# THE CARPENTER

St. Joseph Catholic Church | Building a Community of Gratitude & Joy

# Sent: A Time of Renewal



## RECAP OF SYNOD

### DID YOU PLANT DREAMS AND CREATE HOPES?

This past month, we started the encounter and listening process for the Synod so input could be given for our church before our bishops come together for a formal discussion in 2023.

Pope Francis, through this historic process, is asking for feedback from the whole church, not just the bishops.

There are two listening sessions available for adults Virtual (Zoom) Thursday, March 03 from 11:00am-1:00pm In-Person Thursday, March 03 from 6:30pm-8:30pm

- Register by Feb. 27 <u>www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/listening-sessions</u> One listening session focused on our youth - Grades 8 - 12 Youth Grades 8-12 Only: Sunday, March 06 from 6:00pm-8:00pm
- Register by Mar. 01 www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/listening-sessions



#### 2 simple steps:

Go to the parish website: www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/synod

Register for one of the listening sessions or provide your anonymous thoughts through our survey.

Your opportunity to share your dreams and create hopes by submitting a survey closes March 10th. Don't miss out on this opportunity for your voice to be heard.

### SO WHAT IS NEXT FOR THE SYNOD?

Thank you for participating in the listening sessions or survey. The last chance for submitting your thoughts in the survey is March 10th.

All this input will be synthesized into a document that will be shared with the Archdiocese of Chicago April 1st

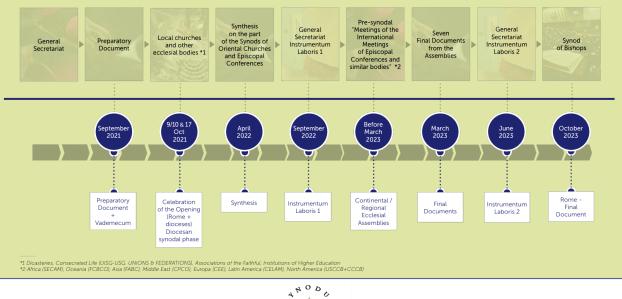
On the Parish website (<u>www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/synod</u>), we will share the synthesized information submitted to the Archdiocese of Chicago in early April.

What is next for St. Joseph Catholic Church?

The journey will continue! Synod leadership meeting in April to review the synthesized information specifically for our parish and to determine possible action steps.

## RECAP OF SYNOD

## FOR A SYNODAL CHURCH: COMMUNION, PARTICIPATION AND MISSION XVI ORDINARY GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS





### THE PRAYER OF THE SYNOD (ADSUMUS)

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path

nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life

and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,

in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen

https://www.synod.va/en/documents/adsumus.html

## Confirmation

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES WHO WILL RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION MARCH 5 & 12, 2022

### May the Holy Spirit guide you to use Your gifts to glorify God!

Alyssa Marie Acevedo Rodriguez

Drew Bance Alicia Bannon Gavin Barnes Ashlyn Beattie Tristan Bebinger Anthony Beckman Elizabeth Julianna Bell Ava Birmingham Paige Brafford Helena Bruckner Anne Buchert Andrew Carnes Mary Ellen Carroll Zachary Cattapan Holden Caudillo Amelia Cimino Hunter Ciszewski Justin Clevelle Jacob Cornell Evelyn Correa

Domenick Vito D'Amore Zoe Maria Deer Robert DuBois Katherine East Brendan Elliott Katelyn Elliott Mark Ellwanger Owen Epley Claire Evans Gabriella Fairbanks Ryan Farlee Rvan Flynn

Luca Coury

Ryan Farlee Ryan Flynn Reece Foley Elizabeth Franz Ryan Frels Samuel Gaiden Kathryn Gangi Clare Gannon Mateo Garcia Chevy Gillespie

Colleen O'Malley Graham

Caitlyn Griffith Natalie Gummersall Caitlin Hakanen Nicolas Harper Josephine Hartman Grace Hodge Anna Hulls Michael Inga Rosemary Inga Logan Jakoubek Olivia Johnson John Joyce Dorothy Kallieris Carter Kasten Avani Katdare Jackson Kern Mathias Klemp Kaitlyn Konen Alice Krietsch Hollyn Krogman Jacob Krummick Sophia Krummick Ann Marie Langfeldt Andrew Leung Claire Liesen Brady Limbert

