

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

Rosan

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.

Pastoral Staff

Pastor

Rev. Marcin Michalak

Deacon

Leon Fritz

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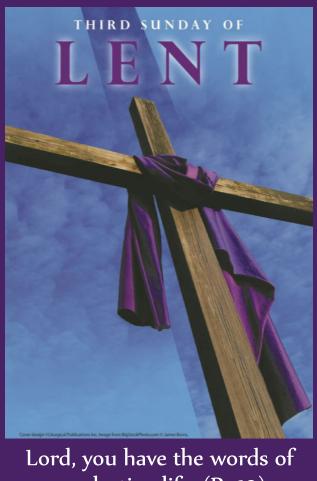
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St. Joseph Parish in Bradley is seeking to hire a Business Manager. Duties are multi-faceted, including payroll, all deposits and expenditures, human resources, supervising up keep of facilities and managing maintenance personnel.

Working with others, accounting and computer skills are needed for this position. The business manager reports to the Pastor. Please send a resume of interest to Rev. Marcin Michalak at frmichalak@stjosephbradley.org.

The complete job description can be found at www.stjosephbradley.org.

Lenten

Reconciliation Service

At St. Joseph Church, Bradley

Lent is an opportunity to receive the healing graces our Lord offers us. What a great time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation! Fr. Marcin and priests of our area will be hearing confessions following a brief Penance Service starting at 6pm on Wednesday, March 20. It's going be an evening to celebrate God's forgiveness and love.

Parish Blood Drive is March 24th

The next Blood Drive is coming up quick on Sunday, March 24, on the mobile coach that will be parked at our parish.

This is also Palm Sunday. Make an appointment at our website or call us and give as a sign of Jesus' ultimate sacrifice.

A TALE OF SEVEN ROOFS...



Thank you to the parishioners who have already made donations for the new roof on the entryway section of our church.

Here's a little background on the project. Since the early 1960s when the current church was built, the people of our parish have faced challenges with the roof at the main entrance with water leaking into the lobby and restrooms. The issue was addressed with a new layer of roof added each time leakage reoccurred. When our contractor was assessing the situation recently it was discovered that SIX separate layers (below) had been installed over the years to solve the problem with water still leaking into our church!

So, a roof project has begun to remove all the soggy, wet layers and to install a new roof. Of course, a flat roof won't last forever, but it can withstand many years of the elements if the water does not remain on it and then seep into the building. Therefore, a plan is being implemented to create a new drainage system to address the pitch problem of this section to hopefully avoid leakage problems in the future.

This is clearly a multi-faceted effort involving many manhours and a wide range of materials with an estimated cost of \$23,000. We certainly appreciate any donation you are able to make to help with this unexpected project. (Please indicate "roof" on your check or envelope).

Thanks in advance for your wonderful generosity, from Fr. Marcin and the staff of St. Joseph Church, Our Parish, Our Family.



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SERVICE		α			

Monday March 4	Tuesday March 5	Wednesday March 6	Thursday March 7	Friday March 8	Saturday March 9			
St. Casimir,	7 a.m. Mass	7 a.m. Mass	St. Perpetua	St. John of	St. Frances of			
patron	† Claire	† Monica	& St. Felicity	God,	Rome &			
of Poland &	Strawson	(Landry)	7 a.m. Mass	Religious	St. Catherine of			
Lithuania	(Birthday	Behrends by	† Madeleine	8:30 a.m.	Bologna			
7 a.m.	Memorial)	Family	"Madge"	Mass	8:30 a.m. Mass			
Communion	by Strawson	9 a.m.	Power by	*People of the	† Mafalda "Muffy"			
Service	Family	BMCS Mass	Diane Power	Parish	Stamper by Family			

Saturday, March 9 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

† Neil Carroll (Birthday Memorial) by Norma Lovell † Steve Langevin (Birthday Memorial) by Tricia & Gary Langevin

Sunday, March 10

8:30 a.m. Mass † Denise (Auberry) Belt by Monica Ruder † Louis Rivard (Anniversary Memorial) by Judy Wolfe & Dave Rivard 11:00 a.m. Mass † Barbara Brown (Anniversary Memorial) by Family † Faye St. Pierre (Anniversary Memorial) by Mike & Kathy Storer

PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

We have become uncomfortable with the idea of an angry Jesus. But, the fierceness and love of Jesus coexist in a healthy way. Indeed, our relationship with God is not the same as a spouse or best friend. Because we cannot see clearly, we would mistake His zeal for anger and His law for orders. A wave against a rocky cliff will, over time, erode its surface, just as an abundance of raindrops will flood a city. We do not call the water callous and cruel. We still enjoy its refreshment. Its destructive powers don't negate its life-giving properties. We do not demand that water apologize. Fierce, uncompromising—but also, soft and merciful. How can God—and God's law—be both. at the same time? How can Christ cast a whip at someone's foot, overturn a table and scatter coins? How can the law of God be perfect, as the Psalm says, and refresh the soul—while demanding so much of it? Thank God for Jesus in today's Gospel. We need his fierceness and thank God it does not wane. Thank God his mercy does not decrease because we doubt it.-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings for the weekend of February 24/25, 2024 \$6,086.58

4:00 pm: \$2,229.00 8:30 am: \$2,373.58 11:00 am: \$1,484.00 Food Donations: 33 Pounds Readings for the Week of March 3, 2024

Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 *Scrutiny:* Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30 **Tuesday:** Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23 **Friday:** Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21/Lk 18:9-14 **Next Sunday:** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 *Scrutiny:* 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

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.

