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#### **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

#### Rosan

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

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

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Jesus said to his disciples: "Whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven. I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven."

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## Palm Collection at St. Joseph Church

You're invited to bring the Old Palms that are displayed in your home back to church. We have baskets at each entrance for these branches. They will be burned before Lent to provide ashes for Ash Wednesday. Our schedule for Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22) is: Mass at 7am, 8:30am, and 5:30pm and Service at 12pm.

# **Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal**

The opening report for the 2023 Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal in our bulletin reflects how we belong to God because we are part of Christ's Church. Through the CMAA, we care for the most vulnerable members of our community. We also benefit, as a parish, from the many diocesan ministries, like vocations, religious education, and Catholic Charities. St. Joseph's goal this year is \$48,000. The diocese will return 70 percent of any amount we raise over this goal to us. You should have already received a packet, including a pledge card. Please review this information and prayerfully reflect on your gift. Commitment Weekend is next weekend.

# Mobile Food Pantry Next Friday Volunteers Needed

You're invited to help out next Friday morning when the Mobile Food Pantry returns to St. Joseph's. Go to our website to see what time volunteers need to arrive and to sign-up or call the parish. And, please spread the word about this event from 10-11:30 a.m. next Friday, Feb. 17, to receive food. Thanks to our team and all who support this outreach.



Through the waters of Baptism, Gracelyn Marie Birmingham, recently became a child of God. Congratulations to her parents, William and Ashley (Lovell) Birmingham and her entire family! What an extremely joyful event at St. Joseph Church!

### It's Heart Month A good time to get an AED



Thanks to all who are participating in this Sunday's Super Bowl Fundraiser sponsored by the Knights of Columbus of St. Joseph Parish. You can view the grid at www.stjosephbradley.org. Good luck!

The CCW is collecting funds to purchase an automated external defibrillator for our church. Cardiac arrest needs to be treated fast. Having an AED onsite could save critical time if someone collapses in church. With your help, we can get one of these life-saving devices for our worship space. Donations can be put in an envelope marked CCW Defibrillator. (Checks can be made out to St Joseph CCW). Thanks for your support!



# Daily Schedule for this Week at St. Joseph Church

Daily Mass will not be celebrated at St. Joseph Church this coming week, February 14-17. We will, however, offer Communion Services at the regular times.

SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS								
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday			
Feb. 13	Feb. 14	Feb. 15	Feb. 16	Feb. 17	Feb. 18			
Season of	St. Cyril, Monk	Ordinary Time	Season of	The Holy	Ordinary Time			
Ordinary	&	Weekday	Ordinary	Founders of	Weekday			
Time	St. Methodius,	7:00 a.m.	Time	the Servite	8:30 a.m.			
Weekday	Bishop	Communion	Weekday	Order	Mass			
7:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	Service	7:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	† Leonard			
Communion	Communion	9:00 a.m.	Communion	Communion	Lambert by			
Service	Service	BMCS Mass	Service	Service	Family & Friends			
Saturday, February 18			Sunday, February 19					

Saturday, February 18
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass † Tod Sobol (Anniversary
Memorial) by Family

### PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

These days, "I'm not feeling it," is a genuine excuse to avoid something. "I feel that," we say to indicate agreement. "I feel like..." is a way to offer our opinion. Feelings carry a lot of weight. Before Christ, there was only the law, which dealt with actions. Do this. Do not do this. All well and good. But with the fulfillment of the law, Christ wants us to look inwardly. He wants us to consider the influence of our feelings on our actions, and to understand how our chosen actions can, in turn, inspire certain feelings. I'm a millennial, so, depending on your age, you may think that I feel either too much or too little. One thing I have learned, though, is that when I give my feelings free rein, my instincts immediately turn into actions. I become the toddler grasping at shiny objects with no thought for what they represent. Anger becomes unkindness. Jealousy becomes cruelty. Fear becomes selfishness. Free will, I have come to understand, means freedom from the tyranny of feelings. If a feeling is strong enough, it can build a prison.-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings for the weekend of February 4/5, 2023 \$8,409.00

4:00 pm: \$3,679.00 8:30 am: \$2,217.00 11:00 am: \$1,485.00

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$1,028.00

Food Donations: 62 Pounds

### Readings for Week of February 12, 2023

8:30 a.m. Mass † Marie Ellison by Judy Avila & Family 11:00 a.m. Mass \*People of the Parish

**Sunday:** Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 (1b)/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

**Monday:** Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21/ Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday:** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10/Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday:** Gn 8:6-13, 20-22/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 18 -19/Mk 8:22-26

