

Conference for the Divorced and Widowed on April 1, 2017

Whether a loss of a spouse is through death or divorce, it is a painful process and life transition. This conference will help you better understand your grief and the intense emotions that may accompany it. The goal of this program is to teach you how to move forward and begin to transform your loss and wounds into hope and healing. There will be opportunity to give and receive support from other grievers. We will conclude with a healing ritual.

Our speaker, Tom Barkauskas, is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who has been providing counseling services for over 30 years to all ages. For many years, he found a special niche in hospice work where he became the Director of Social Services. Last year Tom returned to his mental health roots and is now engaging in an outpatient private practice in Aurora and Yorkville. His passion for working with grief and loss has continued and led him to help individuals and families facing illnesses and life transitions. These have included health problems, loss of loved ones, divorce, job loss, relational issues, and other difficult life adjustments. Faith has been a core value guiding him throughout his life. As a Catholic, he offers the option of Christian counseling to his clients.

The conference day begins with a 9:00 a.m. check-in at the Joliet Diocesan Blanchette Catholic Center in Crest Hill, and concludes with a Vigil Mass at 4:00PM. The suggested donation is \$35 which includes morning coffee and refreshments, lunch, and materials. Please register **by March 24** by calling the Office of Family Ministry at **815-838-5334** by using the enclosed registration form, or online at <http://conta.cc/2habtxY>.

LENTEN PRAYER INTENTIONS

During this Lenten season we offer you the opportunity to place your prayer intentions at the foot of the altar. These requests will be remembered at each Mass here throughout all of Lent. Simply write your intentions on a slip of paper (found in the back of church on a table) and place them in the basket in front of the altar or ask an usher to do that for you. You may add prayer petitions, and or prayers of praise and thanksgiving throughout the season of Lent.

Attention All Men and Women

Gather your friends together and join us for an afternoon of fun and friendship! Presence St. Mary's Auxiliary will be hosting their second annual **"Play Your Own Game Card Party"** in an effort to raise funds for Men's Health Services at St. Mary's Hospital. The afternoon is sure to be a great time as there will be chances to win wonderful raffles and door prizes!

This event is being held on **Sunday, March 26th, from 12 noon-4:00 pm** in the **Presence St. Mary's Hospital Franco Conference Center.**

Tickets are \$8 each and include Salads and Dessert Luncheon. Event tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance by calling St. Mary's volunteer Services at 815-937-2479.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

- **Saturdays:** 4:00-4:30 pm
- **PARISH PENANCE SERVICE**
Monday, April 3 at 7 pm
(For the entire parish with the assistance of visiting priests.)
- **TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 3:00-4:00 pm & 6:30-8:30 pm**
(Additional times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation)

6th Annual

St. Patrick's Day Dinner & Dance

Sponsored by

Sts. Mary & Joseph Catholic Church, Chebanse, IL & St. Peters in Clifton

Sat., March 18 2017

6 pm Cash Bar & Basket Auction 6:30 pm Dinner
7:30-10:30 pm Dance

At: Clifton Parish Hall, 445 E. 3rd Ave., Clifton, IL

Enjoy Corned Beef & Cabbage or Chicken Dinner the Irish Way! Served from Honey's Catering of Chebanse Live Band "The Fairchilds". Tickets \$20 each. Wear

Your Green! Must be 21 or Older

For Tickets or More Information Call Bridget Berggren

815-685-6339

Faustina

MESSENGER OF DIVINE MERCY

Come to a professional, live, performance of “Faustina”, the story of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska. This Polish nun, canonized by Pope St. John Paul II, inspired what has become a worldwide devotion to the Divine Mercy. This presentation will be at **St. Margaret Mary Church**, 410 N Main St, **Herscher**, on **Fri., March 10 at 7 pm**. This tremendous Lenten opportunity is free of charge (free will offering will be taken). Refreshments in the Parish Hall afterwards. For more information call: 815-426-2153 or 815-426-2550.

A live multimedia drama performed by Maria Vargo
directed by Leonardo Defilippis
www.divinemercydrama.com

DIVINE INTERVENTION

AN OPEN DISCUSSION ABOUT ANSWERED PRAYERS

At some point in our life we have all experienced God’s intervention. We may call it a “miracle” or that we’ve been “touched by an angel” but no matter how we might describe it, there are many signs that God is deeply involved in our lives.

This is an open invitation to gather with fellow parishioners and friends to share our stories about how God has answered our prayers and how prayer has made a difference in our lives.

Two sessions are planned and will be facilitated by Caroline Wagner, a parishioner here at St. Joseph’s. The dates are: Wednesday, **March 8th** and Wednesday, **March 22** at 7 pm in the parish hall.

To register please call or email the parish office at: 815-468-3403 or stjoemanteno@sbcglobal.net or you may sign up in the narthex on the bulletin board.

BEST LENT EVER

DON'T GIVE UP
chocolate
FOR LENT

We all know the things that make us happy, but we don’t always do them. Lent is an opportunity to change that. This year we invite you to do something different.

Join Dynamic Catholic for Best Lent Ever, a free, video-based email program featuring internationally acclaimed speaker and *New York Times* bestselling author Matthew Kelly. From Ash Wednesday to Easter, Matthew will help you identify what stands between you and happiness . . . and what to do about it. Are you ready for your best Lent ever?

TO SIGN UP, VISIT **BestLentEver.com**

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Sunday Evening Prayer: 4 - 5 pm

Stations of the Cross: 3 pm on all Fridays in March
7 pm on Fridays April 7 & 14

Morning Prayer: 6:45 am Monday thru Friday

THE ROSARY

SUNDAY: 7:25 am & 10 am

THURSDAY: 7:30 am (for vocations)

FRIDAY: 7:30 am

SATURDAY: 4:25 pm

ADORATION

Friday mornings 7:30 am-noon, Benediction 11:50 am

Tuesday evenings 6:00-9:00 pm, Benediction 8:50 pm