Mae Lucas
Anthony Mannino
Jackson Martin
Grace Max
Ryan McNett
Paxton Mockaitis
Marcos Monroe
Brynn Montgomery
Matthew Moore
Braden Moss
Kevin Murphy
Matthew Muzik
Celia Navarrete
Francesca Neely

Graham Lis Trevor Livingston

Chase Lockwood

Joseph Otto Murilo Palley Ella Pawelczyk Payton Pitcher Laura Podlogar Bailey Powell Bennett Pulte Joseph Raquel Sofia Reinfelds Jacob Richards Nicolas Robles Isabel Rodriguez Ashley Rojas Ella Sazy Nora Schafer Natalie Schmidt Presley Schoenfeld Marshall Schroeder Clayton Scott Abigail Sewell Jillian Shutter Christian Slago Braden Sontag Casey Sramek Sanjay Sreedharan

Kaileigh Sullivan Maryanna Teelucksingh Domenica Tino Braden Tolzien Giuseppe Urso Raquel Ventura Kalea Vogt Nick Vortherms Brayden Ways Finley Weinstein Olivia Wentworth James Willemsen Aidan Wu Nathan Wu Katalyn Young Anna Yurek

John Charles Zidek

Alivia Zovistoski



## LENTEN SCHEDULE



#### Parish Lenten Mission - February 28, 2022

- •11:00AM in the Church
- •6:00PM in the Church. Live Streamed. Evening includes Eucharistic Adoration for the Synod journey and Lenten journey.

#### Ash Wednesday - March 2, 2022

- •Masses with Ashes 6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m.\**Live Stream*, 4:30 p.m and 7:00 p.m. in Church
- •Word Service with Ashes 12:00 Noon
- •Drive in Word Service with Ashes 6:00 p.m.

#### Friday, March 4

•Stations of the Cross hosted by Community Building Commission

#### Saturday, March 5

- •St Joseph Catholic School 8th grade Confirmation Mass, 10:00 a.m. in the Church
- •Children's Faith Formation Confirmation Mass, 2:00 p.m. in the Church
- •Lenten AlmsGiving Project tags available in the Church

#### 1st Sunday of Lent - March 6, 2022

- •Friday, March 11
- •Stations of the Cross hosted by RCIA

#### Saturday, March 12

- •Children's Faith Formation Confirmation Mass,10:00 a.m. in the Church
- 2nd Sunday of Lent March 13, 2022 •Call to Continual Conversion for RCIA candidates, 9:00 a.m. Mass in Church

#### Friday, March 18

- •Stations of the Cross hosted by Children
- •Faith Formation, 7:00 p.m. in Church
- 3rd Sunday of Lent March 20, 2022
- •RCIA First Scrutiny
- •RCIA Dismissal 9:00 a.m. Mass in Church

#### Friday, March 25

•Stations of the Cross hosted by Women's & Men's Council

#### Saturday, March 26

Lenten Almsgiving Distribution Weekend
3-5 p.m. return gifts to Gym Foyer

#### 4th Sunday of Lent -March 27

- •RCIA Second Scrutiny
- •RCIA Dismissal
- •Lenten Almsgiving Distribution Weekend 7 a.m. - Noon, return gifts to Gym Foyer

#### Friday, April 1

•Stations of the Cross hosted by Social Justice Commission & Knights of Columbus

#### Saturday, April 2

- •5th Sunday of Lent April 3
- •RCIA Third Scrutiny
- •RCIA Dismissal 9:00 a.m. Mass in Church

#### Friday, April 8

•Stations of the Cross hosted by Music Ministry

#### Saturday April 9

Men's Ministry: Saturday Morning Live: Lenten Edition, 6:30 a.m. - 9:00 am
Extended Lenten Reconciliation, 11:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

#### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm (Passion) Sunday -April 10 Drive-in Mass & church current schedule

Holy Thursday - April 14
No 6:30 a.m. or 8:30 a.m. Masses
Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m.
Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7:30 p.m.
\*Live Stream
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
following Mass.
Adoration until 10:00 p.m. in the
Church.

