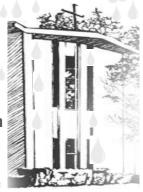
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## **Services**

## **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 Greg 815-939-3573

### Registration

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## 5th Sunday of Lent



In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus is confronted by the scribes and Pharisees who seek to test Him.

Rather than condemning the woman, Jesus responds with mercy, challenging those without sin to cast the first stone. One by one, they walk away, leaving Jesus alone with the woman. He tells her, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more." This

passage reminds us of God's boundless mercy and His call to conversion. (John 8:1-11)

In the Gospel for the OCIA Scrutiny this Sunday, we hear the powerful account of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead! He demonstrates His power over death, which also foreshadows His resurrection. As Lazarus emerges from the tomb, Jesus commands, "Untie him and let him go." This passage calls us to trust in Christ's promise of eternal life and to allow Him to free us from all that binds us in sin. (John 11:1-45)

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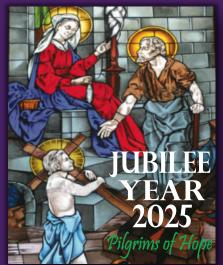


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April 6, 2025

## **Watch the Videos of Our Lenten Mission Online!**

If you couldn't attend our Parish Lenten Mission with Fr. Adrian Burke, OSB, we encourage you to watch the recordings of each night's talk on our website. It was a thought-provoking and spiritually enriching experience, and now you can take it in at your convenience.



Special Prayer Cards from St. Joseph Parish (left) with the Jubilee Prayer on the other side were passed out on the evenings of the mission. These cards are for parishioners and all pilgrims to take home to use in prayer and as a reminder of their



visit to our Bradley parish, one of the Jubilee churches in the Joliet Diocese.

We extend our deepest gratitude to Fr. Adrian for leading us through this inspiring journey on becoming better Pilgrims of Hope. His words resonated deeply with our parishioners and guests, and the strong attendance across multiple nights reflected the powerful impact of his message. We are also especially grateful for his time and attention in offering the Sacrament of Reconciliation, allowing many to experience the grace of God's mercy.

Please keep Fr. Adrian and all the monks of St. Meinrad Archabbey in Indiana in your prayers. Thank you, Fr. Adrian, for sharing your time, wisdom, and faith with us! Know of our prayers as you continue your work.

Again, if you missed any of the mission or want to revisit Fr. Adrian's messages on Christian Hope and the other theological virtues, please visit www.stjosephbradley.org and watch and be inspired in your faith!

## MFP Returning to Bradley next Friday

Please volunteer to help at our Mobile Food Pantry next Friday, April 11. And, please spread the word about this opportunity to receive food next Friday from 10-11:30am. (It is important to arrive early as the pantry is first come, first serve until the food is gone).

NOTHING bundt cakes

Dick-Up is Next Saturday

Pick-Up for those who ordered Bundt Cakes is next Saturday, April 12, from 12-3pm in the Parish Hall. Enjoy these delicious treats and know of our thanks for participating in this fundraiser benefitting our Religious Education program.





25, 50, and 50+ years of marriage to attend this special Mass with Bishop Hicks. RSVP at St. Joseph's website or call our Parish Office.

Donut Sunday Is Next Weekend after 11am Mass in the Parish Hall

SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS							
Monday April 7	Tuesday April 8	Wednesday April 9	Thursday April 10	Friday April 11	Saturday April 12		
St. John	Lenten Weekday	Lenten Weekday	Lenten	St. Stanislaus,	Lenten		
Baptist	7:00 a.m.	7:00 a.m. Mass	Weekday	Bishop	Weekday		
de la Salle,	Mass	† Shirley	7:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	8:30 a.m.		
Priest	† James Power	Andreina by	Mass	Mass	Mass		
7:00 a.m.	(Birthday	Norma Lovell	*The People of	† Rita Morris	*The People		
Communion	Memorial) by	9:00 a.m.	St. Joseph	by Family &	of St. Joseph		
Service	Family & Friends	BMCS Mass	Parish	Friends	Parish		

Saturday, April 12 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass † Madge Power by Estate Sunday, April 13

8:30 a.m. Mass † Deceased Members of the Brosseau Family by Family 11:00 a.m. Mass † Russ LaGesse by Terri & Jerry Weakley † Joseph Martino by Friends

## PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

The Pharisees asked Jesus what they should do to the adulterous woman. But they didn't care what his answer was. They wanted to use his words against him! It wasn't about righteousness. The goal was being right. What about the human being used as a prop in this staged drama? I find myself wanting to know about her. "Caught in the act," they claimed. With whom? Was she coerced? Was she scared? Was it really as cut-and-dry as the Pharisees exclaimed? We will never know the answers and it really isn't our business. God knows. God knows the truth. Because she wasn't a prop to Him. She was a person. When God looks at us, He sees more than our worst decisions. I worry that we use others as props today, when we try to illustrate "What is Right." We have a terrible tendency to see only decisions. This dehumanizes people. Too often, we don't care about truth. We just care about being right.-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings for the weekend of March 29/30, 2025

