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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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4th Sunday of Lent



He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam." So he went and washed, and came back able to see. (Jn 9:6-7)

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March 19, 2023

BLOOD DRIVE COUNTDOWN

It's This Weekend!

Did You Know?



1 in 7 hospital patients need blood.

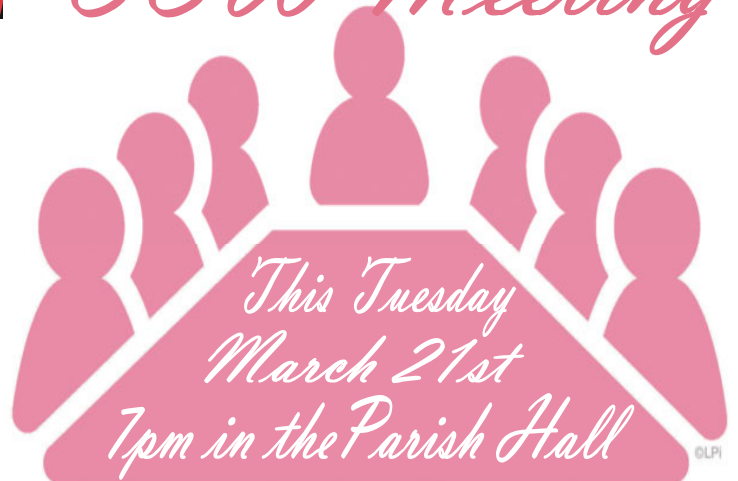


29,000 units of red blood cells are required in hospitals and ERs every day in the U.S.

We are very grateful to those who have signed up to participate at our Blood Drive happening from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. this Sunday, March 19. We still have some slots open. If you'd like to give blood, please stop by the Parish Hall and see what times are available.

Thanks again for doing your part to save lives!

CCW Meeting



All women of the parish are invited to the CCW meeting at 7pm this Tuesday in the Parish Hall. It's an exciting time as the ladies are really making a difference at St. Joseph's.

Please attend and see how you can get involved and share your ideas as well. Join us for prayer, business and socializing!

Lenten Reconciliation Service this coming Wednesday

Going to Reconciliation is a tangible reminder that our sins affect not only ourselves and our relationship with God, but others too. Jesus gave his Apostles authority to forgive sins in his name. **We are so happy to offer a Lenten Reconciliation Service at 7pm this coming Wednesday, March 22.** Fr. Marcin and priests from parishes in the area will be available to hear confessions at the end of this brief service. Through this sacrament, we are really, truly forgiven by God. We receive an outpouring of grace and strength and our relationship with Christ and his Body, the Church, are restored. Please join us during this Lenten Season. ©LPi

LENTEN Mission NEXT FRIDAY!

St. Joseph Church to host session of upcoming Diocesan Mission

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival, the Diocese of Joliet is offering a three-day Lenten Mission.

St. Joseph Parish in Bradley will be hosting a session of the mission at 1pm next Friday, March 24.

Fr. Luke Spannagel, a National Eucharistic Preacher, will be here to talk about how Holy Communion draws us into deeper union with God and one another and propels us to action and ministry out in the world. *The schedule for the rest of the mission (March 23-25) is available at our parish website.*

Donut Sunday 🍩 is Next Weekend 🍩 after 11am Mass 🍩 on March 26th

Special Mass this Monday, March 20, in honor of St. Joseph

Since the feast of St. Joseph falls on a Sunday this year, the solemnity has been moved to Monday. Because of this, we will not have our regular Communion Service this Monday, March 20. Rather, Mass will be celebrated instead at 7am. This is not a holy day of obligation, but all who are available are more than welcome to attend!

SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

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| Monday March 20 <i>Solemnity of St. Joseph</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass <i>*The People of St. Joseph Parish</i> | Tuesday March 21 <i>Season of Lent Weekday</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass <i>*The People of St. Joseph Parish</i> | Wednesday March 22 <i>Lent Weekday</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass † Joan Pierce by Shirley St. Germaine 9:00 a.m. BMCS Mass | Thursday March 23 <i>St. Turibius of Mogrovejo</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass † John Mazzuchi by Janice Gregoire | Friday March 24 <i>Lent Weekday</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass <i>*The People of St. Joseph Parish</i> | Saturday March 25 <i>Annunciation of the Lord</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass <i>*The People of St. Joseph Parish</i> |
| Saturday, March 25 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass † Paul D. Lovell & Neil Carroll by Norma Lovell | | | Sunday, March 26 8:30 a.m. † William Ponikvar (Anniversary Memorial) by Family 11:00 a.m. † Dan Mazzuchi (Anniversary Memorial) by Mom & Family | | |

PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

From the many homilies I've heard from Fr. Stu, I assume that if we got into a discussion we would not agree on much. But he offers the only confession within 20 miles of me that works for my schedule. That means that he has become my regular confessor. For years, he's listened to me pour out my transgressions, and then absolved me. In the Gospel, Christ links vision with humility and pride with blindness. We see often in Scripture how God reveals himself through people we not only didn't expect but perhaps had totally written off. We are right to be proud of the truth, but we are wrong if the truth causes us to be proud of ourselves. The truth no more belongs to the one who believes it than sight belongs to the blind man. A gift does not reflect on the recipient. It reflects on the giver. After much thought, I've decided to be grateful that God has given me this particular confessor. It's a powerful reminder of how much I must receive from other people, even those I may think are wrong.

-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings for the weekend of March 11/12, 2023

\$7,324.00

4:00 pm: \$3,563.00

8:30 am: \$1,717.00

11:00 am: \$1,834.00

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$210.00

Food Donations: 77 Pounds

Readings for Week of March 19, 2023

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

Monday: 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

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: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday: 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



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Learning about Lent



At our March Religious Education session, the kindergarteners and first graders spent time

learning about the Season of Lent when we spend 40 days doing more

praying, fasting, and giving so we can be ready to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection on Easter. Thanks so much to our creative volunteers for putting their time and energy into this awesome parish program!

RCIA Scrutinies



Those in the RCIA 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 when Fr. Marcin led the first of three Scrutinies. Sarah Martin and Taylor Martin, 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!

Special Collection This Weekend

This weekend we have The Catholic Relief Services Collection to reveal Christ's love to our brothers and sisters in need. An envelope was sent in your packet from the parish. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. If you did not participate this weekend, please prayerfully consider supporting the collection and feel free to put your envelope in the basket next weekend. Learn more at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

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| <p>Sat, March 18 Daily Mass 8:30 a.m. Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Church St. Joseph Table Potluck 5:00 p.m. Parish Hall Sun, March 19 Blood Drive 8:00 a.m.-1p.m. Parish Hall Mass 8:30 a.m. RCIA Class 9:30 a.m. Ministry Center Mass 11:00 a.m. (2nd RCIA Scrutiny)</p> | <p>Mon, March 20 St. Joseph Day Mass 7:00 a.m. Church Tues, March 21 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. CCW Meeting 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall</p> | <p>Weds, March 22 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church Bishop McNamara Catholic School (Bradley) Mass 9:00 a.m. Church Parish Adult Choir Practice 5:30-7:00 p.m. Church Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service 7:00 p.m. Church</p> | <p>Thurs, March 23 Mass 7:00 a.m. Men's AA Group 7:00-9:00 p.m. Ministry Center Baptism Class 7:00 p.m. Meeting Room Friday, March 24 Mass 8:30 a.m. Diocesan Lenten Mission 1:00 p.m. Church Stations of the Cross 4:00 p.m. Church</p> | <p>Saturday, March 25 Daily Mass 8:30 a.m. Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Church Sunday, March 26 Mass 8:30 a.m. RCIA Class 9:30 a.m. Ministry Center Youth & Family Mass 11:00 a.m. (3rd RCIA Scrutiny) Donut Sunday 12:00 p.m. Parish Hall</p> |
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We have additional opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The weekly schedule is on Page 1 of the Bulletin. And, appointments can made by calling the parish office at 815-939-3573.