#### Good Friday - April 15

No 6:30 a.m. or 8:30 a.m. Masses Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m. Celebration of the Passion of the Lord, 3:00 p.m. \*Live Stream Celebration of the Passion of the Lord (Drive in), 5:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday - April 16 No 8:30 a.m. Mass Morning Prayer, 9:00 a.m. Blessing of Easter Food, 12:00 p.m. The Great Easter Vigil, 8:00 p.m. \*Live Stream

#### EASTER Sunday Mass Schedule-April 17

7:15 a.m. (Drive-in Mass) 9:00 a.m. \*Live Stream 10:45 a.m. 10:45 a.m. (Drive-in Mass) 12:30 p.m. No 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday

## EVENTS | MARCH 1-5

#### **Youth Commission**



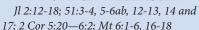
HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

SUNDAY | MARCH 6 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM Location: Souled Out Teen Space

The Youth Group is for 9th through l2th grade high school teens. It offers many leadership, social, service, catechetical, and liturgical opportunities. A wide variety of programs are available for teens such as Life Teen, local service work, and social activities.

#### **Prayer & Worship Commission**

## SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY





There is no other day when the wider world sees our Christian identity worn on our sleeves...or more accurately our foreheads. The ashes on our forehead remind us that our hearts are in need of conversion: "Repent (turn your hearts) and believe in the Gospel!" There is an important message in taking this symbolic step to acknowledge our need for repentance and conversion. In acknowledging the need, we also express a hope for reconciliation. And there is the good news: we are reconcilable! This is a gift from God. God's desire is clear through the Prophet Joel: "return to me with your whole heart." God wants all of you, all of us; the whole package. This reconciliation is possible because God chooses it! He is gracious, merciful, slow to anger, kind, relenting in punishment. Saint Paul reminds us that now is the time to do this reconciling. Jesus died for us, and Saint Paul wants the Corinthians (and us) to not have received this gift in vain. If we are to return with our whole hearts this Lent, that means we have to jump off the "hamster wheel," and find moments to step away from our fast paced rhythm of life. Moving the heart takes intentionality. Jesus in the Gospel reminds us that our intentions are important. In His teaching about how to pray, fast, and perform good deeds, I think it is clear that what is in our hearts when we do these things is more important than how many people see what we do. So I think a good place to start for reconciliation with our kind and loving God is to spend time with Him. Basque in God's love as if you were sunbathing. God wants our whole hearts. Find ways to open up to Him more and more each day this season.

#### **Social Justice**

#### 2022 LENTEN ALMSGIVING PROJECT-TAGS SATURDAY | MARCH 5



2022 Lenten Almsgiving Project-Tags available in the Church March 5th. Tags to be returned to Gym by noon on March 27th!

#### **Prayer & Worship Commission**

## SPIRITUAL BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP FRIDAY | MARCH 4



The St. Joseph Bereavement Ministry is sponsoring a Spiritual Bereavement Support Group for adult men and women who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

## What's on this week's Lenten Calendar?

#### March 2, 2022

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## EVENTS | MARCH 6-12

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1ST SUNDAY OF LENT



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- •Sunday, March 6 1st Sunday of Lent
- •Friday, March 11 Stations of the Cross hosted by RCIA
- •Saturday, March 12 Children's Faith Formation Confirmation Mass,10:00 a.m. in the Church

#### **Food Pantry Hours**



SUNDAY 10 AM- NOON
MONDAY 11 AM- 1:00 PM
WEDNESDAY 4:00 PM-6:00 PM
THURSDAY 11:00 AM-1:00 PM
FRIDAY 4:00 PM-6:00 PM
SATURDAY 10:00 AM- NOON

#### **Youth Commission**

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Spiritual Bereavement Support Group **Friday | March 11** 

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## EVENTS | MARCH 13-19

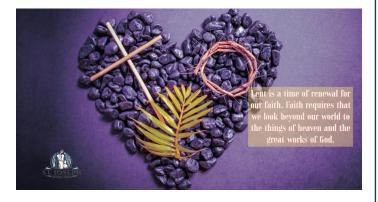
MARCH 13

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



What's on this week's Lenten Calendar?

