

**March 10, 6:30p.m. @ St. Elizabeth**

**Fr. Jim Brobst, OMI and  
Fr. Jerry Wickenhauser, MM, present:**  
*Missionary Disciples: being a  
Christ-bearer overseas and  
right where we're planted*

God uses our unique gifts and talents in surprising ways, as the journeys of Fr. Jim and Fr. Jerry attest. Fr. Jim will share his experience of how his call to the mission field led him close to home, while Fr. Jerry will speak about his experiences on the island of Borneo, working with the indigenous Dayak tribe of head-hunters — how he kept his head.

Fr. Jim Brobst, OMI, has been a member of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate for 30 years, and a priest for 25 years. He has worked in inner-city parishes, in training international seminarians and in retreat-house ministry. He currently serves in administration and resides at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville.



Fr. Jerry Wickenhauser, M.M., a retired priest and Maryknoll Missionary from Godfrey, Illinois, has worked in the Philippines, Indonesia, and Brazil.

**March 17, 6:30p.m. @ St. James**

**Deacon Bob Crosby, OFS, presents:**  
*Church History: Glimpsing  
Highlights of the Journey*

Dcn. Bob will build on his popular presentation from last Lent, highlighting church history in the context of secular historical events with emphasis on the history of the Church in the U.S.

Dimensions of the presentation will include social philosophies and technologies and their influence/impact on Church and expressions of faith.

Deacon Bob Crosby, OFS, has a varied background including careers in both the Air Force and corporate world. He is a professed Franciscan, was ordained to the diaconate in 2012, and is currently assigned to St. Jerome Parish in Troy, IL, with ministry support extending to St. James and St. Elizabeth parishes. Dcn. Bob has an A.S. in Mathematics and Science, a B.S. in Industrial Technology, an MS in Meteorology, and a certificate of studies in scripture and theology from St. Meinrad University.

Dcn. Bob's favorite areas of study are an eclectic mix of science, history, scripture, technology, liturgy, and theology. He and his wife Marian recently celebrated 40 years of marriage and are the parents of three and grandparents of one.



**Speaker Series Info:**

- ♦ The speaker series is FREE of charge to any adult (*recommended 18 and older*).
- ♦ Childcare for ages 2 and up is available each night. This will include the dinner provided, games, snacks, & movies.
- ♦ **Six Thursdays of Lent:** Feb. 11, Feb. 18, Feb 25, March 3, March 10 & March 17.
- ♦ Three held at St. James (St. Jacob, IL), and three held at St. Elizabeth (Marine, IL).
- ♦ Funding for the speakers is being provided through our diocese's *Harvest of Thanks, Springtime of Hope* campaign for adult faith formation.

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# LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES

This year instead of  
giving something up.....



.....how about you  
add something?

The 6 Thursdays of Lent ~ 2016

Supper: 6:00-6:30 pm  
Speaker: 6:30-8:00 pm  
Social: 8:00-8:30 pm

**Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m. @ St. James**

Paul Coutinho presents:  
*Year of Mercy: living with  
mindfulness and compassion*

Paul Coutinho explores how the practice of mindfulness enables us to become more compassionate with others and with ourselves. A timely message for the Holy Year of Mercy.

Paul Coutinho is a recognized international scholar and speaker who blends Spirituality and Psychology and brings an Eastern influence on Western spirituality. He leads regular workshops and retreats that respond to the heart's relentless quest for the Divine and a desire to live the fullness of life. He has done doctoral studies in Psychology and has a doctorate in Historical Theology from Saint Louis University. Paul is the author of several books, including his latest, *Sacred Darkness: Encountering Divine Love in Life's Darkest Places*.



**Tri-Parish Pastoral Council thanks:**  
**St. Elizabeth's Altar Sodality**  
**Ladies of St. James**  
**Springfield Diocese • Ron Wildhaber**

**Feb. 18, 6:30 p.m. @ St. James**

Vicki Compton presents:  
*Evangelization: expressing  
the joy of the gospel in daily life*

Vicki Compton offers practical and concrete examples of how all the baptized are called and equipped to spread the good news of Jesus Christ in their homes, workplaces, communities — wherever we currently are in life.

Vicki Compton has served as the Director of the Office for the Missions for the past 13 years. She is responsible for directing the Pontifical Mission Societies, Catholic Relief Services and local evangelization. Her ministry has taken her all over the Springfield Diocese and all over the world!



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**Feb. 25, 6:30 p.m. @ St. James**

Joe Willis and  
Dean & Sue Gaston present:  
*Called to Conversion: drawing close to  
Christ in prayer, Sacraments, and service*

Whether “cradle” Catholics or new Catholics, the journey for all Christians involves on-going transformation and continuing conversion. Joe Willis and Sue & Dean Gaston share their powerful testimonies of embracing and living the Catholic faith — to encourage others in their Catholic journey.

Joe & Deb Willis participated in the RCIA process at St. Jerome and were baptized at the Easter Vigil in 2006. Joe recently was inducted into the Knights of Columbus Springfield Chapter Hall of Fame, and he currently serves the K of C as a District Deputy. Deb & Joe serve in many ministries at St. Jerome.



Dean & Sue Gaston participated in RCIA at St. Jerome and were received into the full communion of the Catholic Church in 2013. Both are active in a variety of parish ministries.



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**March 3, 6:30 p.m. @ St. Elizabeth**

Scott & Karen Seaborn present:  
*S.O.S. – Sharing Our Stories of Faith:  
telling our personal truths  
in light of Jesus's story*

Pope Francis reminds us that “grateful remembrance” helps us respond to God’s Love ever more fully in our lives. *Sharing our stories* is a key way we remember. The Seaborns will highlight how they came to see God’s Love in the midst of significant challenges in their blended family. Remembering these moments not only gives them hope in challenging times today, but is the driving force behind their ministry to married couples and families.

Scott & Karen Seaborn have been married 32 years. They have four children and three grandchildren (plus one on the way). Scott & Karen have served in many leadership roles with Worldwide Marriage Encounter. This past January, they participated in an international conference in Rome hosted by the Vatican: “Pastoral Challenges for the Family in the Context of Evangelization.” Karen holds a Master of Divinity degree from Aquinas Institute of Theology as well as a Graduate Certificate in Spiritual Direction. She serves as Pastoral Associate for Adult Faith Formation at Ss. Peter & Paul Church in Waterloo, IL. Scott holds a Master of Science Degree in Educational Administration from Northern Illinois University and is retired CEO of St. Joseph Hospital in Murphysboro, IL.

