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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

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 1:00 pm-6:00 pm First Friday after 8:30am Mass

Rosarv

Tuesday 6:30-7:30 pm

Sacramental Life

Reconciliation

After 8:30 a.m. Mass Saturday & 3 p.m. on Saturday; from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesdays during adoration; First Friday or by appointment.

Baptism

The first and third Sundays of the month at 12:30 pm or during the Liturgy. Parents must reserve and attend a baptism class.

Weddings

Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance. At least one of the engaged persons (or their parents) must be a registered parishioner.

Communion to Homebound

Call Deacon Leon Fritz 815-932-6909.

Registration

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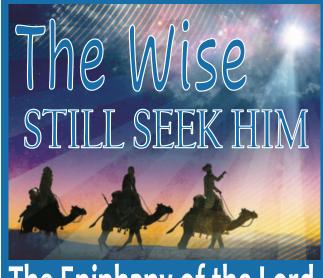
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The Epiphany of the Lord
When Jesus was born in Bethlehem

of Judea, in the days of King
Herod, behold, magi from the east
arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where
is the newborn king of the Jews? We
saw his star at its rising and have
come to do him homage."





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We are very grateful to those who have signed up to participate at our Blood Drive happening from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. this Sunday, January 8. We still have some slots open. If you'd like to give blood, please stop by the Parish Hall and see what times are available. Thanks again for doing your part to save lives!



Home Blessing Kits are available this weekend (while supplies last) at church during our celebration of the Epiphany when the Magi came bringing the Christ Child gifts. Please accept this gift from St. Joseph Parish and participate in this tradition. Directions are included in the kit. Feel free to email pictures of your prayer service to pstorer@stjosephbradley.org, so we can all share the experience.

Volunteers Needed



Helpers are needed this Sunday, January 8, after the 11 a.m. Mass as we change our church from **Christmas to Ordinary** Time. We will need help packing up decorations and getting everything up to the choir loft. We would appreciate your help. This is always a bittersweet project that certainly goes much quicker than decorating. Please help after Mass around noon. Thanks!

This Sunday Afternoon

Me? A Teen Leader for <a>OneThe Confirmation Retreat?

When you heard about being a Teen Leader for this retreat, you wondered:

Will I need to know everything about the Bible and Catholicism?

Will I have to speak in front of a big group?

Will I be bored, just sitting all day?

But in reality, we want you to know that being a Teen Leader will actually be:

A chance for everyone to learn something new about themselves and their faith.

A great opportunity to get to know others and share ideas, questions and opinions.

A day filled with a variety of activities, from eating together, praying, and playing games!

Consider giving yourself a day to "check out" of daily life and reset with a day of tuning in to the Holy Spirit. Contact Anita Lovell in the RE office for more details and to sign-up for this experience.

SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS							
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday		
Jan. 9	Jan. 10	Jan. 11	Jan. 12	Jan. 13	Jan. 14		
The Baptism	Ordinary Time	Ordinary Time	Ordinary Time	St. Hilary,	Ordinary Time		
of the Lord	7:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m. Mass	7:00 a.m.	Bishop &	8:30 a.m.		
7:00 a.m.	Mass	† Carol	Mass	Doctor of	Mass		
Monday	† Fr. John Antczak	Johnson by	† Jim Pitts by	the Church	*The People of		
Communion	(Birthday Memorial)	Gene & Pattie	Colleen	8:30 a.m.	St. Joseph		
Service	by Vicki Burgener	Storer	Brown	Mass	Parish		
	Saturday, January 14	Sunday, January15					
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass			8:30 a.m. Mass † Marie Ellison by Judy Avila				
† Deceased Members of the Omer Rivard Family by			& Family † Verna Ponikvar (Anniversary				
Rose Rivard † Mary Jenkins (Birthday Memorial) by			Memorial) by Family11:00 a.m. Mass				
Blanchette & Jenkins Families			*Health of Noel Taylor by Kent & Ellen Taylor				

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

There's something just as bad as disobeying God: discounting Him. I know I am guilty of that each day. In the person I ignore or the opinion I sneer at. In the unkind words I let roll from my tongue. In the prayers of thanksgiving that I don't say because I am "too busy." In the time and resources I know I should share. I believe in God, but I do not fear Him—mostly because my very modern understanding of the concept of "fear" would lump God in with the monsters beneath my bed. But what if we understood fear in a more traditional sense—awe, reverence, and wonder? When Herod heard the news of the coming of the Messiah, it compelled him to do something. Not the right thing, mind you, but something. It moved him into action. So, then, it should move us all.-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

The weekend of December 31, 2022/January 1, 2023 \$6,540.02

4:00 pm: \$2,611.00 8:30 am: \$2.393.00 11:00 am: \$1,106.02

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Christmas & the weekend of December 24/25, 2022 \$20,823.00

Food Donations: 73 Pounds

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Readings for Week of January 8, 2023

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 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b)/Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9// Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org



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Happy New Year from the RE Office!

