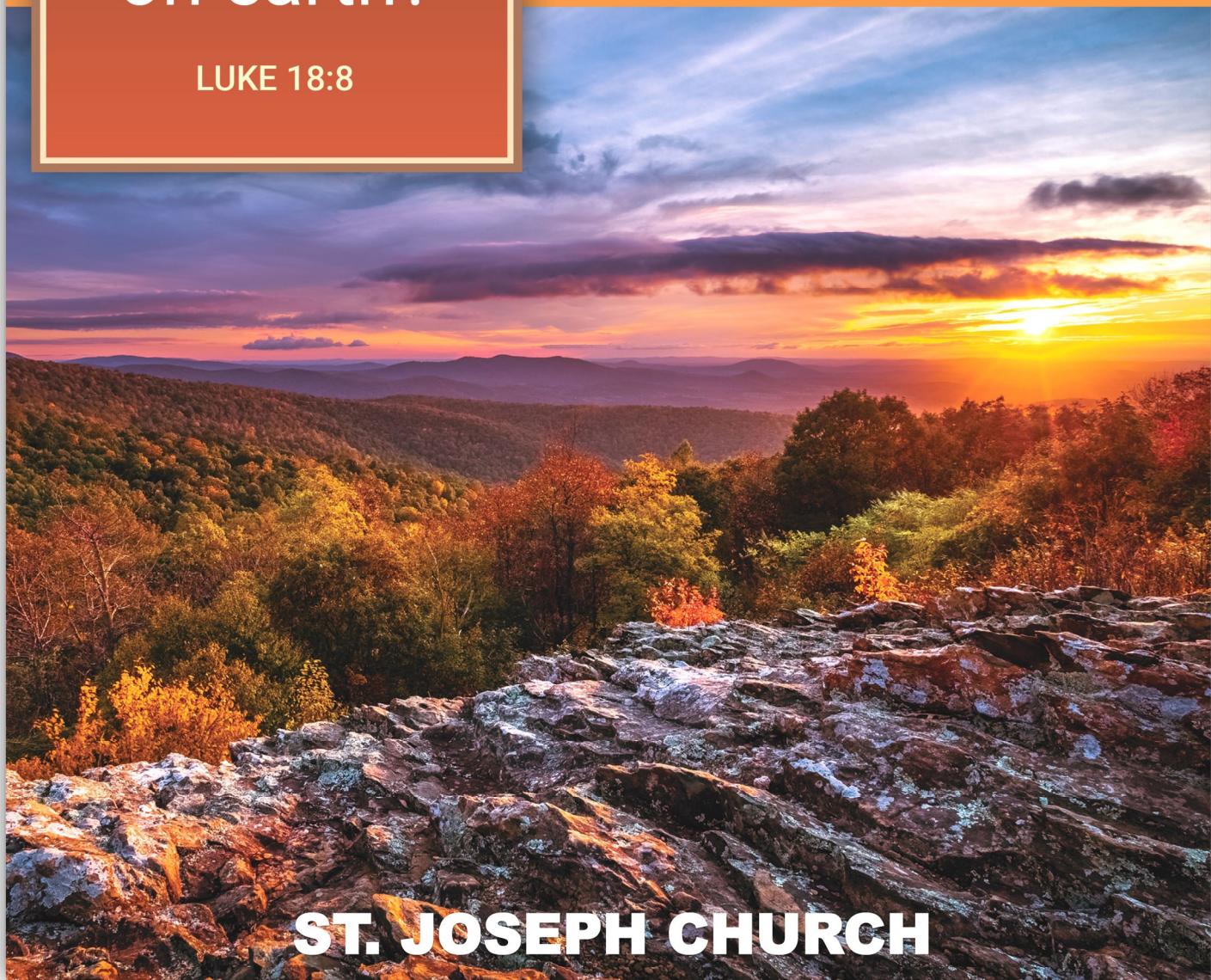


When the
Son of Man
comes,
will he
find faith
on earth?

LUKE 18:8

Twenty-Ninth
Sunday in
Ordinary Time

October 20, 2019



ST. JOSEPH CHURCH

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7:00 am (Monday-Friday)

8:00 am (Saturday)

Weekday Holy Days: Call for schedule

Sacrament of Reconciliation: (Confession)

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God's Call to Us

(The St. Joseph Parish Mission Statement)

St. Joseph Parish is a community chosen and called by God to be sent and directed by the Holy Spirit.

