THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER • MAY 1, 2022

The Parish of ST. JOSEPH HOMEWOOD, IL

Fostering Christ's Love in Our Lives

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WEEKEND/WEEKDAY LITURGIES

Saturday Mass .....5:15 PM
Sunday Mass.....8:00 & 10:30 AM

Monday—Friday Mass.....8:30 AM
Monday—Saturday Communion Service.....6:30 AM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday.....4:30-5:00 PM

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OFFICE HOURS

Monday.....8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Tuesday.....8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Wednesday.....8:00 am - 7:30 pm
Thursday.....8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday.....Closed
Saturday .....9:00 am - 1:30 pm
Sunday .....Closed

From Father Ron

Third Sunday of Easter

Peter highlights the scripture this weekend. He was the fishermen that denied Jesus three times and now he leading the newly form church. In his imperfection he was doing a wonderful and exciting ministry. Countless people were entering the church.

As I mentioned in last week bulleting, today, you are the new disciples. You are invited (even in your imperfection) to lead the unifications of the six churches here in the South Suburbs. You are ask to gather the flock, gather the unbelievers, gather the lost into the two new churches.

May we not feel it is an impossible task. May we take to the task as believers and in the end build a community of believers that is more dynamic then anything in the past.

Together may we march to Pentecost.

Father Ron

THE RENEW MY CHURCH (RMC) LISTENING SESSIONS

ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO

All parishioners are invited to participate in a "Listening Session" where they can share their concerns, ask questions and receive honest answers from the RMC team.

The following dates have been set for **Listening Sessions:**

- **Sunday, May 1** Following the 9:30am Mass at St Irenaeus Church
- **Monday, May 2** 6:30pm-8:00pm at Infant Jesus of Prague
- **Wed, May 4** 6:30pm-8:00pm at St Lawrence O'Toole
- **Tuesday, May 10** 6:30pm-8pm at St Joseph
- **Friday, May 13** 6:30pm-8pm at St Emeric
- **Sunday, May 15** Following the 9:30am Mass at St Anne Church

WEEKLY OFFERING:

EASTER: $36,606.51
EASTER FLOWERS: $3,131.00
HOLY THURSDAY: 930.00
GOOD FRIDAY: $1,146.00

APRIL 23/24

Weekend Giving..... $5,817.80
Electronic Giving.....$1,852.50

Total $7,670.30

Budget.....$9,327.00
Down..... $1,656.70

SHARING: $215.00
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: $72.00

Thank you for your generosity!

You can donate to St. Joseph Church online at: www.givecentral.org

TO TEACH WHO CHRIST IS
PROGRESS TO DATE

TOTAL PLEDGED...$1,198,834

PARISH - COLLECTED TO DATE..$689,362
AOC - COLLECTED TO DATE.....$306,000
Total.....$995,362

Parish Ministries

Altar Servers
Contact: Fr. Dan Jarosewic

Arts & Environment
Contact: Erin Roeper, Jeannine Ruse

Baptismal Preparation Classes
Contact: Paul and Deborah Hart

Bereavement Ministry
Contact: Rosemarie Kearney

Bulletin Editor
Contact: Agatha Kienzle

Catechists (Religious Education)
Contact: Dobaro Dogisso

Elizabeth Ministry
Contact: Marge Hayes

Extraordinary Ministers of Communion
Contact: Deb Framarin, Jack Hayes

Gardening Team
Contact: Elaine Hoffman

Hospitality
Contact: Mary Ellen Brabec

Knights of Columbus
Contact: Joe Santschi

Lectors
Contact: Mike Ormsby, Tom Brabec

Liturgy Writing Team
Contact: Janet Ormsby

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Contact: Frank Casella

Ministers of Care
Contact: Jack Hayes

Music Ministry
Contact: John Ligda

PADS
Contact: Jim Bova

Piecemaker Quilters/Prayer Shawl
Contact: Marietta Burke

Prayer Ministry
Contact: Julie Orbik

Respect Life Ministry
Contact: Teri McGinley

Sanctuary Guild
Contact: Magda Hepokoski

St. Vincent De Paul Society
Contact: Rectory

Ushers
Contact: Jim Wright

Youth Ministry
Contact: Allisa Opyd

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Contact: Agatha Kienzle

Around the Parish

Easter Vigil
April 16, 2022

At Easter Vigil, mother and son, Jacqueline Allosse and Telesphore Azogan had received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion and Confirmation. Congratulations to both!

