



# St Joseph Bradley Religious Education

September 2025

*Our prayers and hearts are with  
Annunciation Catholic Church.*

OUR PARISH  
FESTIVAL!!  
Is  
Saturday, Sept. 6,  
2025  
Plan to join us!

As our students begin a new school year,  
I pray that You will keep them in Your care.  
Send Your Spirit to open their minds  
to all that is true, and beautiful, and good.  
Help them to see the gifts and talents  
You have given them and to use them well.  
Help them to grow in knowledge and wisdom.  
Help them to be kind to others  
and lead others to be kind to them.  
Give their teachers patience and understanding  
and help them teach what is just and true.  
Send Your angels to guide and guard our children  
and to keep them from all harm.  
Open their young hearts to Your presence  
and enfold them in Your peace and protection.  
Hold them in the palm of Your hand  
and bring them home safely at day's end.  
Amen.

## SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 6th

Parish Festival  
Mass at 3 pm  
Festival 4 pm-9 pm

Tuesday, September 9th

Catechist Meeting 6:30  
Ministry House

Sunday, September 14th

Sacramental Sunday for Class of  
2026



Parents and Candidates for 1<sup>st</sup>  
Sacraments and Confirmation  
12(noon)- 1:15 pm

Wednesday, September 17th

1st RE Class of the year!  
5:30 pm-6:45 pm

Monical Pizza Family Night  
(RE first fundraiser of the year)

Sunday, September 21st

Catechist Celebration Mass and  
Reception

Catechetical Sunday Celebration  
12:15-2 pm

fellowship and light lunch will be held  
in the Parish Hall to celebrate and  
appreciate all our St. Joseph Parish  
Catechists, present and past.

Wednesday, September 24th

RE K-8<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 pm-6:45 pm

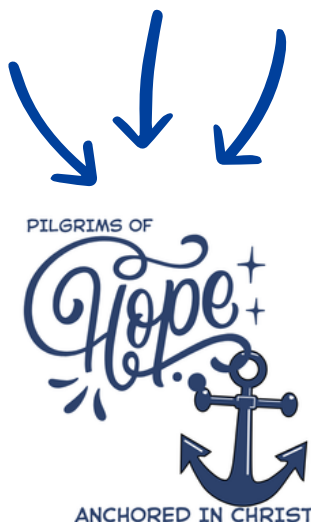
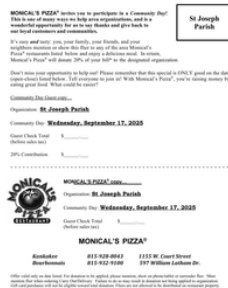


The Knights of Columbus are selling raffle  
tickets through August and September  
The tickets can be purchased after all masses  
and at the Parish office.



**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH**  
**1ST RE FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR!**

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OF THIS NEWS BULLETIN**



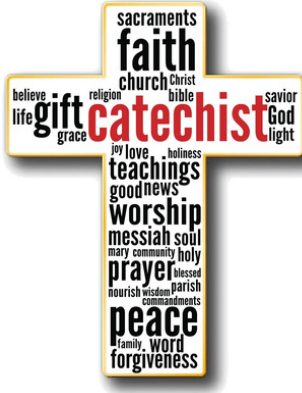
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**5:30pm-6:45pm**

# sacramental Sunday



September 14, 2025

Families preparing for First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation are invited to join us for Sacramental Sunday.



CATECHETICAL SUNDAY  
CELEBRATION  
12:15-2 PM

FELLOWSHIP AND LIGHT LUNCH  
WILL BE HELD IN THE PARISH HALL  
TO CELEBRATE AND APPRECIATE  
ALL OUR ST. JOSEPH PARISH  
CATECHISTS, PRESENT AND PAST.