**Thursday:** Gn 9:1-13/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/Mk 8:27-33

**Friday:** Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 8:34—9:1

**Saturday:** Heb 11:1-7/Ps 145: 2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Mk 9:2-13

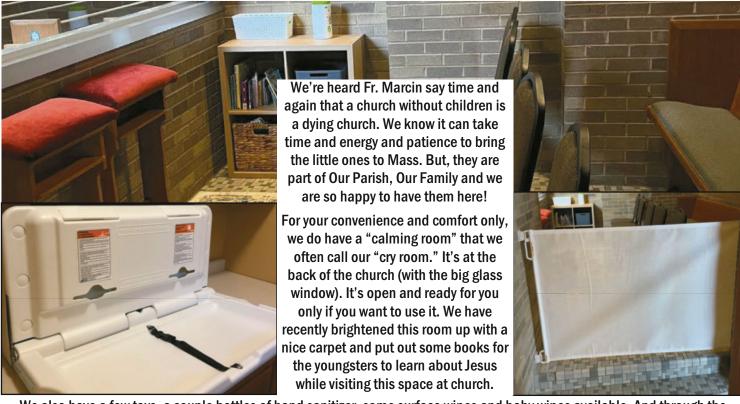
**Next Sunday:** Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 (8a)/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org



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 your offerings. You can make automated <u>ACH Offerings</u> from your savings or checking accounts. Download the form at the parish website; print; complete; follow the directions and put in collection basket or mail or to the parish. Or stop by the parish office to sign-up for Auto Deduct. Or look for the <u>PayPal</u> option at our website to set-up regular contributions through this online payment method. Thanks for your support!

### Parents with young children are most welcome at St. Joseph's



We also have a few toys, a couple bottles of hand sanitizer, some surface wipes and baby wipes available. And through the generosity of our CCW, we have added a gate for you to latch if you need it and changing table in the nearby Hospitality Room. If you have to leave the sanctuary, please feel free to do so, but know that you are most welcome to return. As Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." And, watch for our Youth & Family Mass, which happens at 11 a.m. monthly on Donut Sunday!!

Saturday, Feb. 11 **Daily Mass** 8:30 a.m. Mass of Anointing 11:00 a.m. Church Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 12 Mass 8:30 a.m. RCIA Class 9:30 a.m. Ministry Center Mass 11:00 a.m. **CMAA** Announcement Weekend

Monday, Feb. 13 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. **Deacon Deanery** Meeting 7:00 a.m. Ministry Center Tuesday, Feb. 14 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. **Nursing Home Ministry** 10:00 a.m. Adoration 1:00-6:00 p.m. Rosary Group

6:30-7:00 p.m.

Weds. Feb. 15 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Church **BMCS Mass** 9:00 a.m. **Catholic Charities** Class 9:30 a.m. Ministry Center First Sacraments Session 4:30-5:45 p.m. Parish Hall Adult Choir **Practice** 5:30-7:00 p.m. Church

Thurs, Feb. 16 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Men's AA Group 7:00-9:00 p.m. Ministry Center Friday, Feb. 17 Communion Service 8:30 a.m. Mobile Food **Pantry** 10-11:30 a.m. Parking Lots Mardi Gras Party Set-Up 5:00 p.m. Parish Hall

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Saturday, Feb. 18

As always on Announcement Weekend, we have the CMAA opening report in the bulletin. Please read how We Belong To God through the mission and ministries of the Joliet Diocese. Thank you for prayerfully considering your pleage to the CMAA.

LITURGICAL ROLES	February 18 4:00 PM	February 19 8:30 AM	February 19 11:00 AM	Interested in any of these	
Hospitality Ministers	Mike Worby Janet Gregoire Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Barb Fortin Jasmine Elumbaugh Danielle Shervino Nick Shervino	Sandra Jefferson Julie Gindy Candi Brenneisen Greg Brenneisen	ministries? Contact the parish office for training. Ministers	
Lectors	Beth Bisaillon (both readings)	Jan St. John (both readings)	Lisa Robbins (1) Zaida Garcia (2)	can go online to see	
Eucharistic Ministers	Michael & Pat Yurkowski Patricia Burr	Nick Shervino Mary Kay Pittman	Jason Grizzle Julie Gindy	when they are scheduled.	
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Harrison Adams	Ryane Jefferson Aiden Jamros	request subs and input when not to be	
Deacons		Deacon Greg Clodi	Deacon Greg Clodi		
Presiders	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	scheduled.	

# Ministry Opportunities

We will have Eucharistic Minister Training on Thursday, March, 9, at 6 p.m. at St. Joseph Church. This is a great way to bring Jesus to others and minister in the church! Those who are confirmed and 16 years of age and older who would like to minister in this privileged role are most welcome to attend. Current Eucharistic ministers are welcome as well for a quick refresher on this awesome ministry in our church. Please save the date.

We will have Lector Training on Thursday, March, 16, at 6 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the Word with the Assembly at church. Those who are confirmed and wish to proclaim the Scriptures at Mass at most welcome to attend. Current lectors are welcome too for a refresher about this ministry. Please save the date!



We will be hosting a Day of Service from 9:30 a.m.noon on Saturday, March 11, to clean St. Joseph
Church and do some light work outdoors at the
parish. Specific areas will be pews, windows, and
church fans. Outside tasks will include raking
around flower beds and plant areas, and cutting
back grass areas. To volunteer, visit the parish
website or call Deacon Greg at the parish office.
Participants will receive a free T-shirt courtesy of
the St. Meinrad Alumni Association.