It exists to provide the People of God the pastoral care and spiritual nourishment they need to proclaim the good news of Christ in their lives and to the world.

Our Response to God's Call

(The St. Joseph Parish Vision Statement)

St. Joseph Parish is a community of God's People empowered by the Holy Spirit to promote God's reign in the world.

Nourished by Word and Sacrament, we will grow together in faith, hope, and in a passionate love of God and neighbor.

In our families, we will teach and learn the love of Jesus Christ.

In our various occupations we will make decisions and set priorities in accordance with the values of the Gospel.

And in the world around us we will stand always for justice, compassion and peace.

Sacraments

Baptisms: We celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism every Sunday. Parents are required to attend a Baptismal formation meeting. Baptisms are scheduled at this meeting. Please call the Parish Center for reservations and further information.

Marriages: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance to provide ample time for preparation of this sacrament. Please call the Parish Center for more information.

Sick or Homebound: If you or a member of your family is hospitalized or homebound and would like a priest to visit, please notify the Parish Center.

Parish Boundaries: North: Tollway; South: 59th St. East: Prospect Avenue and extensions north and south; West: Belmont Avenue

To Register Your Child at St. Joseph School

Email register@sjsgd.org and you will receive instructions how to register a new student or returning student online. Registrations accepted anytime throughout the school year. For school tours, please call the school office.

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from the Pastor



LOVE OF GOD MEANS LOVE OF ALL, BORN AND UNBORN

Our love for God must find expression in everything we think, do and say. It must not be “kept under a bushel” but must have both private and public dimensions, lest we end up being somehow of two minds. In its public expression, our love for God is not limited to public worship. It has always flourished, when not impeded by hostile forces, in various charitable efforts toward the poor especially, and has fostered Christian education as well. Millions of followers of Christ have served God and neighbor in many different social and political climates. Not only in the U.S., but in other countries, too, Christians hold elective offices at many levels of government. The Church has long noted the vocation to public service. The Church has also cautioned her members in such important roles of elected office to beware the danger of a false pluralism:

Since the entry of Catholics into the U.S. political mainstream, believers have struggled to balance their faith with the perceived demands of democratic pluralism. As a result, *some* Catholic elected officials have adopted the argument that while they *personally* oppose evils like abortion, they cannot force their religious views onto the wider society. This is seriously mistaken on several key counts. First, regarding abortion, the point when human life begins is not a religious belief but a scientific fact—a fact on which there is clear agreement even among leading abortion advocates. Second, the sanctity of human life is not merely Catholic doctrine but part of humanity’s global ethical heritage and our nation’s founding principle. Finally, democracy is not served by silence. Most Americans would recognize the contradiction in the statement, “While I am personally opposed to slavery or racism or sexism, I cannot force my personal view on the rest of society.” Real pluralism depends on people of conviction struggling vigorously to advance their beliefs by every ethical and legal means at their disposal. Today, Catholics risk cooperating in a false pluralism. *Only* tireless promotion of the truth about the human person can infuse democracy with the right values. (From: Living the Gospel of Life: A Challenge to American Catholics-A Statement from the U.S. Catholic Bishops, 198; #'s 24 & 25).

The message of the universal Church and that of our own U.S. Catholic bishops has been consistently pro-life in every way, from conception to natural death. The message has grown stronger since the 1998 statement **Living the Gospel of Life**, quoted above. The need to proclaim the right to life is constant. In the hostile environment created by 46 years of legal abortion, many citizens have been desensitized to the horror of it all. We’ve also come to see the political muscle flexed by well-funded efforts, successful in Oregon and Washington state, to legalize “assisted” suicide. Like legal abortion, such dreadful treatment of the terminally ill is euphemistically called such things as compassion, mercy or personal choice. These evils must be opposed with the spiritual weapons at hand: the Rosary of Our Lady, the strength we receive from the Eucharist, and the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. We also have a *dire* need to education on these and other moral issues such as embryonic stem cell research. Do we even know *why* the Church opposes this? Simply put, because the embryo is already a person. Not a *potential* human being, but a *fellow* human being. Not to be subjected to and then destroyed by unethical researchers, however noble the goal of their research. It’s evermore a time for intense prayer for the nation and the Church that we might wake up to the myriad challenges to everyone’s human rights which, after all, come from God.

