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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 6:30-7:30 pm

Sacramental Life

Reconciliation

After 8:30 a.m. Mass Saturday &
3 p.m. on Saturday; First Friday or
by appointment with the parish 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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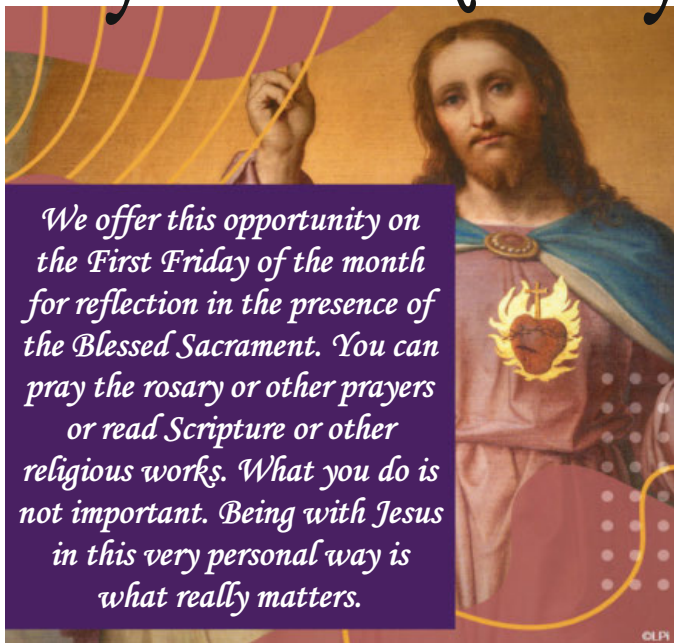
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February 26, 2023

Donut Sunday This Weekend!



Holy Hour is Next Friday



We offer this opportunity on the First Friday of the month for reflection in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. You can pray the rosary or other prayers or read Scripture or other religious works. What you do is not important. Being with Jesus in this very personal way is what really matters.

Join us next Friday, March 3, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass for our Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with an opportunity for Reconciliation. What a wonderful opportunity to spend some quiet time with our Lord during this Lenten Season.

CONFIRMATION Session

For ALL CANDIDATES at Noon, Sunday, March 5,
Parish Hall. Lunch provided; bring your folders.

So, if you by chance have a gently used red Confirmation gown hanging in the back of your closet, we would gladly accept it as a donation to add to our current inventory. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office or by calling the St. Joseph's Religious Education Office at 815-937-9340 to schedule a drop-off time. We appreciate your generosity! We're so excited to celebrate this Sacrament with Bishop Hicks and some neighboring parishes! Thanks so much in advance!

Pray the Rosary this Lent

Searching for a way to deepen your prayer life? Want to do something extra during Lent? St. Joseph's Rosary Group would like to invite you to join us for this powerful weekly devotion.



We gather every Tuesday at 6:30pm during Adoration to pray together in our church. Our Lady promised extraordinary graces to those who pray the rosary. Please join us this Lent!

Have a Red Confirmation Gown somewhere at home?



A few years ago, we acquired an inventory of gowns so each family did not have to buy one to be worn once. We plan to use these gowns this year for Confirmation on Thursday, April 20, but we have a slight dilemma. We have two parishes joining us and we don't quite have enough gowns on hand.

SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday Feb. 27 <i>St. Gregory, Abbot & Doctor of the Church</i> 7:00 a.m. Communion Service	Tuesday Feb. 28 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass † Ann Gifford (Anniversary Memorial) by Gifford Family	Wednesday March 1 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass † Joan Pierce by Mr. & Mrs. Michael Antons 9:00 a.m. BMCS Mass	Thursday March 2 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass † Myrtle Saffer by Viola Erwin	Friday March 3 <i>Lenten Weekday</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass *The People of St. Joseph Parish	Saturday March 4 <i>Season of Lent Weekday</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass † Janice Sims by Ralph, Husband
Saturday, March 4 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass † Deceased Members of Omer Rivard Family by Rose Rivard			Sunday, March 5 8:30 a.m. Mass † Deceased Members of the Brosseau Family 11:00 a.m. Mass † Rosella Knittel by Al & Pat Knittel † Leona Pearman (Birthday Memorial) by Family		

PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

There is a version of myself who walks into church on Ash Wednesday and a version on Good Friday. Aside from having the same face, these women bear little resemblance. Ash Wednesday Me is fired up. She's ready to go. She's got a stomach full of *pączki*, a forehead full of ashes, and a whole list of resolutions. She's got a plan for the next 40 days and she's ready to be transformed. Good Friday Me is tired. She's lumbering into church dragging six weeks of failure and unfulfilled expectations behind her. Nothing went the way it was supposed to (again). She didn't accomplish what she wanted (again) and she doesn't want to dwell on it (again). If Satan offered both versions the same deal he offered Christ—submit to me, and you will have the whole world—I have to wonder: which one of these creatures, formed and fallen, would be strong enough to defy him? Would either? This Lent, I know that I will be tested. I know that I will fail. I know that my intentions and my efforts will not be enough. But I bring them to the altar anyway, and I leave them as an offering. And I know that Easter morning will dawn, and the tomb will be empty.—Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings for the weekend of February 18/19, 2023
\$7,563.16

4:00 pm: \$2,703.00

8:30 am: \$1,748.00

11:00 am: \$1,472.16

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$1,640.00

Food Donations: 106 Pounds

Readings for Week of February 26, 2023

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17/
Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org



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Through the waters of Baptism, St. Joseph Parish welcomes: Lora Catherine Smith, daughter of Jonathan and Hallie (Berwanger) Smith. Congratulations and many blessings!

