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MAGI FROM
THE EAST

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WHERE IS
THE NEWBORN
KING OF
THE JEWS?

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The Epiphany of the Lord

The Magi were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed by another way.

OUR PARISH



OUR FAMILY



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January 7, 2024

Home Blessing Kits Available This Weekend

At St. Joseph
Church
in Bradley

During our
Epiphany
Celebration

We are once again offering Home Blessing Kits on the feast of the Epiphany for you to bless your home, remembering the hospitality that the Holy Family showed the Magi and asking for protection and blessing on your home. A prayer and directions are included with the holy water and incense. Look for these kits at church this weekend.

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From
the
basket

The latest edition of the Word Among Us focuses on Christian Unity. Come in from the cold; wrap up in your favorite blanket; enjoy a warm beverage and read the stories of three ecumenical pioneers and pray that all God's people will be one.

At a church door



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival *Event* *Next Sunday* *At St. Joseph's*

Our Parish, Our Family is invited after the 11am Mass next Sunday, Jan. 14, to celebrate the history, the tradition, and the adoration of the Eucharist as a family. Parishioners are working to make this a fun and enriching experience. All are welcome to attend in the Parish Hall.

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SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday January 8 <i>The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</i> 7 a.m. Communion Service	Tuesday January 9 <i>Ordinary Time Weekday</i> 7 a.m. Mass † Harold Pearman (Birthday Memorial) by Family	Wednesday January 10 <i>Ordinary Time Weekday</i> 7 a.m. Mass † Fr. John Antczak (Birthday Memorial) by Family 9 a.m. BMCS Mass	Thursday January 11 <i>Ordinary Time Weekday</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass † Leonard Lambert by Family & Friends	Friday January 12 <i>Ordinary Time Weekday</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass † Madge Power by Barbara Brosseau	Saturday January 13 <i>St. Hilary, Bishop</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass *The People of St. Joseph Parish
Saturday, January 13 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass † Michael McClain by Celeste Regnier & Family *For the Intentions of Susan Schierenbeck & Cheryle Strother by Joan & Marvin Mear			Sunday, January 14 8:30 a.m. Mass † Verna Ponikvar (Anniversary Memorial) by Family † Denise (Auberry) Belt by Jean Skelly 11:00 a.m. Mass *The People of St. Joseph Parish (living & deceased)		

PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

“Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance,” writes the prophet (Isaiah 60:3). A king may keep to the shadows, suspicious of the light—he may foolishly imagine he can snatch it, and, upon finding the light cannot be governed, grow to loathe it, and even seek to extinguish it. But all his grand designs will come to nothing because there is no king so powerful that he can see in the dark. And even a man like Herod—a man so jealous that he sought to kill God—cannot prevent the breaking of day. The Epiphany marks the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles. It is a celebration of truth reaching places it was not expected to reach, of brightness illuminating corners of the world long ago consigned to shadow. It is a reminder that the battle has already been won, the night is over. All that remains is for us to decide: will we step into the light?—Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings for the weekend of December 23/24, 2023
\$21,019.74

4:00 pm: \$18,203.00

8:30 am: \$1,535.74

11:00 am: \$796.00

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$485.00

Food Donations: 50 Pounds

Offerings for Christmas 2023: \$12,686.41

Offerings for the weekend of December 30/31, 2023
\$6,482.20

4:00 pm: \$3,039.00

8:30 am: \$1,603.20

11:00 am: \$1,054.00

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$786.00

Food Donations: 86 Pounds

Offerings for the Solemnity of Mary 2024: \$1,661.00

Readings for the Week of January 7, 2024

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Monday: Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org



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Many thanks to all who have signed up for electronic giving. These two options are the most convenient ways for giving and staying consistent with offerings. You can make automated **ACH Offerings** from your savings or checking accounts. **Download the ACH Authorization Form and print one at the parish website, complete it and put it in collection basket or mail it to the parish.** Or stop by the parish office to sign-up for Auto Deduct. Or look for the **PayPal** option at our parish website to set-up online contributions with your PayPal account or credit card. Thanks for your kindness and faithful stewardship.

WOMEN OF THE PARISH...
COULD YOU USE A NIGHT OUT?

CCW Meeting

THIS TUESDAY, JANUARY 9TH

7PM AT THE PARISH HALL

The Holiday Season has been full of hustle and bustle! Now is the time for a carefree night out and our Council of Catholic Women is inviting ladies of the parish to come and enjoy each other's company and make a difference at St. Joseph's.

