



St Joseph Bradley Religious Education



October 2025

*Our prayers and hearts continue to be with
Annunciation Catholic Church.*

OCTOBER



Saturday, October 4th

2:30pm - 3:00pm Pet Blessing (Church Courtyard)

Wednesday, October 8th

5:30pm-6:45pm RE Session



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Sunday, October 12th



11am (Youth/Family Mass)

Donut Sunday (after 11am Mass)

2 pm PWD Mass



3 pm PWD Social



Wednesday, October 15th

5:30pm-6:45pm RE Session

Altar Server Trainer 5:45 pm



Thursday, October 16th



Panda Express Fundraiser

10 am - 9pm

Try Father Marcin's favorite items

Saturday, October 18th



Faith Buddies (Ministry Center) 9:30 am - 11 am



CSI Life Nights PRESENTS Saint, Smores and Sweets

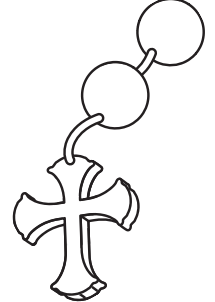
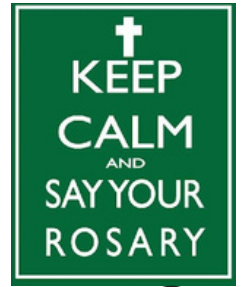
(Confirmation candidates) 5pm-7pm Parish Hall



Saturday, October 25th



CSI Rake and Run 1 pm - 3 pm



**GRADES KINDERGARTEN-5TH,
IN YOUR CHILD'S FOLDER
THERE ARE WORKSHEETS TO
DO THROUGHOUT THIS YEAR
AT HOME AND HAVE A
FAMILY PAGE AS WELL, FEEL
FREE TO GET STARTED ON
THOSE-ESPECIALLY ON THE
WEEKS THAT WE DO NOT
HAVE CLASS.**

**7TH AND 8TH GRADERS
PLEASE REMEMBER TO READ
AND DO THE QUESTIONS IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE
FIRST PART OF MASS**

My Massport



MASS MONTHLY ATTENDANCE
RECORD
INCLUDING DAYS OF HOLY
OBLIGATION



Youth & Family Mass

Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!

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INTRODUCING THE MASSPORT!

Starting in October, our Religious Education students will begin using their Massports—passport-style booklets that track Sunday Mass attendance. After each Mass, children will bring their Massport to a hospitality minister to receive a stamp. If attending Mass at another parish, a parish bulletin may be used instead. The Massport is a simple and fun way to encourage our youth and families to stay rooted in the Eucharist each week!

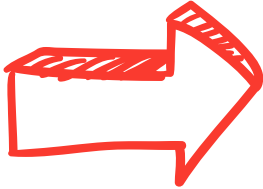
Massports are also for McNamara students receiving Sacraments

ST JOSEPH CSI/ YOUTH MINISTRY

HAPPENINGS...

St. Joseph's Youth Ministry presents

SAINTS, S'MORES, N SWEETS



All 8th-grade confirmation candidates(RE and MAC)
HIGH SCHOOL AND PARENTS ARE NEEDED TO HELP LEAD ACTIVITIES

Faith-building activities on the topic of Saints
and feasting on s'mores and anything s'more related and candy

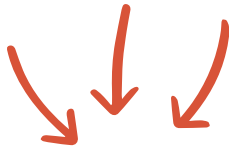
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18TH

5 PM-7 PM

St Joseph Parish Hall inside the BMCS Bradley site



Adults are needed to help man the fire for smores
Teens are needed to share their Faith Journey as well as help with
activities. It will be a Fun night for all!



What is Rake n Run?

*Volunteers rake and remove leaves for those
who would have a difficult time
accomplishing the task without help.*

All ages are encouraged to participate!

Nominate someone!

Due Monday, October 20, 2025



Rake Request

NAME* _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE() _____

WHERE DOES YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD REQUIRE THE LEAVES
TO BE PILED?"