Explanation of the Decree of Unification

Dear parishioners,

In this weekend's bulletin, you will see a decree signed by Cardinal Cupich. A decree is a pronouncement or document that formalizes a decision within the Church. In this case, the decree included here concerns the decision for our parishes to unify as a new parish after our grouping's Renew My Church discernment.

The decree states that St. Anne, St. Emeric, and St. Joseph will form a new parish on July 1, 2022. The decree states the new parish will have an *ad interim* name. This means that the parish will be called SS. Joseph, Anne, and Emeric Parish until we propose a new name to Cardinal Cupich for his consideration and approval. The order of the names within an interim name follows a hierarchy with a title of Jesus being first, a title of Mary being next, then those saints directly connected to the life of Jesus, followed by Martyrs, Doctors of the Church, and all other saints.

When you read the decree, you will notice the decree states St. Joseph Church will be the parish church of the new parish and that the churches of St. Anne Parish, St. Emeric Parish, and St. Joseph Parish will be churches of the new parish. A couple of notes on this:

> When two or more parishes unite as one parish, Rome requires that the united parish's sacramental records be kept in one place and for that location to be designated in the decree as the parish church. Practically speaking, the location of sacramental records is the only implication of the parish church designation. In the future the sacramental records of the united parish, as well as the past sacramental records of each of St. Anne, St. Emeric, and St. Joseph will be maintained at the offices on the St. Joseph campus. For the current time, each parish's records will remain at their current locations, and updates will be provided when the records are brought together at the office on the St. Joseph campus.
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> Second, the decree states that each of the churches of St. Anne Parish, St. Emeric Parish, and St. Joseph Parish will be churches of the new parish. This can understandably be confusing with what was shared at the announcement in January that St. Joseph Church will be the sole location for the new united parish's regular schedule of Masses, with the specific timeline to fully transition Masses to St. Joseph to be determined by parish leadership in the coming months. The decree is written as it is because under church law, when a new parish is formed, all of the assets of each former parish become part of the new parish. This includes the churches. Until the procedure for formally closing a church occurs, a church remains a church of the parish even if regular daily or Sunday Masses are not scheduled at the church.

Regarding the name of the new parish, there will be a process to include everyone. We will keep you updated on the timeline of when this process to consider a parish name will begin.

Let us hold fast to the Lord's promise that He is with us always, and trust in the fact that He is at work in a special way within our faith community and is creating something new for all of us.

Decree is posted on Archdiocese of Chicago website: https://www.renewmychurch.org/decisions/decrees-letters

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DECREE

IN THE NAME OF GOD. AMEN.

Changing demographics have affected the size and wealth of the Archdiocese of Chicago and the vitality of her parishes. This is particularly true in the City of Chicago itself, where the total population fell by nearly 21% since 1970, from 3,366,957 to an estimated 2,693,976 in 2020. Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, an estimated additional 100,000 individuals have left the Chicago area. During the last decade, the total population of the Archdiocese of Chicago (Cook and Lake Counties in Illinois) declined by less than 2% (81,257) from 5,903,190 in 2010 to an estimated 5,821,933 in 2020. However, over the same ten-year period, the Catholic population of the Archdiocese of Chicago declined by nearly 7% (159,000), from 2,338,000 to 2,179,000.

A good number of our parishes were founded more than 100 years ago, in the 19th Century or the first half of the 20th Century. Many were established for national, linguistic, or ethnic groups that no longer reside in the archdiocese or in the neighborhoods where they once flourished. Today, many are unable or struggling to support themselves. Consequently, from Fiscal Year 2012 through Fiscal Year 2021, the Archdiocese of Chicago provided $187,818,176.00 in support to parishes and Catholic schools: $49,452,924.00 to 119 parishes and $138,365,252.00 to 99 Catholic schools. This includes $10,708,494.00 during Fiscal Year 2021 alone: $3,120,340.00 to parishes and $7,588,154.00 to Catholic schools, mostly parochial schools. Completely due to the generosity of the faithful people of the archdiocese and other gracious donors, these subsidies cannot continue at this high level. Our mission is to convert our parishes, helping them to become more vital, that is, active centers of Christian discipleship, evangelical mission, scholarship, and charitable outreach. For this mission, the parishes need a growing and stable membership and the financial means to support themselves.