- •Sunday, March 13 2nd Sunday of Lent Call to Continual Conversion for RCIA candidates, 9:00 a.m. Mass in Church
- •Friday, March 18 Stations of the Cross hosted by Children's Faith Formation, 7:00 p.m. in Church



### **Pope Francis' Intention of The Month**

#### March

A Christian Response to **Bioethical Challenges** We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.



#### **Youth Commission**



**TEEN MASS** SUNDAY, MARCH 13 | 5:00 - 6:00 PM TEEN MASS

The Teen Mass is on the second Sunday of each month at 5 PM; families are encouraged to attend

this Mass where portions of the homily are geared towards teenagers.

AMT PARENT MEETING Via Zoom SUNDAY, MARCH 13 | 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM



This is a mandatory formation meeting for all teens going on the 2022 trip. Zoom link will be sent to all participants before the meeting.









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## EVENTS | MARCH 20-31





St Josephs KofC Council 3674 **Blood Drive** 



SUNDAY, MAR. 20 8 am - 2 pm 221 PARK PLACE LIBERTYVILLE, IL SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

To schedule an appointment call VITALANT at 877.258.4825 or visit vitalant.org and use group code: ORD0LVS1.



WE WERE ALL SAVED 4 BY A BLOOD DONOR **MATTHEW 26:28** 



#### **Prayer & Worship**

**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS CENTENNIAL TOUR** MARCH 19 | 6:00-7:30 PM



Join us in prayerful thanksgiving on Saturday, March 19 at 6pm for the thousands of parish priests who have devoted their lives to the Church as well as in praying that more men will answer the promptings of the Holy Spirit to discern their call.

#### **Prayer & Worship Commission**

#### Spiritual Bereavement SUPPORT GROUP FRIDAY | MARCH 25



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- · Sunday, March 27 4th Sunday of Lent -RCIA Second Scrutiny RCIA Dismissal Lenten Almsgiving Distribution Weekend 7 a.m. -Noon, return gifts to Gym Foyer

#### **Social Justice Commission**

#### **EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY** MARCH 31 7:00 PM (Zoom)



RESUMES, COVER LETTERS, AND APPLYING ONLINE

Every job requires unique skills, and in this free presentation, career transition expert Bruce Bennett will show you how to optimize your resume to match the jobs to which you are applying. We'll also discuss cover letters and how and to maximize your impact when uploading a job application to a company's applicant tracking system. Please join us – All are welcome! Pre-register using the link at: https://stjoseph-libertyville.org/ employment-ministry-1

#### **Prayer & Worship**

#### FAMILY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION MARCH 21 | 6:30 PM

**Eucharistic Adoration** For Families Enjoy the time in prayer and relationship with God, in a casual and comfortable time together. Join us for Family Eucharistic Adoration in the church.



### **ACCOUNTABILITY COMMISSION**

ST JOE'S WEEKLY COLLECTION		WEEK OF		1/30/2022			
CURRENT WEEK#	32 1/30/2022						
		CURRENT YEAR		LAST YEAR **		OVER (UNDER) LAST YEAR	
	-	WEEK	YEAR TO DATE	WEEK	YEAR TO DATE	WEEK	YEAR TO DATE
WEEKEND OFFERING		20,366	844,445	11,268	760,221	9,098	84,223
ELECTRONIC GIVING		15,738	588,963	15,733	561,338	5	27,624
TOTAL COLLECTION		36,104	1,433,407	27,001	1,321,560	9,103	111,848
BUDGET FOR COLLECTION		42,230	1,351,360				
DIFFERENCE		(6,126)	82,047				
				** COVID IMPA	CTED COLLECTIONS		

#### THANK YOU!

Thank you to those who regularly 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. For an updated weekly report, please visit our website: www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/accountability-commission

### **PRAYER & WORSHIP COMMISSION**



#### MINISTRY OF CARE HOME VISITS AVAILABLE

With the winter season upon us, trained ministers of care are here for you. They can bring Holy Communion to you if you are unable to attend Mass. Please contact the parish office (847-362-2073) or Judy Salzman (847-431-8123) to arrange for a home visit.



### **SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION**



#### ELDERCARE ORIENTATION

Our next volunteer orientation is Saturday, March 19, 10:00. The orientation will be virtual so please email us @info@eldercarelakecounty. org if you are interested. We will send out the zoom info. Being an ElderCARE volunteer is easy, you can choose the time, how often and the type of service.

