

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 815-450-3768

Registration

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

Pastoral Staff

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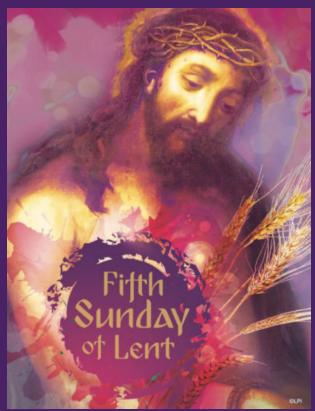
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Parish Nurse-Call the Parish Office; enter #307 and leave your message for the parish nurse.

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He learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. (Heb 5:8-9)

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Church,

Please join our Art & Environment group by helping change the setting of the church for Palm Sunday. This will take place starting at 9:30am next Saturday. March 23. Other upcoming decorating days and times are: Holy Thursday (March 28) at 9am; Good Friday (March 29) at 9am; Easter (Saturday, March 30) at 9am. The quick turnaround is always a challenge. Please mark your calendar and help enhance Holy Week and Easter for our parishioners and guests!

Blood Drive Next Sunday

Palm Sunday 8:30am-1pm March 24th

Next Palm Sunday weekend, we have our regular Mass schedule and we will reflect on the ultimate sacrifice made by Jesus.

Our Lord shed his blood for us in an act of love that is simply unmeasurable! Inspired by Jesus, we can make a small sacrifice by giving blood.

Make your appointment at the parish website or call the parish office and be part of something very meaningful during this holy season.

Thank you from St. Joseph's Religious Education Ministry!

We would like to say thank you to the generous parishioners and parish ministries who are constantly showing great love and support of our program and its families through their prayer, donations. participation in our events and by providing such a strong witness of disciples Growing in Faith and Passing It On! Quick note to parents, we have our monthly session happening this Wednesday, March 20, from 4:30-5:45pm. Thanks again for all the support!

Divine Mercu Sundau

We will be having a special Divine Mercy celebration at St. Joseph Parish in Bradley.

Join us on the Sunday after Easter, April 7. Confessions begin at 1:30pm. This prayer opportunity also includes adoration and veneration of the Divine Mercy image.

| SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|----------------------|--|--|--|
| Monday March 18 | Tuesday March 19 | Wednesday March 20 | Thursday March 21 | Friday March 22 | Saturday March 23 | | | |
| St. Cyril of | St. Joseph, | 7 a.m. Mass | Lenten | 8:30 a.m. | Lenten Weekday | | | |
| Jerusalem, | souse of | *The People of | Weekday | Mass | 8:30 a.m. Mass | | | |
| Bishop | Mary | St. Joseph | 7 a.m. Mass | † Mafalda | † Joseph Power | | | |
| 7 a.m. | 7 a.m. Mass | Parish | † Nancy | "Muffy" | (Anniversary | | | |
| Communion | *The People | 9 a.m. | Palmateer by | Stamper by | Memorial) by | | | |
| Service | of the Parish | BMCS Mass | Betty Azzarelli | Family | Family & Friends | | | |
| Saturday March 23 | | | Sunday, March 24 | | | | | |

Saturday, March 23 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

†Michael McClain by Celeste Regnier & Family

8:30 a.m. Mass † Doreen Mullins by Mike & Susan Van Osdol11:00 a.m. Mass † Frank & Maria Lesnicki by Anna Kobylarczyk

PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

I write my phone number on my kids' arms when we go into crowds. That probably makes me neurotic, but also practical. I've endured moments of panic after looking up and briefly not being able to locate a child. The number, across their sunscreen-streaked skin, is a safeguard, however insignificant. It's something they can hold up to show an adult, something they can point to and say, "This is where I need to be. Help me." When I reflect on my own life, it occurs to me that I was born lost. We all were. It was only in Eden that a human ever knew what it was to be at home. In Eden, I would imagine, the feeling of safety was so natural that it was only noticed after it was gone. But original sin came like a noisy crowd to bear us away from the place we needed to be, and since that time, our human lives have played out against a backdrop of insecurity and unfamiliarity. We are cold and alone and confused. And God, our caring parent, never stops seeking us, never stops calling our names. Baptism is not a phone number written on our arms. It's something far better—it's a homing signal, planted deep within. And it will lead us back to where we need to be.-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings for the weekend of March 9/10, 2024 \$7,434.95

4:00 pm: \$2,365.00 8:30 am: \$3,083.95 11:00 am: \$956.00

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$1,030.00
Offerings for Catholic Relief Services: \$544.00

Food Donations: 40 Pounds

Readings for the Week of March 17, 2024

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

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 8:51-59 **Friday:** Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39

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 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.



Members of the CCW presented their 2024 Woman of the Year, Anita Lovell, to Fr. Marcin and the people of the St. Joseph Parish last weekend.

