

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 815-450-3768

Registration

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

Pastoral Staff

Pastor

Rev. Marcin Michalak

Deacon

Leon Fritz

Music Director

Brad Benoit

Pastoral Associate

Deacon Greg Clodi

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Kevin Delabre

Director of Communications

Paul Storer

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Anita Lovell Sandra Jefferson Phone: 815-937-9340

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Sharon Monty: 815-954-4922 parishadmin@stjosphbradley.org

Parish Office

Mon-Thurs 9am-4pm Friday 9am-1 pm Phone: (815) 939-3573

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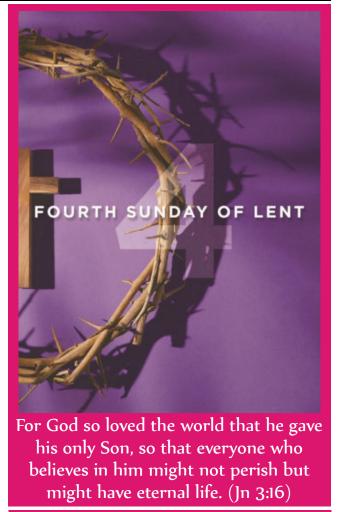
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Our St. Joseph Table Potluck is next Saturday!



Join us on Saturday, March 16, after 4pm Mass in the Parish Hall for this great meal and wonderful celebration! Please RSVP by this coming Wednesday, March 13, at the parish website and input the dish you plan to bring for the potluck. Or feel free to call the parish office by Wednesday to RSVP. It's going to be so much fun!

All women of the parish are invited to be part of the CCW

Ladies of our parish are more than welcome to attend the next meeting of St. Joseph's Council of Catholic Women happening this Tuesday, March 12, at 7pm in the Parish Hall. We have a project to work on after the business meeting. Please join us and see what CCW is all about at our parish.



The Mobile Food Pantry is next Friday and we really need more volunteers to join the team

We're coming up short on volunteers for the next Mobile Food
Pantry. Some people on our Team are enjoying vacations and
others aren't available for various personal reasons. So, we're looking
to bridge the gap and invite more people into the fold. 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 March 15 to receive food
at our parish. Thanks as always for the ongoing support!

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION



This weekend's special collection is for Catholic Relief Services to "Reveal Christ's Love" to our brothers and sisters in need. Proceeds will provide grants to six Catholic outreach agencies for relief and support initiatives to struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among the marginalized, both here and abroad. If you could not donate, please feel free to give next weekend with the envelope you received in your parish offertory packet. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic~relief.

St. Joseph Parish is HIRING

Business Manager

- · Payroll & HR
- Deposits & Expenditures
- Oversee Facilities
- Maintenance Management

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DESRIPTION AT THE
PARISH WEBSITE

WWW.STJOSEPHBRADLEY.ORG

PARISH ROOF PROJECT

CHURCH ENTRYWAY

Thank you to those who have made donations. The Soggy layers have been removed and installation of the new roof is progressing at the main entrance. A plan is in the works to create a drainage system to hopefully avoid leakage in the future. 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!

This part-time employee would be responsible for payroll, all deposits and expenditures and human resources. The business manager would also oversee the upkeep of facilities and supervise maintenance personnel. Accounting, computer and interpersonal skills are needed. The business manager reports to the Pastor. Please send resume and cover letter to Rev. Marcin Michalak at frmichalak@stjosephbradley.org.

SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday March 11	Tuesday March 12	Wednesday March 13	Thursday March 14	Friday March 15	Saturday March 16
Season of	7 a.m. Mass	7 a.m. Mass	7 a.m. Mass	8:30 a.m.	Lent Weekday
Lent	† Ronald	† Ted & Theresa	† Madge	Mass	8:30 a.m. Mass
Weekday	Hart by	(Sadowski) Tusinski	Power by	† Norma	*The People of
7 a.m.	Steve &	by Family & Friends	Delbert &	Jette by	St. Joseph
Communion	Jana	9 a.m.	Kelly	Joan	Parish (living &
Service	Wunder	BMCS Mass	Brownfield	Busteed	deceased)

Saturday, March 16 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

†Paul D. Lovell (Birthday Memorial) by Norma Lovell † Ronald Hart by Wife, Joanne & Family

Readings for the Week of March 10, 2024

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

Sunday, March 17

8:30 a.m. Mass † Bill Magruder by Pat & Family

11:00 a.m. Mass † Harold & Leona Pearman

(Wedding Anniversary) by Family † Chuck

Gonczy (Birthday Memorial) by Diane & Family

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/ Jn 4:43 54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16 **Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47 **Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53 **Next Sunday:** Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 (12a)/ Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 *Scrutiny:* Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130: 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org

PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

A woman over 30 is staying at a budget motel. She awakes during the night, switches on the bathroom lights and is horrified by her reflection in the bright fluorescent lighting! But, when the same woman catches sight of herself in the mirror at a darkened restaurant in the evening she is delighted! How smooth the contours of her face look in the "forgiving light." But this phrase is not correct. It is not light, and it does not forgive. It is darkness, and it merely conceals. Sometimes it is so much more comfortable to live lost in the shadows. It is possible to yearn for darkness. Darkness gives cover to so many things. The light has a harshness that can almost seem demanding, exposing. Light can bleach. Light can burn. "Is this really me?" asks the woman in the hotel bathroom, examining acne scars she never saw before and crow's feet that seem to have developed overnight. The answer is yes. Yes, that is really you, all of it, every inch. There's nothing to be afraid of, just step into the light and own it.-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings for the weekend of March 2/3, 2024 \$6,975.00

4:00 pm: \$3,301.00 8:30 am: \$1,374.00 11:00 am: \$1,370.00

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$930.00

Food Donations: 66 Pounds
Debt Reduction for February 2024: \$804.00
PayPal Offerings for February 2024: \$2,823.79
Auto-Deduct Giving for February 2024: \$7,981.34
Mobile Pantry Giving for February 2024: \$1,710.00

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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. Clip the Authorization Form on page 7 or download one 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 website to initiate online contributions with your PayPal account or credit card. Thanks again for your kindness and faithful stewardship.

CCW honors Anita Lovell as Woman of the Year



In a world where kindness and selflessness can go unnoticed, the Council of Catholic Woman has a tradition of recognizing a woman whose dedication to her parish and unwavering faith have made a lasting impact on many lives. This year, the CCW is honoring Anita Lovell as Woman of the Year. She is being presented to Fr. Marcin and the parish this weekend.

A member of St. Joseph Parish since 1989, Anita has served in countless St. Joseph School and parish ministries. The devoted wife, mother and grandmother continues to play a pivotal role in church activities and also works at the parish as one of the coordinators of Religious Education. Her light truly shines brightly, especially with our children and families, and we are grateful for the blessing she is in our lives! Very much deserved! Congratulations, Anita!

Share your opinions at local listening session this Thursday

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



Parish Blood Drive to be held on Palm Sunday



St. Joseph's next Blood Drive is coming up on Sunday, March 24. Your donation will not only save lives but also symbolize the boundless love and compassion of Palm Sunday. Make an appointment at our website or call the parish office at 815-939-3573.

Lenten Stations of the Cross on Fridays

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

Saturday, March 9 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church

Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m. Church

Sunday, March 10

Mass

8:30 a.m.

CCW Woman of the Year

Presentation **OCIA Class**

9:30 a.m.

Ministry Center

Mass

11:00 a.m. 2nd OCIA Scrutiny

Confirmation Session for **Candidates**

3:00 p.m. Parish Hall Monday, March 11 Communion

Service

7:00 a.m.

Church

Tues, March 12

Mass

7:00 a.m.

Nursing Home Ministry

10:00 a.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

1:00-6:00 p.m. **Hall Committee**

Meetina

2:00 p.m. Rectory Meeting

Room Rosary

6:30 p.m. Church

CCW Meeting

7:00 p.m. Parish Hall Weds. March 13

Mass 7:00 a.m.

BMCS Mass

9:00 a.m.

First Sacraments

Session 6:30 p.m.

Choir Practice

5:30-7:00 p.m. Church

Knights of Columbus

Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Ministry Center

Thurs. March 14

Mass 7:00 a.m.

Men's AA Group

7:00-9:00 p.m. Ministry Center

Friday, March 15

Mass

8:30 a.m.

Mobile Food

Pantry 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Lenten Stations of the Cross

4:00 p.m. Church

See page 1 for the weekly Reconciliation

schedule at St. Joseph's. Our Lenten Penance Service is Wednesday, March 20, at 6pm and our Divine Mercy Sunday Event is April 7 starting at 1:30pm. And,

appointments for Confession can also be made by calling the parish office.

Saturday, March 16

Mass 8:30 a.m.

Church

Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m.

Church

St. Joseph Table Celebration

5:00 p.m.

Parish Hall

Sign-up for the potluck at the

parish website by

March 13

Sunday, March 10

Mass

8:30 a.m.

3rd OCIA Scrutiny

OCIA Class

9:30 a.m.