Here's a look at what's coming up this month in our Religious Education program!

*Wednesday, January 11, 2023 @4:30-5:45 pm

<u>RE Session for K-8:</u> We are excited to get back together for some fun activities about "God's Top Ten", so we can all continue to grow in our faith!

*Wednesday, January 18, 2023 @4:30-5:45 pm in the Parish Hall/Gym.

First Sacraments Session: This important session is for our RE students who are preparing for First Reconciliation. We are going to help them get ready for First Reconciliation by focusing on what it means to SIN and what it does to us.

Note: First Reconciliation students attending BMCS are welcome to attend but not required.

*Sunday, January 22, 2023

~Youth & Family Mass @ 11:00 am: Families are encouraged to attend and even help serve at the next Youth & Family Mass @ 11:00 am. To sign up, contact the RE office.
~Donut Sunday after 11:00 Mass: After Mass, be sure to stop over at the Parish Hall for a Donut and to catch up with friends and family!

~Confirmation Retreat 11:00 am Mass - 4:30 pm @Maternity BVM for ALL <u>Confirmation Candidates:</u> Candidates will be spending the day with other candidates from Maternity BVM focusing on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit with fun and meaningful activities to help them be more open and ready to receive the graces in Confirmation.

*Saturday, January 28, 2023 @2:30-4:00 in the Parish Hall/Gym

<u>Confirmation Session for All Candidates & Their Sponsors:</u> This session will give Confirmation Candidates AND their Sponsors a chance to not only learn a little more about Confirmation and the Holy Spirit but to spend some quality time together as well!

*Wednesday, February 8, 2023 @4:30-5:45 pm in the Parish Hall/Gym RE Session for K-8: "It's all about LOVE!"

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Anita Lovell, our RE Coordinator, in the St. Joseph Religious Education Office at <u>alovell@stjosephbradley.org</u> or 815-937-9340.

The Week at a glance at St. Joseph Parish

Saturday, Jan. 7 Sunday, Jan. 8 Weds, Jan. 11 Thursday, Jan. 12 Saturday, Jan. 14 **Daily Mass** (continued) **Daily Mass Daily Mass** (continued) 8:30 a.m. Mass 7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. Vigil Mass Church 11:00 a.m. Church Men's AA Group 4:00 p.m. **Catholic Charities** Vigil Mass Dismantling 7:00-9:00 p.m. Church 4:00 p.m. Christmas Class Ministry Center Sunday, Jan. 15 12:00 p.m. Church 9:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 13 Mass Help us take down **Daily Mass** 8:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 8 St. Joseph Mass decorations and get Ministry Center 8:30 a.m. Church 8:30 a.m. **RE Classes** RCIA Formation the church ready for Natural Family **Blood Drive** Ordinary Time 4:30-5:45 **Planning Class** Class 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 9 Adult Choir 6:00-8:00 p.m. 9:30 a.m. Communion Service **Practice** Parish Hall Couples must St. Joseph 7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. RCIA Class pre-register Ministry Center 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 10 Church Saturday, Jan. 14 Mass Rectory Meeting Daily Mass Knights of Daily Mass 11:00 a.m. Room 7:00 a.m. Columbus 8:30 a.m. Church **Holy Name** Adoration Meeting Mazzuchi Funeral Parish Baptisms Meeting 1:00-6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Mass (Third Sunday) 11:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. Rosary Group St. Joseph 12:00 p.m. 6:30-7:00 p.m. Church Church Ministry Center Ministry Center

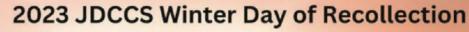
We have several opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The weekly schedule is on Page 7 of the Bulletin. And, appointments can made by calling the parish office.

LITURGICAL	January 14 January 15 January 15 4:00 PM 8:30 AM 11:00 AM		•	Are you interested in any of these	
Hospitality Ministers	Janet Gregoire Jim Lustig Michael Ely Volunteer Needed	Jasmine Elumbaugh Barb Fortin Nick Shervino Danielle Shervino	Lori Cornelius Julie Gindy Candi Brenneisen Greg Brenneisen	ministries? Contact the parish office for training.	
Lectors	Chuck Carnes (both readings)	Brian Zasada (both readings)	Jan St. John (1) Walter Babiaka (2)	Ministers can go online to see when	
Eucharistic Ministers	Diane Ely Michael Ely Michael Yurkowski	Lindsay Adams Annie Kidd Wayne Delabre	Alan Knittel Pat Knittel	they are scheduled, request subs	
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Harrison Adams	Babiaka Children	and input when not	
Deacons		Deacon Greg Clodi	Deacon Leon Fritz	to be	
Presiders	Presiders Fr. Marcin Michalak Fr. Charles W		er Fr. Marcin Michalak	scheduled.	