More than six years ago, inspired by the experience of St. Francis of Assisi before the cross of the ruined church of San Damiano and the Holy Father's dream of "a missionary option … capable of transforming everything" (Pope Francis, Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, n. 27, November 24, 2013), and with wide and continuing consultation among the clergy and lay faithful of the Archdiocese of Chicago, particularly in the Presbyteral Council, we embarked on the inauguration of *Renew My Church* (*RMC*). This is our multi-year process aimed at converting our parishes for mission. It is my intention that every parish join with some of its neighbors (groupings) to plan the future. Careful planning will create a menu of possibilities. We are identifying parishes to be reconfigured through pastoral coordination with neighboring parishes, divisions, unions, and other structural and governance changes.

This decree concerns three neighboring parishes located within approximately 13 square miles of the south suburban Cook County municipalities of Homewood, Hazel Crest, East Hazel

Crest, and Country Club Hills: St. Joseph Parish (established 1914), 17951 Dixie Highway, Homewood, Illinois 60430-1703; St. Anne Parish (established 1949), 16802 South Lincoln Street, Hazel Crest, Illinois 60429-1414; and St. Emeric Parish (established 1960), 4330 West 180th Street, Country Club Hills, Illinois 60478-5102. The churches of these three parishes are between 1.6 and 4.7 miles apart, a drive of between four and 10 minutes.

In Fiscal Year 2020 the pre-COVID-19 average Sunday Mass attendance at St. Joseph Parish was 640, a 59% decline from the 1,570 attending in Fiscal Year 2000. The same year, the average Sunday attendance at St. Anne Parish was 194, a 63% decline from the 521 attending in Fiscal Year 2000. At St. Emeric Parish, the Fiscal Year 2020 average Sunday attendance was 215, a 55% decline from 474 in Fiscal Year 2000.

In Fiscal Years 2019 to 2021, St. Joseph Parish had operating deficits of $37,097.00, $40,710.00, and $48,199.00 respectively. St. Anne Parish had operating surpluses of $13,975.00, $18,050.00, and $387,090.00 in the same three years. St. Emeric Parish had deficits of $40,089.00 in Fiscal Year 2019 and $69,571.00 in Fiscal Year 2020, and an operating surplus of $57,505.00 in Fiscal Year 2021.

On October 31, 2021, St. Joseph Parish had savings of $429,058.00 on deposit, and $148,126.00 in church debt. On the same date St. Anne Parish had savings of $6,218.00 on deposit, and $1,619,067.00 in church debt, while St. Emeric had savings of $270,748.00 on deposit and no church debt.

In August 2021, the assessed capital needs of St. Joseph Parish were $746,950.00, for St. Anne Parish they were $608,285.00, and for St. Emeric Parish they were $1,196,500.00.

During Fiscal Year 2019, liturgical life outside Sunday Mass at St. Joseph Parish included 42 funerals, five marriages, and 11 Baptisms. In the same period, St. Anne Parish had 16 funeral, 1 marriage, and 15 Baptisms, while at St. Emeric Parish there were 12 funerals, seven marriages, and four Baptisms. The Fiscal Year 2019 combined totals for the three parishes are 70 funerals, 13 marriages, and 30 Baptisms, figures indicative of aging populations.

Following consultations last year with lay and clergy members of the parishes, including input from parishioners at large, a report was submitted to the Archdiocesan Standards and Recommendations Commission, a group of lay and clergy representatives from across the Archdiocese of Chicago. Recently, the *Renew My Church* Executive Committee submitted the Commission's recommendation to the pastoral leadership of the archdiocese. Due to the significant 20-year decline in the number of faithful at all three parishes, the continuing decline in the number of priests able to serve as pastors, recent annual operating deficits at St. Joseph Parish and St. Emeric Parish, and significant church debt at St. Anne Parish, the Church in this area of the Archdiocese of Chicago will struggle financially and administratively to sustain two or three parishes. If the care of souls, evangelization, and discipleship are to be the focus of future mission, the consolidation and conservation of resources within one new parish is the recommended course of action.