\$6,626.72 4:00 pm: \$2,160.00 8:30 am: \$1,613.70 11:00 am: \$1,743.02

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Candle Offerings for March 2025: \$252.26
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Church Roof Fund Offerings: \$4,853.52
Debt Reduction for March 2025: \$831.00
Eastern Europe Collection (Ash Wednesday): \$1,567.00
Estate Bequests for March 2025: \$5,600.00
Helping Hands Offerings for March 2025: \$143.68
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RE Fundraising Proceeds for March 2025: \$2,029.22
Special Worship & Liturgy Offering: \$411.00
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Readings for the Week of April 6, 2025

**Sunday:** Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/In 8:1.11 Secretary: Eq. 37:12, 14/

14/Jn 8:1-11 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 8:12-20

**Tuesday:** Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18-21/Jn 8:21-30 **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-4-6, 7/Jn 10:31-42 **Saturday:** Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12, 13/Jn 11:45-56 **Next Sunday:** Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 (2a)/Phil 2:6-11/ Lk 22:14-23:56 or 23:1-49

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org

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(John 14:6)

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## St. Joe's At The Movies

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Our CSI Youth Ministry invites you to a Holy Week Screening of the new and acclaimed film, "The King of Kings!" The showtime is 4:50pm on Tuesday, April 15, at Paramount Theater in Kankakee. Experience the powerful story of the life of Jesus on the big screen as we reflect on faith, sacrifice, and redemption during this holiest of weeks! Your \$12.50 ticket includes admission, popcorn, drink, and fruit snacks—plus, free refills on popcorn and drinks! Don't miss this blockbuster faith-filled church event! Reserve your spot now at our Parish Website!

## Alive in You Teen Service Camp

High school teens in grades 8 (entering 9th grade Fall 2025) through 12 are invited to a dynamic weeklong Catholic service camp taking place July 8-13, 2025, in Lisle, IL. Teens will do volunteer work, and each day will include prayer, great music, inspirational witnesses and time to meet new friends. Mass, Adoration and Reconciliation will also be part of the week. The cost is \$330. For more information or to register, call 630-355-8980 or visit the webpage of the camp, www.diojoliet.org/w/alive-in-you-teen-service-camp. The registration deadline is April 15, 2025.

Sat, April 5 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church First Communion Retreat 10:00 a.m. Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Church Sunday, April 6 Mass 8:30 a m Church **Holy Name** Meeting 9:30 p.m. Ministry Center Mass 11:00 a.m. OCI Scrutiny **Disability Mass** 2:00 p.m. Church Social follows in

Parish Hall

Mon, April 7 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Church Tues, April 8 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church **Nursing Home** Ministry 10:00 a.m. **Fucharistic** Adoration 1:00-6:00 p.m. Church Rosary 6:30 p.m. Church CCW Meeting 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall Weds, April 9 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church

Weds, April 9 (continued) **BMCS Mass** 9.00 a m Choir Practice 5:30-7:00 p.m. Church **RE Sacraments** Session 5:30-6:45 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00 p.m. Ministry Center Thurs, April 10 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church **Parish Council** Meetina 7:00 p.m. Rectory Meeting Room Alternate Day & Location

Thurs, April 10 (continued) Men's AA Group 7:00-9:00 p.m. Ministry Center Friday, April 11 Mass 8:30 a.m. **Finance Council** Meeting 9:00 a.m. **Rectory Meeting** Room Mobile Food **Pantry** 10:00-11:30 a.m. Parking Lots and Streets **Lenten Stations** of the Cross 4:00 p.m. Church Sat, April 12 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church

Sat, April 12 (continued) A&E Preparing for Palm Sunday 9:00 a.m. Church **Bundt Cake Pick-Up** 12:00-3:00 p.m. Parish Hall Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Church Sunday, April 13 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Mass 11:00 a.m. Church **Donut Sunday** 12:00 a.m. Parish Hall **OCIA Practice for** Easter Vigil 12:00 p.m. Church

The weekly schedule for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Joseph Parish is on Page 1 of the Bulletin. Appointments for Confession can also be made by calling the parish office.

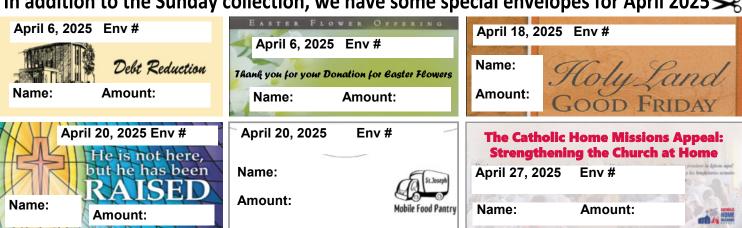
ROLES FOR PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND	April 12 4:00 PM Mass	April 13 8:30 AM Mass	April 13 11:00 AM Mass	Are you interested in any of these	
Hospitality Ministers	Janet Gregoire Diane Gonczy Donna Karr Jay Karr	Michael Storer Kathy Storer Bruce Adams Mary Adams	Candi Brenneisen Greg Brenneisen Sherry Johnson Volunteer Needed	Liturgical Ministries? Contact the parish office to	
Lectors	Chuck Carnes (Both Readings) Gisel Waide (Passion Voice)	Mary Kay Blankestyn (Both Readings) Jan St. John (Passion Voice)	Tom LaRocque (Both Readings) Lupita Sorich (Passion Voice)	schedule a training session. Ministers	
Eucharistic Ministers	Jim Graf Becky Graf Michael Ely Diane Ely	Justin Sommer John Chinski Michael Storer Annie Kidd	Jason Grizzle Sr. Susan Ninyikiriza Sr. Max Nanyanzi Mollie Grizzle	can go online to see when they are scheduled.	
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Sean Storer	Auggie LaRocque Joshua Sorich Mia Burns	request ´ subs and input dates	
Deacons	Deacon Greg Clodi	Deacon Greg Clodi	Deacon Greg Clodi	when not to be	
Presiders	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	scheduled.	

Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph Church
At 4nm next Friday. April 11, and at 3nm on Good Friday. April 18

Holy Week Schedule at St. Joseph Church

We will have our regular Mass schedule for Palm Sunday (next weekend, April 12/13); Holy Thursday Mass will be at 7pm (April 17); Good Friday Solemn Stations of the Cross will be at 3pm and the Service with Veneration of the Cross will be at 7pm (April 18); Blessing of the Baskets will be at noon on Holy Saturday and Easter Vigil Mass will be at 8pm (April 19); Easter Sunday Masses will be at 8:30am and 11am (April 20).

In addition to the Sunday collection, we have some special envelopes for April 2025



Holy day and special collection envelopes are published in the bulletin each month for those who wish to donate. Clip the image and enclose a donation in an envelope or use the designated one in your offertory packet from the parish. Thanks for your generosity!

## Bishop Ronald Hicks' Column for April 2025



"From Teenager to Saint: The Roadmap of Carlo Acutis"

The Catholic Church is about to name the first saint who was a "Millennial!" And he is making a big splash! In an era where young people are often seen as distant from faith, Carlo Acutis gives us an example of a new path to reality and holiness in this digital world.

Born in 1991 and raised in Milan, Italy, he will be canonized on Sunday, April 27, 2025.

He grew up as a typical teenager, playing soccer, video games, and the saxophone. His young faith blossomed alongside his deep love for the Eucharist as he attended Mass daily, making it central to his life. Carlo's use of technology to spread the Gospel and document Eucharistic miracles worldwide shows how technology can be a powerful tool for good and for evangelization.

Carlo passed away from leukemia at the age of 15, inspiring multitudes of people with his courage and faith. As a celebrated role model for young people, Carlo showed that holiness is achievable at any age. One of his famous quotes is, "To always be close to Jesus!" His life and words continue to inspire us to cultivate a close relationship with Jesus through prayer, the Eucharist, Confession, visiting holy sites, and helping others in need.

Just recently, I received a letter from the pastor in Crest Hill. Last year, in Phase II of our Targeted Restructuring Process, the parishes of St. Ambrose and St. Anne were united to form one new parish. Since then, the parish has entered a process of unification and renaming. He shared with me how the parishioners actively submitted recommendations for a new name for their parish. Originally, 90 names were submitted. After discernment through listening sessions and small groups, the selection was narrowed down to the top three names. Then, those three possibilities were given to me for my final choice. All three names were strong and worthy. However, after a time of prayer and reflection, one name stood out clearly for me... Saint Carlo Acutis!

By naming the newly united parish after him, we are not just honoring his memory but also encouraging parishioners to emulate his example of living faith boldly in today's world through the Eucharist. As we strive to pass on our faith to the next generations through catechesis, evangelization, and faith in action, this newly minted saint will hopefully inspire us, both now and into the future.

If you would like to learn more about Carlo Acutis, I encourage you to see the new film, "Carlo Acutis: Roadmap to Reality." For three days, April 27-29, 2025, it will be shown in 945 theaters across the United States. Once the first 5,000 tickets are sold, the film has been guaranteed an additional three days in theaters.

I saw clips of this film at a preview during the November meetings for the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops. I was fascinated by the life of Carlo Acutis and his impact on the youth of today. I also learned that all proceeds from this film will benefit causes for the youth, support the further spread of the Gospel, and help fund future National Eucharistic Congresses.

I invite you to consider seeing this movie as an individual, as a family, as a youth group, and/or as a parish outing. This is a great opportunity for us to learn more about a young saint and help evangelize others by inviting them to see it. You can purchase tickets through a pre-sale program. Locations and advance ticket sales are now available at www.carloacutisfilm.com. Even if you cannot see the movie right now, I urge you to visit this website, watch the trailer, and share it with others!

Before dying from leukemia, Carlo said, "Do not be afraid because with the Incarnation of Jesus, death becomes life, and there's no need to escape: in eternal life, something extraordinary awaits us." These saintly words highlight Carlo's deep faith in Jesus and encourage us on the way to holiness.

On Sunday, April 27, 2025, with fervent devotion and enthusiastic hope, please join me and the universal Catholic Church – no matter what your age – in exclaiming, "Saint Carlo Acutis, pray for us!"

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