

## KENDALL COUNTY

### OSWEGO

**ST. ANNE PARISH – Butterflies Grief Support.** Meets 4 consecutive Thurs evenings twice yearly. Carolyn **630-553-7780** or the parish office at **630-554-3331** meeting times and dates.

### WILL COUNTY

### BOLINGBROOK

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH** -- If you have lost a loved one and would like to talk to Deacon Marco Lovero, please call the parish at **630-759-7588** and leave a message for him.

### FRANKFORT

**ST ANTHONY PARISH**—Bereavement Support for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Call Deacon Rich Rosko at the parish at **815-469-3750** for more information and meeting dates.

**ST ANTHONY PARISH**—Widows & Widowers Group. Call Mary at **815-469-4351** for meeting information.

### MOKENA

**ST. MARY'S PARISH** - 19515 S. 115<sup>th</sup> Ave. Support Group for any loss through death. Evening group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays at 7 pm. Daytime group meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 11:00 am in the church hall. Call the Christian Service Director at **708-326-9323** for more information.

### JOLIET

**JOLIET AREA COMMUNITY HOSPICE**— 250 Water Stone Circle One-on-one bereavement support. For more information or an appointment, contact Mary Ann Burns **815-740-4104**.

**PROVENA ST. JOSEPH MEDICAL CENTER – Perinatal Bereavement Support Group**—Offering emotional support for resolving grief after losing a child through miscarriage, stillbirth or early infant death. Call Pastoral Care at **815-725-7133 x3474**.

**L.O.S.S.** Suicide Loss Group. Meets at Catholic Charities, 2121 Oneida St, Suite 304, in Joliet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month from 7-9 pm. Call Mary Novak at **815-723-3452** for more information.

**PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN**—Meets at Provena St Joseph Medical Ctr. in Meeting Room 2 on the lower level on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month from 7-8:30pm. Call Yvonne at **815-588-1341** or **630-252-2053** for more information, or email **diane71154@sbcglobal.net**. Relatives and close friends are also welcome to attend.

### LOCKPORT

**ST. DENNIS PARISH** - 1214 S Hamilton Street. **Rafael Bereavement Group**. For information call: Sr. Joanne Vallero, CSJ at **815-838-2592 x 110**.

### NEW LENOX

**ST. JUDE PARISH** – 241 W. Second Ave. **Grief Support Group** for parishioners grieving the loss of a loved one by death. Call Maureen Dunne McGraw at **815-485-8049** for group information.

### PLAINFIELD

**ST. MARY IMMACULATE PARISH** – Grief Support Group for those who have experienced the loss of a spouse, family member or friend. Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm. Registration is encouraged but not required. Contact Tom Barkauskas, LCSW, at **630-209-0073**.

## CHICAGO ARCHDIOCESE

**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES** : Contact: Eva Bustamante, Bereavement Ministry Coordinator, who can provide the names and locations for support groups in the Chicago Archdiocese **708-423-0471, 708-449-6100** or **Ebustamante@cathcemchgo.org**.

### EVERGREEN PARK

**LITTLE COMPANY OF MARY HOSPITAL** 2800 W 95th Street, Evergreen Park. Offering Adult Bereavement Groups, Children's Grief Support Groups, Perinatal Loss Groups, Parents of Murdered Children Support Group, and Compassionate Friends (for bereaved parents due to a death of their child of any age). Call Pastoral Care at **708-229-5480** for information on any of these groups.

### ORLAND PARK

**W.O.W. - WIDOWS OR WIDOWERS** – Meets at Zion Lutheran Church, 17100 S 69<sup>th</sup> Ave, Tinley Park. Contact Gene at **630-834-9597** or Jean at **708-598-9916** for more information.

## ROCKFORD DIOCESE

### FAMILY LIFE OFFICE

555 Colman Center Dr., Rockford, IL 61125  
**(815) 399-4300**. Contact them for support groups in the Rockford area.

### SHARE - NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Offers support for Miscarriage, Stillbirth, or Neonatal death. Call **1-800-821-6819** or visit their website at [www.nationalshareoffice.com/history.asp](http://www.nationalshareoffice.com/history.asp)

**COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS**—For parents who have lost a child. To find a chapter in your area, call the National Headquarters at: **630-990-0010** or Toll Free: **877-969-0010** or go to [www.compassionatefriends.org/home.aspx](http://www.compassionatefriends.org/home.aspx)

## OTHER GROUPS

**ST. MARY IMMACULATE PARISH, PLAINFIELD – WOWS**—Social group for widows, widowers and singles. Meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the month. Call Geri at **815-577-7352** for more information.

