



THE CARPENTER

JANUARY 17, 2021
2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JOIN US FOR TEEN MASS

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!



All are welcome to join us on the 2nd Sunday of each month for the 5:00 p.m. Teen Mass! Teen Mass focuses on helping teens and their families to fully participate, understand, and foster transformation through their prayer at Mass. Portions of the homilies are geared toward teenagers, their culture, and the relevance of their faith today.



The Pope's Tweet of the Week



It is striking that the Lord spent most of his time on Earth living an ordinary life, without standing out. It is a beautiful message that reveals the greatness of daily life, the importance in God's eyes of every gesture and moment of life, even the most simple. #Pontifex

THE PARISH OFFICES ARE CLOSED

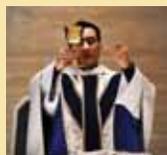
We are following recommendations from the Archdiocese in determining a reopening date for our parish offices. Please contact staff or clergy through email. A list of email addresses can be found at www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/staff.

SHARE THE FAITH



Next week is the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

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.

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!**

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.



REGISTRATION FOR DRIVE-IN MASSES AND IN-CHURCH MASSES

January 16-17 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 16-17 Masses opens on Wednesday, January 13 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 from Wednesday, January 13 to Friday, January 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Phone registration is closed Saturday.

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 Wednesday to Friday 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>. You will be contacted with information on the required training.

COMMUNITY BUILDING



RETIREES & WANNABES

Due to Covid restrictions, the Libertyville Senior Center remains closed to in-person participation. To receive a copy of the Senior Update, please email civiccenterlib@sbcglobal.net to be added to the email list and get the most up-to-date information, or phone 847-247-7659.

January virtual activities with the Senior

Center: • Chair yoga via zoom - Wednesdays, 1:00 p.m. • Art in Around - Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. • TED Talks - Thursdays, 11:30 a.m. • Line Dancing via Zoom - Thursdays, 2:00 p.m. **Save the Date: February 10.** The Wednesday before Ash Wednesday, join us for a Mardi Gras social hour. Details next week.

2022 Men's Countryside League Golf. 18-hole league plays on Mondays (7:00-10:40 a.m.) beginning May 3 and ending September 27. Play alternates between the Traditional and Prairie courses at Countryside in Mundelein. A few new members are needed. Membership is only \$30. Please call Bob Killackey at 847-367-6211 for more information (or e-mail: RKillackey@yahoo.com).

New &
Improved

Don't
Miss Out

"BACK WHEN I WAS A KID"

Virtual RETIREES & WANNABES

TRIVIA

A really fun evening of remote socializing
and enjoying trivia solutions

Wednesday, January 20, 2021
5:00-6:30 P.M.

REGISTER TODAY TO SECURE YOUR PLACE:
<https://stjoseph-libertyville.org/retirees-and-wannabes>

JOIN VIA ZOOM LINK.

Further directions will be sent after registration.

Prizes for the first place team.

Questions: Contact Diane Dreis @ 1-224-360-7074

COMMUNITY BUILDING



The **Annual Parish 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



Bi-Monthly Meeting: Where do I Find Time to Pray: A Busy Mom's Guide, Thursday, January 21 from 7:30 p.m., Online

Linda Couri, Catherine Sims and Michelle Shafer all work and teach at University of St. Mary of the Lake. As a panel, they will present about what it means to be busy as a mom, and how to develop a meaningful prayer life in the midst of chaos. Please join us for a wonderful presentation. Reserve your spot on Meetup today! 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: send us an email!



Please join us in welcoming the following new parish member: **Paul Mannino**.
 Welcome to our community of faith!

YOUTH

EDGE NIGHT!

Save the Date! 7th and 8th grade youth are invited to an in-person gathering to talk about our faith and get your questions answered by our panel of young adults. Registration details coming later this month.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19
 TIME: 7-8 PM**

Teen Volunteers Needed at Food Pantry!

