

or email dretseck@stjoseph-libertyville.org

You Are Invited to Help Celebrate



A Teaching Mass

When: Sunday, January 31, during the 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. Masses

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

Who should attend: Families with children in our school and Children's Faith Formation are invited to celebrate the Eucharist and learn as a family about the greatest prayer that we have.

**This counts as a session for Faith Building
Preschool-Grade 8 sessions**

Attending in-person? Register at:

[https://stjoseph.ivolunteer.com/
reopeningweekend_2021](https://stjoseph.ivolunteer.com/reopeningweekend_2021)

Watch the livestream at:

9AM: <https://youtu.be/-rWXII7s6Kk>

5PM: <https://youtu.be/vDzG93y1pr0>

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

COMMUNITY BUILDING



MOTHERS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Merry Christmas to all of our fellow parishioners! Happy New Year!

Please make sure you are part of our Meetup group - <https://www.meetup.com/St-Joes-MYC> as well as our private Facebook page. (search "St. Joe's MYC" and request to join) We use both sites to communicate bi-weekly meetings, mom's nights out, play dates, and other activities we host. Help us keep our roster up to date. If you need to update your contact information or would like to be removed from our roster, please email stjoesmyc@gmail.com. Mothers who would like to join our active group are also encouraged to send us an email!



Please join us in welcoming the following new parish members: **Stephanie & Jonas Chandler.**
Welcome to our community of faith!

RETIREES & WANNABES

LIBERTYVILLE SENIOR COUNCIL & SENIOR CENTER—Senior Center is closed until further notice.

Thursdays: Line Dancing from 2:00-3:00 p.m. on Zoom. Email to request Zoom link: libseniorcenter@sbcglobal.net.

Lending Closet at Senior Center of used medical equipment. RTA Reduced Fare Passes at Libertyville Township.

Dial-A-Ride, 6:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m., call 800-201-6446.

YOUTH



Thank you to the many teen and adult volunteers who keep St. Joseph's food pantry running on Sunday mornings! For more information about teen outreach/service opportunities visit:

<https://stjoseph-libertyville.org/youth-ministry>

The next gathering for our parish youth is on Sunday, January 10 at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Happy New Year to all!

PRAYER & WORSHIP

MASS INTENTIONS

You may attend the daily 6:30 or 8:30 a.m. Mass if you are registered in advance. See page 5.

It will also be *livestreamed* Monday through Saturday at 8:30 a.m. available to view at: www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/live.

Monday, December 28

Roxane Obenauf
Edward & Verna Arendt
Tricia Lewan Derrick
Lawrence & Helen Byrne

Tuesday, December 29

Ann C. Finnestad
Erin & Patrick Gallagher
Margaret McCracken
Mary Graham Sutter

Wednesday, December 30

George R. Kashmar, Sr.
Elaine Therese Hogarty
Betty Tielke
Felipe Vista, Jr.

Thursday, December 31

Lorene & Ray Miller
Roxane Obenauf
5:00 p.m. Mary, Mother of God

Friday, January 1

No 6:30 Mass, 8:30 a.m. is:
Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Saturday, January 2

Tillie Sobczak
Pat Fahey
Edward & Dolores Krol

Sunday, January 3

All parishioners

PRAYER & WORSHIP

IN MEMORY

Please pray for the soul of:

Lenny Hansen

PRESIDERS/DEACONS

Only parishioners with confirmed online reservations may come to these Masses in Church or the parking lot. The 5:00 Saturday and 9:00 a.m. Sunday Masses are livestreamed and available to view at: www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/live.

Saturday, December 26

5:00 p.m. Church Fr. Luboyera
Deacon Mudd

Sunday, December 27

7:15 a.m. Drive-in Fr. Ortiz
9:00 a.m. Fr. Kartje
Deacon Coughlin
10:45 a.m. Church Fr. Trout
Deacon Coughlin
10:45 a.m. Drive-in Fr. Ortiz
5:00 p.m. Fr. Trout

BAPTISMS

Bennett Neil Doherty, child of Jennifer (MacDougall) and Paul Doherty

Mary Cornelia Sterling, child of Emily Ott and John Sterling *

Benjamin David Styler-Noe, child of Hannah Styler and Mark Noe

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Randy Blake
Bob Keefe
Justin Hobbs
Rick Hobbs, Jr.
Pat & Fran Didier
Pauline Summerfield
Fran Forys
Rita Kelliher
Mike DeCicco
Bernie Didier
Joseph Neme
Ann Thellefson
Curt Krabbenhoft
Margaret Krabbenhoft
Brielle Pickford
Flo Harris
Ron Herbes
Donna Herzberg
Yuris Gutierrez
George Schnarre
Janice Kleinschmidt
Gail Diss



