





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

Rosarv

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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www.stjosephbradley.org

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LENT

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst;

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (Jn 4:13-14)

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Lector Training Next Thursday March 16 at 6pm

Have you ever thought about proclaiming the Word at Mass? We would really like to once again have two readers at each

service. A Lector Training Session is scheduled for next Thursday, March 16, at 6 p.m.

Please help strengthen this ministry by sharing your gifts. If you know in your heart that you have what it takes to be a lector, please consider coming to the training at church and getting on the roster. Those currently involved in this

currently involved in this ministry are welcome too for a



You're invited to help out next
Friday morning when the Mobile
Food Pantry returns. 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, March 17, to
receive food. Thanks to our team

and all who support this outreach.

Celebrate Our Parish, Our Family St. Joseph Table Potluck is next Saturday



The CCW is hosting its annual St. Joseph Table Celebration at 5pm next Saturday, March 18, in the parish hall. Everyone is welcome to attend! Go to our parish website to RSVP and to sign-up to bring a dish for the potluck or call Peggy Blanchette at 815-370-2831. (Fried chicken will be provided).

Please come for dinner and enjoy a nice time with a lot of great food, fellowship and fun as we honor our patron and celebrate Our Parish, Our Family.

BLOOD DRIVE CAUNTDOWN

If you are physically able and will be around next Sunday, maybe take a little time to give a life-saying

gift. Sign-up for our Blood Drive happening on March 19 by visiting the parish website, scanning this QR code or calling the parish office.



Lenten Opportunities

Our Lenten Reconciliation Service is scheduled at 7pm on Wednesday, March 22. Fr. Marcin and priests from parishes in the area will be available to hear individual confessions at the end of this brief service.

We will be hosting a session of the Diocesan Lenten Mission at 1pm on Friday, March 24. The presenter will explore how Eucharist draws us into union with God and one another and stirs us into action. The complete schedule is at our website. And, Stations of the Cross will continue to be offered at 4pm on Fridays during Lent. Join us as we recall Christ's sacrifice.

Still seeking red gowns



We are in need of a few red Confirmation (or graduation) gowns. Donations are being accepted at the Parish Office or call our RE office at 815-937-9340 to arrangement pickup. We so appreciate your generosity!

SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS								
Monday March 13	Tuesday March 14	Wednesday March 15	Thursday March 16	Friday March 17	Saturday March 18			
Season of	Lent	Lent Weekday	Lent Weekday	St. Patrick	St. Cyril of			
Lent	Weekday	7:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	Jerusalem			
Weekday	7:00 a.m.	Mass	Mass	Mass	8:30 a.m. Mass			
7:00 a.m.	Mass	† Danny	† Leonard	† Leo &	*The People of			
Communion	*The People	Babinski by Pat	Lambert by Mike	James Sicard	St. Joseph			
Service	of St. Joseph	& Jane Brouillet	& Cheri Benoit	by Bernice	Parish			
Saturday, March 18			Sunday, March 19					

Saturday, March 18
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass † Mary Ann LaMore by
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Magruder

8:30 a.m. Mass † R. Ann Prince by Family & Friends 11:00 a.m. Mass † Leon & Blanche LeDuke by Bernice Sicard

PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

If you would have asked me on my confirmation day what the chances were of the Holy Spirit getting into my heart, I would have told you the same as getting water from a stone. My faith was fragile primarily because I viewed it as exactly that—my faith. Something within my possession and subject to my own power. I was waiting to be made more faithful. I was waiting for a transformation. Little did I know, I was like the woman at the well, talking about the Messiah, unaware that he was standing right in front of me. She wasn't ready; she was still living in her sin. She was caught so unaware that she left her water jar at the well, rushing out to tell everyone. When I was anointed with the oil at my confirmation it no longer mattered that I wasn't strong enough to break open the stone that encased my heart—God's grace gushed forth through the cracks. While I certainly didn't become a perfect Christian—and never will in this life—I did learn that when God tells you to strike, it's best not to second-guess Him.