Go to our www.eldercarelakecounty.org/ and download a volunteer application or give us a call 847-406-4683.



#### CARE FOR CREATION Lenten Season 2022

This Lent consider fasting for creation care, sacrificing some comfort, giving up a wasteful practice, or modifying your actions to reduce harm to the environment. Some ideas:

Week 1: A fast from Indifference. Pope Francis said, "The more-common opposite of the love of God – of

God's compassion – is indifference" When you see an opportunity to help, to serve, don't turn away. Better yet—seek out opportunities to advocate for the environment and the underserved.

Week 2: A Meat Fast. How about adding a meatless Monday to meatless Friday? Or eating chicken or sustainable fish instead of beef, pork, or lamb?

Week 3: An Energy Fast. Consider turning the thermostat down a degree or two and putting on an additional sweater. Or turning the water heater down to 120. Or washing clothes in cold water.

Week 4: A Plastic Fast. Try reducing single use plastics. Choose recyclable alternatives such as glass or metal cans. Carry re-useable bottles and utensils with you. Use re-usable shopping bags.

Week 5: A Water Fast. Try reducing your shower to 3 minutes. Or turning off the water between brushing and shaving. Run the dishwasher when fully loaded.

Week 6: A Gasoline Fast. Slow down to use less gas. Plan errands to minimize mileage. Carpool, walk or bike when possible. Make sure tires are properly inflated.

You can find more information on our webpage here: https://stjoseph-libertyville.org/news/care-for-creation-lenten-season

mcausey@stjoseph-libertyville.org.



#### **Lenten Almsgiving Project**

We are in need of volunteers the weekend of March 26-27th! Come to the gym and help sort the gifts and distribute to agencies, meet new people, have some donuts!If you would like to volunteer Saturday, March 26 from 3-5 p.m. and Sunday, March 27 anytime 8-1 p.m. contact:

Mary Causey 847-990-1213 or email

#### St. Joseph's Food Pantry Update



#### January

2022 started off on a busy streak, just like 2021. In January, we welcomed approximately 1,000 guests into our food pantry. The Knights of Columbus, along with our regular volunteers, stepped up to meet our operating needs with a total of 342 volunteer check-ins. Thankfully, the weather has not been dreadful because our guests wait in line each time for our pantry to open.

#### Food Drives 2022

If you know of, or are involved in a school, community group or business who would be willing to host a food drive for St. Joseph's food pantry in 2022, we'd love to connect.

Please reach out to Nuala Kavanagh, nualakav@sbcglobal.net or 847-280-0006.

If a group wants to tour our facility and hear more about its operation, we can organize that too.

## PADS REOPENING ROTATING SHELTER SITES



PADS Reopening Rotating Shelter Sites We wanted to share the exciting news that we have reopened our Rotating Shelter Sites. This reopening means

that PADS is once again in need of volunteers to help support our rotating shelter sites. We have openings seven days a week with the highest need on Wednesdays. Anyone who wants to share their time can find a full list of locations on our website. <a href="www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/news/pads-reopening-rotating-shelter-sites">www.stjoseph-libertyville.org/news/pads-reopening-rotating-shelter-sites</a>

### **COMMUNITY BUILDING COMMISSION**

#### **Retirees and Wannabes** We Need You!



The Retirees and Wannabes Committee is looking for folks who would enjoy meeting once a month to plan, coordinate, and have fun wit activities geared toward friendship and fellowship. Please contact Diane Dreis at dreis520@comcast.net for more information!

- What's happening at the Senior Center in March!
  •Coffee with a Cop on Tuesday, March 22nd, 1 PM. Once a month, join for a visit with an officer from the Libertyville Police Department. Enjo free coffee and snacks while hearing about things of community interest. Registration preferred, but walk ins welcome.
- •Bingocize Every Friday @ 1:30 PM Combine everyone's favorite game of Bingo with Exercise and Health Education Bingocize\* is proven to reduce falls and found over 90% of older adults were retained over the cou of the 10-week program PLUS they significantly improved physical, sociand mental health. Bingocize\* is delivered live by a trained lay leader from: Free-Win Prizes
- •2022 Countryside Senior Men's Golf League A 18-hole league plays on Monday mornings (tee offs 7 AM-10 AM) beginning Monday, April 25, 2022 and ending Monday, September 26, 2022. Play alternates between the Traditional & Prairie courses at Countryside (Mundelein). Membership cost is only \$30. Please call Bob Killackey at 847-367-6211 for more information (or e-mail: RKillackey@yahoo.com).

