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#### **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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#### Parish Website

www.stjosephbradley.org

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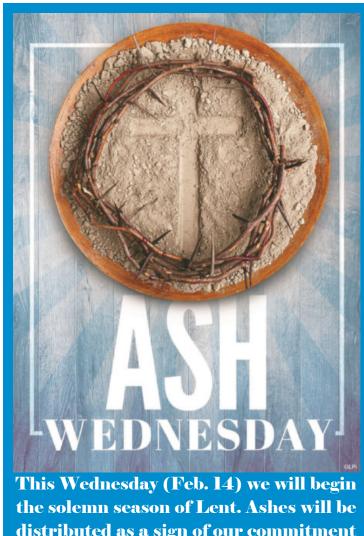


A leper came to Jesus begging to be made clean. Moved with pity, he touched him and he was cured. Jesus warned the man, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man left and began to publicize the whole matter spreading it abroad, so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. He remained in deserted places, and people kept coming to him from everywhere. (Mk 1:40-45)

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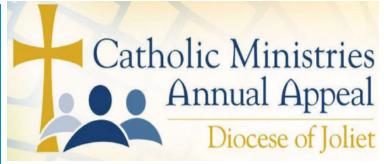


distributed as a sign of our commitment to God and to spiritual growth.

Our Ash Wednesday schedule: Masses at **7**:00am, **8:30am**, **5:30pm** & Service at 12:00pm Noon. All will have distribution of ashes.

\*Coinciding with Ash Wednesday, the Joliet Diocese is taking up a Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, which supports faithful in over 25 countries struggling to recover from former communist rule. (An envelope is in your packet from the parish).



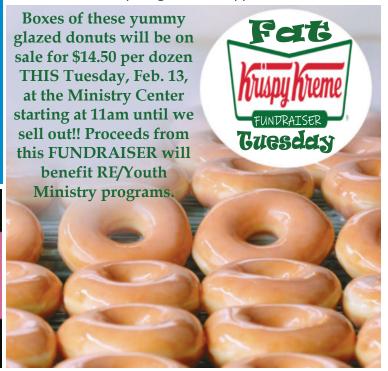


It's commitment weekend for the 2024 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal! What a beautiful way to put our faith into action by supporting the vital mission and important ministries of the Diocese of Joliet.

This year's theme is For the Glory of God. Caring for our brothers and sisters in need is a magnificent way to celebrate His glory. Through the CMAA, St. Joseph Parish joins with other parishes in the seven-county diocese to enrich the lives of those most vulnerable among us, grow our children in deep faith, and strengthen vocations. We could not foster these and the many other diocesan ministries on our own. This is a diocese-wide effort!

Seventy percent of any amount that our parish raises over our goal will be returned to us, a re-gifting of sorts, to invest in the needs of St. Joseph's in Bradley.

Please prayerfully reflect on how you can best support our annual appeal and help us reach our \$49,100.00 parish goal. To make a gift, complete and return one of the pledge envelopes at church or respond through the mailing or online at www.stjosephbradley.org. Thank you in advance for your generous support of the CMAA!



#### SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday
February 12
The Season
of Ordinary
Time
Weekday
7 a.m.
Communion
Service

Tuesday
February 13
Ordinary Time
Weekday
7 a.m. Mass
\*The People of
St. Joseph
Parish (living &
deceased)

Wednesday
February 14
Ash Wednesday
7 a.m. Mass
† Joseph & Helena Last
by Anna Kobylarczyk
8:30 a.m. Mass
12:00 p.m. Service
5:30 p.m. Mass

Thursday
February 15
Season of Lent
Weekday
7 a.m. Mass
\*The People of
St. Joseph
Parish (living &
deceased)

Friday
February 16
Season of Lent
Weekday
8:30 a.m.
Mass
† Madeleine
"Madge" Power
by Norma Lovell

Saturday
February 17
Servite Founders
8:30 a.m. Mass
\*The People of
St. Joseph's

Saturday, February 17
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
† John Hagan (Birthday Memorial) by Mark
& Jackie Frechette