-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings for the weekend of March 4/5, 2023 \$7,937.00

4:00 pm: \$3,611.00 8:30 am: \$2,004.00 11:00 am: \$1,784.00

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$538.00

Food Donations: 78 Pounds

Readings for Week of March 12, 2023

Sunday: 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, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 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



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 contributions through this online payment method. Thanks for your support!



Next weekend we have The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Offerings 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 packet from the parish. Please give generously and reveal Christ's love to those most in need. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Special Divine Mercy Celebration happening at St. Joseph's

We will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday (the Sunday after Easter) with a special afternoon observance on April 16, 2023.

In the early 1900s, a young Polish nun received visions of Jesus, speaking a message of mercy and love for the world. She received a set of prayers—the Divine Mercy Chaplet—and the request to have a feast established to remind the Church of God's mercy. St. Faustina died in 1938 during one of the most violent centuries in the history of the world. Her story circulated across the globe. St. John Paul II canonized her in 2000 and established Divine Mercy Sunday, "a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind with experience in the years to come."

St. Joseph Parish is giving members and all who attend at 2pm on Divine Mercy Sunday the opportunity to receive the extraordinary graces of this feast through Reconciliation, Chaplet and Divine Mercy image. The hope is that all will leave with the desire to perform acts of mercy and love through deed, word and prayer.

Thurs, March 16

Lector Training

Men's AA Group

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Ministry Center

Friday, March 17

Mass

7:00 a.m.

6:00 p.m.

Church

Mass

8:30 a.m.

Parish Hall

7pm Mass on Holy Thursday; 3pm Stations on Good Friday and Service with Passion, Veneration & Communion at 7pm; 12pm Blessing of the Baskets on Holy Saturday and Easter Vigil Mass at 8pm; Easter Sunday Masses: 8:30am and 11am. Ministers are needed. Please volunteer in the web terminal or call the parish office.

Joseph Parish The Week at a glance at

Weds, March 15

Sat, March 11 **Daily Mass** 8:30 a.m. Day of Service 9:30 a.m. Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Sun, March 12 Mass 8:30 a.m. RCIA Class 9:30 a.m. Ministry Center Mass 11:00 a.m. (1st RCIA Scrutiny)

Monday, March 13 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Church Tuesday, March 14 Mass 7:00 a.m. **Nursing Home Ministry** 10:00 a.m. **Eucharistic** Adoration 1:00-6:00 p.m. Rosary Group 6:30-7:00 p.m. Church

on Thursday, March 22, at 6:00 p.m.

Mass 7:00 a.m. Church No BMCS Mass Scheduled Parish First Sacraments Program (Parent/Student Session) 6:30 p.m. Parish Hall **Adult Choir Practice** 5:30-7:00 p.m. Church

Church **Mobile Food Pantry** 10:00 a.m. Stations of the Cross 4:00 p.m. We have opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Church The weekly schedule is on Page 1 of the Bulletin. And, St. Joseph Table appointments can made by calling the parish office. Set-up We will offer a special Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service 5:00 p.m.

Sat, March 18 **Daily Mass** 8:30 a.m. Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Church St. Joseph Table Potluck Mass Mass

5:00 p.m. Parish Hall Sun, March 12 **Blood Drive** 8:00 a.m.-1p.m. Parish Hall 8:30 a.m. **RCIA Class** 9:30 a.m. Ministry Center 11:00 a.m. (2nd RCIA Scrutiny)

WEEKEND LITURGICAL ROLES	March 18 4:00 PM Mass	March 19 8:30 AM Mass	March 19 11:00 AM Mass	Interested in any of these ministries?
Hospitality Ministers	Michael Ely Kathy & Mike Storer Jim Lustig	Danielle Shervino Nick Shervino Aliess Bedford	Candi & Greg Brenneisen Julie Gindy Lori Cornelius	Contact the parish office for training. Ministers
Lectors	Chuck Carnes (both readings)	Gary Gross (both readings)	Lupita Sorich (1) Lisa Robbins (2)	can go online
Eucharistic Ministers	Diane Ely Michael Ely	Mary Kay Pittman Annie Kidd Volunteer Needed	Lupita Sorich Julie Gindy	to see when they are scheduled, request
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Adelaide Bedford	David, Sean & Jane Quigley	subs and input when
Deacons	Deacon Leon Fritz		Deacon Greg Clodi	not to be
Presiders	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	scheduled.