We have been asked to put these notices in our church bulletin from various organizations:

Looking for a sense of purpose? Register for the <u>REFLECT Singles Retreat</u> happening at the Joseph & Mary Retreat House in Mundelein, IL, March 3-5, 2023. For details, call 630-222-8303.

Maternity BVM Parish in Bourbonnais is seeking a part-time Secretarial Assistant. This position will require 20-25 hours per week, generally on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. At times, there may be the opportunity for more hours. Duties will include reception, management of the front office, proficient with computer skills, and support to parish ministries. Please email cover letter and resume to Father Jason Nesbit at Maternity BVM Catholic Church, Attn: Father Jason, 308 E. Marsile St, Bourbonnais, IL 60914.

Become a <u>Literacy Tutor</u> and help those who are looking to learn how to read! Learn more about KCC's ALIVE program by contacting Shannan Carrell at scarrell@kcc.edu or 815-802-8307

The Bradley Lions Club is sponsoring a <u>Pancake Breakfast</u> next Saturday, Feb. 18, from 7:30-11am at the Bradley American Legion Hall. All you can eat pancakes and sausage and biscuits and gravy! The cost is \$7 per person and children 5 and under eat FREE! Delivery is available for orders of five or more by calling 815-932-9180. (Bring used eye glasses for recycling).

### Bishop Ronald Hicks' Column for February 2023



Feeding the hungry through our ministries

People are sometimes surprised to hear that I do my own grocery shopping and cook my own meals. I am not a gourmet chef, but I can hold my own in the kitchen. Frankly, it is not that big of a task since I live alone and frequently eat out at meetings, receptions and events. Therefore, most of my trips to

the grocery store are a very quick "in and out."

However, for Christmas day, I invited my family for dinner. Hosting 10 people resulted in a much longer grocery list and time in the store than usual. So as I navigated the aisles filled with a multitude of carts and frantic shoppers on the morning of December 24, it struck me just how much the price of food has gone up. There was a woman standing next to me in the egg section. Suddenly, she blurted out, "Is this really the cost of eggs?!" I turned to her and said, "I think so. It's unbelievable, right?" With an affirming and exaggerated nodding of her head, she added, "Unbelievable, yes! And outrageous. I have sticker shock!"

With the soaring grocery prices across our nation, hunger is also on the rise. As a Church, we are mandated to not turn a blind eye to those in need. One of the many ways that we put our faith into action is by feeding the hungry. Scripture is clear about the obligation to help those who are less fortunate. Once we have adored and worshiped God, being nourished by the Word and the Eucharist, we are mandated to go out and serve the poor, and not just in abstract ways, but tangibly: "What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works?" (James 2:14)

I am proud that we in the Diocese of Joliet take this mandate to heart. Our Catholic Ministries Annual Appeal (CMAA) supports so many ministries, including outreach to the poor and hungry. It helps support Catholic Charities, whose mobile food pantries at parishes and schools throughout the diocese helped more than 26,000 people last year. Catholic Charities also uses these visits to offer resources to other services participants may need.

Additionally, the ministries of mercy advisor from our Department of Catechesis and Evangelization organized "Christmas Blessing" grants to local parish-based food pantries. The applications submitted by parishes painted a stark yet accurate picture of the struggle to stock pantries in the face of dramatically increasing prices. Yet it was heartening to read of the commitment of parish

staff and volunteers to help their faith community and neighbors. Our Catholic schools and religious education programs also contribute to this ministry with donations and service hours. We all work as a family to help our brothers and sisters with a basic need of life.

My aunt and uncle volunteer at their church's food pantry. They, too, have reported that the number of people requesting food has continued to rise exponentially, and sometimes they are surprised by who is asking for food. Recently, they handed a basket of food to a man who has been a longtime parishioner and pillar of their church. Confused, they assumed he was there to volunteer for the distribution of food, but why was he waiting in the line? Sheepishly, he said to them, "I feel so bad. Over the years, I was the one giving out food, and now I need it myself. With prices skyrocketing, I have come to the point of having to choose between my medication or food. I am embarrassed to admit that I now need this assistance myself."

Sometimes, we can be tempted to wonder if everyone in the food pantry lines really needs the food they are receiving from us. There might be some people who take advantage of our generosity. Yet, I would rather err on the side of generosity and love than turn away those who are in need. St. Paul boldly challenges us to be generous to all people, even those we might deem undeserving, such as our enemies: "If your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink." (Romans 12:20)

There are so many ways to feed the hungry and help those in need. Whatever way you choose—the CMAA, donations to your parish or local pantry, volunteerism or prayers—to you I say, "thank you!" For whenever we put our faith into action, we are following what Jesus teaches in the Gospel: "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me." (Matthew 25:40)+

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