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OUR PARISH



OUR FAMILY

Services

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday 1:00 pm-6:00 pm

First Friday after 8:30am Mass

Rosary

Tuesday 6:30pm

Sacramental Life

Reconciliation

After 8:30 a.m. Mass Saturday & 3 p.m. on Saturday; First Friday or by appointment by calling the office.

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

Newcomers are welcome to register online or stop by the parish office.

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www.stjosephbradley.org

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3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. (Mk 1:14-20)

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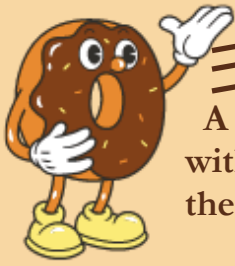
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January 21, 2024



It's Donut Sunday this Weekend!

A favorite social activity at St. Joseph's, Donut Sunday is back in the new year with coffee, donuts, juice, fruit and milk after 11am Mass this Sunday, Jan. 21, in the Parish Hall. Even if you were at a different Mass, you can always come back to enjoy some conversations, laughs, fun, delicious donuts and more!

Take home some poinsettias! Who me?? A Confirmation Retreat Teen Leader?



Here's a youngster helping our team get the church ready for Christmas. Didn't they all do a fantastic job?!

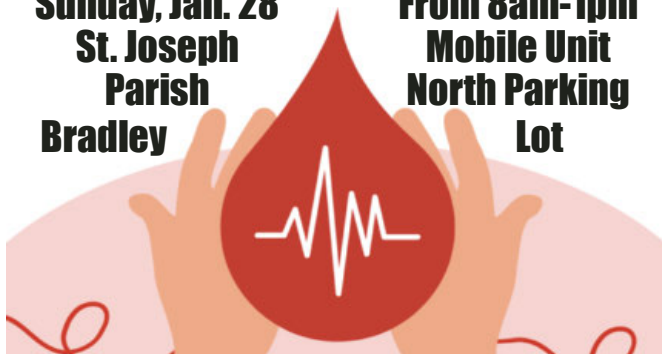
You can help with behind-the-scenes church work too by taking home one or more poinsettias.

The plants are in good shape thanks to the care that parishioner Vicki Burgener has given them. Thanks to Vicki and everyone who made monetary donations for Christmas flowers.

Our Blood Drive is next Sunday!

Sunday, Jan. 28
St. Joseph
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From 8am-1pm
Mobile Unit
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Lot



Make your appointment at the parish website or call the parish office. And, ask your neighbors, family, friends and coworkers to donate too. Thank you for supporting this lifesaving ministry!

I can't do that ... If not you, then who?

Expectation

I NEED TO KNOW ALL THE ANSWERS ABOUT THE BIBLE AND CATHOLICISM

I WILL HAVE TO TALK IN FRONT OF A LARGE GROUP

This is going to be great!

I WILL BE BORED-SITTING AND LISTENING TO TEACHERS ALL DAY

VERSUS

Reality

Tell your teens and grandkids

EVERYONE HAS SOMETHING TO LEARN

CASUAL CONVERSATIONS SHARING IDEAS, QUESTIONS & OPINIONS

Volunteer
Come, Make a Difference!!

VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES: PRAYER, GAMES, SNACKS,

Invite teens you see at church

We are inviting young people to be Teen Leaders at our Confirmation Retreat on Sunday, Feb. 4, 2024, from 10:30am-4:30pm.



Contact:
Sandra
Jefferson or
Anita Lovell

SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday January 22 <i>Prayer Day</i> <i>for the</i> <i>Protection of</i> <i>Unborn</i> <i>Children</i> 7 a.m. Communion Service	Tuesday January 23 <i>St. Vincent &</i> <i>St. Marianne</i> <i>Cope</i> 7 a.m. Mass † Ronald Hart by Vern & Darlene Denault	Wednesday January 24 <i>St. Francis de</i> <i>Sales</i> 7 a.m. Mass † Nancy Palmateer by Betty Azzarelli 9 a.m. BMCS Mass	Thursday January 25 <i>The Conversion</i> <i>of St. Paul the</i> <i>Apostle</i> 7 a.m. Mass Madge Power by Marshall & Patricia Johnson	Friday January 26 <i>St. Timothy &</i> <i>St. Titus,</i> <i>Bishops</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass *The People of St. Joseph Parish	Saturday January 27 <i>St. Angela</i> <i>Merici,</i> <i>Virgin</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass *The People of St. Joseph Parish
Saturday, January 27 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass † Jeanette McQueary (Birthday Memorial) by Daughters			Sunday, January 28 8:30 a.m. Mass † Doreen Mullins by Mike & Susan Van Osdol 11:00 a.m. Mass † Madge Power by Mike & Kathy Worby		

PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

Some things come at the worst time. I've never gotten a telemarketing call and thought, "This is a really convenient moment for me to listen to a sales pitch." I've never seen an update notice on my computer when I didn't have a deadline I was struggling to meet. And I never feel the calm persistence of the Holy Spirit without thinking, "Now is not a good time. Try again when I am..." But then I stop and think: when I am what? When I am stronger? When I am happier? When I am smarter? When I am a different person? When God calls us, He calls the person He sees in front of Him. And, He doesn't mean "When you're finished" or "When it's convenient." He means now. When Paul writes that "the world in its present form is passing away," He means that our plans mean nothing, the kingdom of God is at hand. Abandon your nets, let your catch escape into the sea. Our sins do not define us. Our fears are not fate. Our inclinations do not govern us. Your life can be changed. We live in the time of fulfillment, and fulfillment is coming for you—ready or not.—Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings for the weekend of January 13/14, 2024
\$6,624.81

4:00 pm: \$2,333.00

8:30 am: \$1,172.81

11:00 am: \$744.00

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$2,375.00

Food Donations: 45 Pounds

Readings for the Week of January 21, 2024

Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Friday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org



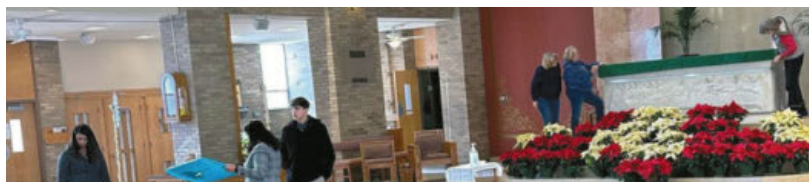
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Thanks to our decorators and dismantlers



Thank you to all who helped make our church look so beautiful for the Christmas Season and all those who helped pack everything up last weekend. These pictures don't even begin to tell the story of the amazing job parishioners did from the start of Advent to changing to Christmas, and finally putting everything back to Ordinary Time. The parish response to our Art & Environment group's invitation each time was tremendous! We had so many different people arrive to help out. Your work is certainly greatly appreciated! Thanks again!



Thank you for your ongoing support

Thank you so much to our Mobile Food Pantry Team and our coordinators and all those who continue to offer monetary donations to cover the costs of this awesome community outreach!



SUPER BOWL FUNDRAISER



The Knights of Columbus of St. Joseph Parish are selling Super Bowl Squares for \$10 apiece.

The payout will be \$100 for each of the 1st, 2nd & 3rd quarters & \$200 for the final. To participate, contact Mike Worby at 815-954-6930, Steve Luehrs at 815-370-2189 or Andre Marcotte at 815-644-6258. And, good luck!

The Week at a glance at St. Joseph Parish

Saturday, Jan. 20 Communion Service 8:30 a.m. Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Church	Sunday, Jan. 21 (continued) Confirmation Session 12:00 p.m. Parish Hall Parish Baptisms 12:15 p.m. Church Monday, Jan. 22 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Church Tues, Jan. 23 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church Nursing Home Ministry 10:00 a.m.	Tues, Jan. 23 (continued) Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-6:00 p.m. Church Rosary Recitation 6:30 p.m. Church Weds, Jan. 24 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church BMCS Mass 9:00 a.m. Church Adult Choir Practice 5:30-7:00 p.m. Church	Thurs, Jan. 25 Mass 7:00 a.m. Men's AA Group 7:00-9:00 p.m. Ministry Center Parish Baptism Class 7:00-8:00 p.m. Rectory Meeting Room Friday, Jan. 26 Mass 8:30 a.m. Natural Family Planning Class 5:30-8:30 p.m. Ministry Center <i>All couples must pre-register for NFP Class</i>	Saturday, Jan. 27 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Church Sunday, Jan. 28 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Blood Drive 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. North Parking Lot OCIA Class 9:30 a.m. Rectory Meeting Room Mass 11:00 a.m. Church
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See page 1 for the weekly schedule for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Joseph's. Appointments for Confession can also be made by calling the parish office at 815-939-3573.

WEEKEND LITURGICAL	January 27 4:00 PM Mass	January 28 8:30 AM Mass	January 28 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
Hospitality Ministers	Jim Graf Becky Graf Diane Gonczy Janet Gregoire	Michael Storer Kathy Storer Barb Fortin Jasmine Elumbaugh	Emily Sue Storer Katelyn Storer Paul Storer Lori Cornelius	
Lectors	Beth Bisailon (both readings)	Brian Zasada (both readings)	Tom LaRocque (1) Chuck Carnes (2)	
Eucharistic Ministers	Michael Yurkowski Pat Yurkowski Patricia Croix Patricia Burr	Mira Brosseau Justin Sommer John Chinski Sharyn Gross	Alan Knittel Pat Knittel David Quigley Lupita Sorich	
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Sean Storer	Jane, Lucy & Allie Quigley	
Deacons	Deacon Leon Fritz	Deacon Greg Clodi		
Presiders	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Charles Wheeler	Fr. Marcin Michalak	