## September Family Challenges

- Grandparents Day is the first Sunday after Labor Day. Help your children do something special with their grandparents or spend the day with them.
- Decorate wooden, or even paper, letters spelling out MARY. Be as colorful and creative as you want to celebrate the Holy Name of Mary (Sept. 12th).
- ON Labor day, Take the time to write a note or give a small gift to someone who works hard for your community (or for your family!).
- Jesus is the Bread of Life. Pick out your favorite bread recipe and have your children help you make it.
- Be a peacemaker. Do something nice for someone that you sometimes argue with. The feast day of St. Wenceslaus is Sept. 28th.
- Saints can seem like people from long ago to children. Talk to them about Saint Teresa of Calcutta (when she lived and died), her work, and her writings. Her feast day is September 5th.
- Find your favorite cross craft to create on Sept. 14th for the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.
- Look around your room, house, or pantry for items or food to donate to the less fortunate. The feast day of St. Vincent de Paul is Sept. 27th.
- Learn a prayer or even short phrase (like "Ora Pro Nobis," which means "pray for us") in Latin. St. Jerome translated the Bible from Hebrew to Latin, and his feast day is Sept. 30th.

- September 22nd marks the beginning of Autumn

God's peace & blessings.

**Brenda McLean & Sandra Jefferson**

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## Coming in October Newsletter

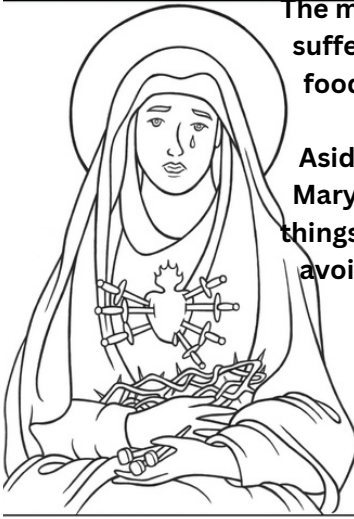
\*1st Youth Mass/ Donut Sunday

Saints N Smores  
(Confirmation Candidates)  
Rake n Run (Youth Ministry)





## September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows



The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows. When you think of someone suffering, what do you think of? Do you think of someone who is sick, or a person without food? These are what we call physical sufferings. Many of the saints suffered physically before they died. But there is another type of suffering too: spiritual suffering. Aside from Jesus, no other person has spiritually suffered as much as the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mary, called upon by God to bring Jesus into the world, witnessed all of the hurtful things that happened to Jesus. Mary knew that God had sent Jesus here to teach people to avoid sin and to work toward pleasing God. But because so many people rejected Jesus, Mary's immaculate heart grew weary and sad that people were rejecting God.

### The Seven Sorrows of Mary

1. Prophecy of Simeon
2. The Flight to Egypt
3. Loss of Jesus in the Temple
4. Mary meets Jesus on Road to Calvary
5. Jesus dies on the cross
6. Mary receives the Body of Jesus
7. Jesus is placed in the Tomb



To this day, we continue to witness many things that add more pain to Mary's immaculate heart. We are all sinners and in God's eye, a sin is a sin no matter what the sin may be. Even if we think a certain type of sin might not be "as bad" as another sin, all sins are displeasing to God and cause Mary's heart to weep for us today. Mary only wants us to grow closer to Jesus.

We can do this by asking her to pray for us that, by the grace of God, we might be able to overcome our own temptations

## Saint Feast Days for September

- St. Gregory the Great (September 3)
- Birth of Mary (September 8)
- St. Peter Claver (September 9)
- Holy Name of Mary (September 12)
- Exaltation of the Holy Cross (September 14)
- Our Lady of Sorrows (September 15)
- Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian (September 16)
- St. Robert Bellarmine (September 17)
- St. Januarius (September 19)
- St. Matthew (September 21)
- Sts. Cosmas and Damian (September 26)
- St. Pio (September 23)
- St. Jerome (September 30)

### Prayer to Our Lady of Sorrows

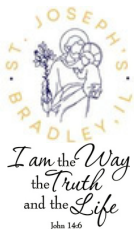
Our mother of sorrows, with strength from above you stood by the cross, sharing in the sufferings of Jesus, and with tender care you bore him in your arms, mourning and weeping.