Sunday, February 18
8:30 a.m. Mass † Bill Magruder by
Cavender Nieces & Nephews
11:00 a.m. Mass
† Walter & Anna Kobylarczyk by
Anna Kobylarczyk

#### PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

When I was in high school, we read "The Metamorphosis" by Franz Kafka. It's a depressing novella about a man who turns into a cockroach and dies of neglect after his family ceases to recognize him. "Never underestimate how badly we need touch," said our teacher. "Without each other, we curl up and die." This need is written into our biology as breathing and heart rate of newborns regulates when they lie against their mothers, and we instinctively reach out to embrace someone who has been wounded. But it is also written into our souls. Consider the pandemic and the emotional starvation we experienced away from gathering in groups to worship, to celebrate and to mourn. And when we did encounter others, we kept our distance. "I feel like a leper," we grumbled because we finally understood it: the real tragedy of leprosy is loneliness. "If you wish, you can make me clean," begged the leper as he knelt before Christ. He wasn't begging for deliverance from pain and disfigurement, rather from isolation. "If you wish, you can make me clean," we beg God in confession, not because we are physically withering and dying but because we are so desperate to once again be held in His embrace.-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings for the weekend of February 3/4, 2024 \$7,786.00

4:00 pm: \$3,661.00 8:30 am: \$2,300.00 11:00 am: \$1,213.00

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$612.00

**Food Donations: 64 Pounds** 



Please remember in your prayers the family of Donald Bourassa recently called to Eternal Life. May he enjoy the loving embrace of God in the glory of the kingdom with all the angels and saints. Readings for the Week of February 11, 2024

**Sunday:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

**Monday:** Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-

**Tuesday:** Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-

**Wednesday:** J1 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25 **Friday:** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15 **Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

**Next Sunday:** Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (see 10)/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

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 <u>ACH Offerings</u> from your savings or checking accounts. Download the Authorization Form 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 the Auto Deduct giving method. Or look for the <u>PayPal</u> option at our parish website to initiate online contributions with your PayPal account or credit card. Thanks again for your kindness and faithful stewardship.

Confirmation Retreat at St. Joseph's Youth/Family Mass!



"You gotta have Faith and You gotta live it" was the theme of the Retreat last Sunday. (Confirmation Candidates and young leaders who helped run the program are pictured). The event included Mass with the parish, lunch with Fr. Marcin, discussion, prayer, games and more. The Candidates aren't exactly ready for their T-shirts, but they'll get them after Confirmation. Thanks to everyone who helped create this experience for young parishioners and friends from other churches.

## Praying with the Pralms this Lent

CSI Youth Ministry will be focusing on the Psalms during Lent. Join them by reading the daily messages they have asked the parish to post on social media and grab a bookmark reminder at church.



The next Youth/Family Mass will be here before you know it! It's slated for Sunday, Feb. 25, at the regularly scheduled 11 a.m. Mass followed by Donut Sunday. Youth, Families, Parents, Grandparents and Parishioners can sign-up for the

ministries at the parish website or with this QR code. Musicians should arrive at 10am to practice.



#### The Week at a glance at St. Joseph Parish

Saturday, Feb. 10 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Church Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal Commitment Weekend Sunday, Feb. 11 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church **CMAA** Commitment Weekend

**OCIA Class** 

Ministry Center

9:30 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

Mass

Church

Monday, Feb. 12 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Church A & E Decorating for Lent 6:00 p.m. Church Tues. Feb. 13 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church **Nursing Home Ministry** 10:00 a.m. Krispy Kreme **Donut Pick-up** 11:00 a.m. Ministry Center Happening until sold out Adoration 1:00-6:00 p.m. Church

Tuesday, Feb. 13 (continued) Rosary 6:30 p.m. Church **CCW Meeting** 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall Weds, Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday Mass 7:00 a.m. Church Ash Wednesday Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Ash Wednesday Service 12:00 p.m. Church Ash Wednesday Mass 5:30 p.m.