Anita and Pat joined the parish in 1989. All three of their children attended St. Joseph School where Anita was quite active over the years and she continues to play a pivotal role at her church. Anita became one of the coordinators of our parish Religious Education program in 2014. Her ministry focuses on deepening faith lives of children and families, encouraging them in their relationship with Christ and inspiring them to be active members of Our Parish, Our Family.

Anita and other wonderful women from parishes in the diocese will be recognized by Bishop Hicks on April 20 at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet.

Woman of the Year! OCIA Scrutinies



Those in the OCIA process are going through the Scrutinies. These rituals are meant to heal all that is weak in their hearts and strengthen all that is good. This picture was taken last weekend as Fr. Marcin led the second of the three Scrutinies.

Jack Brownsey (pictured) and everyone preparing to become Catholic, please know of our prayers and love as you finish these final weeks of preparation. Although you cannot yet experience the Lord's Eucharist, we so look forward to Easter when you will receive Communion and the Holy Spirit to reshape the face of the earth!

PARISH ROOF PROJECT

Thank you to those who have made donations for the roof at the main church entrance. Installation is nearly completed. The next phase will be creating a drainage system. Any donation you are able to make to help us offset the cost is appreciated. (Please indicate "roof" on your check or envelope). Thanks in advance!



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This is a shout out of gratitude to our Mobile Food Pantry volunteers and those who offer funds for this amazing community outreach! Thanks again!

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 Sunday, March 17

Mass 8:30 a.m.

OCIA Scrutiny **OCIA Class** 9:30 a.m. Ministry Center Mass 11:00 a.m. Church

Monday, March 18 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Tues, March 19 Mass 7:00 a.m.

Nursing Home Ministry 10:00 a.m. Adoration 1:00-6:00 p.m. Rosary 6:30 p.m.

See page 1 for our weekly Reconciliation schedule. Our Lenten Penance Service is Wednesday, March 20, at 6pm. Appointments for Confession can also be made by calling the parish office.

Weds, March 20 Thurs, March 21 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church **BMCS Mass** 9:00 a.m. Church **RE Class** 4:30-5:45 p.m.

Lenten Reconciliation Service 6:00 p.m. Church

Mass 7:00 a.m. Church Men's AA Group 7:00-9:00 p.m. Ministry Center **Parish Baptism** Class 7:00-8:00 p.m. **Rectory Meeting** Room Friday, March 22 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Friday Lenten Stations of the Cross 4:00 p.m.

Church

Saturday, March 23 Mass 8:30 a.m. **Palm Sunday Decorating** 9:30 a.m. Church Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Church Sunday, March 24 Mass 8:30 a.m. **Blood Drive** 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. North Parking Lot Mass 11:00 a.m. **OCIA Practice** 12:00 p.m. Church

| LITURGICAL ROLES | March 23 4:00 PM | March 24 8:30 AM | March 24 11:00 AM | Are you Interested in any | |
|--------------------------|--|---|--|---|--|
| Hospitality Ministers | Mike Worby Janet Gregoire Jim & Becky Graf | Shervino Family | Sorich Family | of these liturgical ministries? Contact the | |
| Lectors | Chuck Carnes (Both Readings) Beth Bisaillon (Passion Reading) | Jonathon Storer (Both Readings) Emily Rose Storer (Passion Reading) | Greg Brenneisen (Both Readings) Candi Brenneisen (Passion Reading) | parish office for information and training. Ministers can go | |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Lori Gadbois Peggy Blanchette Diane Ely Michael Ely | Nick Shervino Annie Kidd Mira Brosseau Jonathon Storer | David Quigley Mollie Grizzle Jason Grizzle Paul Storer | online to see when they are scheduled, request subs | |
| Altar Servers | Vicki Burgener | Sean Storer | Volunteers Needed | and input dates | |
| Deacons | Deacon Greg Clodi | Deacon Leon Fritz | Deacon Greg Clodi when not to I scheduled. | | |
| Presiders | Fr. Marcin Michalak | Fr. Marcin Michalak | Fr. Marcin Michalak | Scrieduleu. | |

Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph Church



You're invited to meditate on the love Jesus has for His people and the sacrifice He made for us on the cross. Please join us for Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph Church next Friday, March 22, at 4pm and on Good Friday, March 29, at 7pm. It's such a peaceful time to pray and reflect on the Gospel of our Lord's Passion and what it means to us.

Triduum / Easter Schedule at St. Joseph Church

Our 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, especially altar servers. Please volunteer online or contact Paul in the parish office.

The Holy Name's Drive-Thru is Coming Back in April!



