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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

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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

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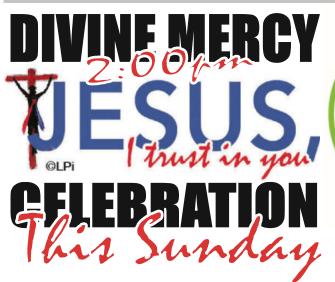


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St. Joseph Parish will be celebrating the feast of Divine Mercy with a special observance this Sunday, April 16, starting at 2pm.

Ok, so I've heard about this Divine Mercy celebration, but what should I expect?

2:00pm-Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Confessions will be held in the church during this time of silent adoration.

2:30pm-Recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet This is the prayer based on the apparitions of the Blessed Mother which uses rosary beads

3:15pm-Honoring of the relic of St. Faustina

This Sunday afternoon is going to be an opportunity to be blessed with extraordinary graces through the opportunities listed above.

Join us for this amazing celebration. You will surely leave changed after experiencing God's love in such a beautiful and profound way!





Women of the parish are invited this coming Tuesday, April 18, at 7 p.m. in the parish hall for our monthly CCW meeting. Join us for prayer, business,

social time and snacks!



And, please spread the word about this event from 10-11:30 a.m. next Friday, April 21, to receive food. Thanks to our team and all who support this important community outreach.

Confirmation is next Thursday

Confirmation Mass with Bishop Hicks is next Thursday, April 20. Please pray for candidates and families from our parish and those from St. Joseph in Manteno and St. Rose of Lima in Wilmington.



SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday April 17 Season of Easter Weekday 7:00 a.m. Communion Service Tuesday
April 18
Easter
Weekday
7:00 a.m.
Mass
† Rita Tutoky
(Birthday
Memorial) by
Mike & Kathy
Storer

Wednesday
April 19
Easter
Weekday
7:00 a.m. Mass
† Chester Gifford
(Anniversary
Memorial) by
Gifford Family
9:00 a.m.
BMCS Mass

Thursday
April 20
Season of
Easter
Weekday
7:00 a.m.
Mass
† Jim
Pitts by
Maria
Marselli

Friday
April 21
St. Anselm
Bishop &
Doctor of the
Church
8:30 a.m.
Mass
† Joan Pierce
by Stacy
Reiss Family

Saturday
April 22
Season of
Easter
Weekday
8:30 a.m.
Mass
† R. Ann
Prince by
Family &
Friends

Saturday, April 22

The Third Sunday of Easter
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
† Danny Tomlinson (Birthday Memorial) by Family

Sunday, April 23

8:30 a.m. Mass † Willard Blanchette (Birthday Memorial) by Blanchette Family † Courtney Kidd (Birthday & Memorial Anniversary) by Parents, Kevin & Annie Kidd 11:00 a.m. Mass † Theresa Gregoire (Anniversary Memorial) by Family

PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

For years I feared going to confession. I would wait in line trembling, feeling sick. In the upper room, the anxiety of the disciples was so strong that they locked themselves away. But still Christ stood in their midst. He would not be prevented from bringing mercy and hope to those in despair. No door barred in fear could keep him out. This is the genius of the sacrament of Reconciliation—and of all sacraments, really. Here we are, restricted in so many ways by a physical existence. We feel fear, and we react, just as we feel anger and our body reacts. How can God deliver mercy to us in this human state? Through that very confining flesh. Through confession, which requires a physical action, and the physical participation not just of the penitent but of the priest.-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

\$16,675.38 8:00 pm: \$5,252.38 8:30 am: \$5,323.00

11:00 am: \$5.726.00

Easter Offerings for the weekend of April 8/9, 2023

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$374.00 Good Friday Offerings for The Holy Land: \$942.00

Food Donations: 55 Pounds

Mass Readings for the Week of April 16, 2023

Sunday: Acts 2:42-47/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1

Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8 **Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15 **Wednesday:** Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn

3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4,13-14/Jn 6:1-15 Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21 Next Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10,