First Reconciliation only days away from happening at St. Joseph's



Fr. Marcin recently met with some children of our parish preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. He quizzed them about the sacrament and then told them about what to expect during the experience which will be happening this coming Thursday, March 7.

While some might question the significance of Reconciliation, especially in the case of children who might not fully understand the reality of sin or the meaning of the sacrament itself, a child's "First Confession" can be a wonderful time for families to reflect together on the quality of their relationships and how they put their faith into practice. And, it can be the start of realizing to how great it is to celebrate the sacrament as a family. Going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation is a tangible reminder that our

sins affect not only ourselves and our relationship with God, but others as well. Jesus gave his Apostles authority to forgive sins in his name. Through this sacrament, we are really, truly forgiven by God Himself. We receive an outpouring of grace and strength to sin no more and our relationship with Christ and his Body, the Church, are restored. Quick reminder that our Lenten Reconciliation Service is scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, at 6pm. ©LPi

What are you bringing to the annual St. Joseph Table potluck?



Our annual St. Joseph Table celebration is only two weeks away!!! Please make sure to go to the parish website to RSVP and to input your dish for the potluck (volunteer slots are available too). Join us on Saturday, March 16, after 4pm Mass in the Parish Hall for a great time, delicious meal and fun atmosphere with your fellow parishioners. This is always an awesome way to honor our patron and to celebrate Our Parish, Our Family.

The Week at a glance at St. Joseph Parish

Saturday, March 2 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Church Sunday, March 3 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church **OCIA Class** 9:30 a.m. Meeting Room Mass (First OCIA Scrutiny) 11:00 a.m. Church **Holy Name** Meeting 9:30-11:00 a.m. Ministry Center

Monday, March 4 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Tues, March 5 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church **Nursing Home Ministry** 10:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-6:00 p.m. Church Rosarv 6:30 p.m. Church **Parish Council** Meeting 7:00 p.m. Ministry Center

Weds. March 6 Mass 7:00 a.m. **BMCS Mass** 9·00 a m First Sacraments Session 4:30-5:45 p.m. Choir Practice 5:30-7:00 p.m. Church Thursday, March 7 Mass 7:00 a.m. First Reconciliation Service 6:30 p.m. Church Men's AA Group 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Ministry Center

Friday, March 8
Mass
8:30 a.m.
Church
Lenten Stations of
the Cross
4:00 p.m.
Church
Saturday, March 9
Mass
8:30 a.m.
Vigil Mass
4:00 p.m.
Church

Sunday, March 10
Mass
8:30 a.m.
OCIA Class
9:30 a.m.
Ministry Center
Mass (Second
OCIA Scrutiny)
11:00 a.m.
Confirmation
Session for
Candidates
3:00 p.m.
Parish Hall

See page 1 of the Bulletin for the weekly schedule for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Joseph Parish. Our Lenten Penance Service is Wednesday, March 20, at 6pm. And, appointments for Confession can also be made by calling the parish office at 815-939-3573.

LITURGICAL ROLES	March 9 4:00 PM	March 10 8:30 AM	March 10 11:00 AM	Are you Interested in	
Hospitality Ministers	Janet Gregoire Jim Graf Becky Graf Mike Worby	Bruce Adams Mary Adams Sherry Johnson Dick Jenkins	Katelyn Storer Emily Sue Storer Lori Cornelius Paul Storer	any of these liturgical ministries? Contact the	
Lectors	Beth Bisaillon (both readings)	Gert Auberry (1) Mary Kay Blankestyn (2)	Candi Brenneisen (1) Greg Brenneisen (2)	parish office for information	
Eucharistic Ministers	Peggy Blanchette Becky Graf Jim Graf Lori Gadbois	Justin Sommer Teresa Fritz Annie Kidd Mira Brosseau Nick Shervino	Paul Storer Sr. Susan Ninyikiriza Sr. Max Nanyanzi Stephanie Quigley	and training. Ministers can go online to see when they are scheduled, request subs and input dates when	
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Sean Storer	Mia Burns Joshua Sorich Ryane Jefferson		
Deacons	Deacon Greg Clodi	Clodi Deacon Leon Fritz		not to be	
Presiders	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	scheduled.	



We will have our regular Mass schedule for Palm Sunday (the weekend of March 23/24); Holy Thursday Mass will be at 7pm (March 28); Good Friday Service with Veneration of the Cross will be at 3pm & Solemn Stations of the Cross will be at 7pm (March 29); Blessing of the Baskets will be at noon on Holy Saturday and Easter Vigil Mass will be at 7pm (March 30); Easter Sunday Masse will be at 8:30am and 11am (March 31). Ministers are needed. Please volunteer in the web terminal or call or email Paul in the parish office. And, watch for opportunities to get the church ready for these sacred celebrations as well.