Church

Thursday, Feb. 15 Mass 7:00 a.m. Men's AA Group 7:00-9:00 p.m. Ministry Center Friday, Feb. 16 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Mobile Food Pantry 10:00-11:30 a.m. Parking Lots Lenten Stations of the Cross 4:00 p.m. Church

Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Church Sunday, Feb. 18 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church **OCIA Class** 9:30 a.m. Ministry Center Mass 11:00 a.m. Church

Saturday, Feb. 17

See page 1 of the Bulletin for the weekly schedule for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Joseph Parish. Appointments for Confession can also be made by calling the parish office at 815-939-3573.

WEEKEND LITURGICAL ROLES	February 17 4:00 PM Mass	February 18 8:30 AM Mass	February18 11:00 AM Mass	Are you Interested in any of these	
Hospitality Ministers	Michael Ely Jim Lustig Janet Gregoire Diane Gonczy	Aliess Bedford Sherry Johnson Volunteer Needed	Paul Storer Emily Sue Storer Katelyn Storer Lori Cornelius	liturgical ministries? Contact the parish office for	
Lectors	Vicki Burgener (both readings)	Emily Rose Storer (both readings)	Jan St. John (1) Brian Zasada (2	information and training. Ministers can go online to see when they are	
Eucharistic Ministers	Diane Ely Lori Gadbois Peggy Blanchette Patricia Croix	Jonathon Storer Mary Kay Pittman Justin Sommer John Chinski	David Quigley Jenna Jamros Pat Knittel Alan Knittel		
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Sean Storer	Eleanor Jamros Aiden Jamros Shane Martin	scheduled, request subs and input dates	
Deacons	Deacon Greg Clodi	Deacon Greg Clodi	Deacon Greg Clodi	when not to be	
Presiders	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. John Horan	scheduled.	

#### LITURGICAL ROLES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 a.m. Mass	8:30 a.m. Mass	12:00 p.m. Service	5:30 p.m. Mass	
Eucharistic Ministers Pat Knittel Vicki Burgenr Altar Server Vicki Burgener	Eucharistic Ministers Dana Berg Stephanie Quigley	Hospitality Ministers Jim Lustig Janet Gregoire Diane Gonczy	Eucharistic Ministers Lindsay Adams Nick Shervino Justin Sommer Becky & Jim Graf	
Lector Gert Auberry Ash Distributors Vicki Burgener Fr. Marcin Michalak	Altar Servers Owen Mayer Tessa Nugent Jerry Ruiz	<b>Lector</b> Brian Zasada	Altar Servers Harrison Adams Hudson Adams	
Presider Fr. Marcin Michalak	Hospitality Ministers Michael Storer Sherry Johnson	Ash Distributors Kathy Joubert Ron Joubert	Hospitality Ministers Shervino Family Becky Graf Jim Graf	
All of these Masses as well	Mike Worby Kathy Storer	Fr. Marcin Michalak Deacon Greg Clodi		
as the Noon	<b>Lector</b> Roland	Presider Deacon Greg Clodi	Lectors Ryan Adams (1)	
Scripture Service on Ash Wednesday (February 14)	Ash Distributors Dana Berg Kathy Storer Fr. Marcin Michalak Deacon Greg Clodi	Make sure to take home <i>The Word</i> Among Us booklet for Scripture readings,	Marian Worby (2)  Ash Distributors Ashley Sommer Fr. Marcin Michalak TBA TBA	
will have	<b>Deacon</b> Deacon Greg Clodi	inspirational stories	<b>Presider</b> Fr. Marcin Michalak	
Distribution of Ashes	<b>Presider</b> Fr. Marcin Michalak	and powerful reflections for your faith journey throughout the Lenten Season		

Lenten
Disciplines

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are obliged to fast and abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.
Catholics ages 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays during the Season of Lent.

Please remember that these disciplines are meant to help you mirror the self-giving love of Jesus and to honor that love through prayer, sacrifices as well as acts of kindness and mercy

Official Woman of the Year Nomination Form  Your Name:  I am pleased to nominate:  as St. Joseph Parish's Woman of the Year for these reasons:	Clip this form & bring it with you to the CCW
	this Tuesday Feb. 13, at 7pm at the Parish Hall.