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY
 9:15AM-12:15PM**

St. Joe's Food Pantry is extending their hours to serve more people, and teens are needed to serve on Saturdays & Sundays. This volunteer opportunity is for any 7th-12th grade teens.

To register:

https://stjoseph.ivolunteer.com/teen_food_pantry

Purchase coffee from
The Libertyville Coffee Company
 & Support St. Joseph's Teen
 Appalachian Mission Trip



To order coffee:

- Scan the QR Code or go to <https://libertyvillecoffee.com/pages/amt>
- \$18 for 12 oz. bag or \$35 for 2 lbs
- Delivered to your home!
- 15% discount for subscription



Thank You for your Support!



MIDDLE SCHOOLERS SHOULD 'POP UP' TO THE HOLY SPIRIT'S CALL

7th and 8th graders preparing for Confirmation were challenged to connect with the Holy Spirit during their January 10 EDGE Night online. Youth Ministers Tom and Brigid Dutton used popcorn seeds, oil, salt and the microwave to show how the Holy Spirit will transform us at different times in our lives and how the students can be open when the Spirit calls.

PRAYER & WORSHIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Andrew Stall
 Randy Blake
 Bob Keefe
 Justin Hobbs
 Rick Hobbs, Jr.
 Pat & Fran Didier
 Pauline Summerfield
 Fran Forys
 Rita Kelliher
 Mike DeCicco
 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
 Dolores Schultz
 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

MASS INTENTIONS

You may attend the daily 6:30 or 8:30 a.m. Mass if you are registered in advance. See page 3. Mass will also be livestreamed Monday through Saturday at 8:30 a.m. and is available to view at: www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/live.

Monday, January 18

Roxane Obenauf
 Catherine Didier
 Martin & Rita Heatherman
 Rita Gagliano

Tuesday, January 19

Nancy Hoskinson
 Linda Misch
 Susan Zimmer
 Frank Loughery, well-being

Wednesday, January 20

Catechists for Children's Faith
 Formation, well-being
 Sophie & Edward Nowak
 Charles R. & Helen Hanna

Thursday, January 21

Roxane Obenauf
 Delores Sedia
 Nino Maggio

Friday, January 22

Nell Williams
 Donald Brady
 Stanley Hutchen

Saturday, January 23

Loretta Ferenzi
 Sharon Rose & Thomas Ivers

Sunday, January 24

All parishioners

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 16

5:00 p.m. Church Fr. Kartje

Sunday, January 17

7:15 a.m. Drive-in Fr. Luboyera

9:00 a.m. Fr. Trout

Homilist: Deacon Mudd

10:45 a.m. Church Fr. Trout

Homilist: Deacon Coughlin

10:45 a.m. Drive-in Fr. Luboyera

5:00 p.m. Fr. Trout

Homilist: Deacon Coughlin

PRAYER & WORSHIP

IN MEMORY

Please pray for the souls of:

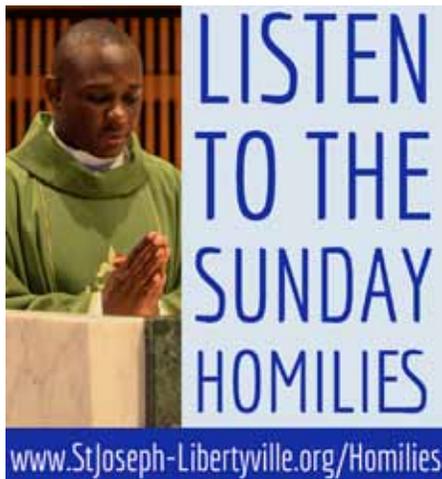
Mary Jane Pikula

Ellen Williams

Brother Sean Keafe, Carmelite Order

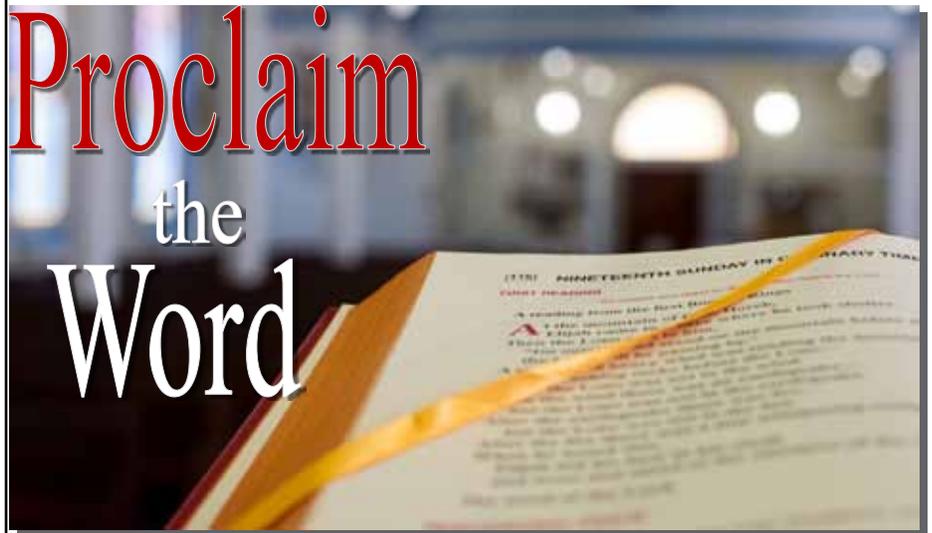
SHOUT PRAISES TO THE LORD!

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.



“The Lord has given me a well-trained tongue,
That I might know how to answer the weary a word that will waken them.”

- Isaiah 50:4



Lector Training, Winter 2021

Learn the theology, skills and self-confidence to help communicate God's Word and make it come alive for the assembly.

FOR NEW MINISTERS ONLY (Adults and Teens)

When: Saturday, February 13, 2021

Check-In, 8:45 a.m.;

Workshop, 9 a.m. to noon

Where: Zoom

Registration: www.vic1chicago.org

D. Todd Williamson is the Director of the Office for Divine Worship of the Archdiocese of Chicago. He is a speaker, author and liturgist whose ministerial experience includes teaching and parish pastoral ministry. His most recent publications, *Great is the Mystery, the Formational Power of Liturgy*, and *Guide for Celebrating the Rites of Christian Initiation with Adults*, are published by Liturgy Training Publications.



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INFORMATION: mevers@archchicago.org

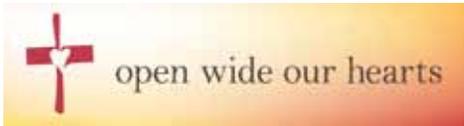


SOCIAL JUSTICE & SERVICE



OUR FOOD PANTRY SERVES MANY, 6 DAYS A WEEK

On January 11, the Northern Illinois Food Bank truck delivered 8,720 pounds of food to the St. Joseph Food Pantry. The semi-truck barely fit under the overhead wires! The Knights of Columbus unloaded the pallets of food and stored the food in the pantry. Hats and gloves were needed to keep warm! On the same day this past week, the pantry served 51 families. There were over 20 volunteers working to make this happen in a safe way. The families are always so appreciative of the amount and variety of food and supplies available to them. Thank you to all the parishioners who so generously donated funds during December to help feed the families in Lake County and beyond. The food pantry is blessed to have so many who contribute their time, talent and treasure in being the hands and feet of Jesus here on Earth.



Love Goodness

The signs of this time are asking us to wake up, to stand up and to speak up when we see racism. This is how we love our neighbor as ourselves. This is how we act like Jesus. This is how we do justice and love goodness (Micah 6:8). This is how we begin the healing from racism in our land, writing a new parable of racial justice for this time.