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Join us for a painting project on Friday, Jan. 13, from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the YMCA (1075 Kennedy Dr, Kankakee). Please call Kelli Coy to reserve your spot at 815-933-7791 ext. 9910 by this Wednesday, Jan. 11. We will paint a cute winter gnome with acrylic paints, paint brushes, and a canvas. All supplies are FREE. This class is available for adults 60 and older.



Vocation Prayer Calendar

The Diocese of Joliet Vocation Prayer Calendar lists daily the names of diocesan priests, seminarians, religious priests, brothers, sisters, deacons, and men and women in formation. You can access the month of January at St. Joseph's website. Names are assigned randomly to dates. Please pray for these men and women, asking that our Lord will continue to sustain them, and others will respond to God's call.

Bishop Ronald Hicks' Column for January 2023



Peace be with you

Recently, while visiting a parish, I noticed a "peace pole" on the property, surrounded by beautiful landscaping and benches. The pole had four sides, with each side displaying an inscription about peace.

The expressions of peace moved from the general to the specific:

Peace on Earth ·Peace for our Nation ·Peace within our Church

·Peace in our Hearts



As I contemplated that simple yet beautiful peace pole, I realized that peace is something we all long for, and yet can seem so unattainable. St. Augustine captured the unreachable nature of peace when he said, "Our hearts are restless until they rest in you, O Lord." Even though peace may be elusive, we know the source of true peace. It is therefore with great faith and hope that we as a Church never stop seeking it through Mary, the Queen of Peace, and her son, Jesus, the Prince of Peace.

As we begin 2023, we remember that St. Paul VI in 1967 established the World Day of Peace to be celebrated on Jan. 1, which is also the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. In 1972, Pope Paul VI coined his famous phrase, "If you want peace, work for justice."

Popes since then have carried on this tradition of issuing messages of peace on this day, with their communications usually associated with the social doctrine of the Church. Hence, popes have made declarations on January 1 regarding the United Nations, human rights, the right to life, economic development, international diplomacy, wars, peace in the Holy Land, globalization, terrorism, etc.

For 2023, Pope Francis writes about our current global condition, as we cope with the long-term effects of the coronavirus pandemic and the impact of the war in Ukraine. He stresses the need for an all-inclusive approach to peace: "We can no longer think exclusively of carving out space for our personal or national interests; instead, we must think in terms of the common good, recognizing that we belong to a greater community, and opening our minds and hearts to universal human fraternity. We cannot continue to focus simply on preserving ourselves; rather, the time has come for all of us to endeavor to heal our society and our planet, to lay the foundations for a more just and peaceful world, and to commit ourselves seriously to pursuing a good that is truly common."

Peace is not just something that we should all work for; it is also something we should constantly be praying for. The next time you are at Mass, I invite you to listen to just how many times the word "peace" is used. Specifically in the Communion rite, immediately after the "Our Father," the priest prays that the peace of Christ will fill our hearts, our families, our Church, our communities, and our world as we extend a sign of peace to those around us. These prayers explicitly follow Jesus' message throughout the Gospels, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid." (John 14: 27)

As we begin this new year, I urge you to pray for peace every Sunday when you attend Mass, and to also try to do so daily. If we get into the habit of praying for peace each day, it becomes even more important to disconnect from the noise and busyness of our world and intentionally to find a "peaceful" place to reflect and contemplate.

During this initial year of the National Eucharistic Revival, I encourage you to take some time before the eucharistic Lord in adoration. It is a beautiful and powerful way to connect our minds, hearts and souls to the peace of Christ. Another possibility is to find a consistent, quiet spot in your home or a sacred space to sit, be still and pray. It is in these serene moments that the Holy Spirit may gently whisper into our ears the ways that God may want us to be an instrument of peace.

As a people of peace, let's begin this new year by praying for and working for peace on Earth, peace for our nation, peace within our Church, peace in our hearts and wherever it is needed most. For ultimately, at the very end of every Catholic Mass throughout the world, we are mandated to "go in peace." And to that, we boldly affirm by responding, "Thanks be to God!"+

Statement of Bishop Ronald A. Hicks on the death of Pope Benedict XVI

(December 31, 2022)

I pray for the soul of Pope Benedict XVI, who today joined our Lord in eternal life. He served God as a priest, archbishop, cardinal and pope, and enlightened Catholics worldwide with his thoughtful theological writings. May he rest in peace.

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