Sincerely,
Fr. Albert

Stewardship

We are Baptized and Sent! World Mission Sunday 2019

Today, World Mission Sunday, in this Extraordinary Missionary Month, we are called to personal encounter with Jesus Christ alive in the Church, and to offer, through this Eucharistic celebration, our prayers and our generous financial support, through the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, to continue the mission of Jesus. Today we are "sent" out to witness to Mission in the world through our prayers and personal sacrifices for our brothers and sisters around the world. As little as...

\$25 helps support a catechist for a month in remote Latin America

\$75 provides for the work of religious Sisters caring for orphaned children in Africa

\$100 assists poor children in boarding schools in Asia



As always, your prayers are your most treasured gift to the Missions. Your prayers and financial help, offered today, WORLD MISSION SUNDAY, supports mission priests, religious Sisters and Brothers, and lay catechists who are Christ's witnesses to a world so in need of His healing, love, and peace.

A Stewardship Moment

If we want to know what Jesus' parable is about in today's Gospel, it seems that we don't need to work too hard because Saint Luke tell us right at the beginning: "Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart." This parable has often been used to bring comfort to us about our prayer life. But could there be a more challenging message for those who take stewardship seriously? Widows were the poorest and most vulnerable of people in Jesus' time. Oppressive legal and economic structures were the norm. Jesus embraced with great compassion the poor and the marginalized. Could it be that we are also encouraged to pray persistently for the poor, the weak and the vulnerable as we hear their cry for justice? And that we must not lose heart that we can effect change in their lives?

St. Vincent de Paul Clothing Drive at St. Joseph Church

The SVDP truck will be in our parking lot:

November 2 • 3:00 to 6:00 pm

November 3 • 6:45 am to 1:00 pm

Are You Called to the Permanent Diaconate?

The Diocese of Joliet has begun the process of inviting men to discern the call to the diaconate.

For more information and to access the application, visit our website at www.deaconapp.org.



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Stewardship and “Screwtape” A Message for Halloween!

Imagine a stranger coming to your door, making demands accompanied by threats. Worse, he's wearing a disguise. The night is dark, the moon hidden by fall leaves still clinging to the trees. What a terrifying scenario.

But, wait! It's October 31, and the strangers are very small. They're disguised as little Batmen and ballerinas, pirates and princesses, and their demands and threats are accompanied by tiny “pleases” and “thank yous.” It's Halloween, and it's actually a magical scenario.

A great deal of life is framed by our perceptions, isn't it? How we approach a situation, whether we see a threat or a promise, a trick, or perhaps a treat, depends so much on our own attitude and the honesty we bring to our lives.

In his classic book, *The Screwtape Letters*, C.S. Lewis portrays a senior devil, Screwtape, as a bureaucrat who is mentoring a young devil named Wormwood in how to be a tricky enemy of humanity. Screwtape knows that one of the best ways to seduce people to evil is to persuade them to rationalize their choices. The more dishonesty Screwtape can help us finagle into our reasoning, the more successful the devil's enterprise.



How we approach a situation, whether we see a threat or a promise, a trick, or perhaps a treat, depends so much on our own attitude and the honesty we bring to our lives.

It's a great book for stewardship reading, because it makes us reexamine our own perceptions of evil and good in our lives.

“I think I should stay home from Mass this morning. God knows I really need the rest.” “I don't really have any talents to offer my parish in this year's ministry sign-ups.” “I earned this money and it's mine. What I do with it is my business.”

Screwtape would probably be very pleased with those rationalizations. They help us to “trick” ourselves into accepting a false scenario. This timeless book by C.S. Lewis helps us understand the varying methods that the devil uses to keep Christians shallow in their faith and disconnected from God. As the Apostle Peter writes in 1 Peter 5:8-9: “Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in faith...” If you want to give yourself a “treat” for Halloween, pick up a copy of *The Screwtape Letters* and see how it relates to your own life.

Playing for Miracles

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet, is hosting “Playing for Miracles,” a fun and lively fundraiser on Friday, November 15 at Carlisle Banquets (435 East Butterfield Road) in Lombard. The event features open bar, dinner, charitable gaming, silent and live auction! It's sure to be a great time!