Or ladies of the parish can compose an email with this information and send it to Pat Knittel (patricia.haseltine@gmail.com) by this coming Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 2pm.

# Changes on the horizon for St. Joseph's CCW

Ladies of our parish are invited to the CCW meeting this coming Tuesday, Feb. 13, at 7pm in the parish hall to learn about the new trajectory of this women's group. A number of issues need to be addressed, such as selection of the Woman of the Year. (See nomination form above). Join the CCW as they nominate and vote for an amazing recipient. (In the meantime, they ask you to think of a parishioner deserving of the honor and complete the form. And, if you cannot attend on Tuesday, please make sure to contact Pat Knittel with your nomination).

AND, THE BIG NEWS! The two-year term of the CCW's officers is coming to an end. So, a definite topic on Tuesday's agenda will be leadership. Indeed, you don't want to miss out on this discussion and the nomination process. An election is planned in March. And, rounding out the evening will be great Fat Tuesday treats. Please join us for a fun and interesting time!

### The Mobile Food Pantry is returning to Bradley next Friday

Go to St. Joseph's website to volunteer or call the church office. And, please spread the word about this opportunity from 10-11:30 a.m. on Feb. 16 to receive food at our parish. Thanks for the ongoing support!



# SUPER BOWL FUNDRAISER

You can view the grid at www.stjosephbradley.org. Thank you for participating!!

# Questions about Adoration at St. Joseph Church

Why would I come to church for Eucharistic Adoration? To spend some quiet time with the Lord. When is Adoration? Adoration is offered on Tuesdays at St. Joseph Church. It starts at 1pm and concludes with rosary at 6:30pm. If anyone can come, anytime during adoration then why are scheduled adorers needed? Out of respect for Jesus truly present, the monstrance cannot be abandoned in the church with our Lord inside it. So, one or two people are asked to commit to a time slot. Is there a need for scheduled adorers? Yes! Right now, we barely have enough people to balance the schedule. If there is an illness or other issue, it has become difficult to provide this opportunity. Who exactly is being invited to commit? Anyone who is available! Naturally, this would likely be a retired individual, senior or someone with Tuesdays off from work during a time slot on a regular basis. What do I do during Adoration? You can pray the rosary or other prayers or read Scripture or other texts. What do I do if I'm interested in getting on the Adoration roster? Just call the parish office or complete the contact form at our parish website indicating your interest in this opportunity. We will connect you with the group responsible for scheduling the regular adorers.



Copies of the Lenten Edition of *The Word Among Us* are in the baskets at each of the church entrances. We have been generously gifted with hundreds of extras. Please take a booklet for yourself and some more for friends, family members, coworkers, and neighbors.

### Stations of the Cross start next Friday



You're invited for a half hour to meditate on the love Jesus has for His people and the sacrifice He made for us on the cross. Please join us for Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph Church on Fridays at 4 p.m. during Lent. It's such a peaceful time to pray and reflect on the Gospel of our Lord's Passion. Please join us.

#### Lenten Programs Sponsored by the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary

A Weekend Retreat, "From Lenten Thirst to Easter Joy," is scheduled at Nazareth Center in Batavia, IL, Feb. 23-25. A Day Retreat from 8:30am-4pm on Saturday, March 9, is scheduled at One Heart, One Soul Center in Kankakee (or virtually). And, the "Busy Person's Retreat" with just you and one of the spiritual directors can take place according to your schedules. The Sisters have several other upcoming programs, including the "Lenten Gospel Film Series" that will be presented online from 3-6pm on Sundays Feb. 18-March 17 and the "Exploring the Holy Week Scriptures" program that will be offered from 9-10:30am on Wednesday, March 20, at One Heart, One Soul Center or virtually. More information and registration for these programs can be found on our website at: https://www.sscm-usa.org/Workshops-Retreats.html or call us at 708-790-8141.







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