THEREFORE, know that I, Cardinal Blase J. Cupich, Archbishop of Chicago, according to the norms of canon 50, canon 121, canon 127 §§1, 2,2°, & 3, and canon 515 §2 of the Code of Canon Law, have before me a proposal that the above-mentioned St. Joseph Parish, Homewood, St. Anne Parish, Hazel Crest, and St. Emeric Parish, Country Club Hills, be extinguished as separate juridic persons in the Church and united to form one new juridic person, a territorial parish named, *ad interim*, SS. Joseph, Anne, and Emeric Parish, located within the combined territories of the three parishes. St. Joseph Church is to be designated the parish church. Know also, I convened the Presbyteral Council of the Archdiocese of Chicago electronically *via* the internet on January 17, 2022. Then, after hearing the Presbyteral Council and receiving its vote of 31 for and two against the proposal, I accepted the Presbyteral Council's advice and now, invoking the Holy Spirit,

I decree the following:

1. Effective July 1, 2022, the above-mentioned St. Joseph Parish, St. Anne Parish, and St. Emeric Parish shall be extinguished as separate juridic persons in the Church and united to form one new juridic person, a territorial parish within the combined territories of the three parishes. The new parish is to be called, *ad interim*, SS. Joseph, Anne, and Emeric Parish;

2. The ministries of the three extinguished parishes will become those of the new SS. Joseph, Anne, and Emeric Parish;

3. Each and all the parishioners of the three extinguished parishes, along with the faithful domiciled within the new parish boundaries, will be parishioners of the new SS. Joseph, Anne, and Emeric Parish;

4. The territory of the new SS. Joseph, Anne, and Emeric Parish will be the combined territories of the extinguished St. Joseph Parish, the extinguished St. Anne Parish, and the extinguished St. Emeric Parish, as depicted and described on the map and in the document attached to this decree;

5. Subject to the intention of founders and donors, and with due regard for any acquired rights, the goods and patrimonial rights of the three extinguished parishes, together with any obligations with which they may be burdened, will be those of the new SS. Joseph, Anne, and Emeric Parish (canon 121);

6. The churches of the extinguished St. Joseph Parish, the extinguished St. Anne Parish, and the extinguished St. Emeric Parish will be churches of the new SS. Joseph, Anne, and Emeric Parish, retaining their own titles. St. Joseph Church shall be designated the parish church of the new parish;

7. The data submitted to the Presbyteral Council on this matter, together with the minutes of the Council meeting of January 17, 2022, are to be attached to this decree and will become available upon request to those eligible to receive them;

8. The sacramental records and other materials relevant to historical research pertaining to the three extinguished parishes will be collected and maintained at the St. Joseph Church campus, unless otherwise determined by the expert staff of the Joseph Cardinal Bernardin Archives and Records Center of the Archdiocese of Chicago; and

9. Notification of this decree shall be given immediately through the official website of the Archdiocese of Chicago. The decree shall be conveyed to the pastors of St. Joseph Parish, St. Anne Parish, and St. Emeric Parish. As soon as possible, the pastors shall inform their parishioners of the decree through the parish bulletin or other suitable means.

Before hierarchical recourse (appeal) may be taken against this decree, a written, dated, and signed petition, asking me to revoke or amend the decree, must be sent or delivered to me within ten (10) useful days from notification of the decree (CIC cc. 1734, 1735, 1737). The address is Office of the Archbishop of Chicago, Archbishop Quigley Center, 835 North Rush Street, Chicago, Illinois 60611.

Given this 25th day of April, *A.D.* 2022.
From Holy Name Cathedral,
Chicago, Illinois

Archbishop of Chicago

ARCHIDIOECESIS CHICAGIENSIS

Ecclesiastical Notary

Attachments

THE DATA SUBMITTED TO THE PRESBYTERAL COUNCIL OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CHICAGO AND THE MINUTES OF THE PRESBYTERAL COUNCIL MEETING OF JANUARY 17, 2022, WILL BE ATTACHED TO THE FOREGOING DECREE AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE FOR CANONICAL AFFAIRS UPON REQUEST FROM THOSE LEGITIMATELY SEEKING THEM

