



THE CARPENTER

JANUARY 3, 2021
THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

OUR VISION
THROUGH OUR BAPTISM
AND EUCHARIST, WE
ARE CALLED TO LOVE AS
CHRIST LOVES AND SERVE
AS CHRIST SERVES.



OUR MISSION

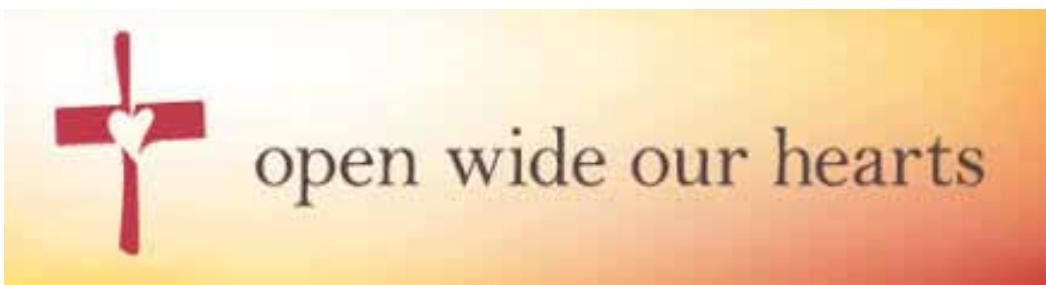
In Jesus Christ, we will grow
and flourish through

- 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
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open wide our hearts

Love Goodness

The powerful teaching of the Church on racism is clear: racism and every form of discrimination based on sex, race, color, social conditions, language, or religion must be curbed and eradicated as incompatible with God's design. We are called to work to protect the dignity of all members of one human family by confronting racism in all its forms and by welcoming and celebrating the diversity of the many faces of the children of God in our communities. Building unity in diversity is an essential part of our mission of discipleship.

Open Wide Our Hearts and the accompanying Study Guide are for everyone. Praying through, reflecting upon, and acting upon the message of the Pastoral Letter is hard work, but it is work from which all will benefit. Each of us should adopt the words of Pope Francis as our own: let no one 'think this invitation is not meant for him or her.' We are encouraged to go through a genuine conversion of heart and to actively participate in reforming those institutions and structures that still perpetuate racial inequality and harm our sisters and brothers.

Love Goodness

In the month of January, we continue on our journey with pages 8 and 9 of the Study Guide, which corresponds with pages 13-16 of the Pastoral Letter, "**Love Goodness**". In this section, we examine our conscience and reflect on Jesus's command of love and what it requires: justice. This includes individual conversion and work to change unjust policies and structures.

Praying for Racial Healing in Our Land

Prayer for January

God of Heaven and Earth, you created the one human family and endowed each person with great dignity. Aid us, we pray, in overcoming the sin of racism. Grant us your grace in eliminating this blight from our hearts, our communities, our social and civil institutions.

Fill our hearts with love for you and our neighbor so that we may work with you in healing our land from racial injustice.

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

See, judge, act

We **see** through our Catholic lens, to understand the danger of racism with study and discussion with our families, our friends and within our small groups. We seek to embrace the diversity of God's creation.

We **judge** by reflecting on scripture and praying for clarity of mind, compassion and love as we delve into the consequences of racism. We look to be disciples of Christ and love our neighbor.

We **act** by inviting the Holy Spirit into our hearts, guiding us as we seek to do justice in this world in varied and unique ways to end racism.

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.

CLOSING THE BUDGET GAP CHALLENGE: ANOTHER WEEK REACHED!

This Carpenter had an early deadline before Christmas, but we are grateful to report that for the second Sunday in December, your generous donations helped us meet the Budget Gap Challenge!

A generous parishioner stepped forward with the promise to contribute \$5,000 every week in December that we meet or exceed the weekly budgeted amount. **Thank you!**

Our fiscal year-to-date collections, through December 13,



2020, are in the red and considerably off of the budgeted amount by \$128,982. Each week, this gap widens. Weekly collections are down \$51,696 from actual collections a year ago. You may look at the parish social media and e-newsletter

to find out exactly where we stand as of today. Thank you for rising to the challenge! It makes a world of difference in helping our parish continue its essential work, including helping the needy.