#### Become a member of the Senior Council of Libertyville!

We are looking for a person who will represent St. Joseph Catholic Church as an alternate Board member to the Senior Council. The member should have an interest in the disbursement and management of funds for activities designed to enhance the quality of life for the seniors of the community. This is a great chance to give back to the community and make a difference while enjoying the camaraderie of fellow members.

If you think you would be interested in participating as a Board member or would like more information, please contact Charlotte Doyle at d.charlotte07@yahoo.com.

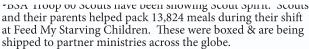
#### **CALLING ALL MOTHERS OF** YOUNG CHILDREN



Calling all mothers of young children? Looking for other moms to hang out with? Want your children to play with other children of similar ages? Join Mothers with Young Children (MYC)!

Kristin Murnik kristin.murnik@gmail.com

### YOUTH COMMISSION



Scouts made the most of extreme winter weather when they met for snow tubing. Everyone braved the cold on their runs down the Wisconsin tubing hill but stayed warm and had a

For more information about Scouts BSA or Troop 60, contact Pat Emmons at scoutmaster@troop60.com.

•Cub Scout Pack 60 - Creative play was in full force at our February pack meeting. Each scout selected a movement for the group to follow. Scouting is an amazing place where individualism meshes with developing a sense of teamwork. If your K-5th grade boy or girl is interested in joining Pack 60, please contact Bryan Feldman at cubmaster@ libertyvillepack60.org.









#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**



 March 13-Teen Mass at 5pm



 March 6 & March 20 from 6-8 pm High School Youth Group



 AMT-Want more. info? Contact **Brigid Dutton:** 

bdutton@stjoseph-libertyville. org

### ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL



The Jack and Dorothy Brennan Endowment: Celebrating Faith, Family, and Friendship:

St. Joseph Catholic School is excited to announce The Jack and Dorothy Brennan Endowment Fund. With the passing of Mr. Jack Brennan in the fall of 2021, The Jack and Dorothy Brennan Endowment was established.

The late Jack and Dorothy Brennan, parishioners of St. Joseph Parish for more than 60 years and a former St. Joseph Catholic School family, were strong supporters of Catholic education and of St. Joseph Catholic School. Mr. and Mrs. Brennan sent their six children to our school and invested countless hours volunteering while their children were young. Mrs. Brennan also served as a teacher in our school. Because of their love for our school and parish and their belief in continuing Catholic education through the high school years, the Brennan Family will award a yearly scholarship to a graduating SJCS 8th grader who is enrolling at Carmel Catholic High School for their freshman year. No application is necessary as all 8th grade students who plan to attend CCHS in the fall are eligible for the scholarship. A panel of teachers and administrators will select the recipient each year. During the 8th Grade Awards Ceremony which is hosted in early June each year, the \$1,000 scholarship will be awarded to one student who demonstrates the following values in their daily life:

- 1. Faith: This student lives their Catholic faith through their everyday actions.
- 2. Family: This student realizes the importance of family and finds value in spending time with their family. Additionally, this student consistently shows a great deal of respect for his/her parents.
- 3. Friendship: This student understands and models the importance of friendships. He/She demonstrates that, at times, a friend has to do the 'unpopular' thing in order to support and stand up for a friend.

### **FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION**

#### COMMUNITY FOR THE KINGDOM EXPERIENCE THE POWER OF TRUE CONNECTION

Now is the time! Be part of the small group movement, a Christian staple for millenia! Get your friends and neighbors together and start a new group!



NEW adjusted format based on feedback

Check us out: <a href="https://stjoseph-libertyville.org/community-for-the-kingdom">https://stjoseph-libertyville.org/community-for-the-kingdom</a>



### It's time to say "Yes" to VBS!

WANT TO HELP PUT ON A FANTASTICALLY FUN AND ENGAGING VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL WEEK FOR OUR CHILDREN THIS SUMMER? CONTACT MARY CATHERINE NELSON, MNELSON@ STJOSEPH-LIBERTYVILLE.ORG OR 847-990-1226. PLANNING BEGINS VERY SOON!