Lenten Stations of the Cross on Fridays

Please join us for Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph Church in Bradley on Fridays at 4pm during the Season of Lent. It's such a peaceful time to pray and reflect on the Gospel narrative of our Lord's Passion. All are cordially invited to attend.

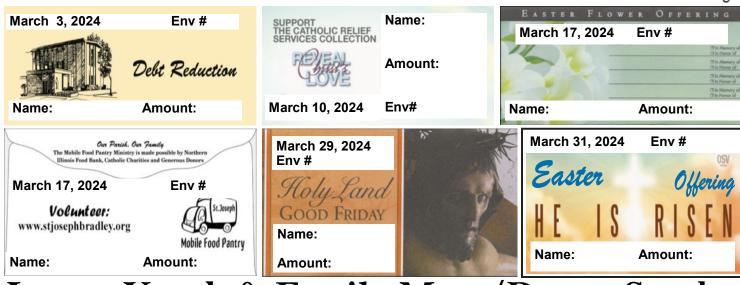
Special Collection Next Weekend



Next weekend, March 9-10, we have the **Catholic Relief Services** Collection. Funds donated will provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. An envelope is in your offertory packet from the parish. Please give generously and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. You can learn more at www.usccb.org/ catholic-relief.

In addition to the Sunday collection, we have some special envelopes for March 2024

Many parishioners who utilize our electronic giving options have opted not to receive contribution envelopes from the parish. This desire is perfectly fine, but the decision has caused these registered members not to receive any of the holy day or special collection envelopes. Some of these parishioners have reached out to us for a solution as they want to participate and give to various ministries, causes and outreach efforts. So, at the beginning of the month, we have been trying to publish these special envelopes in the bulletin.



Latest Youth & Family Mass/Donut Sunday









Thanks so much to the young people and families who ministered at last weekend's Youth/Family Mass. It's awesome when

families get to experience what our liturgical ministers already know, serving the people of God is extremely special and rewarding, especially during Mass. Donut Sunday was a great time too. Thanks to our

hosts and everyone who attended and helped out! If your family or group would like to get on the rotating roster to host Donut Sunday, please call the parish office to get connected with the committee. **Annual Fish Fry:** The Knights of Columbus #745 are sponsoring Fish Fry Dinners on Fridays during Lent from 4:30-7pm at the Knights Hall in Kankakee. The dine-in buffet is \$15; dine-in shrimp is \$20 and fish or shrimp to-go is \$15/\$20. For more details, call 815-932-2031.

Catholic Men's Conference: The annual Men of Christ Conference is Saturday, March 9, at St. Jude in New Lenox with both virtual and live elements. The program will include Mass, speakers, adoration, confession and fellowship. Info and registration at MenOfChrist.net.

Special Needs Mass: Our Lady of Mercy Church in Aurora will host the annual disABILITIES Mass on Sunday, March 10, at 2pm. Individuals with special needs, and their friends and family, are invited. Fellowship is planned to follow in the parish's MPR.

Called & Gifted: This learning experience from 8:30am-3:30pm on Saturday, March 16, at St. Mary in Plano is for people looking to learn how to follow God's plan for them, people experiencing changes in their lives, new or returning Catholics, parish leaders and Catholics discerning a religious life. The cost is \$30 per person and registration is required at https://www.diojoliet.org/w/called-gifted.

Day at the Seminary: Do you often feel close to God? Do you try to do the right thing? Do you like helping other people? Are you a good leader? Do you like to learn new things? If you answered "Yes," then perhaps a visit to Mundelein Seminary on April 27 is right for you. Parents, youth ministers, teachers and parish priests are invited as well. For details, call the diocesan Vocation Office at 815-221-6171.

Fundraising Event: The annual Vocation Dinner/Auction is Saturday, March 9, at the Knights Hall in Kankakee. Cocktails are at 6pm followed by Dinner at 6:30pm. The cost is \$23, which includes your choice of stuffed chicken, pork chop, or beef. If you can't attend, we are also accepting monetary donations. For details or to RSVP, call 815-922-4228 or send an email to: Singerskelly@msn.com.

Synod Session: The Joliet Diocese is holding a session at St. John Paul II in Kankakee from 6-8:30pm on Thursday, March 14, in the parish hall to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of church leadership and structure. Feedback from the faithful of the diocese will help in preparation for the Synodal Assembly in October 2024. Registration for the evening is required at www.stjosephbradley.org.

Vocation Prayer Calendar: The March edition is at St. Joseph's website. This calendar lists names of diocesan priests, seminarians, religious priests, brothers, sisters, deacons, and men and women in formation. Please pray for those listed who have committed their lives to sharing the faith, asking our Lord to inspire and sustain them, and that others will respond similarly to ministry in the Catholic Church.









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