



THE CARPENTER

JANUARY 24, 2021
3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FUNERAL LITURGIES ENHANCED BY THE DEDICATION OF OUR BEREAVEMENT MINISTERS

During the COVID-19 Pandemic, the St. Joseph Catholic Church Bereavement Ministry has brought comfort and compassion to families celebrating the life of a loved one. Families may attend funerals in-person or watch through our livestream. We are proud of the Bereavement Ministers and the dedication they share during these liturgies. For more information about this ministry, please visit: <https://stjoseph-libertyville.org/berereavement>.

OUR VISION

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



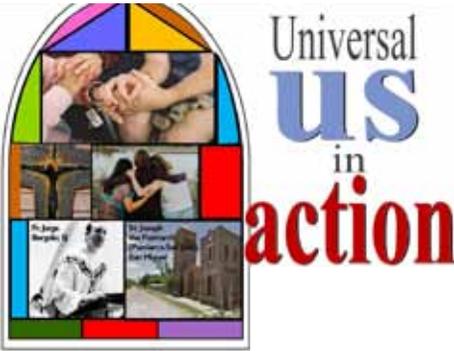
OUR MISSION

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!





PARISHIONERS CALLED TO MOVE TOWARD “UNIVERSAL” MISSION

On January 16, parishioners gathered on Zoom to see how Pope Francis is calling disciples to be a church of brothers and sisters by looking at the Holy Father’s own pastoral work.

During *The Universal Us in Action*, participants joined Fr. Trout and presenters Professors Robert O’Gorman from Loyola University and Paul Dokecki of Vanderbilt Peabody College to read and discuss a case study on the pope’s work at a parish in Argentina, reaching beyond the parish’s campus and going out to the people suffering the most.

Participants then broke into small groups to share their reflections on Pope Francis’ work, what the word “mission” means to them and how St. Joseph parishioners can become missionaries like Pope Francis.

You may watch the entire powerful presentation at https://youtu.be/SHc8bIO_HOA.

The pope’s missionary vision is modeled after a polyhedron, a shape with many different angles and dimensions, much like the world around us. The Church, says Pope Francis, should focus on three points in being missionaries: mercy, options for the poor, and synodality through community and building relationships.



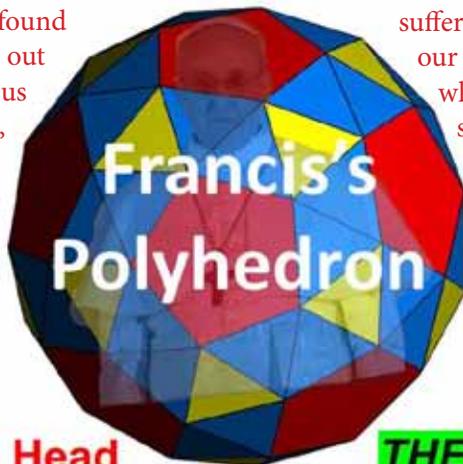
The Church “has a public role over and above her charitable and educational activities.” She works for “the advancement of humanity and of universal fraternity.” (Fratelli Tutti)

Pope Francis calls us to be “missionaries.” What are the missionary needs in Libertyville? How do we organize to make contact with people in the community AND to reflect together on God’s presence in these encounters with the people?

Francis’s Trinitarian-Polyhedral Horizon:

MERCY: The Heart

O God, Trinity of love, from the profound communion of your divine life, pour out upon us a torrent of fraternal love. Grant us the love reflected in the actions of Jesus, in his family of Nazareth, and in the early Christian community. Grant that we Christians may live the Gospel, discovering Christ in each human being, recognizing him crucified in the



sufferings of the abandoned and forgotten of our world, and risen in each brother or sister who makes a new start. Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty, reflected in all the peoples of the earth, so that we may discover anew that all are important and all are necessary, different faces of the one humanity that God so loves. Amen. (Pope Francis. Fratelli Tutti)

SYNODALITY: The Head

THE POOR: The Hands

Together, we must find: a Time to See, a Time to Choose, a Time to Act

TRINITY ↔ THREE PERSONS IN ONE GOD ↔ UNITY IN DIVERSITY

SHARE THE FAITH



Today 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.

The Pope's Tweet of the Week



We are always on a journey in life. Let us choose the path of God! We will discover that there are no unexpected events, no uphill path, and no night that cannot be faced with Jesus.. #Pontifex



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

January 23-24 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 23-24 Masses opens on Wednesday, January 20 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 20 to Friday, January 22 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.