RAKE AND PILE AT THE CURB

RAKE AND PILE BY THE BACK OF THE PROPERTY

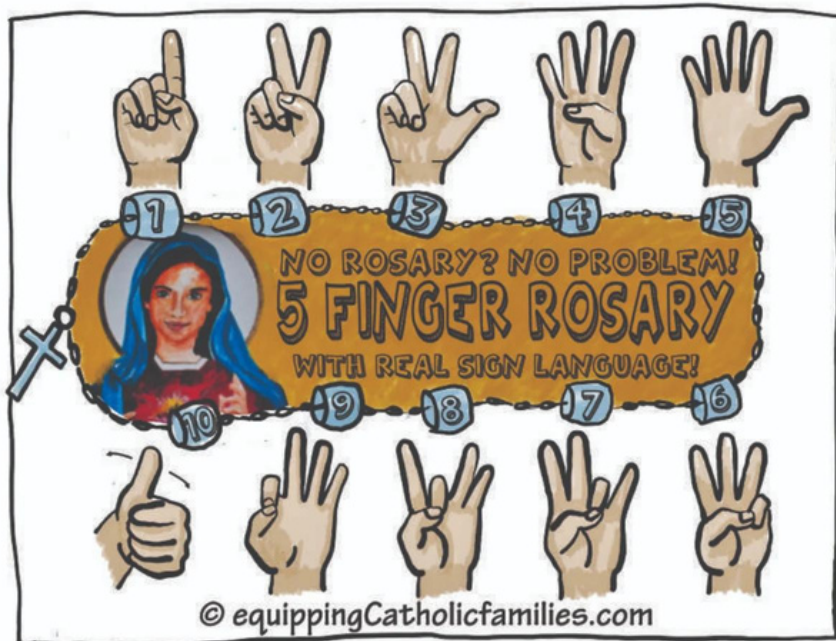
RAKE AND BAG AND PUT BY THE CURB

OTHER

October is Dedicated to Holy Rosary

Incredible Facts About The Rosary

1. The rosary is also known as the "bible on a string" because the Mysteries of the Rosary share the Gospel.
2. Catholics are often buried with a rosary for protection.
3. In each rosary there are 59 beads, 3 feet of cord, 14 plastic spacers, a metal spacer, a crucifix, and a Miraculous or Saint medal.
4. The world's largest rosary is 1965 feet long and is in Beirut. It includes 59 large concrete beads and each one is the size of a car!
5. Catholics have been praying the rosary as we know it today since the 13th Century, but monks and hermits as early as the 3rd century used rocks and prayer beads in a similar way.
6. The Columbia Gorge Interpretive Center Museum near Stevenson, Washington currently holds the record for the largest collection of rosaries with over 4,000 on display!
7. St. Thomas Aquinas gave the longest (known) homily on the rosary and it lasted FORTY days.
8. The Roman Catholic Rosary has 59 beads, but the Eastern Orthodox of Greece and Turkey rosary has 100 beads and the Russian Orthodox has 103 beads.



Sometimes throughout our busy day, we may find ourselves with an opportunity to pray, but no Rosary in our pocket. Despair not! While a blessed Rosary is ideal to recite the Rosary with and very helpful to keep track of all those Hail Marys, we need look no further than our own hands for an easy way to keep track of prayers.

And...if we find we don't quite want to drop everything and count with both hands...here's a quick hack to count with the fingers on just one hand...with the bonus of learning legit sign language for number 1-10, at the same time!

No excuses...we can commit to saying the Daily Rosary and if we ask Our Lady to help us remember and squeeze in those decades each day? She will certainly help us out!



FAITH BUDDIES

An alternative faith experience for students with learning disabilities, autism, environmental challenges, and Down's Syndrome.

We talk. We pray. We play.
Your child deserves a faith life.
Contact us for more information.