## Praying For

#### MARCH MASS INTENTIONS

Tues. 3/1	Betty Anne McKinnon,Jen Rath,
	Charles Kometer, Harriet Schneider
Wed. 3/2	Antonio Anez, Wesley Fout,
	Thomas Urbank, Martin McGreal
Thurs. 3/3	Elizabeth Spencer, George Puthumana,
	Mary Pat Herman, Eugene Graham
Fri. 3/4	Francis K.J., Allan Cairns (and widow,
	Barbara),
	Eugene Graham Sr., Allen McCormick
Sat. 3/5	Tom Shanley, Robert Stone
Sun. 3/6	All Parishioners
Mon. 3/7	James Glidden, Hawthorne Nejal Bañez,
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Tues. 3/8	Richard Lutz, Elena Catalin,
Tues. 5/6	
TAT- 1 2/0	Michael Schostok, Felipe Vista Jr.
Wed. 3/9	Gregory Rudolph, Connie Chominsky,
TI 0/10	Joyce Finnegan, Eugene Graham
Thurs. 3/10	Harriet Hubbard Sepulveda, Julius Marks,
	Vocation Ministries in Memory of Fr.
	James O'Connor
Fri. 3/11	Marijo Komp, Joyce Finnegan
Sat. 3/12	John Waldron, Bill Hickey
Sun. 3/13	All Parishioners
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STATIONS OF THE CROSS START ON MARCH 4. The Stations of the Cross are a 14-step devotion that commemorates Jesus Christ's last day on Earth as a man. The 14 devotions (stations) focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation.

The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited,

then the individual moves to the next station until all 14 are complete.



Gather your family together on a Friday night. Make plans to walk downtown aftewards and enjoy dinner together at a local restaraunt. Make it a new Lenten tradition. Why? The particular needs of marriages and families prompted and largely influenced this reflection on the Stations of the Cross. Its purpose is to encourage all to reflect on Jesus' passion in the context of family life, whether those families are immediate or extended, near or far, known or unknown. As St. John Paul II told us, the family is the building block of society, and so in this meditation, we pray for all families in light of the Way of the Cross.





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## SUNDAY REFLECTIONS

Reflections by: Joe Tomaso

## 1st Sunday of Lent | March 6 |

Dt 26:4-10; Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

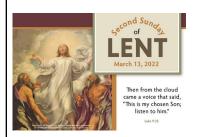


"If God is good, why do bad things happen?" We hear this question so often, sometimes from ourselves. It can be a huge stumbling block in faith, and understandably so. There is a lot of pain and suffering in our world. I can easily see someone asking this question about why bad things happen after reading today's Psalm, which says: "No evil shall befall you, nor shall affliction come near your tent..." And yet, many of us know people of great faith who have suffered terribly: illness, financial struggles, death, and more. How do we reconcile this? While I don't have the answer to the problem of evil, I look to Jesus' life for consolation around this question. In the Gospel Jesus is tested by the devil.

Jesus is "Filled with the Holy Spirit" and "led by the Spirit..." But this does not mean that he is free from temptations. Even after the temptation in the desert, the passage implies that it was not the end of Jesus being challenged by the devil: "[the devil] departed from him for a time." We know the many other trials Jesus will face in his ministry, including his literal trial and death. Saint Paul, who in his letter to the Romans says "For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved," knows well that being saved does not mean that this life will be without trials. Paul after all was arrested multiple times, whipped, challenged by other Christians, persecuted, and shipwrecked in his ministry. In the reading from Deuteronomy, we know that God heard the cry of suffering Israelites in Egypt and guided them to a new land. I think there is a key image here: God journeys alongside us, walks with us...through the good and the bad. So while there are trials and tribulations, we are never alone. We have a companion who walks with us in our pain and grief. And to me, while that does not answer the question of why, it does answer the question of who: it is never just me, it is always me with God. And that is good company indeed.