Members of the Holy Name men's group will be raising funds to purchase automatic door closures for easier access in and out of our church by selling their famous Porkchop Sandwickes! The Drive-Thru will be in operation on Sunday, April 14, from 10:30am-1pm. Save the date and make sure to stop by the north parking lot for some speedy service and delicious meal! (Sandwick, chips and applesance \$9 and add water for \$1). First timers can look for the signs on Grove Street to enter the drive-thru. It's a fun and efficient process for getting your food!

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Bishop Ronald Hicks' Column for March 2024
"Super Bowl Surprise"

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I gathered with my family and friends to watch the Super Bowl. It was entertaining hearing everyone's reasons for gathering around the game that day. Some were cheering on a particular team or player. Others couldn't wait to view the halftime show or catch a glimpse of Taylor Swift.

A few just relished being in the company of friends and family and indulging in the abundance of food and drink. Regardless of each person's motivation, the Super Bowl provided us with an opportunity to come together in the spirit of fun and camaraderie.

I enjoyed the gathering and the game for all those reasons, but I must admit many of the commercials left me confused! I found myself asking, "What was that commercial about?" or, "What product were they trying to sell? I just don't get it!" Thankfully, there were plenty of younger people around to explain curious ads to me.

Then, to my surprise, a 30-second commercial popped up featuring the actors Mark Wahlberg and Jonathan Roumie. I did a double-take and blurted out in surprise, "Wait a minute! Did they just actually run a positive, CATHOLIC commercial?!" I convinced my family and friends to rewind it and rewatch it with me three times. Amazingly, the commercial urged viewers to take a break from the game, thank God, and enjoy a moment of prayer on this Sunday. The ad highlighted a 40-day Lenten prayer challenge to be found on the Hallow app. The last three words in the commercial nudged us to "Stay prayed up." If you have not yet seen this commercial, you can find it on Hallow's YouTube channel (hallow.com/youtube).

I'm already a subscriber to the Hallow app. But I immediately clicked to join the 40-day prayer challenge which began on Ash Wednesday. It seems I was not alone in heeding that call! The day after Ash Wednesday, the Hallow app reached the number-one spot in Apple's App Store. I'm liking this structured and intentional Lenten challenge; it has enhanced my further spiritual growth during this season of Lent.

Here's what's stirred me: the Pray40 Community Prayer Challenge offers a different, well-prepared meditation or reflection from a variety of presenters, including Mark Wahlberg, Jonathan Roumie, Sister Mary Bernice, M.C.; Sister Miriam James, S.O.L.T; and Father Mike Schmitz. Many of the days guide us through the astonishing, spiritual classic, He Leadeth Me, written by Fr. Walter J. Ciszek, S.J. Fr. Walter was a Jesuit priest and missionary, imprisoned for more than 20 years in the Soviet Union. Amidst horrific and brutal conditions, Fr. Walter underwent a profound spiritual journey. He surrendered his life to God and gifted us with an extraordinary example of faith, humility, and hope in Christ.

I've noticed several testimonials about the positive, spiritual effects of using the Hallow app this Lent. One that was moving was from a man who shared "Hallow right now is bringing me back to my faith and I will see where it goes. I abandoned my Catholic upbringing because I struggle with religion being the root of so much division and war in our world. I've just recently introduced Hallow and am taking great comfort in welcoming God back into my life."

This Lent, I've been trying to spend less time on social media and more time in quiet and meditative prayer. So it seems like a paradox to me that Hallow's Lent Pray40 challenge is leading me back to my phone. Yet, using this particular app doesn't make me feel like I just wasted a large chunk of time—instead, it's guided me to feeling nourished, inspired, and blessed during my Lenten journey.

This Lent, I've noticed how many people are seeking to go deeper spiritually. So many yearn to return to God and the Church. The Church gives us so many beautiful paths to do so. Astoundingly, this year's Super Bowl commercial, which was broadcast to millions throughout the world, just might have been the voice of the Holy Spirit whispering with a megaphone to each one of us! We have been invited to draw closer to the Lord this Lent and become more fully the person God created us to be. So, here's my commercial: if you have not already done so, I encourage you to download the Hallow app and start following the Lent Pray40 challenge daily. It's never too late to stay prayed up!



We're having a Spring Bundt Cake Sale!

Our Religious Education program is sponsoring a Bundt Cake Fundraiser just in time for Sacrament & Graduation Celebrations and Mother's Day! Go to the parish website to download and print the order form, which includes more info and the varieties of these little \$6 cakes. Complete the form and bring it with your payment to the parish office by April 3, 2024. An online payment option is also available at our website, but please also make sure to complete an order form.

Of course, you don't need to use the internet to participate! We have order forms available in the parish or RE offices or order from any RE family. Orders will be ready for pick-up on Saturday, April 20, from 12:30-3:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Michelle Meier, the organizer, is offering a Venmo option for payment too. Reach out to her at 815-690-8428 or fourtogo@hotmail.com. Thanks for your support!









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