Iryna Shablouskaya
Erik Fossum
William Dohm
Jennifer Philbrick
Margaret Bregenzer
Donna Wantrobski
Marion O'Neill
Maria Coton
Michelle Lucas Freer
Mary Pikula
Dolores Schultz
Fr. John Hennessey
Alejandro Benavides
Fernando Benavides
Peter Krol
Stan Szot
Carol Michalski
Terry Venchus
Joseph Locascio
Sean Kolber
Micah Peckels Quirk
and all those affected by COVID-19

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE & SERVICE

RESPECT LIFE ASKS FOR YOUR PRAYERS

The Respect Life Ministry is asking for your continued prayers for mothers, fathers and their children. During Advent, we prepared our hearts to celebrate the birth of Christ our Savior at Christmas. Today, in our challenging times, mothers may be relying on the kindness of others. May we be called to offer prayers, loving support, and encouragement to mothers as they welcome their children into the world. Consider supporting Aid to Women in Gurnee with diapers, wipes, formula and baby items for the families to have to help raise their children.

PROCEDURE FOR FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS HAS CHANGED!

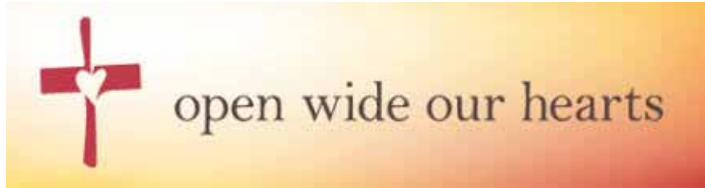
Since December 14, the St. Joseph Food Pantry will only accept donations in our new donation bins located inside the front door of the Food Pantry, at 112 N. Milwaukee Avenue. Donations will be accepted every day of the week from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the new location **except during hours when the pantry is open to patrons** (for health safety reasons). The old boxes will be located inside the church Narthex now, but parishioners will only have access to these during Mass hours. Please avoid bringing your donations to the foyer of the Food Pantry during the open hours listed below.

Donations will be accepted every day of the week: 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. except when the Food Pantry is open to the public (see below). Food Pantry Hours:

St. Joseph Catholic Church Food Pantry is doing amazing work for the families of our community, and it is parishioner donations and support that make this work possible.

Sunday	10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Monday	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Thursday	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Friday	4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.





Welcoming the Stranger

This coming week we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Innocents.

When the magi had departed, behold,
the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said,
“Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt,
and stay there until I tell you. (Matthew 2:13-14)

When we see the stranger—the migrant, the immigrant, the
refugee—let us remember that The Holy Family was once
forced to flee and become strangers in a strange land.

Were Jesus, Mary and Joseph refugees? Yes.

Racism and Migration in the United States

Come, O Holy Spirit.

Come, open us to the wonder, beauty, and dignity of the
diversity found in each culture in each face,
and in each experience we have of the other among us.

Come fill us with generosity as we are challenged to let go and
allow others to share with us the goods and beauty of earth.

Come heal the divisions that keep us from seeing the face of
Christ in all men, women, and children.

Come free us to stand with and for those who must leave their
own lands in order to find work, security, and welcome in a
new land, one that has enough to share.

Come bring us understanding, inspiration, wisdom, and the
courage needed to embrace change and stay on the journey.

Come, O Holy Spirit, show us the way.

Join our Open Wide our Hearts Facebook group. Here we
share resources, prayers, books, ministry news, and links to films
and webinars to accompany us on our journey. Join through the
St. Joseph Church Facebook page.

EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY MEETINGS TO RESUME ON JANUARY 21



Determining My Values, Motivators and Needs

The first step in the job search is decid-
ing “What Do I Want to Do?” It’s also
one of the most important. If you’re clear
about what you want and need, you will
present yourself to a prospective employer in a confident
and succinct manner. In this session, **Dan Barber**, our
own career transition expert, will help you identify those
aspects of work that are most important to you, to help
you evaluate how well potential opportunities “fit” with
who you really are, and are likely to provide you with the
most personal satisfaction.

Our January and February meetings will help you:

1) Determine your unique skills, talents, strengths and abil-
ities, and activities that energize you and make you happy,
2) Develop the language to clearly articulate your unique
traits in a few short sentences, and 3) Create a crisp, clear
value proposition for yourself and prospective employers.