CCW working on getting a defibrillator for our church



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. Put donations in an envelope marked CCW Defibrillator. (Make checks payable to St Joseph CCW). Thanks for your support!

DAY OF SERVICE AT ST. JOSEPH'S!

March 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 March at St. Joseph's website. Please pray for those listed, asking God to continue to sustain them, and that others will respond to His call.

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 indoor areas will be: cleaning pews, windows, and church fans. Outside tasks will include: raking around flower beds and plant areas, and cutting back grass areas. To volunteer, visit our parish website (www.stjosephbradley.org) or call Deacon Greg at the parish office (815-939-3573). Participants will receive a T-shirt courtesy of the St. Meinrad Alumni Association.

The Week at a glance at St. Joseph Parish

<p>Saturday, Feb. 25 Daily Mass 8:30 a.m. Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Church Sunday, Feb. 26 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church RCIA Class 9:30 a.m. Ministry Center Youth & Family Mass 11:00 a.m. Church Donut Sunday after 11 a.m. Mass Parish Hall</p>	<p>Monday, Feb. 27 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 28 Mass 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, March 1 Mass 7:00 a.m. BMCS Mass 9:00 a.m. Church</p>	<p>Thursday, March 2 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church Men's AA Group 7:00-9:00 p.m. Ministry Center Friday, March 3 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church First Friday Holy Hour after 8:30 a.m. Mass Church Stations of the Cross 4:00 p.m. Church</p>	<p>Saturday, March 4 Daily Mass 8:30 a.m. Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Sunday, March 5 Mass 8:30 a.m. RCIA Class 9:30 a.m. Meeting Room Holy Name Meeting 9:30 a.m. Ministry Center Mass 11:00 a.m. Confirmation Session 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>We have opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The weekly schedule is on Page 1 of the Bulletin. And, appointments for Confession can be made by calling the parish office.</p>
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WEEKEND LITURGICAL ROLES	March 4 4:00 PM	March 5 8:30 AM	March 5 11:00 AM	Interested in any of these ministries? Contact the parish office for training. Ministers can go online to see when they are scheduled, request subs and input when not to be scheduled.
Hospitality Ministers	Janet Gregoire Jim Lustig Jay & Donna Karr	Pruss Family Aliess Bedford	Sorich Family	
Lectors	Beth Bisailon (both readings)	Gary Gross (both readings)	Walter Babiaka (1) Veritas Babiaka (2)	
Eucharistic Ministers	Patricia Croix Patricia Burr	Justin Sommer Mary Kay Pittman	Alan Knittel Pat Knittel	
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Adelaide Bedford	Emily & Sean Storer	
Deacons	Deacon Greg	Deacon Leon	Deacon Greg	
Presiders	Fr. Wheeler	Fr. Marcin	Fr. Marcin	



We had 130 families served at the Mobile Food Pantry on Feb. 17. They received pancake mix and maple syrup, ketchup, stuffing, vegetables, taco kit, fruit, meat and more. Each family took home two large bags. This month, the people were also treated to handmade cards as well. Thank you to everyone for jumping in and doing what needed to be done to make this another successful pantry. Special thanks to those who brought coffee, donuts and other goodies that the team shared in the warming area of the main entrance of our church. Again, we are so grateful to the Team and all the parishioners who make this outreach possible! (And, if you haven't already watched the CMAA videos at St. Joseph's website, please check them out. They feature some familiar faces and highlight our Team in action making a difference).



Training Sessions to become Ministers at Mass

What an amazing privilege it is to share the Body of Christ with faithful believers as they come to the table of the Lord. You are invited to help with this special role in the church.

We will have a Eucharistic Minister Training Session on Thursday, March 9, at 6 p.m. Those who are confirmed are most welcome to attend. Current Eucharistic ministers are invited as well for a very nice refresher of this ministry.

Meanwhile, we will have a Training Session for Prospective Lectors on Thursday, March 16, at 6 p.m. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the Word with the assembly at church. Those who wish to proclaim the Scriptures at Mass are most welcome to attend. Current lectors are welcome too for a refresher about this ministry. Please save the dates!

BLOOD DRIVE COUNTDOWN

3 Weeks!

Sign-up for St. Joseph's Blood Drive happening on Sunday, March 19, by visiting the parish website, scanning this QR code or calling the parish office.



Celebrating Mardi Gras at St. Joseph's!



There were so many smiles and laughs at St. Joseph's First Annual Mardi Gras Celebration last Saturday, Feb. 18th.



Fr. Marcin's mother, Bozena, who was visiting from Poland, attended the gathering as well. What a great way to welcome her at St. Joseph's!



Congrats to Rick Dove & Lupita Sorich who won prizes for costumes and to all the winners of the other contests, raffles and games!



We enjoyed fun costumes and accessories, food, drinks, desserts, games, music, dancing and even a parade! (Check out the brief parade video at our parish website).



Many thanks to all of the volunteers, including our DJ and Master of Ceremonies Tom LaRocque, the Knights of Columbus, the cleanup helpers and of course Pat Knittel and Peggy Blanchette and the rest of the CCW for planning the event and making it happen for Our Parish, Our Family.

What dish are you bringing to the St. Joseph Table?



The CCW is hosting the annual St. Joseph Table Celebration after 4pm Mass on Saturday, March 18, in the parish hall.

Go to our parish website, www.stjosephbradley.org, to RSVP for the event and to sign-up to bring a dish for the potluck or call Peggy Blanchette at 815-370-2831.

And, please save the date for a very nice evening with a lot of great food, fellowship and fun as we honor our patron saint and celebrate Our Parish, Our Family.

Beginning Lent on Ash Wednesday



Thank you to all those who ministered and helped on Ash Wednesday as well as the people who got the church ready for Lent and everyone who came to pray with us.

Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 4pm

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