*Support Groups can help individuals regain hope and find peace while grieving. Experiencing the death of a loved one can be devastating. Adjusting to the loss and changes often brings feelings of anger, sadness, depression, despair, and fear. Processing these feelings and thoughts can be critical to a healthy recovery. Support groups are based on confidentiality, trust and safety. Individuals find that they need not be alone during this often burdensome and lonely time. Seeking support during times of need is a sign, not of weakness, but of strength.*

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# BEREAVEMENT GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS



**WITHIN THE DIOCESE OF JOLIET  
and other locations**

Courtesy of The Office of Family Ministry

**Please call first as dates, times and  
locations may change**

**For information or to update a listing  
Phone: 815-838-5334/ Fax: 815-221-6089  
Email: [familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org](mailto:familyministry@dioceseofjoliet.org)  
[www.dioceseofjoliet.org/familyministry](http://www.dioceseofjoliet.org/familyministry)**

## DIOCESAN - WIDE PROGRAMS

**ELIZABETH MINISTRY** - This parish based program offers emotional and spiritual support for women during the special times of motherhood, including the experience of loss during miscarriage, birth defects, neonatal, early infant and childhood death. For information, please call **815-838-5334**.

**JOYFUL AGAIN!** - A program for widows and widowers who want to resolve the grief they feel inside and begin to live again after the death of their spouse. For information call Charlotte Hrubes **708-354-7211**.

### RAINBOWS

Support groups for children, adolescents and adults who have experienced a loss through death or divorce of someone significant in their life. The program provides professionally developed curricula to help process grief within a safe, facilitated environment. For more information or referral to a group in your area, call **Rainbows International Headquarters** in Evanston at **847-952-1770**.

## DUPAGE COUNTY

### ADDISON

**ST PHILIP PARISH** – 1223 W Holtz Ave. Bereavement Support Group. Call Deacon Sean McGreal at **630-628-0900 x 105** for more information.

### CAROL STREAM

**CNS HOME HEALTH & HOSPICE** - 690 E. North Avenue, Carol Stream. Contact: Lillian Morgan-Lewis, Coord. of Bereavement Services, at **630-665-7000**. Please call for more information and times of various bereavement groups available.

### CLARENDON HILLS

**NOTRE DAME PARISH** – Bereavement Support Group. Meets on Wednesday evenings 7-9 p.m. Contact Doug Muir for meeting information **630-654-3365** or [dmuir@notredameparish.org](mailto:dmuir@notredameparish.org).

### DARIEN

**OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL PARISH**-Two 4-wk sessions a year. Call Margaret Pinas at the parish for more information **630-852-3303**.

### DOWNERS GROVE

**ST. MARY OF GOSTYN** - 445 Prairie. Bereavement Peer Support Group - Open to all denominations, however, not a drop-in group. Call the parish at **630-969-1063** for more information.

### ELMHURST

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** – “Cup of Hope” Support group for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Meets the first Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m. in the parish admin ctr/rectory at 134 Arthur St. Contact Loretta **630-834-8664** for information. For other Bereavement Support, call Pam Stefik at the parish **630-530-3498**.

### GLENDALE HEIGHTS

**ST. MATTHEW PARISH** -- 1555 Glen Ellyn Rd. Bereavement Support Group—Support for any loss. Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tues at St Matthew Parish Center. Please call first for more information—Barb **630-221-1407**.

### GLEN ELLYN

**ST PETRONILLE PARISH** – 420 Glenwood Ave. *Grieving Hearts* support group. For information on group or individual support, call **630-469-0404 x 2106** and speak to Mary Miller.

### HINSDALE

**HINSDALE HOSPITAL- STILL MISSED PARENT SUPPORT GROUP** - 119 N Oak Street in Tupper Hall. A grief support group for those who have experienced any type of pregnancy loss. Meets the 2nd Monday of each month 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Call: **630-856-4497**.

**ADVENTIST ST THOMAS HOSPICE** – BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP. 119 E Ogden Ave, Suite 111. Call **630-856-6990** for more information.

### NAPERVILLE

**JOURNEY TO WHOLENESS Grief Support Group**—A grief support group for persons 18 yrs or age and older who have suffered the loss of a loved one. There is no charge or pre-registration. First time attendees are welcome to bring a friend or family member. Meets Wednesday 10-11:30 a.m. and Thursday 7:00-8:30 p.m. at Edward Hospital Education Ctr., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor. Call **630-527-5056** or go to [www.edward.org](http://www.edward.org) under Spiritual Care.

**SHARE GROUP**—A support group for parents who have lost a baby through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, stillbirth or neonatal death. Meets at 7:15 p.m. at Edward Hospital Education Ctr., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor. Call Brenda, Lynn or Kristin at **630-527-3263**.

**HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**—*Stephen Ministry*: One-on-one confidential care for persons struggling through a difficult time. Please contact Parish Nurse Kathy Ford at **630-922-0081 x 28** or email her at [pastoralcare@hsc.us](mailto:pastoralcare@hsc.us) for more information about this ministry.

**ST MARGARET MARY PARISH**—1450 Green Trails Dr.—Bereavement Support. Call Patti McGehee at **630-305-9038** after 6:30 p.m. or Deacon Terry Taylor at **630-369-0777** for more information.

### **ST RAPHAEL – PARENT GRIEF GROUP**

Support group for parents who have lost a child of any age. Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Service Ministry at **630-615-7613**.

### **ST. RAPHAEL - NEW BEGINNINGS**

1215 Modaff Road – Self-help group for divorced and widowed. Meets each Tuesday evening at 7:15 p.m. Contact: Cindy Soviak at **815-254-2383** or the Service Ministry Office: **630-615-7613**.

**ST. RAPHAEL – ANEW** – Social group for widows and widowers. Meets 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Call the Service Ministry office at **630-615-7613**.

**ST. RAPHAEL—Stephen Ministry**: One-on-one confidential care for persons struggling through a difficult time. Please contact Service Ministry at **630-615-7613** for more information about this ministry.

**ST.RAPHAEL—Bereavement Support**: Thursday evenings from 7-9 pm. Call the Service Ministry office at **630-615-7613** or Elizabeth at **630-420-1570** for meeting times and dates.

### VILLA PARK

**COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS** - For Parents who have lost a child. Meets 2nd Monday, from 7:30-9:30 p.m., at **St. Alexander Parish Ctr**. Contact parish at **630-833-7730** or Mary Collins at **630-941-0726**.

**SURVIVING SPOUSES** – Bereavement, educational and social group for widows and widowers. Meets 2nd Sunday of month at 1 p.m. at St. Alexander Parish Ctr. and every 2<sup>nd</sup> month meets at a local restaurant. Call Carol **630-834-8152**.

### WARRENVILLE

**ST. IRENE** - 28 W 451 Warrenville Road. For Support Group referrals, contact Deacon Joseph Urso at the parish office: **630-393-2400**.

### WHEATON

**PARENTS OF MURDERED CHILDREN** – Support group for any family member or friend of a loved one taken away by violence. Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month 6-8 pm. in the Dupage County State’s Atty office, 503 N County Farm Rd, Wheaton. Camera phones are not allowed in the building. Call Terrie at **630-407-8008** for more information.

**SUICIDE SURVIVORS**: Suicide loss group. Meets at St Daniel the Prophet Parish, 101 West Loop Drive. Call Jessica at **312-655-7283** for meeting information.

**“SEASONS OF HOPE”**– St. Michael Catholic Church, 310 S Wheaton Ave. A support group for those experiencing the loss of a loved one or dear friend. For meeting times and dates contact Thecla Rettberg R.N. [trettberg@stmichaelcommunity.org](mailto:trettberg@stmichaelcommunity.org) or call her at **630-462-5042**.

### WINFIELD

**ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH** – Grief Support Group meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. Contact Chris **630-673-3982** or [chriss@stjohnwinfield.org](mailto:chriss@stjohnwinfield.org) for more information.

### WOODRIDGE

**ST. SCHOLASTICA PARISH** – Bereavement Support Group for those grieving the loss of a loved one. Meets every other Friday from 10 am-11:30am in Room 113. Call Shawn Denning **630-985-2351 x130** or email [sdenning@stscholasticaparish.org](mailto:sdenning@stscholasticaparish.org) for more information.

## FORD COUNTY

### PAXTON

**STS MARY & JOSEPH PARISH** – 407 W Pells St. “Solace en Caritas” Adult Grief Support group. For information and to register, call Fr. Jose Kadukunnel at **217-379-4033**.

## GRUNDY COUNTY

### COAL CITY

**ASSUMPTION PARISH** - 245 S. Kankakee Street **815-634-4171**. Call for information on support groups in the area.

### MORRIS

**ADULT BEREAVEMENT GROUP**—2<sup>nd</sup> Tues of the month, 7-8:30, 518 W Illinois Ave. Call Joan Sereno at Grundy Co Hospice at **815-942-8525** for information.

**WIDOWS GROUP**: Meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs of the month, 6-7:30, 518 W Illinois Ave. Call Joan Sereno at Grundy Co Hospice at **815-942-8525** for information.

## KANKAKEE COUNTY

**KANKAKEE - GRIEF SUPPORT** - Offered by Schreffler’s Funeral Home, **815-932-2421**.

**HOSPICE OF KANKAKEE VALLEY**  
482 Main St, NW, Bourbonnais, IL 60914. Offering grief support group meetings for adults, children and teenagers. Call for information **815-939-4141**.