Come, follow me...and heal our world as of December 19, 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:	\$256,449
AMOUNT PAID:	\$249,978
REMAINING AMOUNT:	\$ 6,571
YTD REBATE:	\$ 85,099

OPTIONS TO GIVE



Many of you might be wondering how you can support St. Joseph Catholic Church during this time of uncertainty. Our weekly collections are down and 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.

Mail or Drop Off Mail or drop off your donation in the mail slot at the parish office at 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!**



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.

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.

REGISTRATION FOR DRIVE-IN MASSES AND IN-CHURCH MASSES

January 2-3 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_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 January 2-3 Masses opens on Wednesday, December 30 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 30
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_2021 ↵

8:30 Mass: 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.

Eucharistic Adoration is livestreamed on Thursdays 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.

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](http://www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/churchreopening). You will be contacted with information on the required training.

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.

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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.

NEW LINKS FOR IN-CHURCH MASS REGISTRATION BEGAN ON DECEMBER 30

👉 The URLs to sign up for in-church weekend and daily Masses have changed, 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 on the previous page. Remember to use the red links for Masses beginning the weekend of January 2-3.

The Pope's Intention for January



May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

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.

SOCIAL JUSTICE & SERVICE

A CHRISTMAS WISH FROM CHILDREN IN FOSTER CARE

A special thank you to St. Joseph Parish and the Bed Ministry for making a wish come true for two little boys who are 5 and 9 years old. The boys, who are brothers, are in foster care and were living with their grandparents when their grandmother was diagnosed with a life-threatening illness. The boys were then moved to their new foster home with their other grandmother. The change was difficult for all. The grandmother, who had only one bed, gave up her bed for the boys to share and she slept on the couch.

Their bed was too small to fit these two growing boys and when their Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) asked the boys what they wanted for Christmas, the only thing that they asked for was to have their own beds. Their advocate reached out to our St. Joseph Bed Ministry for help. The week before Christmas, Dennis Valentini and Dan Harris from the St. Joseph Bed ministry delivered two twin

beds to the boys at their new foster home. Dan and Dennis reported, "The boys got their Christmas wish and they will be sleeping in their own beds tonight."

The St. Joseph Bed Ministry, which is appropriately named *Sleep in Heavenly Peace*, has delivered over 500 beds for children in Lake and surrounding counties. We're grateful to this group of volunteers dedicated to building, assembling and delivering top-notch beds to families and making dreams come true for children in need!

(Lake County is facing a child welfare crisis and there are over 100 children waiting for an advocate. St. Joseph currently has 11 CASAs who are advocating for 31 children and a growing number of parishioners either in training or exploring engagement. If you would like more information, please contact Michael Knight mknighthcasa@gmail.com or 847-367-5191.)

PROCEDURE FOR FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS HAS CHANGED!

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.



SOCIAL JUSTICE & SERVICE

EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY MEETINGS TO RESUME ON JANUARY 21

Determining My Values, Motivators and Needs

The first step in the job search is deciding “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 abilities, 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 preregister 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/meeting/register/tZMuc-igrz-4vGtFWhkEN_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 jfjennings@comcast.net. Employers are invited to post open positions by sending an email to John.

GREEN TIP: EXCERPTS FROM POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL LAUDATO SÍ

When it comes to progress, sometimes less is more.

Whenever these questions are raised, some react by accusing others of irrationally attempting to stand in the way of progress and human development. But we need to grow in the conviction that a decrease in the pace of production and consumption can at times give rise to another form of progress and development. Efforts to promote a sustainable use of natural resources are not a waste of money, but rather an investment capable of provid-



ing other economic benefits in the medium term. [...] We know how unsustainable is the behaviour of those who constantly consume and destroy, while others are not yet able to live in a way worthy of their human dignity. [...]

Put simply, it is a matter of redefining our notion of progress. A technological and economic development which does not leave in its wake a better world and an integrally higher quality of life cannot be considered progress. (191, 193, 194)

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.

FAITH FORMATION

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION TO RESUME THURSDAY



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.

FAITH FORMATION

Save the Date

Life in the past year has been challenging for us in many ways. The Women of Saint Joseph Parish are invited to join a small group of other women to a Morning Reflection where we will explore some Spiritual exercises to become:



Mark your calendars now for Saturday, February 13. We will gather after the 8:30 a.m. Mass between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. This will be a socially distant event following the gathering guidelines established by the Archdiocese, and quite possibly a Zoom meeting. This will be clarified in the registration announcement. Details for registration will be shared in January. We can't wait to see you and spend the morning together!