—FAITH FORMATION

FAMILY
STATIONS
OF THE
CROSS

with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



Friday,
February 19
7 p.m.

COME PRAY WITH US

In-person: <https://stjoseph.ivolunteer.com/stationsofthecross2021>

Livestream: <https://youtu.be/-Dqv5mn5CuY>

Information: ajakubow@stjoseph-libertyville.org

FAITH FORMATION

You Are Invited to Help Celebrate



Next Sunday!

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>

A Teaching Mass

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION FOR VOCATIONS



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

You're
Wanted

You're
Needed



You Belong



Authentic Friendships Christ Centered Helping Others

Visit stjoseph-libertyville.org/cftk-frequently-asked-questions

or dretseck@stjoseph-libertyville.org

Registration information for Women's Morning of Reflection on February 13

Join us as we energize our prayer life and move towards our Lenten journey. Our very own parishioners, Kathy Andrews and Sharon Lentino, will guide us as we explore spiritual exercises that will deepen our understanding of scripture and our relationship with Christ.

Better not Bitter

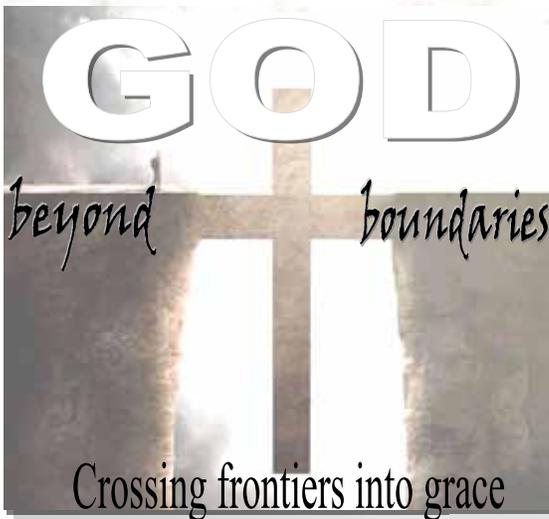
We will be spending a few hours that will help us to become **Better not Bitter**.

The original plan to meet in-person has been modified due to COVID-19 gathering restrictions. This will be a Zoom event with small group breakout sessions. To participate, register online. You will receive a confirmation email which will include further instructions for the day (sign-in, etc.). We encourage you to livestream the 8:30 a.m. Mass, as the event sign-in will begin at 9:00 am and we don't want you to be late. **The program will begin promptly (technology-willing) at 9:15 a.m. and will wrap up by 11:00 a.m.**

Please use the following link to register:

<https://stjoseph-libertyville.org/womens-council-better-not-bitter-event>

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.

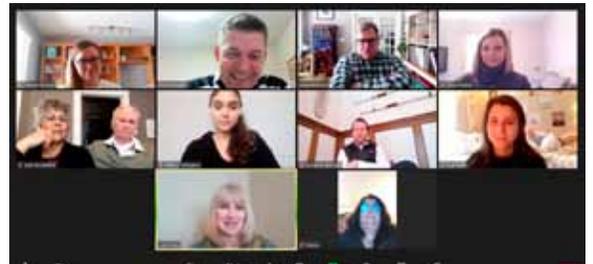
Former president of St. Viator High School, Arlington Heights.



**Fr. Corey Brost,
C.S.V.**

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

RCIA COMMUNITY BREAKS OPEN THE GOSPEL ONLINE



College, relocations and a holiday weekend didn't stop the St. Joseph's Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults group from building community online on January 17. Adults preparing to be received fully into the Church at Eastertime met on Zoom with the RCIA team to break open the Gospel of John and read his account of the call of the first disciple. They reflected on the words or phrases that stood out for them and what God is saying to them in their faith lives.

The candidates—Jon Kendall, Cayci Packer, Lexi Bolke and Hillary Gallagher—all are journeying together with their sponsors, but in different locations. Jon and Cayci are learning in Libertyville, while Lexi returned downstate to college for the spring term and Hillary relocated to Florida. Despite the distances, the team is accompanying them so that all of them will celebrate the sacraments together this spring.

**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
T.LOMBARDO@SJSLIBERTYVILLE.ORG OR 847.362.0730



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



St. JOSEPH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1961 ZOOM REUNION St. Joseph School Class of 1961 is holding a Zoom virtual 60-year reunion on Sunday, February 21 at 2:00 p.m. There are eight classmates who we can't track down. Please contact Judy Basso at jpbasso517@gmail.com or 952-943-8010 (land line) if you graduated in 1961 and do not yet have reunion details. Please also get in touch for "missing" names in case you can help. Thanks and hope to hear from you!