First Communion Dozont AND Obild Coccion

Parent AND Child Session

This Wednesday, March 15, 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall/Gym for ALL students preparing for First Communion

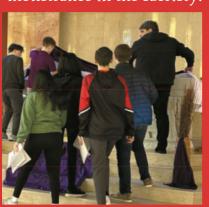
Upcoming Vocational Events

*Celebrate World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal: Register by April 1 *Exploring Priesthood Weekend: March 17 *Jeremiah Day: April 15 *Check out the Discernment Retreat. Alton. IL: March 3 *Little Sisters of the Poor Virtual Discernment: March 4 *Daughters of St. Paul Virtual Heart to Heart with Jesus: March 25 *Join Women For Prayer On-Line: March 5 and April 2 *DAVA - Discern Your Vocation: March 31-April 1 For complete details and registration for the various programs, email parishadmin@stjosephbradley.org.

Exploring their church



Confirmation candidates spent some time exploring the church last Sunday. The idea was not only to see the beauty of the church, but to also realize how everything has a specific purpose to help us remain focused on Christ. With Fr. Marcin there to help provide some interesting background and trivia, the candidates got to see the crucifix, tabernacle, and stained-glass windows, but also some rather unique items, such as hidden relics in all three altars and the monstrance in the sacristy. Hopefully, they have a



Hopefully, they have a better appreciation and will be more open to new ways to encounter Christ each time they come for Mass. Please pray for our candidates and families as they continue their Confirmation formation.

Bishop Ronald Hicks' Column for March 2023 Journeying 10 years with Pope Francis

It is a common practice to give a gift made of silver for a 25th anniversary and something of gold for a 50th. However, I was wondering, what do you give for a 10th anniversary? After some research, there seems to be some consensus that either tin or aluminum is meant to commemorate a decade. Perhaps these metals make an appropriate gift since they are known for their strength and resilience.

On March 13, our Holy Father will celebrate his 10th anniversary as pope. As we have watched our pontiff lead, guide and shepherd the Church, few would argue that he has done so with great strength and resilience. I am truly amazed by his vigor, perseverance and tenacity. Sometimes I wonder if I reach his age, God willing, will I still have that type of energy?

Pope Francis, like his predecessors, is so much more than a CEO of a worldwide organization. He is the apostolic successor to St. Peter, the "rock" upon which the Church is built. Just like the apostle, he has his own personality. Some people focus on his warm smile or infectious laugh, while others notice his ability to listen and engage in conversation. Even the name he chose as pope, Francis after St. Francis of Assisi, is a nod to his humility.

I am a bishop ordained under Pope Francis in 2018 and then installed in 2020 for the Diocese of Joliet. I have tried to emulate his famous advice that a bishop and priest should strive to be a good shepherd with "the smell of the sheep." In other words, the Church is better off with leaders who spend time among the people of God. Pope Francis continues to give us an example of how to be and do just that.

I have a beautifully framed photo of Pope Francis, Cardinal Cupich and myself taken in Rome in December 2019 during an ad limina meeting. I love the photo because we are all laughing out loud. This snapshot was captured when Cardinal Cupich, one by one, was introducing the 26 bishops from Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin to the Holy Father. While introducing the bishop standing in front of me, Cardinal Cupich said to the pope, "He is one of my retired bishops." The pope looked at him and said, "You look much too young to be retired." Then it was my turn. The pope firmly took my hand to shake it, and Cardinal Cupich said to him, "And this is Bishop Ron Hicks. He is my vicar general." The pope then broke into a big smile, looked at me and said, "You are a vicar general and a bishop? You look like you are still in high school!" It was a beautiful moment to

share in that laughter and joy, and I am glad it was immortalized in a photo, which I treasure.