BORN AGAIN

According to the Gospels and Acts of the Apostles, there were about 90 separate appearances of the resurrected Jesus to his disciples in the forty days between Easter and His Ascension into heaven. Some were appearances to individual disciples, some were to several disciples at the same time and once to a crowd larger than 500. His Apostles were in a unique position to know with certainty, by their experience with the resurrected Jesus, that He was truly the Son of God. They were all present as witnesses to His adult life, His public ministry, His miracles, His ignominious death and glorious resurrection. If all—or even some—of these events were false, the Apostles would surely have known the dishonesty. Their commitment to their testimony is therefore so powerful and compelling. Their willingness to die provides a tremendous value of evidence. Recall that the Greek word *Martyr* means *witness*. Think about it. Would you be willing to die for something you knew to be false? Their touching, seeing, eating, talking with the risen Christ transformed them. They were ***born again*** as Jesus promised, with the Descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, to commit the rest of their lives to preach the truth of the message of salvation through Christ Jesus.

Have you ever been accosted by a member of an evangelical sect who questioned your faith? Were you ever blessed with an annoying visit from a persistent Jehovah's Witness? Have you ever been challenged as if you don't profess your Catholic/Christian faith? Evangelical Christians use the phrase ***"born again"*** as a justification to evangelize those who belong to other Christian denominations. Their fervent belief is that non-evangelical Christians, even those who are Baptized, are not ***"born again."*** It is a core doctrine of such denominations as Anabaptists (Mennonites), Methodists, Quakers, Baptists and Pentecostals. But to be ***"born again"*** is a concept that is not the exclusive domain of evangelicals.

In our Catholic faith, to be ***"born again***" describes a process of conversion. It speaks to our acceptance of a personal relationship with Jesus, a sincere following of His ways and a willingness to conform our lives to His. If your name is René or Renata, that probably indicates your parents were inspired by the idea of such a renewal in Christ.

We all understand the metaphor of birth as a symbol of new life. A baby is born, a new person emerges into this world. Our first birth gives us physical life. As we grow as distinct persons, we will come to resemble our parents. But our earthly lives are our extended opportunity for us to fully respond to God's call. So in a similar fashion, when one is ***born*** of the sprit, a new person arrives with a new spiritual life. Read/listen to John 3: 1-16 as to how Jesus taught Nicodemus on this subject: *"....No one can see/enter the Kingdom of God unless they are* ***born*** *of water and the Spirit. Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. You should not be surprised at my saying 'You must be* ***born again.****'"* As we grow spiritually we come to resemble the image of God's Son (Romans 8:29). This really speaks to our relationship with Jesus, our Savior. After all, Jesus reminds us that "*I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well"* (John 14:6). To be ***born again*** is to have the Holy Spirit transform our hearts from a casual relationship with God to a burning desire for His right way of living.

The only way we can experience this transformation is through a spiritual rebirth. Can we attest to a genuine ***"born again"*** experience? Are we able to say with the absolute confidence of our faith, like St Paul (Galatians 2:20), that *"it is no longer I who live but Christ who lives in me?"*

The Parish of Saint Joseph

By Jim Wright

By the end of 1955, the "modernization" of parish facilities was complete. Construction on the rectory was finished in the late Fall of that year and work on both the church and convent (Burke Center) was done by the end of 1954. In addition, the front of the school building (far left) was veneered with new brick to match the color of the newly constructed buildings. St. Joseph's was now set to accommodate the growing numbers of parishioners. St. Joseph's was not the only church in town to complete construction of new facilities in the 1950's, First Presbyterian, St. Paul and Salem Lutheran churches all built new facilities to handle the influx of new congregants in these "boom" years.

"THE STRENGTH OF THE PARISH IS IN THE PEWS."

(the late John J. Foster, a faithful Catholic)

Holy Week and the Easter Triduum are the most sacred days in the entire liturgical year. They are the focal point of our beliefs – that Jesus Christ lived, was crucified, died, was buried, and on the third day rose from the dead. The commemoration of these sacred days is a major undertaking for every parish church. Each liturgy, from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, contains significant rituals which require careful preparation, precise execution, and sometime scheduled practice. The celebration of these sacred liturgies at Saint Joseph Parish would not have been possible this year if it were not for generous stewardship of several dozen parishioners who gave of their precious time, talents and treasures.

Adult Altar Servers (Teri McGinley & Jack Hayes): Since the Pandemic began in March 2020, our parish has not had school-age altar servers to assist the priest at Mass. Holy Week and the Triduum traditionally require a team of experienced servers. Teri and Jack spent several hours in and outside of church logistically preparing for these sacred days, as well as coordinating with clergy and staff to ensure every detail was addressed.