Tickets are \$175 each and are available online at catholiccharitiesjoliet.org or by calling 815.724.1140. All funds raised will be directed to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet.

A Call to Stewardship Fiscal Year Stewardship Information Sunday, October 13

Year-to-Date Goal	\$ 396,000.00
Actual Year-to-Date Gifts	\$ 342,387.79
Amount Short of Needed Goal	\$ 53,612.21
Weekly Sunday Goal	\$ 26,400.00
Sunday Contributions	\$ 15,278.00
Electronic Contributions	\$ 13,531.00
Gifts from October 13	\$ 28,809.00

Thanks for Giving First Fruits and Taking a Step!



BEARS VS CHARGERS



JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS TO HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR:
COATS FOR KIDS

Sunday, October 27 @ 12:00 pm

**Chicago Bears vs Los Angeles Chargers
on the big screen in the School Hall**

**We'll have lots of snacks, so bring your appetite!
We will also have a 50/50 Raffle and Door Prize!**

Free will donation at the door.

Please contact darcarokofc@gmail.com for more information.

St. Joseph Parish Events ~ Week of October 20

Sunday, October 20

9:00 am	Rel Education
10:00 am	RCIA
11:00 am	Knights of Columbus
12:30 pm	Baptisms
7:00 pm	Taizé Prayer

Monday, October 21

9:00 am	Physical Fitness Group
3:30 am	AHG
6:00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 pm	CCW
7:00 pm	Book of Romans Bible Study

Tuesday, October 22

9:30 am	Bible Study
7:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 23

9:00 am	Physical Fitness Group
1:00 pm	Contemplative Prayer Group

Wednesday, October 23

4:00 pm	Rel Education
6:30 pm	SAFE
6:30 pm	YA Rosary
7:00 pm	Handbells
7:00 pm	SJSM Rehearsal
7:00 pm	Life Savers

Thursday, October 24

4:00 pm	Rel Education
7:00 pm	Legion of Mary
7:00 pm	Men's Video
7:00 pm	Parish Ctr Conf rm
7:00 pm	Church hall 2

Friday, October 25

9:00 am	Physical Fitness Group
7:00 pm	Baptism Prep

Saturday, October 26

3:30 pm	Confessions
6:00 pm	YA Octoberfest

Church/School/ School hall
Large Conf Room
Youth Rm/Dining Rm
Church hall 2/3
Chapel/Music rm
Dining rm

Church/School/ School hall
Parish Ctr Conf rm
Church hall 2
Church hall 2

Chapel
Parking lot/Narthex



October is Respect Life Month

Scared? You could save a life!



If you've never done it before, the idea of praying in front of an abortion business can be intimidating.

What is it actually like to pray at a 40 Days for Life campaign?

We answer that question on this week's episode of *The 40 Days for Life Podcast*.

SPOILER ALERT: It's actually NOT scary or difficult to join your local *40 Days for Life* vigil.

40 Days for Life Outreach Director and longtime Planned Parenthood manager Sue Thayer discusses how she **overcame the fear of facing her former coworkers** to pray in front of her old workplace. Campaign Director Steve Karlen talks about his much worse excuse for delaying his first visit to the vigil.

Whatever might be holding you back from signing up to pray, take heart. **ONE MILLION volunteers** have participated in a *40 Days for Life* campaign--you can too!

Listen in by visiting:

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/praying-at-an-abortion-facility-what-to-expectpodcast-season-4-episode-40>.



Reminder: Bring your (filled) baby bottles back!



St. Joseph Catholics for Life: Promoting the Culture of Life through Prayer, Education, & Action

For more information, or to be added to our mailing list, email SJC.ProLife@gmail.com, or call Bob LeMay at 630.464.5344.

October Honoring All Life During “Respect Life Month”

Mass for Those Who Mourn the Death of a Child

October 27, 11:00 am Mass

(through pregnancy loss and infant death which includes
miscarriage, stillbirth, and SIDS)

“Human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception. From the first moment of his existence, a human being must be recognized as having the rights of a person – among which is the inviolable right of every innocent being to life.”
– *Catechism of the Catholic Church* 2270

Volunteers Needed

Do you have a heart for life and want to help women thrive? Then Waterleaf's Aspire Education and Resource Center is the place for you! Aspire is our new Resource & Education Center that will be located in the new Waterleaf building. Aspire will focus on addressing patient needs both before a pregnancy decision is made so they are aware of all the assistance available to them within the community and with Aspire, and once they've decided to parent.