SUMMER SCRIPTURE CONFERENCE AT SEMINARY

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 Mun-

delein, 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.

MOTHERS WITH YOUNG CHILDREN



MYC Book Club: *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes, Wednesday, February 17 from 7:30 p.m., Online Event

We'll be discussing a book about love for Valentine's Day. *Me Before You* comes with a warning label that it be read with tissues! RSVP and find Zoom details on Meetup!

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!



The **Annual Parish Trivia Night** Committee plans to host 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!



Please join us in welcoming the following new parish members: **Kim & Carol Parker**.
Welcome to our community of faith!



RETIRES & WANNABES

Due to COVID restrictions, the Libertyville Senior Center remains closed to in-person participation. To receive a copy of the *Senior Update*, email civiccenterlib@sbcglobal.net to be added to the email distribution list.

Having issues with technology? Need help with a download or app installation? Contact Jennifer at the Senior Center for help. Tuesdays from 2:00-4:00 p.m. Call 847- 247-7659 to schedule a 30-minute appointment.

Soup-er Bowl Day, February 5! Pre-order a Soup-er Meal to-go, prepared by Catered Productions. Choice of Tomato Bisque or Broccoli Cheddar Soup, also includes Bread Bowl, Cobb side salad and Cheesecake for dessert. \$10 per meal. Place your order by Wednesday, February 3. Pick up on Friday, February 5 from 10:30 a.m. to Noon in Senior Center parking lot (weather permitting). Call: 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. • Zoom Coffee Chat - Friday, 10:30 a.m. (call or email to sign up).



Wednesday Before Ash Wednesday— St. Joseph Retirees & Wannabes Mardi Gras Party



No need to travel to New Orleans this year. Join a Mardi Gras ZOOM!

**COSTUMES, HATS, AND MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION ENCOURAGED
with prizes for the outstanding celebrant.**

**Bring your favorite Fat Tuesday treats and enjoy with old friends
and those you may not have met yet.**

Wednesday, February 10 beginning at 5:00 until 6:30.

Sign up:

<https://stjoseph-libertyville.org/retirees-and-wannabes>

PRAYER & WORSHIP

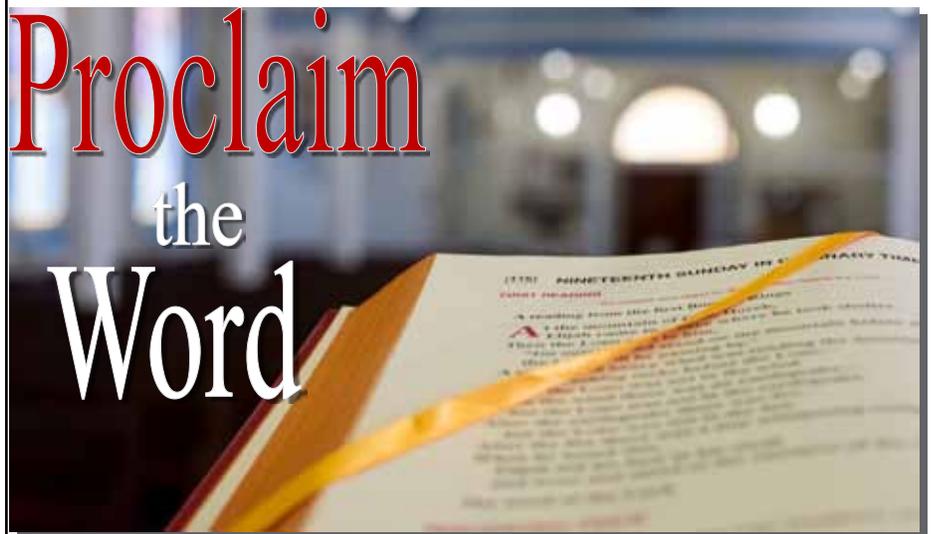
PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK



Robert Collins
 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
 Terry Venchus
 Joseph Locascio
 Sean Kolber
 Micah Peckels Quirk
 and all those affected by COVID-19

“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

IN MEMORY

Please pray for the souls of:

Rosalie Bradley Katherine Johnson Joseph Peshut Charles Theodore Hill

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 25

Agnes Durkin
 Greg Rudolph
 Dick Spinell
 Sr. Mary Ann Leahy

Tuesday, January 26

Roxane Obenauf
 Martin McGreal

Marijo Komp

Wednesday, January 27

Leo Elfering
 Vida Yarc

Thursday, January 28

Joe Rezek
 Allen McCormick
 Felipe Vista

Friday, January 29

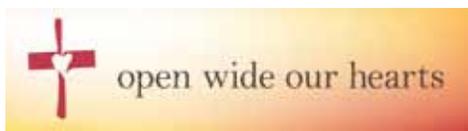
Roxane Obenauf
 Marilyn Fales
Saturday, January 30

The Tielke Family
 Thomas Hanna

Sunday, January 31

All parishioners

SOCIAL JUSTICE & SERVICE



Love Goodness

Commit to raising your awareness in whatever situations you find yourself.

As people of faith, we can intentionally work to create spaces of welcome and opportunities for encounter. Create opportunities for sharing of stories and learn how racism impacts our communities. Regularly think about whose voices may be missing as leaders and volunteers in parish ministry.

In your family, think about who you socialize with on a regular basis. Intentionally create opportunities to interact with those you may not run into over the normal course of your week. Where in your community do you see diverse groups of people come together? Parents: talk with your children about race. Continuing to talk with them about everyone's human dignity and the pain of racism in our country will help form them to respect the dignity of all.

At school or work, ask: How you can learn more about other cultures? What resources are available to you? If there are others who are treated differently because of their race, speak up. Think about what you might do if you hear someone make disparaging remarks about a classmate or coworker. How can you be ready to respond?



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!



FEED THE HUNGRY

On January 19, eighteen parishioners helped give out 6,240 pounds of food to 145 families! St Joseph Catholic Church will continue to sponsor the mobile food

trucks at Mount Moriah Christian Center in North Chicago. We are going out to help feed

the hungry!

OUR FOOD PANTRY SERVES MANY, 6 DAYS A WEEK



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. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ here on earth.

The Food Pantry Hours for Patrons:

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| Sunday | 10:00 a.m. – Noon |
| 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 |

GREEN TIPS: EXCERPTS FROM POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL LAUDATO SI

Christians need an ecological conversion

It must be said that some committed and prayerful Christians, with the excuse of realism and pragmatism, tend to ridicule expressions of concern for the environment. Others are passive; they choose not to change their habits and thus become inconsistent. So what they all need is an "ecological conversion", whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them. Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience. (217)



Discover God in all things

The universe unfolds in God, who fills it completely. Hence, there is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf, in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor person's face.

The ideal is not only to pass from the exterior to the interior to discover the action of God in the soul, but also to discover God in all things. Saint Bonaventure teaches us that "contemplation deepens the more we feel the working of God's grace within our hearts, and the better we learn to encounter God in creatures outside ourselves". (223)

SOCIAL JUSTICE & SERVICE



OUR RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY SUPPORTS AID FOR WOMEN

Aid for Women of Northern Lake County is a 36-year-old all-volunteer center (4606 W. Old Grand Avenue, next door to the Gurnee Fire Station) with a mission to educate and encourage women and men with good decision-making information and resources with regard to life choices. The mission statement is: To give hope to women who are pregnant, explain the risks involved in abortion, and offer life-affirming alternatives such as parenting and adoption. Each client is treated with respect and dignity and confidentiality. Appropriate referrals are made to afford the best prenatal care for herself and her child. Free pregnancy testing and doctor referrals for prenatal care are available by appointment. All clients are offered information about adoption and there are no fees for services. If the client is single, she is presented with the opportunity to change her lifestyle and begin a life of chastity until marriage. A maternity clothes lending closet, literature and books on pregnancy and natural family planning are free as well. A medical set of fetal models shows the client how pregnancy progresses. Help is available in our Gurnee office or over the phone at 847-249-2700, and our community outreach volunteers welcome opportunities to speak to groups and classes. Spanish-speaking assistance is also available. Donations of baby care products and equipment are always appreciated. Referrals are also made for post-abortion healing and retreats. Visit: www.aidforwomenlakecounty.org.