Art & Environment (Erin Roeper, Chairperson): This is probably the largest committee of volunteers who arranged the environment in the sanctuary and throughout church no less than four (4) times in one week. In addition to the physical labor of moving items to and from church, they meet once a month to review, plan, organize and order supplies so that the sanctuary and our church look beautiful throughout the year.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (Jack Hayes, Chairperson): Mandated ministers were required at every ritual service and Mass to distribute Holy Communion. Those who served at 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Easter morning were faced with congregations significantly larger than expected. Yet they were able to ensure that everyone who approached the sanctuary received our Lord in the Eucharist.

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Mass Intentions

MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022

8:30am People of St. Joseph

9:00-10:00am Adoration

TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022

8:30am Sally Peters

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2022

8:30am People of St. Joseph

THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022

8:30am Eleanor Bandera

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2022

8:30am Souls in Purgatory

SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2022

10:30am First Communion

5:15pm Clement & Jeanette Framarin

John & Betty Vallone

SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2022

8:00am Corinne Schillings & Andrew Roccella

Julia Berschinski

10:30am Richard Franco

Martha Gadrim

MASS INTENTIONS

Please call or visit the parish rectory if you would like to schedule a mass intention for the year 2022.

Mass Celebrants

Saturday, May 7, 2022

5:15 PM Fr. Ron

Sunday, May 8, 2022

8:00 AM Fr. Ron

10:30 AM Fr. Dan

Around the Parish

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Knights of Columbus (Bob Major, Grand Knight; Mike Hoffman, Deputy GK): Members of our Marian Council # 3761kindly took responsible for changing the corpus on the cross in the sanctuary on Holy Saturday. As a last-minute request, they also took time to set-up additional seating in the back of church to accommodate the increased number of persons who attended Mass on Easter.

Lectors (Mike Ormsby & Thomas Brabec, Chairpersons): More than a dozen readers prepared challenging excerpts of sacred scripture to proclaim during Palm Sunday and the Triduum. In the case of the Passions from Luke and John's gospels, the amount of reading was significant. Their voices helped tell the story of Christ's journey to the Cross.

Liturgy Writing Team (Janet Ormsby): This committee of parishioners met to discuss, pray and author the prayers of our faith-community which were read at each liturgy, except Good Friday. They also typeset and deliver these prayers to church, every week.

Music Ministry (Walter Whitehouse, Organist; John Ligda, Director, Ruth Austing, Librarian):A choir of approximately 24 devoted members from a pre-pandemic era assembled and rehearsed a total of more than 20-hours in the weeks leading up to Easter. They gathered 5-days in a row, from Wednesday of Holy Week through Easter Sunday to sing all the liturgies (about 10-hours of service).

Sanctuary Guild (Magda Hepokoski, Chairperson): This committee of just two parishioners wash, dry, iron, and dress all the Altar linens, weekly. They also prepare the candles, launder vestments, and prepare and clean several other essential items for liturgy. We are grateful for their hours of devoted and "behind the scenes" service.

Ushers (Jim Wright, Chairperson): This team of volunteers not only greet the congregation before and after liturgy, they help distribute (and collect) worship aids and congregational candles, and they are the main distribution network for our parish Sunday bulletin. They seat visitors, pass the collection basket, and assist in helping maintain a solemn environment for worship.

Other individuals who graciously volunteered to participate in the rituals of the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday) include: Marie Cyborski, Theresa Funke, Michael Cap, George McCrowy, John Blasden and son, Dobaro Dogisso and his wife Alemnesh Hailu, Bill O'Brien, Julie Orbik, Erin Roeper, and Deacon George Maddock, to name just a few. Finally, Agatha Kienzle in the Rectory Office was an invaluable member of the parish staff who collaborated with all ministries and clergy.

I apologize if I failed to acknowledge any person or group of volunteers. It is difficult to name each and every generous individual by name. Collectively your dedication to the parish named in honor of Saint Joseph, foster father of Jesus Christ, has been a blessing to so many. Thank you for making this Easter a truly special and memorable experience.

John Ligda,
Director of Music & Liturgy Committee Chairperson

Thank You to our Arts and Environment Ministry for decorating Saint Joseph Church!