Volunteer Opportunities: Resource Specialists

Minimum five hours/one day a week. Work directly with patients to develop and provide in-house and community resources/referrals that benefit the patient's long-term needs. Helps patients navigate through various on-line classes including childbirth, parenting, budgeting, life-skills and more. Works with patients throughout pregnancy and beyond, ensuring they have the help needed to succeed as a parent and individual. Counseling or social work experience a plus, but not required. For more information, please contact Sheryl Finn, Director of Education and Resources at 630.701.6270.



The Ministry of the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

Training Session on Monday, October 28 at 7:00 pm

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion assist the Priest in distributing Holy Communion at Masses. Our Lord, present under the forms of bread and wine, is food for our journey to the kingdom! For those interested in becoming Extraordinary Ministers, there are special formation sessions which focus on the spirituality of the minister, the ritual of the Eucharist, and guidelines specific to St. Joseph Parish.

The next formation session for those interested will be held on Monday, October 28, at 7:00 pm. *Pre-registration is very important!* Please contact Rob Visher (630.244.6813 or rvisher@gmail.com) before the training session for details if you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. You may also contact Bob Valle, Director of Music/Liturgist at the parish (630.964.0216, ext. 1209 or bvalle@sjpdg.org.)

Alzheimer's Association Support Group

Do you care for someone diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or a related dementia? Are you looking for information and support? You are not alone.

Alzheimer's Association Support Groups provide emotional, educational and social support for family and friends of individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other related dementias.

Every third Wednesday

3:00—4:00 pm

Community Adult Day Center

4501 Main St., Room 108, Downers Grove
630.968.1060

These support groups are intended for family caregivers of individuals in the middle to later stages of Alzheimer's disease/other dementias.

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SAFE Recovery Meetings for Women

SAFE Recovery meetings are for women who struggle with addictions to alcohol or drugs and/or loves someone who does. We support one another by working through the Christian 12-Steps together. We invite you to join us on this journey of hope and healing as we meet every Wednesday at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center at St. Joseph Church in Downers Grove.

Contact us at carrie@sacredatmosphere.com.

Legion of Mary

Thursday's • St. Joe Parish Center • 7:00 pm

Our parish has a Legion of Mary ministry. Its primary purpose is to bring people to Jesus Christ through the imitation of the virtues of Mary. The Legion strives to increase the faith and holiness of its members through prayer and works.

If you are interested in joining this ministry, contact Robert Mesch at 630.204.5072 or email Robert.mesch@gmail.com.



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Eucharistic Adoration

Mondays from 6:00 to 9:00 pm • St. Joseph Chapel
Holy Rosary at 7:30 pm

Stop in the chapel any time between 6:00 and 9:00 pm for a few minutes or however much time you wish to spend with Our Lord. He is waiting for you!

"Blessed are they who do not see and yet believe..." - John 20:29



Fragrant Forgiveness

Forgiveness is the fragrance a violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it. — *Mark Twain*

November : A Time to Rejoice, to Remember, and to Give Thanks



As the autumn season comes to an end each year, the leaves change their colors, fall to the ground, and become a part of the earth that once nurtured them. Though not a liturgical season, November liturgies are filled with scripture, prayers, and songs that reflect the end of time and call each of us to prepare for that final day when the Lord gathers us to himself just as the harvest is gathered from the land. The days of Ordinary Time culminate with the celebration of the *Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe* on Sunday, November 24 and flow into the coming Advent season. And as a nation, we gather for our own national holy day - Thanksgiving - to give thanks to God, the giver of all gifts.

Solemnity of All Saints

(Friday, November 1) Masses 6:30 AM, 12:00 Noon and 7:30 PM

This year the Solemnity of All Saints is celebrated on Friday. We gather and rejoice for all the holy men and women who now live in God's presence and serve as examples and companions to us in our daily lives. Come pray the Eucharist on this day and perhaps celebrate your own patron saint or one whose charism and life has helped to shape your life in Christ.

The Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed - All Souls (Tuesday, November 5) 7:30 PM

A *Mass of Remembrance* will be celebrated on Tuesday, November 5 at 7:30 pm for the intention of all the faithful departed. Each year St. Joseph Church remembers in a special way those members of our parish community who have died this year by calling out their names. We also remember anyone who has died and acknowledge that many still mourn the death of loved ones; and we continue to pray on their behalf to our compassionate God. (*Please note the 7:00 am morning Mass will still be celebrated.*)

THREE WAYS TO CELEBRATE OUR UNITY WITH OTHER CHRISTIANS

Saint Joseph Contemplative Prayer Group

Meditation in the Christian Tradition

Wednesdays, 1:00 – 2:00 pm
November 6, 13, 20 in the Parish Center Library.

Come and share quiet meditation with others and strengthen your own contemplative practice before God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Our prayer will be grounded by readings centered on gratitude.

The Contemplative Prayer Group will not meet on Wednesday, November 27.

Prayer in the Spirit of the Taizé Community

Sunday, November 17
7:00 pm

This ecumenical prayer for peace among all Christians and for reconciliation among all peoples is celebrated on the third Sunday of the month at 7:00 pm. The prayer in November will be shaped in a spirit of gratitude calling to mind all God's gifts.

THANKSGIVING DAY Thursday, November 28, 9:00 AM

Celebrate Thanksgiving Day with your parish at the 9:00 am Mass. We gather to offer thanks and praise as many households, but one family in Christ. Members of the assembly will carry non-perishable food items in procession at the Preparation of the Gifts. This ritual of solidarity with those in need helps the St. Vincent de Paul Society continue its mission of service to those who hunger and to offer support for their households.

Community Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service

Tuesday, November 26, 7:00 pm at St. Luke Presbyterian Church
5235 Fairview Avenue
Downers Grove





New Beginnings is a weekly self-help support group for widowed, divorced, or those going through a divorce as we adjust to our new roles as singles again. We also have speakers to inspire us. Come hear Grammy winner (at 26) Terry Abrahamson present his interactive Blues Blast for our enjoyment, October 29, 7:30 pm at St. Raphael's Church, 1215 Modaff Road, Naperville.

Terry has written songs for Muddy Waters, helped launch the career of George Thorogood, created the first radio commercial performed by John Lee Hooker, hung backstage with Willie Dixon and the Rolling Stones. The renowned Johnny Winter produced and recorded his music. His book, "In the Belly of the Blues" is part of The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame's Library.

Join us every Tuesday night, 7:30 pm (arrive 7:15 pm) at St. Raphael's Church. Besides having speakers, we have a rotating schedule of discussions. See more details and any schedule changes, especially any last minute speaker changes:

<http://www.newbeginnings-naperville.com> and view videos for divorced or widowed experiences.

Come see if we can be part of your future.



All Cursillesta's (and those interested in being introduced to the Worldwide Catholic Cursillo Movement) are invited to attend an Ultreya to be held at St. Joseph Church. An Ultreya is a monthly gathering of adults who have either attended a Cursillo retreat or are interested in the possibility of attending one in the future. In Spanish, Cursillo means "Short Course in Christianity" and Ultreya means Onward!

**St. Joseph Church
Thursday, November 7 • 6:30 pm
Speaker: TBD**

The Ultreya begins with Mass at 6:30 pm followed by a witness speaker. The Ultreya will end no later than 8:00 pm. There will be members in attendance eager to share information with anyone seeking to deepen their relationship with Christ through the method offered within the Cursillo movement.

Come join us. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Contact Benote Wimp 630.244.6051, Marta Spiezio 630.234.0434 or Kelly Aguayo 630.212.3331 for more information.



Tell the Story of Our Faith! The Ministry of the Lector at Saint Joseph Parish Training Session on Saturday, November 2 at 9:00 am

Lectors proclaim the word of God at liturgical celebrations. The lector is a liturgical minister who feeds the assembly at the Table of God's Word. He or she tells the living story of our faith and is the instrument through which God speaks to the gathered assembly. Lector formation includes a basic introduction to Scripture as it relates to Sunday liturgy, familiarity with the Lectionary (the ritual book for Scripture), and the practical considerations for public reading within the context of worship.

A training and formation session for those interested in the ministry of the lector will be held on Saturday, November 2, at 9:00 am. *Pre-registration is very important.* Please contact Bob Valle, Director of Music/Liturgist at the parish (630.964.0216, ext. 1209 or bvalle@sjpdg.org) before attending the training session for details if you are interested in becoming a lector.