**January 21—Determining My Values, Motivators
& Needs**

**February. 4—Assessing My Strengths, Competencies
& Accomplishments**

February 18—Your Brand and Value Proposition

We meet via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. Our sessions are free, and
all are welcome—feel free to invite a friend! Please prereg-
ister at the Zoom link below:

**Zoom meeting: Determining My Values,
Motivators and Needs**

Thursday, January 21, 7:00 p.m. Central Time

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZMuc-igrz-4vGtFWWhkEN_o53QfUrrTecAn29

(NOTE: If clicking the link above doesn’t take you to the Zoom
registration, please copy and paste it into your browser.) After
registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing
information about joining the meeting.

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. Zoom meetings are usually held on
the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month and feature topical
presentations. If you have questions, contact John Jennings at
jjennings@comcast.net. Employers are invited to post open
positions by sending an email to John.

ACCOUNTABILITY

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.

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Weekly Offering for December 6, 2020

	Current Year		Last Year		Over (Under) Last Year	
	Week	Year to Date	Week	Year to Date	Week	Year-to-Date
Weekend Offering	\$34,593	\$468,313	\$56,277	\$593,825	\$(21,684)	\$(125,511)
Electronic Giving	\$19,396	\$396,860	\$2,540	\$330,294	\$16,856	\$66,566
Total Collection	\$53,989*	\$865,174	\$58,817	\$924,119	\$(4,829)	\$(58,945)
Budget for Collection	\$42,230	\$1,013,520				
Difference	\$11,759	\$(148,346)				

*Plus \$5,000 from the Challenge. See page 2.

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 the Lord has forgiven you, so you must forgive." (Colossians 3:13) Forgiving is one of the hardest things for people to do. We can't give what we don't have. We need to receive God's mercy and forgiveness first before we can give it to others. Go to the sacrament of Reconciliation and receive God's mercy and forgiveness. Then, share give the gift of forgiveness with someone: a family member, a friend or a co-worker. Pick up the phone or text someone right now.

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PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL E-mail the PPC at info@stjoseph-libertyville.org. Your questions and suggestions are welcome.

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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AT MASS

Due to Jasmine Sosa at jsosa@stjoseph-libertyville.org by noon on Mondays. Guideline: 1-2 sentences.

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 month at 6:00 p.m. in church.

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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 2:1-12

Leader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew

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

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: 'And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.'" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's ap-

pearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage."

After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.

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

REFLECTION For many Christians, next Sunday's Feast of the Epiphany (the ancient definition being 'manifestation') brings to an end the Twelve Days of Christmas. During Advent and Christmas, we were encouraged to make room for Jesus in our hearts and in our lives. With the arrival of the Christmas season we were once again reminded of the powerful gift of grace that flows into our lives and our own little holy families as a result of Christ's entry into the world as a fully human and fully divine person. Next Sunday's Gospel reading is much more than a tidy little ending to the Christmas narrative, in that it contains a significant proclamation of the powerful new beginning that we celebrate with the birth of Christ. In the gifts of frankincense, myrrh and gold we find Jesus honored as priest, prophet and king. We see in the journey and the generosity of the Magi a reminder of what our response should be to God's generous gift of His Son. We also are called to respond by glorifying God and developing grateful, generous and enthusiastic hearts.

The New Urban Dictionary defines an epiphany as "the sudden realization of or comprehension of the larger essence or meaning of something." In this context, the Feast of the Epiphany invites us to look beyond the warm and wonderful accounts of the birth of Jesus and comprehend as well the difference that is available for each of us who has been baptized into the faith. As we move deeper into the new year, let us pray for the grace to resist the temptation of putting Christmas behind us and instead to embrace the spirit of "the Epiphany" which calls us to live each day aware of the opportunity to give glory to God. Let us generously share His loving goodness with our family, friends and all of those in need of love in their lives.

For further reflection on the Epiphany, see *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraph 528; and on God's salvation plan, paragraphs 1-3 and 1066-1068.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS 1. What gifts might I present to the Christ Child that reflect my appreciation for the difference His presence has made in my life? How far am I willing to go to seek out a deeper encounter with Jesus? What holds me back from moving further along the path to greater holiness? 2. As Catholics we believe that at every Mass we offer our lives to give glory and honor to God for the gift of our salvation through the Paschal mystery of Christ's life, death and resurrection. Do I come to Mass to offer my life up to God? How do I view my participation in the Mass? Do I see it as an obligation or as an opportunity to give of myself in order to be united with the Risen Lord? 3. Gratitude is an appropriate response to the gifts so graciously and abundantly showered upon us by our living God. What can I do to better demonstrate to family and friends my gratefulness to God for sending Jesus into the world to redeem and save me?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt:13-18	The Holy Innocents
Tuesday:	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35	St. Thomas Becket
Wednesday:	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40	
Thursday:	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18	St. Sylvester I
Friday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21	Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
Saturday:	1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28	Ss. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen
Sunday:	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12	