When: We meet from 9:30 am – 11:00 am typically on the THIRD Saturday of each month
UPCOMING DATES:

Saturday, August 16, 2025 -St Joseph, Bradley
Saturday, September 20, 2025 - St Joseph, Manteno
Saturday, October 18, 2025-St Joseph, Bradley
Saturday, November 15, 2025 - St Joseph, Manteno
Saturday, December 20, 2025-St Joseph, Bradley

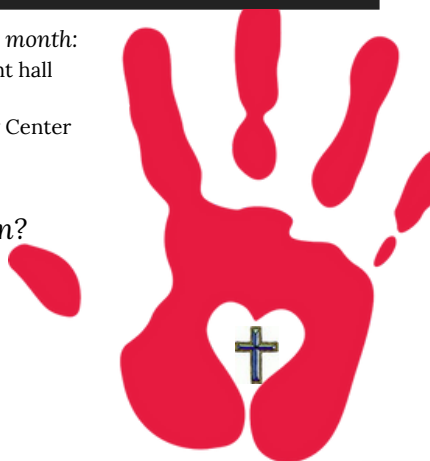
Locations rotate every other month:

- St Joseph Church basement hall
208 W Main St, Manteno
- St Joseph Church Ministry Center
260 N Prairie Ave, Bradley

Want more information?

Want to help?

Contact:
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Saints Feast Day Of October

October 1st: St. Therese of Lisieux

October 2nd: Feast of the Guardian Angels

October 4th: St. Francis of Assisi

October 5th: Saint Faustina

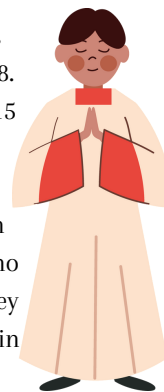
October 7th: Our Lady of the Rosary

October 15th: Saint Teresa of Avila

October 22nd: Saint Pope John Paul II

****October 15th** is Altar Server Training.**

Training is open to students in grades 3 through 8. If you will allow your child to attend the October 15 training, please fill out the yellow Altar Server training paper that was sent home at the last RE session. Please bring your child to RE and return the yellow paper. I will then escort the students who are going to the training to the church at 5:45. They will return to their classes once they are finished in the church.



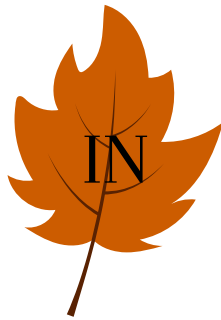
October Family Challenge

What is something extra you can do as a family to connect with God?

Enjoy angel food cake (or another angel themed treat) for feast of the Holy Guardian Angels. (October 2nd)

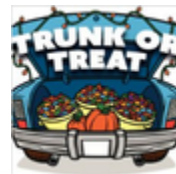
- **Do something nice for animals to celebrate the feast day of St. Francis (Oct 4th), such as building a bird feeder, putting out bread with peanut butter and bird seeds, take a dog to the park, etc.**
- **Go to a local farmers market and buy everything you need to make a meal as a family. Talk about the blessings of harvest time and those who grow our food.**
- **Spend the month doing read aloud from Gospel according to St. Luke (or pick a few stories for younger children). St. Luke's feast day is Oct 18th.**

Send us a photo or tell us about it, if you do!



NOVEMBER

- 1/2** Harvest Sunday-Flyers (TBA)
- 2** St Joseph's Holy-ween
Trunk of Treats 12(noon)- 2 pm
- 5** **RE Session K-8 5:30-6:45 pm**
- 9** Youth & Family Mass/ Donut Sunday/
Harvest Sunday Food Collection 11 am
- 12** **RE Session K-8 5:30-6:45 pm**
- 15** Youth Ministry 6-8 pm
- 19** **RE Session K-8 5:30-6:45 pm**
- 20** RE/Parish Advent Activity



Holy-ween Trunk of Treats

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NOVEMBER 2



*God's peace & blessings,
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**NOVEMBER 20
RE/PARISH ADVENT ACTIVITY**