We must examine our conscience in light of the sin of racism, asking ourselves:

1. Have I fully loved God and fully loved my neighbor as myself?
2. Have I caused pain to others by my actions or my words that offended my brother or my sister?
3. Have I done enough to inform myself about the sin of racism, its roots, and its historical and contemporary manifestations? Have I opened my heart to see how unequal access to economic opportunity, jobs, housing, and education on the basis of skin color, race, or ethnicity, has denied and continues to deny the equal dignity of others?
4. Is there a root of racism within me that blurs my vision of who my neighbor is?
5. Have I ever witnessed an occasion when someone “fell

victim” to personal, institutional, systematic or social racism and I did or said nothing, leaving the victim to address their pain alone?

6. Have I ever witnessed an occasion when someone “fell victim” to personal, institutional, systematic or social racism with me inflicting the pain, acting opposite of love of God and love of neighbor?

7. Have I ever lifted up and aided a person who “fell victim” to personal, institutional, systematic or social racism and paid a price for extending mercy to the other? How did I react? Did my faith grow? Am I willing to grow even more in faith through my actions?

from A Prayer Service for Racial Healing in Our Land
from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

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 jjennings@comcast.net. Employers are invited to post open positions by sending an email to John.

YOUR FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS APPRECIATED

The St. Joseph Food Pantry now accepts donations in our new donation bins located inside the front door of the Food Pantry at 112 N. Milwaukee Avenue. Donations are accepted every day of the week from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the new location. The **Food Pantry Hours for Patrons:** 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. Saturday, 10:00 a.m. - Noon

SOCIAL JUSTICE & SERVICE



The Cardinal Stritch Council 3674 is having a **Blood Drive on Sunday, January 31** at the

Libertyville Civic Center, 135 W. Church Street, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. CDC's COVID precautions will be in place. Please sign up at www.vitalant.org and use group code LVS1. Because of you, life doesn't stop. Blood donations are needed now more than ever! Please give!

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC NURSES

The Council will have a Lenten Retreat on Saturday, February 13 at Marytown Retreat Center in Libertyville. Continental Breakfast followed by a program by Deacon Bob Birck. There will also be Mass at 12:00 Noon and lunch. A board meeting will follow. \$25 for member, \$30 for non-members. \$15 dues are also to be paid. All nurses are welcome! RSVP by February 10 to Marion at 708-610-6644. Wear a mask, wash your hands, keep a safe distance!



MUNDELEIN SEMINARY

December 15, 2020

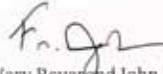
This morning I received the shopping bag of gifts from the St. Joseph Giving Tree. I am overwhelmed at the generosity of the parishioners!

Although the seminarians are currently on semester break for the holidays, the gift cards will be distributed, and the goodies will be shared with them when they return in January. They will surely be delighted with these kind and thoughtful gifts.

Please extend my thanks to all who participated and assure them of our prayers.

Wishing you a blessed Advent and a peaceful, joyous Christmas.

Sincerely yours in Christ,


Very Reverend John Kartje
Rector/President

God Bless you for all you do for us!

JK/dg



JESUITS
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August 14, 2020

St. Joseph Catholic Church
c/o Fr. John Trout
121 E Maple Ave
Libertyville, IL 60048-2231

Dear Fr. Trout,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$9,250.00 for Fe Y Alegria school and the Ayacucho Project in Peru.

In this time when our nation cries out for racial healing and reconciliation, and as the pandemic of COVID-19 has ravaged families, particularly our seniors, African American, Native America and Latinx communities, we pause to pray.

People of all races are struggling with issues such as illness, death, grief, isolation, confinement, and unemployment. We seek the consolation and the hope of our faith. These times have made so many fearful and caused the loss of hope; but you have not wavered in your support of your brothers and sisters.

In the midst of this turmoil you chose to demonstrate your solidarity with the Society and its works, by making this gift and by stating unequivocally that you are supporting faith-inspired activities that feed the hearts, minds, and bodies of your fellow citizens here, in the Midwest, and abroad.