We praise you for your faith, which accepted the life God planned for you. We praise you for your hope, which trusted that God would do great things in you. We praise you for your love in bearing with Jesus the sorrows of his passion.

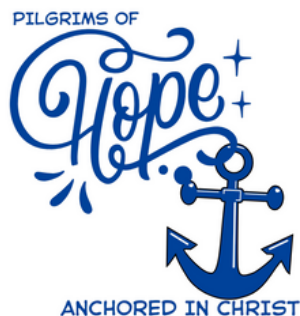
Holy Mary, may we follow your example, and stand by all your children who need comfort and love.

Mother of God, stand by us in our trials and care for us in our many needs. Pray for us now and at the hour of our death.

Amen!



## ST JOSEPH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR 2025-2026



### SEPTEMBER

- 14 Sacrament Sunday (for parents and students receiving First Sacraments and Confirmation)**
- 17 First RE Session K-8 5:30-6:45 pm**  
Monicals Pizza Fundraiser Night
- 24 RE Session K-8 5:30-6:45pm**

### OCTOBER

- 8 RE Session K-8 5:30-6:45 pm**
- 12 First Youth & Family Mass/ Donut Sunday 11 am**
- 15 RE Session K-8 5:30-6:45 pm**
- 18 Youth Ministry Saints N Smores (Confirmation Candidates)**
- 25 (Rake n Run) Youth Ministry 1-3 pm**

### 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**

### DECEMBER

- 3 RE Session K-8 5:30-6:45 pm**
- 10 RE Session K-8 5:30-6:45 pm**
- 13 Youth Ministry 6-8 pm Singing For Seniors(DTBD)**
- 14 Youth & Family Mass/ Donut Sunday 11 am**

### JANUARY

- 11 Youth & Family Mass/ Donut Sunday /Sponsor Sunday 11am**
- 14 RE Session K-8 5:30-6:45 pm**
- 21 RE Session K-8 5:30-6:45 pm**
- 24 Youth Ministry 6-8 pm**
- 28 RE Session K-8 5:30-6:45 pm**

### FEBRUARY

- 8 Youth & Family Mass/ Donut Sunday /Sponsor Sunday 11 am**
- 11 RE Session K-8 5:30-6:45 pm**
- 15 Confirmation Retreat 10:30 am**
- 18 RE Ash Wednesday Mass (TTBD)**
- 25 RE Session K-8 5:30-6:45 pm**  
**First Reconciliation Retreat**

### MARCH

- 8 Youth & Family Mass/ Donut Sunday 11 am**
- 11 RE Session K-8 5:30-6:45 pm**
- 12 First Reconciliation**
- 18 RE Session K-8 5:30-6:45 pm**
- 21 Youth Ministry 6-8 pm**
- 22 Confirmation Candidate countdown to Confirmation Sunday, 3 pm-4:30 pm**

### APRIL

- 11 1st Communion Retreat**
- 15 RE Session K-8 5:30-6:45 pm**
- 15/16 Confirmation Practice(TBD) 6pm**
- 16/17 Confirmation(TBD)**
- 18 Youth Ministry 6-8pm**
- 22 RE Session K-8 5:30-6:45 pm**
- 22/23 Confirmation Practice(TBD) 6pm**
- 23/24 Confirmation(TBD)**
- 30 1st Communion Practice**

### MAY

- 3 1st Communion/ May Crowning 11 am**
- 6 LAST RE Session /End of Year/ Sacrament Party 5:30- 6:45 pm**



#### Youth Musicians

Requested on these dates:

Christmas Eve 12/24/25 3:00pm mass with music starting at 2:00pm

Ash Wednesday 2/18/26 Evening mass

Palm Sunday 3/29/26 11:00am Mass

Easter 4/5/26 11:00 am Mass

Pentecost 5/24/26 11:00 Mass

Corpus Christ 6/4/26 11:00 Mass & Procession



**Youth Musicians and Singers can join the choir on the Youth and Family Mass, too!**

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