No matter how you describe Pope Francis, his 10th anniversary gives us a wonderful opportunity to thank him for his faith, leadership and prayers. That's in addition to all of the work he has accomplished, which includes three encyclicals, four synods, countless homilies, extensive travel, innumerable audiences and the canonization of more than 900 new saints, chief among which are Pope John Paul II, Pope John XXIII, Mother Teresa of Kolkata, Pope Paul VI and Oscar Romero, along with the 813 martyrs of Otranto.

He has also given us several exhortations over these 10 years, from which there are many things to learn and ponder. His first such document in 2013 was "Evangelii Gaudium" (The Joy of the Gospel), and I appreciate that he began his pontificate proclaiming, "joy" – namely the joy that comes from an encounter with the risen Lord, Jesus. The joy of the Gospel fills our hearts and lives because of the salvation brought through Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection, which sets us free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness and loneliness.

As I write this, I realize it would take volumes to capture what the pope has done and accomplished over 10 years. And even though his achievements are vast, I cannot help but think of all of the pressure he endures and the burdens he carries daily. Leading the Church amid today's complexities, polarization and challenges is not easy. Therefore, I thank God that our pope wakes up each day and leads with gospel joy, faith and zeal.

Every day at Masses across the globe, we as a Church rightfully unite our voices in the Eucharistic Prayer as we ask God to "be pleased to confirm in faith and charity your pilgrim Church on earth, with your servant, Francis, our Pope." As we celebrate the 10th anniversary of our Holy Father, let us in a special way pray for his continued strength and resilience, as together we wish Pope Francis, "Ad multos Annos!"

Some upcoming events and programs in the community

Alzheimer's Forum: Catholic Charities is sponsoring this event at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 14, at the Kankakee Public Library. Learn about the impact of Alzheimer's, risk factors, current research, and local resources. You will also be able to share ideas on how we can better serve our community. Registration is required by calling 800-272-3900.

The Bradley Lions Club is sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast from 7:30-11 a.m. on Saturday, March 18, at the Bradley American Legion. It will be "all-you-can-eat" pancakes and sausage and biscuits and gravy. The cost is \$7 and children 5 and under eat free. For deliveries of five or more, call 815-932-9180. Please bring used eye glasses to be recycled.

During the 40 Days for Life campaign, the Pro-Life Committee at St. John Paul II in Kankakee is sponsoring a trip to Springfield, IL, on March 21 to participate at the March for Life at the State Capitol building. Those under 18 must be accompanied by a parent. Also, part of the campaign, the group is travelling to Flossmoor, IL, on March 29 to pray outside a clinic where abortions are performed. For departure times and itineraries and more info, call 815-214-7063.

The Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary are sponsoring various programs during the month of April. The schedule is as follows: "Poetry of Presence" on Saturdays, April 1, 15, 29, from 10:00 am-11:30 am via ZOOM; "The Parables of Jesus" on Thursday, April 13, from 10:00 am-12:00 pm at One Heart, One Soul Center in Kankakee; "Pietra Fitness," a retreat for body and soul, on Wednesday, April 19, from 9:00-10:30 am at Nazareth Center in Batavia, IL. More info and registration can be found at: https://www.sscm-usa.org/Workshops-Retreats.html or by calling 708-790-8141.

The Knights of Columbus #745 will continue to sponsor Fish Fry fundraisers on Fridays during Lent from 4:30-7 p.m. at Knights of Columbus Hall in Kankakee. The dine-in buffet is \$15; dine-in shrimp is \$20 and fish or shrimp to-go is \$15/\$20. Sides: baked potato, French fries, green beans and macaroni and cheese. For more details, 815-932-2031.









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