

The 2017 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal is underway!



The Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) helps our parish and the Diocese of Joliet to provide countless ministries, programs and services to support our friends and neighbors in immeasurable ways.

Information about the 2017 CMAA and a request to make a pledge has been sent to all parishioners. Please review the materials, pray about how you can help further the ministries funded by our CMAA, and consider making the most generous gift possible.

Our parish goal is \$28,198.00. Help us to exceed this goal in paid pledges. Our parish will receive 70% of the amount over goal for use in our parish! Together, we can continue to spread the Gospel message in our Diocese through our ministries and help God hold us in His hands. Thank you in advance for your support.

St. Joseph Knights of Columbus PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Sunday, January 29, 8 am - Noon

MENU INCLUDES:

Pancakes, French Toast, Eggs, Sausage, Pastries, Fruit,
Coffee, Juice and Milk

COST: \$6 Adults, \$3 Children 7-12, Children 6 and
under FREE, \$18 Family of 4 or more

Proceeds to benefit St. Joseph Youth Ministry

Taize Prayer

Taize Prayer will be offered on the First Friday of the month, at 7:00 pm, at Maternity BVM Parish.

This simple prayer service consists of simple chants, enhanced with orchestral strings, scripture, a service of light, an extended period of silence for meditation, concluding with prayers for the world.

Please join us for this time of quiet on the First Friday of the month, at 7:00 pm, February 3.

Manteno Interfaith Representative Needed

We are looking for a parishioner to represent St. Joseph Church at the Manteno Interfaith meetings. They meet eight times a year. If you are interested, contact the parish office for more information.

Manteno All-Church Musicfest



TO BENEFIT THE MANTENO FOOD PANTRY

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2017 - 7 P.M.

**Manteno Church of the Nazarene
698 N. Locust (Rt. 50) Manteno, IL**

A free-will offering will be taken for the Manteno Food Pantry; we ask for everyone to bring a non-perishable food item for the pantry as well. Refreshments will be served following.

Joining together for the betterment of our community!

VBS 2017 DIRECTOR NEEDED

We are currently looking for a director (this can be one person, two people or a group) to plan and oversee VBS this summer. If you are interested or have questions please contact the RE Office. This person or group of people needs to be in place by the end of February.

“Lord Teach Me To Pray”

A woman's Ignatian prayer series, which teaches women:

- how to listen
- how to further develop their prayer life
- what to do for dryness and obstacles in prayer
- how to meditate and contemplate

They will meet on Monday mornings at 9 am at Lisieux Center from February 13 through May 1st. Call or text Mary Causer at 815-922-0228 to register. A \$20 donation to cover the cost of materials is appreciated.

FAITH FORMATION CORNER

The Faith Formation Commission is publishing two articles a month in the parish bulletin, a blog on the parish website and Facebook. These articles will discuss various topics of the faith in an attempt to engage in new conversations as a parish. One of the monthly articles will be written by our Youth Minister Kevin Byrnes and the other by parishioner and Parish Council member Larry Spiek. Kevin and Larry would love to hear your thoughts and comments. If you have any questions regarding the articles or suggestions on topics you would like discussed, please email Kevin at stjoesmantenoym@gmail.com.

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HUMILITY

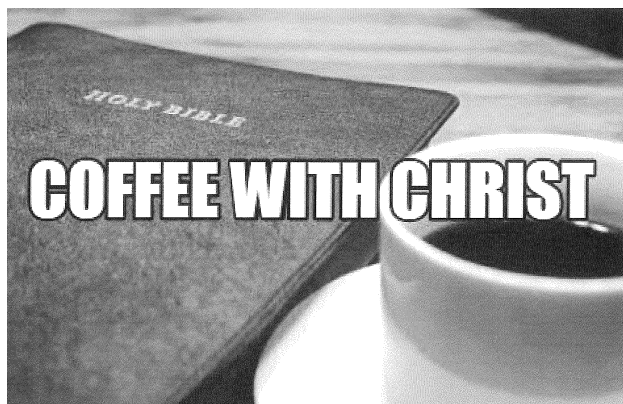
When I was preparing for "Coffee with Christ" (the high school monthly gathering at McDonald's), a passage in I Corinthians stood out. St. Paul was scolding the Corinthians (which he does for most of the letter). He was speaking to them about how they would take each other to civil court. He wanted them to settle their differences among themselves, and then he argued something that caught my eye, "Now indeed [then] it is, in any case, a failure on your part that you have lawsuits against one another. Why not rather put up with injustice? Why not rather let yourselves be cheated?" (I Cor: 6:7). Paul didn't trust the Roman courts to serve justice. He believed, rather than a person risk causing injustice to another, that he accept the injustice for himself. Paul goes on to say, "Instead, you inflict injustice and cheat, and this to brothers. Do you not know that the unjust will not inherit the kingdom of God?" (I Cor 6:8-9). Paul is calling his congregation in Corinth to prefer harm to themselves rather than risk harming other persons. He is calling them to love their brothers. He is calling them to humility.

Humility is a paradox. When we read the Saints we see them completely disparage themselves. St. Teresa of Avila said she did not see a greater sinner in all the saints than she. I'm sure there are plenty of sins we are not aware of, but she was raised in a convent. I don't think she can outdo St. Augustine who lived sin to the fullest before his conversion. Humility is not about tearing yourself down. As C.S. Lewis puts it, "Humility does not mean thinking less of yourself, but of yourself less."

Like most things in the Christian life, humility is a hard line to walk. The most important aspect is self-awareness. We are called to use the gifts given to us, but we cannot use them if we insist we do not have them. Can you imagine giving someone a brand new car for Christmas and he feels so guilty he never drives it? Humility puts our gifts in their proper order. They are meant to be used in service to Jesus and others. Continuing with C.S. Lewis, he reminds us of our duty. He says, "...the doctrine that they did not create themselves, that their talents were given them, and that they might as well be proud of the color of their hair." Putting others before yourself, for your own sake, is the beginning of holiness. All those quotes by (Mother) St. Teresa or any other Saint, about helping others, begin with living humbly. For example, hold the door open for the whole crowd coming through, or do other family members' chores without them asking you. Next month's article will cover more about humility and how it changes the way people see the world.

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Introducing:



**For High School
Youth Ministry**

On the second Saturday of each month. We are meeting at **McDonald's** from 10 am to noon to talk about a topic in the Bible and drink some coffee. **McDonald's** will be providing free unflavored hot coffee or a fountain drink to the teens! Come have a good time, get some free coffee, and learn more about Jesus.

Where: McDonald's in Manteno

When: Second Saturday of the Month — February 11th.

Time: 10 am through 12 pm.

If you want to attend or have any questions, please contact Kevin in the St. Joseph Youth Ministry Office.

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