A&E committee volunteers following — for many — their 4th day of decorating during Holy Week:

Top Row (left to right): Jose Medina, Kathy Troxel, Erin Roeper, Selene Willard, Karen Leader, Hillary Hardt, Brenda White, Arla Blocker

Second Row: Milt Hardt, Pat DelBianco, Mary Beth Johnson, Robbie Delson, Kathy Pagel

(Not pictured— Danny Fernandez who was called into work Sat at 6 am!)

Around the Parish

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THANK YOU!

Thank you to the many parishioners who have participated in the special collection for Easter flowers. Below are the names of the loved ones especially remembered during the Easter Season:

Deceased of Cassidy & Van Etten Family

Viola Dobrovits

Hill Family

Lucille Leader

Robert & Ella Jane Lewis

Vicky Marino

Josephine Mihalko

Sarah Park

Manuel Perales

Blessing of Easter Baskets on Holy Saturday

Around the Parish

Knights of Columbus help A & E

Thanks to our friends from the Knights of Columbus, the Risen Christ Corpus has been installed for the Easter season. As you can see from these pictures, it was QUITE the project taking down the Crucified Jesus corpus and putting up that of the Risen Christ. Both are heavy and awkward to handle — and carrying them up those ladders is not for the feint of heart!

The A & E Committee extends its gratitude to these men for their assistance on Saturday morning, April 16!

The Parish of St. Joseph
Invites You to Celebrate

Sunday, May 15th
at 10:30am Mass

Communal Anointing of the Sick

All those suffering with illness and affliction are invited to come and receive Holy Anointing.

Is anyone among you sick? He should summon the presbyters of the church, and they should pray over him and anoint [him] with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick person, and the Lord will raise him up. If he has committed any sins, he will be forgiven." ***James 5:14-15***

SOUTH HOLLAND Master Chorale

SHMC Concert
Sunday, May 15th at 4:00pm

South Holland Master Chorale will give two concerts in May to conclude its current musical season. They will be the final concerts directed by Albert M. Jackson, musical director, who is retiring. Performances by the 80-member chorale will be at **4 p.m. on Sunday, May 15, at St. Joseph Catholic Church**, 17951 Dixie Highway, Homewood, and 4 p.m. on Sunday, May 22, at St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church, 880 E. 154th Street, South Holland.

Admission to the concerts is free; donations will be accepted.

Audience members are asked to follow updated CDC guidelines regarding wearing of masks at the concerts, with consideration of their own health and the health of others in attendance.

For more information, please visit: .southhollandmasterchorale.org or email chorale@southholland.org.