Join them for their monthly meeting this coming Tuesday, Jan. 9, at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

Feel free to bring a friend. It will be an ideal time to share ideas and suggestions as the CCW make plans for initiatives and events in the new year.

IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers the family of John Skopik recently called to eternal life. May he forever enjoy the loving and peaceful embrace of our gracious God.



A VERY SPECIAL GIFT TO YOU

2024

CALENDARS

TAKE ONE FROM THE BACK OF CHURCH

The Week at a glance at St. Joseph Parish

Saturday, Jan. 6 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Church Panera Dinner Night 4:00-8:00 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 7 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church OCIA Class 9:30 a.m. Rectory Meeting Room	Sunday, Jan. 7 (continued) Mass 11:00 a.m. Church Holy Name Meeting 9:30 a.m. Ministry Center Monday, Jan. 8 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Church Tuesday, Jan. 9 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church	Tuesday, Jan. 9 (continued) Nursing Home Ministry 10:00 p.m. Adoration 1:00-6:00 p.m. Rosary 6:30 p.m. Church CCW Meeting 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall Weds, Jan. 10 Mass 7:00 a.m. BMCS Mass 9:00 a.m.	Weds, Jan. 10 (continued) All Sacraments Session 4:30-5:45 p.m. Knights Meeting 7:00 p.m. Ministry Center Thurs, Jan. 11 Mass 7:00 a.m. Men's AA Group 7:00-9:00 p.m. Ministry Center Friday, Jan. 12 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church	Saturday, Jan. 13 Mass 8:30 a.m. Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 14 Mass 8:30 a.m. OCIA Class 9:30 a.m. Ministry Center Mass 11:00 a.m. Church Eucharistic Revival Event 12:00-4:00 p.m. Parish Hall
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See page 7 for the Reconciliation Schedule. Appointments can also be scheduled by calling the Parish Office.

WEEKEND LITURGICAL ROLES	January 13 4:00 PM Mass	January 14 8:30 AM Mass	January 14 11:00 AM Mass	Are you interested in any of these liturgical ministries? Contact the parish office for information and training. Ministers can go online to see when they are scheduled, request subs and input dates when not to be scheduled.
Hospitality Ministers	Jay & Donna Karr Janet Gregoire Marian Worby	Aliess Bedford Barb Fortin Jasmine Elumbaugh	Sorich Family	
Lectors	Gisel Waide (both readings)	Emily Storer (1) Jonathon Storer (2)	Candi (1) & Greg Brenneisen (2)	
Eucharistic Ministers	Marian Worby Michael & Pat Yurkowski Patricia Burr Lori Gadbois	Jasmine Elumbaugh Ryan Adams Lindsay Adams Teresa Fritz	Jenna Jamros Pat Knittel Alan Knittel Paul Storer	
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Adelaide Bedford	Aiden Jamros Eleanor Jamros	
Deacons		Deacon Leon Fritz	Deacon Greg Clodi	
Presiders	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	

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calling the parish office

Thanks for going to Panera!



Did you know that participating at our upcoming Blood Drive (8am-1pm on Sunday, Jan. 28) is an easy yet powerful way for you to make a difference? It's a great opportunity to share your love and concern for the health and happiness of our neighbors. (Please sign-up now).

When you donate, you can help save a patient's life and give hope to his or her family. Accident victims, premature babies, those with sickle cell disease, and other patients who need regular transfusions to stay healthy are counting on caring people like you.

Make your appointment at our website, www.stjosephbradley.org, or by calling the parish office at 815-939-3573.

What a great opportunity to be together and "Raise Some Dough" at Panera this weekend (from 4-8pm, Saturday, Jan. 6).

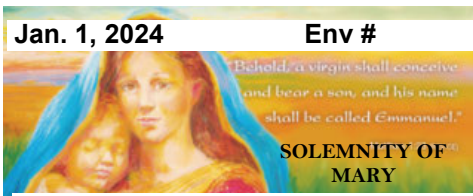
Thanks so much for taking the time to be part of this special fundraiser with 25% of the cost of your order to be donated to St. Joseph's RE/Youth Ministry.

We want to do some amazing things this year. Your support is greatly appreciated!