Christmas Carols in October?



Join the St. Joseph Music Ministry

Singing Christmas carols in October is what it takes to be ready to sing the great carols of the season as well as other liturgical music for the days of Christmas. Now is the time to join choirs and help our parish celebrate the season with great festivity and to see if choir would fit your life's schedule on a regular basis. The St. Joseph Choir (11:00 am Mass) rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 – 9:15 pm. Singers and Musicians (9:00 am Mass) rehearse on Wednesdays from 7:00 – 8:45 pm. We welcome all singers, high school age and older!

Contact Bob Valle, Director of Music/Liturgist (bvalle@sjpdg.org or 630.964.0216, ext. 1209) to become a part of this music ministry and to help lead our assembly to praise.

St. Joseph Youth Apostolate

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION CLASS

Registration is open for the High School Confirmation Program. If you are a high school student who has not been confirmed and desires to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Marta Spiezio, Director of Youth Apostolate, as soon as possible.



HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL EVENT

Stop by the Youth Apostolate "Oktoberfest Tent" after Masses during the weekend of October 26-27 for a fresh grilled bratwurst or hot dog. Help us celebrate ALL HALLOWS EVE by casting your vote for the BEST pumpkin carving! A free will donation will be gratefully accepted and used for students traveling to the March for Life in D.C. as well as to serve the poor this summer on mission trips.



Praying from Sunday to Sunday

Today's Readings

First Reading — As long as Moses kept his hands raised up, Israel had the better of the fight (Exodus 17:8-13). Psalm — Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth (Psalm 121).

Second Reading — Remain faithful to what you have learned and believed (2 Timothy 3:14 — 4:2).

Gospel — Will not God secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night? (Luke 18:1-8).

Readings for the Week

Monday: Rom 4:20-25; Lk 1:69-75; Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21;
Ps 40:7-10, 17; Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18; Ps 124:1b-8; Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a; Ps 119:66, 68, 76-77, 93-94;
Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Rom 8:1-11; Ps 24:1b-4ab, 5-6; Lk 13:1-9

Sunday: Sir 35:12-14, 16-18; Ps 34:2-3, 17-19, 23;
2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18; Lk 18:9-14

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Mission Sunday

Tuesday: St. John Paul II

Wednesday: St. John of Capistrano

Thursday: St. Anthony Mary Claret

Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

Persistence

Today's readings are about persistence, passionate persistence. Exodus tells of a battle won despite weariness because Moses, with help from Aaron and Hur, held his hands raised. Timothy asks that same persistence of his community and us. Luke tells of a court case won by a widow, despite the dishonesty of the judge, because she will not leave him alone. The psalm reminds us that God is everywhere, guarding us from harm day and night, coming and going, now and forever. The readings are about persistence, the relentless, unwavering pursuit of what must not be lost. The readings are about God's passionate persistence in pursuing us, seeking to win our hearts. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

Pray for the Sick

Sam Buonauro, Lou Duller, Alma Grenier, Amanda Grenier, Carrie King, Richard Kus, Louis Latouske, Patrick Lynch, Jack Murray, Tony Schroeder, Keith Venard, and Helena Zieglova

Gospel of Luke 18:9-14 • Sunday, October 27

Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else.

"Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, 'O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity -- greedy, dishonest, adulterous -- or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.' But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, 'O God, be merciful to me a sinner.' I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted."



St. Joseph Parish Community would like to recognize and remember in prayer, ALL ACTIVE DUTY military personnel serving our country here and throughout the world.

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Don't forget...if you need extra prayers said for your special intention, St. Joseph's Prayer "Hot Line" can help. Call Bernadette Borgard at 630.969.3467 or email her at bernmatt@borgard.us with your prayer intention, or if you'd like to join the Prayer Hot Line!



Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 20, 2019

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains; whence shall help come to me? My help is from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

- *Psalm 121:1-2*

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, October 20

- 7:00 AM Eleanor Spevak
9:00 AM Kelsey & Brett Johnson
One Year Wedding Anniversary
11:00 AM Mothers' Spiritual Bouquet
5:00 PM People of the Parish

MONDAY, October 21

- 7:00 AM Kerry Dufresne

TUESDAY, October 22

- 7:00 AM Brian Maher (L)
8:15 AM

WEDNESDAY, October 23

- 7:00 AM Louise Paluchniak

THURSDAY, October 24

- 7:00 AM Joseph Kosizek

FRIDAY, October 25

- 7:00 AM Ed Cox, Jr.