Ministry Center Mass

11:00 a.m. Church

LITURGICAL ROLES	March 16 4:00 PM	March 17 8:30 AM	March 17 11:00 AM	Are you Interested in
Hospitality Ministers	Diane Gonczy Jim Lustig Marian Worby Janet Gregoire	Aliess Bedford Jasmine Elumbaugh Barb Fortin	Kathy Storer Michael Storer Ellen Taylor Kent Taylor	any of these liturgical ministries? Contact the parish office
Lectors	Marian Worby (both readings)	Gary Gross (1) Cameron Gross (2)	Lupita Sorich (1) Lisa Robbins (2)	for information and training.
Eucharistic Ministers	Patricia Burr Diane Ely Michael Yurkowski Pat Yurkowski	Sharyn Gross Annie Kidd Daniel Trivino John Chinski	Jenna Jamros Pat Knittel Alan Knittel Volunteer Needed	Ministers can go online to see when they are scheduled,
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Adelaide Bedford	Eleanor & Aiden Jamros Shane Martin	request subs and input dates when
Deacons	Deacon Greg Clodi	Deacon Leon Fritz	Deacon Greg Clodi	not to be
Presiders	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Tony Nugent	scheduled.

Lenten Reconciliation Service

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 a wonderful evening to celebrate God's forgiveness and love.

Toly Week Schedule at St. Joseph Church

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 Masses will be at 8:30am and 11am (March 31). Liturgical Ministers are needed. Please volunteer in the web terminal or call or email Paul in the parish office.

Please join our Art & Environment group by helping change the settings of the church for the days of Holy Week. Here's the schedule: Preparing the church for Palm Sunday will take place starting at 9:30am on Saturday, March 23; arranging the church for Holy Thursday will take place in the morning on that day, March 28, starting at 9am; changing the church for Good Friday will take place in the morning on that day, March 29, starting at 9am. And for Easter Decorating we will need extra help! This will take place on Holy Saturday morning, March 30, starting at 9am. The quick turnaround is always a challenge. Please mark your calendar and help enhance Holy Week and Easter for parishioners and guests!



Divine Mercy Sunday

Save the Date for a special Celebration on the Sunday after Easter at St. Joseph Church

Some background about the feast:

St. Maria Faustina Kowalska had revelations from God requesting this feast. "I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment," said the Lord.

How do I receive these graces?

To receive the extraordinary graces of this feast, one must receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or at the vigil), make a good Confession, stay in the state of grace, and receive with great trust in Divine Mercy. Venerating the Divine Mercy image is encouraged and performing acts of mercy through deed, word, or prayer.

We are hosting a Divine Mercy Event...

St. Joseph Parish is making each of these acts of faith available with our regular Mass schedule that weekend and a special Divine Mercy event on Sunday, April 7, 2024, Confessions will begin at 1:30pm and Holy Hour will begin at 2pm. We will also have an opportunity to venerate the Image. Jesus is depicted with rays of red and blue light emanating from his heart, symbolizing blood and water that flowed from his side when he was pierced on the cross. Based on St. Faustina's visions, the image reminds us of God's forgiveness.

Join us on the Sunday after Easter



We will be having a special Divine Mercy celebration at St. Joseph Parish in Bradley on Sunday, April 7, with Confession beginning at 1:30pm. (Explain the feast to Catholics you know and invite them).





The Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration & Veneration of the Image will begin at 2pm

All are invited to attend and to receive the amazing graces of this feast!

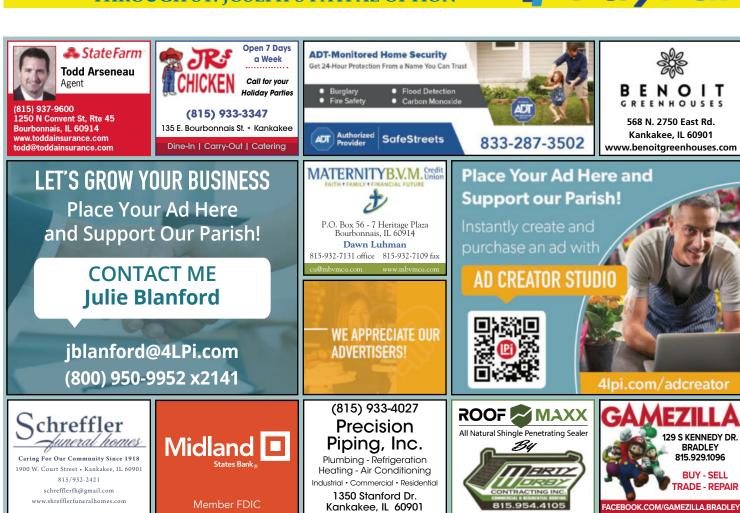
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