| WEEKEND LITURGICAL | March 25 4:00 PM Mass | March 26 8:30 AM Mass | March 26 11:00 AM Youth & Family Mass | 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. |
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| Hospitality Ministers | Diane Gonczy Bev & Trisha Emme Becky & Jim Graf | Mike & Kathy Storer Bruce & Mary Adams | TBA | |
| Lectors | Beth Bisailon (both readings) | Jan St. John (both readings) | TBA | |
| Eucharistic Ministers | Lori Gadbois Peggy Blanchette | Teresa Fritz Daniel Trivino | TBA | |
| Altar Servers | Vicki Burgener | Marian Worby | Emily & Sean Storer Aiden Jamros | |
| Deacons | Deacon Greg Clodi | Deacon Leon Fritz | Deacon Greg Clodi | |
| Presiders | Fr. Wheeler | Fr. Marcin Michalak | Fr. Marcin Michalak | |

DAY OF SERVICE AT ST. JOSEPH'S



Thanks so much to the men and women and young people who gave of their Saturday morning last week to help at the Day of Service. Teams dusted, vacuumed and cleaned inside the worship space and spruced up the courtyard and the property around the church and Ministry Center and more! Thanks to Deacon Greg Clodi, our parish pastoral associate, for organizing the day. Alumni of his alma mater, St. Meinrad Seminary, sponsor this effort annually to set aside time to serve their communities through various acts of kindness. (And, thanks to their Alumni Association for the awesome T-shirts!) In the end, 14 communities, including ours, participated.

Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 4pm



DID YOU KNOW?

HOLY THURSDAY CELEBRATES THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST & THE PRIESTHOOD.

The
Easter Triduum Schedule at St. Joseph's

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.



St. Joseph Parish will be celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday (the Sunday after Easter) with a special afternoon observance starting at 2pm on April 16, 2023. This is an opportunity for parishioners and all who attend 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. Please spread the word in the community about this upcoming event and save the date for this amazing experience of faith and God's love and mercy.

Some Events & Programs in the community

+Catholic Charities is offering Balance Screenings from 3:30-4:30pm on Monday, March 20, at Riverwoods Senior Apartments (300 E River St, Kankakee) to assess leg strength and endurance. For questions, please call Kelli at 815-933-7791 ext. 9910.

+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 information, call 815-214-7063.

+Catholic Charities is sponsoring its Crafting Connections program from 2:30-4:30pm on Friday, March 31, at the Bradley Library. They will be doing Spring Bunny Painting. Call Kelli at 815-933-7791 ext. 9910 to reserve your spot by March 29.

+Some programs offered by the Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary are as follows: "Poetry of Presence" on Saturdays, April 1, 15, 29, from 10:00 am-11:30am via ZOOM; "The Parables of Jesus" on Thursday, April 13, from 10:00am-12:00pm at One Heart, One Soul Center in Kankakee; "Pietra Fitness," a retreat for body and soul, on Wednesday, April 19, from 9:00-10:30am at Nazareth Center in Batavia, IL. Visit <https://www.sscm-usa.org/Workshops-Retreats.html> or by call 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.

Thanks for your support!



Thank you so much to our Mobile Food Pantry volunteers, coordinators, and all those who offer donations to cover the costs. What an awesome Team!

Our Youth & Family Mass is Next Sunday!

On, March 26, at the 11 a.m. Mass we will have youth and families ministering in the various roles. If you and your children or grandchildren would like to volunteer, contact Anita in the RE office. And, everyone is invited for Donut Sunday afterward in the Parish Hall.

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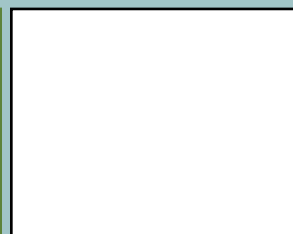
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