SATURDAY, October 26

- 8:00 AM Robert Diaz
5:00 PM People of the Parish

SUNDAY, October 27

- 7:00 AM William Galvez Courville
9:00 AM Tom, Mary Jane & Mary Ann McKale
11:00 AM John Stanley Poloncsik
5:00 PM Richard Ziegler

Ministry Schedule for Saturday, October 26 and Sunday, October 27

Mass Times	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Altar Servers	Greeters
SATURDAY 5:00 PM	P. Harbauer J. Barbosa	S. Jessee, M. Kennedy, C. Maduzia, L. Maduzia, J. McReynolds, L. Rovens, R. Smith	T. McNulty C. Sipchen H. Baer	J. Rorke M. Rorke
SUNDAY 7:00 AM	C. Bertram J. Bigane	G. Bertram, C. Cavanaugh, J. Menard, M. Menard, C. Whipple, B. Wimp, G. Wroblewski	L. Pacelli J. Pacelli S. Flavin	R. Zyгадло
SUNDAY 9:00 AM	A. Cummins N. Rapach	D. Dryer, T. Dryer, K. Kosowski, P. O'Donnell, S. Smith, T. Smith	J. Congdon C. Van Anne S. Lascari	M. Dunn
SUNDAY 11:00 AM	K. Secrest D. Glass	J. Holcer, L. Koscik, J. Pickering, M. Pickering, M. Taylor, T. Zleczewski	J. Stangl C. Keefer T. Balsamo	R. Tandaric
SUNDAY 5:00 PM	J. Packard-Higgins J. Dhein	M. Dempsey, S. Fahey, J. Gargula, T. Pal, M. Pattanayak, A. Sima, M. Travers	S. Boyle P. Kearney S. O'Neil	

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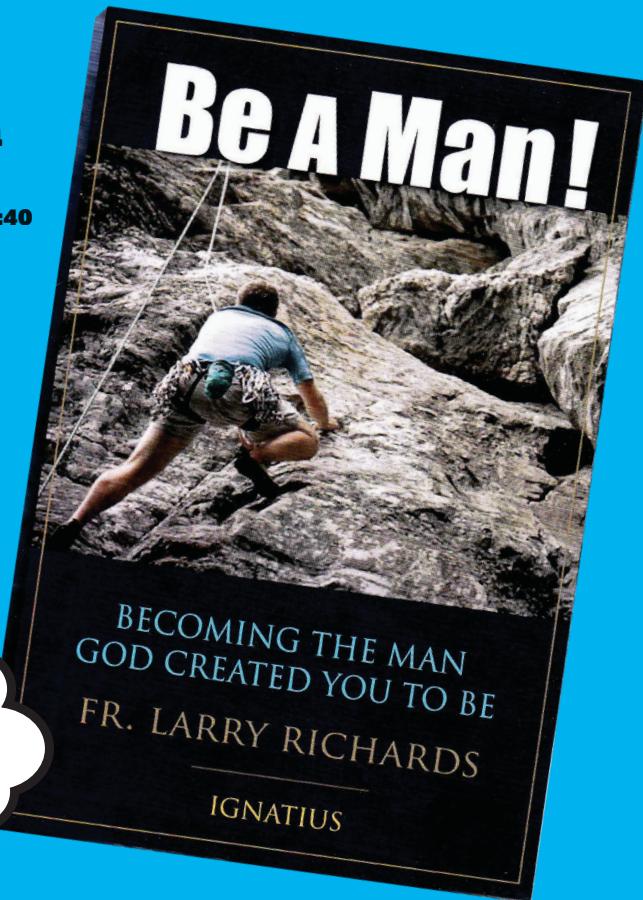
**"Could you not watch
one hour with me?"**

Matthew 26:40

- Show Up
- Watch
- Snack
- Leave



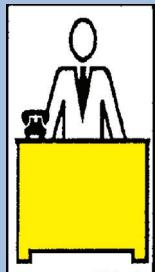
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