In addition to the Sunday collection, we have some special envelopes for January 2024

Many parishioners who utilize our electronic giving options have opted not to receive contribution envelopes from the parish. This desire is perfectly fine, but the decision has caused these registered members not to receive any of the holy day or special collection envelopes. Some of these parishioners have reached out to us for a solution as they want to participate and give to various ministries, causes and outreach efforts. So, moving forward, at the beginning of the month, we will try to publish these envelopes in the bulletin. ✂

Jan. 1, 2024 **Env #**



Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel.
SOLEMNITY OF MARY

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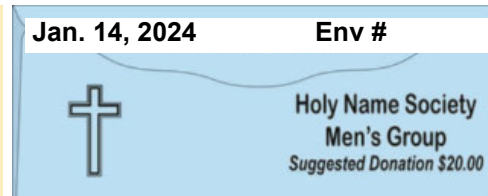
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Debt Reduction

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Jan. 14, 2024 **Env #**




Holy Name Society Men's Group
Suggested Donation \$20.00

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Our Parish. Our Family
 The Mobile Food Pantry Ministry is made possible by Northern Illinois Food Bank, Catholic Charities and Generous Donors

Jan. 21, 2024 **Env #**

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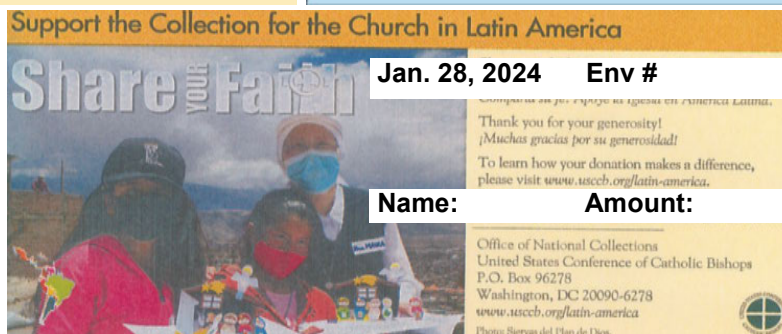
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Support the Collection for the Church in Latin America

Share Your Faith


Jan. 28, 2024 **Env #**



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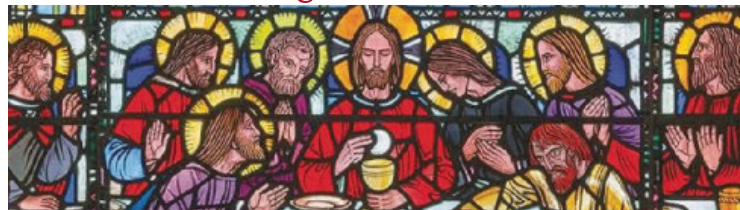
Navajo Nation

Information Meeting
 Jan. 17, 2024

Mission Trip
 June 1-14, 2024



Series for Reviving Our Love of the Eucharist



During the Eucharistic Revival, the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary are offering an online program to help us renew our love for this greatest of gifts. This series will delve into our Catholic worship and include discussions of "Take, Bless, Break, Share: A Strategy for a Eucharistic Revival" by Cardinal Blaze J. Cupich. (This booklet can be purchased at Amazon.com). Sessions are scheduled on Wednesdays, Jan. 17 and 31 and Feb. 14 and 28, from 6:30-8 p.m. The cost is \$35. To register, visit www.sscm-usa.org/Workshops-Retreats.html. For more information about this series or details about other SSCM programs, call 708-790-8141.

Put your faith into action through service and solidarity with the poor. The Diocese of Joliet is returning to the Navajo Nation in Chinle, Arizona, for a mission June 1-14, 2024. The Diocese is inviting parishioners (18-plus) to help local families with light construction work. No experience necessary, but a heart willing to serve is required! Leaders will train any inexperienced workers. In addition to helping at worksites, there will be time for formation, fun, and rest. Mass will be celebrated on weekends and the trip will include a pilgrimage to Loretto Chapel and its "miraculous staircase" in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

An Information Meeting is planned at 7pm on Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2024, at Blanchette Catholic Center in Crest Hill, IL. For more details, contact Alex Buldak at abuldak@dioceseofjoliet.org or 815-221-6256.

St. Joseph Parish Information

Weekend Liturgy

Saturday Vigil 4:00 pm

Sunday 8:30 am & 11:00 am

Daily Services

Monday 7:00 am Communion Service

Tuesday-Thursday 7:00 am Mass

Friday & Saturday 8:30 am Mass

Reconciliation

After 8:30 a.m. Mass Saturday; 3 p.m. Saturday; First Friday Holy Hour or call the office for an appointment

Adoration

Tuesdays 1pm-6pm; Rosary 6:30 pm

Baptism

1st & 3rd Sundays. Class required.

Weddings

Call the parish office for guidelines at least 6 months in advance

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Parish Office

815-939-3573

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Website

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