Fr. Jorge Bengolio, SJ
St. Joseph the Patriarch (Patriarca San José), San Miguel

JOIN US AGAIN!

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

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

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

Give **YOURSELF** the gift of

COMMUNITY!
Authentic Friendships

Christ Centered
Helping Others



Community for the Kingdom

St. Joseph Catholic Church

Join a small group!

**Talk with someone to
learn more!**

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

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

FAITH FORMATION



SPOTTED: ONE CHILD SERVING LIKE JESUS

Children's Faith Formation student Payton Parcels, was seen dropping off food donations at the St. Joseph Food Pantry during December as part of the "Serve Like Jesus" service activity. Each month, families are given a different way to serve others, just as Christ did. December's theme was to feed the hungry. Payton is the son of Noah and Katherine Parcels.

**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 LOMBARDI AT
TLOMBARDI@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

FAITH FORMATION

Children's Faith Formation: 2021-22 registration



Faith resolutions for the new year:

- Grow closer to Jesus as a family!
- Help prepare my children to receive the sacraments!
- Build upon what we learned together in 2020 by re-enrolling for your family this spring!



Program options:

Visit <https://www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/reregistration> to learn about the variety of programs St. Joseph offers to help your family on your faith journeys throughout the calendar year.

What program is right for your family?

Volunteers are ALWAYS Needed!

Consider sharing your faith and talents as a catechist! ALL catechists are supported by on-going training, formation and grade-level meetings. Lesson plans are provided.

Other volunteer opportunities: Adult assistants, teen aides, office help, host homes and more!

Program information?

**Contact Patty McCarthy,
Coordinator for Children's
Faith Formation,
(847) 362-5797**

Volunteer information?

**Contact Anastasia Jakubow,
Catechist and Resource Coordinator,
(847) 362-5797**

or visit www.stjoseph-libertyville.org

FAITH FORMATION

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



The Trivia Night Committee plans to hold the event on Saturday, February 6 at 7:00 p.m., just as in the past. It intends to make this a fun thing to do in the limiting times we are currently in. We will be communicating more details as we iron them out, and are hoping for great participation!
Mark your calendar and watch for details!



MOTHERS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Happy New Year to all of our fellow parishioners!

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!

RETIREES & WANNABES

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

- January 11, Encore Hamilton Presentation – Alexander Hamilton’s birthday. Call 847-247-7659 for information.
- Wednesdays – Chair Yoga – 1:00 p.m. via zoom. Call 847-247-7659 to get link. Thursdays: Line Dancing from 2:00-3:00 p.m. on Zoom. Email to request Zoom link: libseniorcenter@sbcglobal.net.



Please join us in welcoming the following new parish members: **Jon & Amanda Barrett**.

Welcome to our community of faith!



YOUTH

THANK YOU FOR HELPING!

Thank you to the many teen and adult volunteers who keep the St. Joseph 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 4.

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

Monday, January 4

Roxane Obenauf
Agnes Durkin
Jean Rick
Edward Innes
Tuesday, January 5
Wesley Fout
John Chisholm Phillips, well-being
Anthony Karejwo

Wednesday, January 6

Cathleen Conway
Mary Lockowitz
Mary Civello
Thursday, January 7
Annie McGillivray
Alexander Kotsinis

Friday, January 8

Roxane Obenauf
Leon Maniscalli
Joe Marino
Saturday, January 9
Bill & Mary Hickey
Milagros Simon
Sunday, January 10
All parishioners