I have personally listened to our Jesuits young and old and see the light that shines within them; they continue to teach and preach online, minister in health care communities, and provide pastoral leadership to congregations and schools which are themselves a microcosm of today's societal struggles. The faith of these Jesuits is deepening, their resolve is strengthened, their activism for goodness re-ignited. I wish for you the same.

Speaking for each of my brothers, please know of our prayers for you, and our gratitude for you, as we recognize the meaningful way in which you are making a difference. You have shown that you have heard the call, and that you have acted. We are humbled to join you in these good works.

Be assured of my ongoing prayers for you and for those you love as you face all that comes your way.

Gratefully,


V. Rev. Brian Paulson, SJ

*God Bless you
St. Joe's Parish!*



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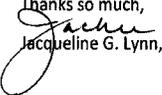
We at ElderCARE are very grateful for the continued support from St. Joseph's. We received the check for \$15,000 and what a blessing.

Our services have been altered to adjust to the pandemic. Our volunteers are mostly over the age of 60, and wanting to take precautions regarding the virus, so we are now partnering with a Waukegan Limo service to provide the free medical transportation.

Our friendly visits for homebound seniors are now assurance phone calls and we're able to provide grocery shopping for those who are especially leery of making it to the store.

"The food ElderCARE provides is a blessing, I have not been able to get out and now I can have food." Leslie, 82. "I've been afraid to go to the doctor, I don't want to get the virus, but with the Limo service, I feel safe, Joyce, 76. "I look forward to my volunteer calling each week, it makes me feel that there's someone who cares. We have wonderful conversations," Jessica, 93.

ElderCARE has been blessed with wonderful volunteers from St. Joseph's. Now we need persons who could do grocery shopping and phone calling. Once the pandemic is confined we will need drivers for medical appointments. We would love to have younger members connect with our care receivers through cards and letters.

Thanks so much,

Jacqueline G. Lynn, Executive Director

TEENS LOG ON TO CHRIST FOR CONFIRMATION RETREAT



Children's Faith Formation students logged onto Zoom to join presenter Terry Nelson-Johnson for their Confirmation retreat on January 9, part of their preparation to receive the sacrament in March. During the two hours together, Nelson-Johnson challenged the group to be risk-takers in their faith journeys.

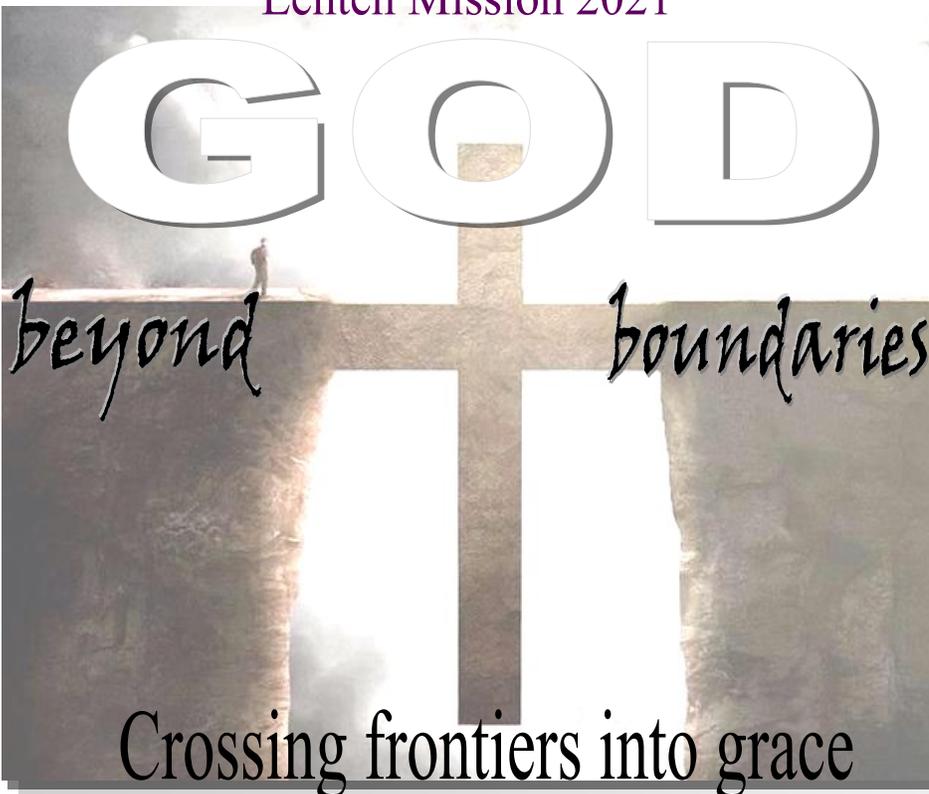
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS



The livestreamed Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations is on Thursday afternoons at 3:00 p.m.

Please tune in at: www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/live

Lenten Mission 2021



Join us to learn how to encounter God's grace for healing ourselves and in turn, share that grace with others in our world.

When: Sunday, February 14 through Tuesday, February 16, 7:00 to 8:15 p.m.

Where: *In-person:* St. Joseph Catholic Church, 121 E. Maple Avenue, Libertyville (Come one night, or all nights!)

<https://stjoseph.ivolunteer.com/lentenmission2021>

Livestream: <https://www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/live>

Information: Dave Retseck, 847-990-1266 or dretseck@stjoseph-libertyville.org

OUR MISSION PRESENTER:

- Executive Director, Viator House of Hospitality, Viator a home for young men, ages 18-21, seeking asylum in our nation who arrived alone as children and need a home while they await years for their immigration proceedings.
- Former president of St. Viator High School, Arlington Heights.



Fr. Corey Brost, C.S.V.

Find out more at <https://viatorhouseofhospitality.com/>

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 soon. We can't wait to see you and spend the morning together!

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

Watch the livestream at:

9:00 a.m.: <https://youtu.be/-rWXII7s6Kk>

5:00 p.m.: <https://youtu.be/vDzG93y1pr0>

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

Children's Faith Formation: 2021-22 registration



Make 2021
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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 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

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!



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



Summer Scripture Conference

Early registration for University of St. Mary of the Lake's Summer Scripture Conference is underway. Sponsored by the Institute for Pastoral Leadership, this year's conference will be June 20-25 at the seminary. Until March 1, attendees can choose from several options and prices, each with a \$25 discount. A variety of presenters are slated for the week-long event in Mundelein, including Fr. John Kartje and Loyola Press author Joe Paprocki. For more information, visit: www.eventbrite.com/e/2021-summer-scripture-conference-registration-130586095527?aff=ebdssbeac.

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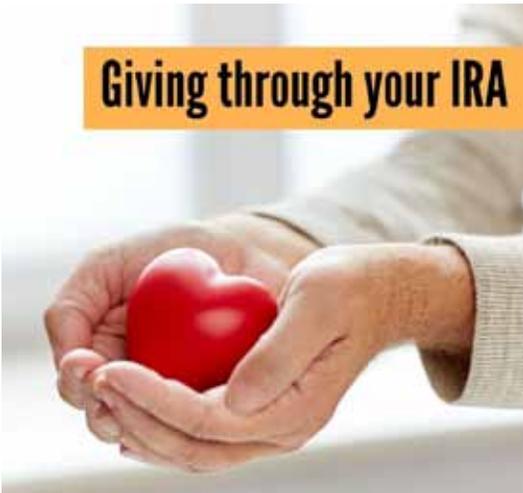


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Giving through your IRA



January is the new December for charitable contributions. Qualified charitable distributions can help offset your tax bill from required minimum distributions—but only with the right timing.