### 2nd Sunday of Lent | March 13 |

Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17—4:1; Lk 9:28b-36



Is there a difference between being optimistic and being hopeful? I think so. When I hear 'optimistic', I imagine someone who "always looks on the bright side," someone who chooses to see the positive in something. But optimism seems like an arbitrary choice, a simple "willing" of oneself into positive thinking. Hope, on the other hand, goes deeper than a mindset. Hope, when we are talking about our faith lives, has to do with investing our whole being in God's love and promises. It has to do with the significance and purpose of our very lives. God is our hope, the anchor and compass of our being. Today's readings each in their own way remind us of the great hope we have

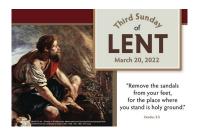
in God. In Genesis, Abram (Abraham) is promised descendants even though Sarah, his wife, is far beyond childbearing years. While the ritual of the animals sounds strange to modern ears, we are getting a glimpse of a covenant ceremony: God is making a promise and entering into a relationship with Abram. The refrain in Psalm 27 is beaming with hope: "The Lord is my light and my salvation." I think we also find in the Psalm direction on how to hope: "Wait for the LORD with courage...be stouthearted." Hope requires strength of heart, because our faith will often be challenged. Jesus' followers were no strangers to that, especially in Jesus' Passion. That is why I think Jesus' Transfiguration is a hope-giving moment. Before the suffering to come in the Passion, Peter, James, and John are given a glimpse of Jesus' identity in a new way. Saint Paul paints the picture of the horizon against which our hope is laid out: eternal life. "Our citizenship is in heaven" he tells us. To hope, then, is to have the courage to believe that Jesus is who he said he is, to hold onto the moments we have felt close to God for when challenges come our way, and to aim the trajectory of our lives towards Him with courage and conviction rooted in a Love that surpasses the ups and downs of life.

## SUNDAY REFLECTIONS

Reflections by: Joe Tomaso

### 3rd Sunday of Lent | March 20|

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

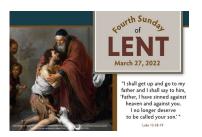


Think for a moment about your name. Do you like it? What does your name mean? Why were you given it? What nationality is your last name? There are few things that are more central to our personal identity than our names. When we share our name with someone, it changes our relationship with that person. It becomes more intimate. This happens in the Book of Exodus today. God knows Moses' name, and calls him personally: "Moses, Moses!" He calls Moses to share good news: God has heard their cry in affliction in Egypt and will deliver them to a new land. Moses then takes a crucial step: he asks for God's name...and God shares it! Interestingly,

part of the identity that God shares with Moses is that he is the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. More names, more intimate relationships. This all goes to show that God's intervention in the Israelites' suffering is personal. I think God relates to us in the same way: personally: hearing our cries and affliction, calling to us by name. God is "kind and merciful" "pardons all your iniquities" and "crowns you with kindness and compassion" as Psalm 103 reminds us. This relationship, like any, is a choice on our part. This means that part of our life's work is to continually work at it. Like Saint Paul in his letter and Jesus in the Gospel remind us: we are asked to turn our hearts towards God, or repent. Like any relationship, our relationship with God takes intentionality and a conscious commitment to go deeper one day at a time.

### 4th Sunday of Lent | March 27|

Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32



For those of you who gave up something food or drink related for Lent, the readings this Sunday are sure to challenge your resolve! Most have a food theme. Okay...maybe the parched grain doesn't sound the most appetizing. But still, you get the point. The refrain of Psalm 34 is "Taste and see the goodness of the Lord." I can imagine this Psalm being sung by the son who returns after being lost in the Gospel. After all, it ends with a great feast. I can hear him saying: "When the poor one called out, the LORD heard, and from all his distress he saved him." The feasts in the Old Testament and the Gospel both commemorate new beginnings. In the Book of Joshua, the Israelites celebrate the Passover. They are

finally in the Promised Land and, as the LORD says: "Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you." The long journey through the desert is over and the Israelites are in their new home. What a perfect occasion to celebrate with a feast! In the parable in the Gospel, the father throws a great party for his son who has returned home. These feasts commemorate a new chapter in the lives of those who are celebrating it. The Eucharist is much the same for us Christians. It too commemorates a new chapter in humanity's relationship with God. Saint Paul says it better than I ever could: "Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ..." So the next time you come to Mass, let celebration burst forth from your heart! We are a new creation in Christ, the past is water under the bridge and a new moment is here.



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