PRAYER & WORSHIP

IN MEMORY

Please pray for the soul of:
Leo Elfering

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, January 2

5:00 p.m. Church Fr. Trout
Deacon Coughlin

Sunday, January 3
7:15 a.m. Drive-in Fr. Lubeyre

7:15 a.m. Drive-in Fr. Luboyera
9:00 a.m. Fr. Ortiz
 Deacon Mudd

10:45 a.m. Church Deacon Mudd
Fr. Kartje

Deacon Mudd
10:45 a.m. Drive-in Fr. Lubovera

10:45 a.m. Drive-in
5:00 p.m. Fr. Ortiz
Deacon Coughlin

BAPTISMS

Graham Jeffrey Lindsey, child of Taylor (Wessel) and Jeffrey Lindsey

Henry John Hanson, child of Cheryl (Ozog) and Ryan Hanson

Hazel Anne O'Brien, child of Laura (Pantos) and Eric O'Brien

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



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Rick Hobbs, Jr.
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Flo Harris
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Margaret Bregenzer
Donna Wantrobski
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Michelle Lucas Freer
Mary Pikula
Dolores Schultz
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Alejandro Benavides
Fernando Benavides
Peter Krol
Stan Szot
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Terry Venchus
Joseph Locascio
Sean Kolber
Micah Peckels Quirk
those affected by COVID-19

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ACCOUNTABILITY-

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Weekly Offering for December 13, 2020

	Current Year		Last Year		Over (Under) Last Year	
	Week	Year to Date	Week	Year to Date	Week	Year-to-Date
Weekend Offering	\$38,487	\$506,800	\$41,138	\$634,963	(\$2,651)	(\$128,163)
Electronic Giving	\$23,107	\$419,966	\$13,207	\$343,501	\$9,900	\$76,465
Total Collection	*\$61,594*	\$926,768	\$54,345	\$978,464	\$7,248	(\$51,696)
Budget for Collection	\$42,230	\$1,055,750				
Difference	\$19,364	(\$128,982)				

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 “..they fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh...” (Matthew 2:11) Notice the order of events in the Magi’s visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!

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BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS Submit Carpenter articles to Marie Tuohy (marietuohy@sbcglobal.net) **after approval by your Pastoral Staff Lead.** Articles must be received by Noon on the Monday before issue date.

NEW PARISHIONERS Welcome! Please stop or call the parish office weekdays from 9:00 to 4:00 p.m. or download registration form 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.

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

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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 — Mark 1:7-11

Leader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On com-

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

ing up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

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

REFLECTION

For most of the Church year we reflect on the Gospels and other Scripture passages that point us to the Divine Christ, the Son of God. However at Christmas we are dramatically presented with the fully human Jesus who comes to earth in the same way as we all do—as humble, innocent and vulnerable infants. Sure, Jesus had the ultimate advantage of being fully divine, but in coming to us in full humanity He provides both the hope and the way for us, His spiritual children, to return to the 'paradise' of a life of joy and peace denied us by original sin. With Jesus, who has been sent to lead us into the Kingdom, we look to the fully human Jesus for example and instruction. So it is with human eyes and spiritual souls that we look to see what we are to learn from the baptism of Christ that we celebrate next week. One can only imagine how powerful it would have been to be with those gathered at Jesus' baptism, when the voice of God the Father claimed Jesus as His son. It would have been easy to get so caught up in the overwhelming experience of hearing the voice of God that many might have overlooked the significance of the human act of Jesus as He humbly submitted to baptism by water. By claiming Jesus as His Son, God not only confirmed His divine nature but also pointed us to Jesus' human mission, which was to establish the New Covenant. His baptism models for us the entry into a new way of life, to take the path of holiness over worldliness. In our baptism we are claimed as daughters and sons of God just as Jesus was at His. For the rest of His human life Jesus set out both to declare and live out the New Covenant: love of God and love of neighbor. Through our baptism, we are called to imitate the human life of Christ and find the grace to do so to the best of our abilities. In doing so, we hope to find the joy and peace now available to us in this life and to one day hear the voice of God declare to us: "You are My beloved child; in you I am well pleased".

For further reflection on Jesus' mission on earth, see *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraphs 456-460; and on knowing and imitating Jesus, paragraphs 430-451.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. Baptism is an initiation into a life of grace. How strong is my desire to live out a life of grace? What am I willing to do to regularly seek out the graces from God that He promises to make abundantly available to all of His children?
2. At our Baptism, our parents commit us to a life of holiness over worldliness. Through our Confirmation we accept this commitment as our own. How am I doing at living out that commitment? Where am I falling short? What help do I need to refresh my commitment to holiness?
3. How can I live out my call to imitate Christ in my family in the week ahead? In my community?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25	St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
Tuesday:	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44	St. John Neumann
Wednesday:	1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52	St. André Bessette
Thursday:	1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a	St. Raymond of Peñafort
Friday:	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16	
Saturday:	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30	
Sunday:	Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; 1 John 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11	