Around the Parish

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St. Joseph Catholic Church
May, 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Mass 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM Religious Education Classes in School 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Mass 3rd Sunday of Easter	**2** 6:30 AM - 7:00 AM Communion Service in Church 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Adoration in Church 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM SHMC Rehearsal in Church	**3** 6:30 AM - 7:00 AM Communion Service in Church 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Book Club in Tolton Room 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Tolton Room-Reserved	**4** 6:30 AM - 7:00 AM Communion Service in Church 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM St. Vincent De Paul Mtg in Tolton Rm 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM Memorial Mass/Francisco Munoz 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Choir Rehearsal in Church	**5** 6:30 AM - 7:00 AM Communion Service in Church 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM TOPS in Tolton Room 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Piecemaker Quilters in Tolton Room 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM First Communion Practice in Church 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Knights of Columbus in Tolton Room	**6** 6:30 AM - 7:00 AM Communion Service in Church 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass	**7** Second Collection for Catholic Charities 6:30 AM - 7:00 AM Communion Service in Church 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM First Communion in Church 5:15 PM - 6:15 PM Mass
8 Second Collection for Catholic Charities 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Mass 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM May Crowning/Mass in Church 4th Sunday of Easter Mother's Day	**9** 6:30 AM - 7:00 AM Communion Service in Church 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Adoration in Church 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM SHMC Rehearsal in Church	**10** 6:30 AM - 7:00 AM Communion Service in Church 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM The Renew My Church (RMC) Listening Session in Church 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Tolton Room-Reserved	**11** 6:30 AM - 7:00 AM Communion Service in Church 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Choir Rehearsal in Church	**12** 6:30 AM - 7:00 AM Communion Service in Church 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM TOPS in Tolton Room 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Piecemaker Quilters in Tolton Room 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM SHMC Rehearsal in Church	**13** 6:30 AM - 7:00 AM Communion Service in Church 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass	**14** 6:30 AM - 7:00 AM Communion Service in Church 5:15 PM - 6:15 PM Mass
15 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Mass 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM Religious Education Classes in School 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Mass/Communal Anointing of the Sick 11:30 AM - 7:00 PM SHMC in Tolton Room 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Men's Group in BC-NR 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM SHMC Rehearsal in Church 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM SHMC Concert in Church 5th Sunday of Easter	**16** 6:30 AM - 7:00 AM Communion Service in Church 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Adoration in Church	**17** 6:30 AM - 7:00 AM Communion Service in Church 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Tolton Room-Reserved	**18** 6:30 AM - 7:00 AM Communion Service in Church 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM St. Vincent De Paul Mtg in Tolton Rm 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Choir Rehearsal in Church	**19** 6:30 AM - 7:00 AM Communion Service in Church 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM TOPS in Tolton Room 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Piecemaker Quilters in Tolton Room 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Knights of Columbus in Tolton Room	**20** 6:30 AM - 7:00 AM Communion Service in Church 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass	**21** 6:30 AM - 7:00 AM Communion Service in Church 5:15 PM - 6:15 PM Mass
22 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Mass 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM Religious Education Classes in School 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Mass 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM Baptism in Church 6th Sunday of Easter	**23** 6:30 AM - 7:00 AM Communion Service in Church 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Adoration in Church	**24** 6:30 AM - 7:00 AM Communion Service in Church 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Tolton Room-Reserved	**25** 6:30 AM - 7:00 AM Communion Service in Church 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Cooking for PADS in Kitchen/School 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Choir Rehearsal in Church	**26** 6:00 AM - 8:00 AM Cooking for PADS in Kitchen/School 6:30 AM - 7:00 AM Communion Service in Church 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM TOPS in Tolton Room 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Piecemaker Quilters in Tolton Room	**27** 6:30 AM - 7:00 AM Communion Service in Church 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass	**28** 6:30 AM - 7:00 AM Communion Service in Church 5:15 PM - 6:15 PM Mass
29 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Mass 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Mass Ascension of of the Lord	**30** Memorial Day 6:30 AM - 7:00 AM Communion Service in Church 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Adoration in Church	**31** 6:30 AM - 7:00 AM Communion Service in Church 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM Tolton Room-Reserved				

Body & Soul

Pray for the Sick

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Sam Amundsen
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Valerie Easter
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Janet Hernandez
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Ruth & Mike Maddock
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Theresa Nelson Milsap
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Antonia Mora
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Susan Ormsby
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Verna Powell
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Frederico Rivera
Ana Rodriguez
Mary Rohan
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John Schmidt
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Judith Polo-Sinclair
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Matthew Smith
Emmy Tioran
Ruthann Tomaszewski
Anthony Van
Annie Wards
Silas Wheeler
Benjamin Wicks
Mary Ellen Wilson
Amy Windju
Jim Wright
Michael Wright
Janet Zaio

Color Denotes Recently Added Attention Family Members

After 4 weeks, please notify the Rectory if your loved one still needs our prayers.

Prayers for Our Troops

Please pray for the men and women in our Armed Forces. May God protect them and return them safely to their families:

Pfc Paul Bisceglia, US Army
Lt. Rebecca Conti-Vock
Capt. Noel Conrad
Capt. Aaron Christian Deal
Lt. Thomas Devane
SCPO Peter Donaldson
Airman Alex Fuentes
SF Ranger Christopher John Jones
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MGYSGT Joseph Unwood
PFC Alexander D. Urban
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Capt. Jennifer Worman

Communion to the Sick

The Ministers of Care will bring Communion to the sick and the homebound either at the hospital or in the home upon request. Please call the Rectory to make arrangements, 708-798-0622.

Prayer Ministry

Prayer requests* can be submitted :

- On the Parish website: stjoehomewood.org/prayer-requests
- By calling the Rectory and dial 77
- Email: prayers@posjhomewood.org

From Death to Eternal Life
Please Pray for

Maureen E. Milord
(August 21, 1933 - April 20, 2022)

May the choir of angels lead him into Paradise.

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