Required minimum distributions from retirement accounts resume in 2021 after being waived for 2020. The QCD tax benefit only applies to owners and beneficiaries of IRAs who are 70½ or older. **Even though the age at which the RMD requirement was raised to 72 by the SECURE Act, the QCD remains at 70½.** This gap can allow IRA owners who are not yet subject to RMDs to use QCDs, if they are at least 70½.

Consider making a qualified charitable distribution to St. Joseph Catholic Church when planning your giving. For more information on charitable giving and tax implications, please consult with your tax advisor.

Adapted from:
<https://www.investmentnews.com/january-new-december-for-charitable-contributions-200902>

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Offering for December 27, 2020

	Current Year		Last Year		Over (Under) Last Year	
	Week	Year to Date	Week	Year to Date	Week	Year-to-Date
Weekend Offering	\$55,465	\$612,771	\$43,738	\$712,967	\$11,727	\$(100,196)
Electronic Giving	\$23,252	\$474,608	\$14,845	\$387,932	\$8,407	\$86,677
Total Collection	\$78,716*	\$1,087,380	\$58,583	\$1,100,899	\$20,134	\$(13,519)
Budget for Collection	\$42,230	\$1,140,210				
Difference	\$36,486	\$(52,830)				

**Includes \$5,000 from the Challenge.*

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 “Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” (John 1:38) What are you looking for? Are you wasting your time looking for the material comforts of the world? Or, is your heart longing for something deeper that can only be found by spending time with God? Take time each day, in silence, to ask the Lord what it is that He wants you to do.

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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.

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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 1:14-20

Leader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets

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

and followed him.

He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

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

REFLECTION

As we move away from the Christmas season and deeper into Ordinary Time, we will focus on Jesus as both fully human and the fully divine Son of God. Next Sunday, we focus on Christ's earthly mission which is to bring the Kingdom of God to life by revealing what the divine love of God looks like in the world. Next Sunday's Gospel presents us with a vivid picture of that beginning. We are invited to walk with Jesus on His missionary journey all the way through to fulfillment, for the Kingdom of God is at hand and we can truly live in that Kingdom all the days of our lives. We know the invitation leads to joy and peace, yet the Gospel presents the high price to be paid in accepting that wonderful and precious gift. We, like the first disciples, are asked to abandon our attachments to the things of the world so that we might be able to focus on Christ and learn what it means to walk each step in the love of God our Father. No, Jesus doesn't require us to quit our jobs or desert our families. Rather, he asks us to make room in our hearts and our souls to experience the love of God and to be motivated by the Holy Spirit to live our lives in such a way that everything in our world is made more fulfilling and enriching. He has been sent to teach us how to know the love of God and let it overflow into the world through how we live our lives. It is the love of God overflowing into our daily lives that is to be the net we cast as we answer the call to join the apostles in becoming "fishers of men."

As Saint Paul puts it so clearly in next Sunday's Second Reading, with Christ's coming "the world in its present form is passing away" (1 Corinthians 7:31). Christ is inviting us to let it pass away in order to allow our world to be shaped in the fully loving image and likeness of God.

For further reflection on God's plan to reveal Himself and His Kingdom, see *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraphs 51-67 and 541-546; and on our response in faith, paragraphs 142-165.

QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL REFLECTION

1. What continuing attachments might I have that keep me from walking more closely with Jesus in my daily life? What do I do to be more present to the fullness of God's love for me?
2. What do I need to learn about the teachings of the Lord to make me more enthusiastic about my faith? What sources might help me to become a more ardent "fisher of men?"
3. Our current culture encourages us to focus on our own needs, desires and freedoms. Christ's mission was to teach us all to focus our energies on loving God and loving our neighbor as ourselves. How might I align my earthly mission with that of Christ's?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday:	Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
Tuesday:	Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28	
Wednesday:	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6	St. Fabian, St. Sebastian
Thursday:	Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12	St. Agnes
Friday:	Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8, 10-14; Mk 3:13-19	
Saturday:	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Mk 3:20-21	St. Vincent, St. Marianne Cope
Sunday:	Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20	