LOVING OUTREACH TO SURVIVORS OF SUICIDE



LOSS groups meet monthly throughout the Archdiocese. Suicide is a tragedy for not only the victim, but for the loved ones left behind. Catholic Charities invites those who have experienced the devastation of suicide to attend a (currently) online support group meeting by phoning 312-655-7283 or by email to loss@catholic-charities.net. LOSS is a non-denominational program offering hope and healing. The schedule of meetings may be found at www.catholiccharities.net/GetHelp/OurServices/Counseling/Loss.aspx

ACCOUNTABILITY

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

Weekly Offering for January 3, 2021

| | Current Year | | Last Year | | Over (Under) Last Year | |
|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| | Week | Year to Date | Week | Year to Date | Week | Year-to-Date |
| Weekend Offering | \$38,905 | \$651,676 | \$38,664 | \$751,631 | \$241 | \$(99,956) |
| Electronic Giving | \$23,805 | \$498,413 | \$22,629 | \$410,560 | \$1,176 | \$87,852 |
| Total Collection | \$62,710* | \$1,150,090 | \$61,293 | \$1,162,192 | \$1,416 | \$(12,102) |
| Budget for Collection | \$42,230 | \$1,182,440 | | | | |
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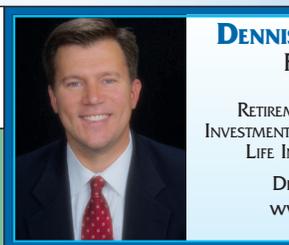
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1. Proclaim God's Word. Choose someone to read the Scripture. After reading, there is silence from the group in reverence.
2. Invite Response. Invite individuals to respond to a word, phrase or passage that strikes them in some way.
3. Praise God. 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 1:21-28

Leader: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

Then they came to Capernaum, and on the sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority and not as the scribes. In their synagogue was a man with an unclean spirit; he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are – the Holy One of God!" Jesus rebuked

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

him and said, "Quiet! Come out of him!" The unclean spirit convulsed him and with a loud cry came out of him. All were amazed and asked one another, "What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him." His fame spread everywhere throughout the whole region of Galilee.

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

REFLECTION

In this week's Gospel we are introduced to who Christ is as He begins His public life. Jesus is Lamb of God (His relationship to God), Rabbi (His identity) and Messiah (His mission). In next week's Gospel we focus on Jesus as Rabbi. Jesus is not a teacher like the Scribes, who taught from the Book of the Law, but one who "taught them with authority." What was the source of Jesus' authority? It was His intimate relationship with the Father. As God the Father's son, Jesus spoke out of His direct knowledge and experience of the Father. He is the Word of God! He and the Father are one. God is the authority who we are called to turn our lives over to. As we come to better know Jesus' authoritative teaching, we are invited to let it control how we live our lives as we strive to grow in holiness.

Through our Baptism we are called to share in the mission of Christ. We are called to not only live under the authority of the Father but also to be 'rabbis' who speak with authority the teachings of Christ to all those we encounter. The authority with which we witness to God's love grows from personally encountering and walking with Christ. This requires that we seek to know Him evermore intimately. Even though Christ has not physically walked among us for nearly 2000 years, we are blessed to know Him through contemplation and prayer with the Scriptures, through the lives of the saints, and in the most intimate way in the Eucharist where we are invited to unite ourselves with Him by sharing in His Divine body and His Precious Blood. Only one who loves unconditionally can bless us with such intimacy, an intimacy which can provide the authority to speak of God's love and to teach who Christ is. Each time we participate in the Holy Mass we are privileged to come to know God better through His Word and to be strengthened and filled with the graces of the Eucharist so that we may be better equipped to go out and bring Christ into the world.

For further reflection on the devil and his evil ways see *The Catechism of the Catholic Church*, paragraphs 391-395; on the signs of the Kingdom, paragraphs 547-550; and on Christ's authority, 581-582.

QUESTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL REFLECTION

1. The coming of the Kingdom means the defeat of the devil. Where do I do battle with the evil one in my life? Where do I find him the strongest adversary? What can I do to hasten his ultimate defeat?
2. The mission of the Church is to protect and carry on the authoritative teaching of Christ. What is my comfort level with submitting myself to the teaching authority of the Church? Are there any areas where I might still question the Church's doctrines?
3. Am I being a good "rabbi" for those family members and friends who are part of my life? What can I do to give more active witness to the Good News of the Gospel?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

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| Monday: | Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18 | The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle |
| Tuesday: | 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:31-35 | Ss. Timothy and Titus |
| Wednesday: | Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20 | St. Angela Merici |
| Thursday: | Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25 | St. Thomas Aquinas |
| Friday: | Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34 | |
| Saturday: | Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 1:69-75; Mk 4:35-41 | |
| Sunday: | Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28 | |