**Catholic
Scouts Event**
*February
17th*
**St. Michael
Parish,
Wheaton, IL**

“Navigating Our Faith: The Eucharistic Revival” is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 17, at St. Michael Parish in Wheaton. This event is open to all registered scouts who have received First Eucharist. It will be a quick-start to earning your Eucharistic Revival patch. (Only Scouts who register by Feb. 5 will be guaranteed the Eucharistic patches). The cost is \$5. The day will start with Mass followed by Adoration and Reconciliation. A highlight will be the very fun and prayerful Living Rosary activity. **Register at www.jolietdiocesecatholicscouts.org.** Boards of Review will be available upon request for Ad Altare Dei, Pope Pius XII and upper Girl Scout Awards at the conclusion of the event.

Next weekend, Jan. 27 and 28, we have the Collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular culture, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. An envelope for this collection is in your offertory packet from the parish. Please be generous. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america.

Bishop Ronald Hicks' Column for January 2024



"Benefits of a Paper Calendar in the Digital Age"

In an era dominated by smartphones and digital technology, the traditional paper calendar may seem like an antiquated relic from a bygone era. In 2011, I officially switched from my five-year calendar/planner, which sat with heavy prominence on my desk, to a digital calendar that automatically syncs with my phone.



Admittedly, the digital calendar is much more convenient and efficient, and once I made the move, I had no regrets. Yet, I still miss some of the nuances of using a paper calendar.

One thing I miss about writing an event down is the ability to impress my friends or family by telling them that I'm going to write down our appointment "in ink" — a nod to the importance and value of our upcoming gathering. I also miss the act of flipping through the pages of a physical calendar, as it evokes so many memories and emotions. Esthetically, a paper calendar — especially those that hang on the wall — also provides a wide array of styles to display, like artwork, in our homes and offices.

I am delighted that the Diocese of Joliet has partnered with Catholic Extension to publish a 2024 Anniversary Calendar for our 75th Jubilee. Catholic Extension, since 1905, has been effectively building up and strengthening Catholic faith communities in the United States, especially those in economically disadvantaged or geographically isolated areas.

As we mark our 75th anniversary, this calendar beautifully expresses a narrative woven together as a tapestry of a vibrant Catholic Community. It superbly highlights key milestones with historical photographs and anecdotes that chronicle our extraordinary history and evolution. Each month unfolds with an invitation to revisit moments of significance: from the establishment of the diocese to the growth of parishes to the contributions of the clergy, religious, and laity.

This calendar also bridges different generations. It connects those who have witnessed the diocese's transformative journey with the younger Catholics who may be fascinated to learn about their roots. At the same time, it encapsulates the collective memory of our diocese, fostering a sense of community and shared heritage. Graphically, the calendar allows us to see that the diocese is much larger than only our own parish experience.

Moreover, the calendar serves as a practical guide offering information on liturgical seasons, feast days, and holy days, along with reminding us about special liturgies, ordinations, and events. It also gives us the opportunity to remember former bishops and sets aside a specific date to

pray for each of our parishes. By seamlessly integrating the sacred and the secular, our calendar becomes a daily and monthly companion, enhancing our connection to our faith, heritage, and the sense of belonging to God and each other.

Our calendar further highlights the contributions of individuals, movements, and organizations that have shaped and continue to shape our diocese. Through profiles, stories, and brief history lessons, it celebrates all those heroes, both popular and unsung, whose dedication, faith, and service embody the spirit of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Joliet.

The calendar's inclusion of key events, Masses, service opportunities, and milestones for the upcoming year not only keeps us informed but also invites active participation. It hopefully will inspire and motivate us to come together and contribute our time, talents, and gifts to ensure that our diocese remains strong and alive for generations to come.

These calendars are so beautiful and informative, serving as a keepsake for years to come. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all the businesses, companies, and service providers who sponsored the 2024 Anniversary Calendar at their local parishes. If you were not able to procure a calendar for yourself, please scan the QR code or go to this link to view it electronically: bit.ly/3tE94m0



Like so many of you, I will continue to use my digital calendar that syncs with my computer and smartphone. However, I also will proudly consult daily our paper calendar as a companion to navigating the folds of time in the digital age. By honoring the past, embracing the present, and hoping for the future, may we continue to pray for each other.

Happy New Year! And with every passing day and each monthly move to the next calendar page, may God bless you and yours.+

(If you would like one of these Commemorative Calendars, please stop by St. Joseph's Parish Office).

In the classroom and out; faith and fun at RE last Wednesday



Thanks to our catechists, volunteers and staff members for another great Religious Education session on Jan. 17 at St. Joseph Parish. We appreciate you giving of your time to teach young parishioners about their Catholic faith and to guide them as eager disciples of Christ.

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