11 (11a)/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org



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The Sacred Paschal Triduum at St. Joseph Church



The Triduum began
with the evening Mass
on Holy Thursday as we
celebrated the
institution of the
Eucharist.
Fr. Marcin washed the
feet of representatives
from each parish
ministry and
organization—



Harrison Adams (Altar Server), Ryane Jefferson (Confirmation Candidate), Marian Worby (Lector), Annie Kidd (RCIA Team), Pat Knittel (CCW & Art/Environment), Mike Storer (Holy Name), Kathy Storer (Hospitality), Steve Luehrs (Knights & Blood Donor), Lindsay Adams (Parish Council & Eucharistic Minister), Graham Williams (First Communion Candidate), Mark Williams (Mobile Food Pantry), Cheryle Strother (Music Ministry)—modeling Christ at the Last Supper. In the end, the Blessed Sacrament was transferred to an altar of repose for adoration and people came throughout the night to be with Jesus.



endured such a painful and horrific death. It was an extremely powerful moment for the people at our church!

Meanwhile, on Holy Saturday, Fr. Marcin blessed foods brought to St. Joseph's during the Blessing of the Baskets service.



The Triduum reached its high point at the Easter Vigil Mass.

We experienced lighting of the Paschal Candle at the fire outside of the church building.

The Week at a glance at St. Joseph Parish

Saturday, April 15 Mass 8:30 a.m. Viail Mass 4:00 p.m. Church Sunday, April 16 Mass 8:30 a.m. (Knights Corporate Communion) Mass 11:00 a.m. Church **Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration** 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.

Church

Monday, April 17 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 18 Mass 7:00 a.m. **Nursing Home Ministry** 10:00 a.m. Adoration 1:00-6:00 p.m. **Rosary Group** 6:30-7:00 p.m. Church **CCW Meeting** 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall

Weds, April 19
Mass
7:00 a.m.
BMCS Mass
9:00 a.m.
Church
Confirmation
Practice
6:00 p.m.
Church
Thursday, April 20
Mass
7:00 a.m.
Church
Confirmation

Mass

6:00 p.m.

Church

Thursday, April 20 (continued) Confirmation Reception 7:30 p.m. Parish Hall Men's AA Group 7:00-9:00 p.m. Ministry Center Friday, April 21 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church **Mobile Food Pantry** 10:00 a.m. Parish Property Spread the word

Saturday, April 22 Mass 8:30 a.m. Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Sunday, April 23 Mass 8:30 a.m. Mass 11:00 a.m.

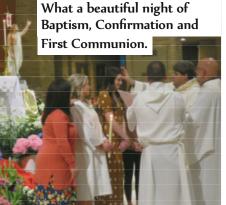
See page 1 for the
Reconciliation schedule
at St. Joseph's.
*Reconciliation will also
be offered during our
Divine Mercy Event this
Sunday.

WEEKEND LITURGICAL ROLES	April 22 4:00 PM Mass	April 23 8:30 AM Mass	April 23 11:00 AM Mass	Interested in any of these ministries? Contact the
Hospitality Ministers	Michael Ely Jim Lustig Janet Gregoire Marian Worby	Bruce Adams Mary Adams Ellen Taylor Kent Taylor	Lori Cornelius Paul Storer Katelyn Storer Emily Sue Storer	parish office for training. Ministers can go
Lectors	Gisel Waide (both readings)	Ryan Adams (both readings)	Candi (1) & Greg Brenneisen (2)	online to see when
Eucharistic Ministers	Diane Ely Lori Gadbois Michael Ely	Lindsay Adams Justin Sommer Mira Brosseau	Jason Grizzle Paul Storer	they are scheduled, request subs
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Harrison Adams	Sean, David & Jane Quigley	and input when not
Deacons	Deacon Greg Clodi		Deacon Leon Fritz	to be
Presiders	Fr. Charles Wheeler	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	scheduled.



Christ into the darkness of

we listened to the stories of salvation, experienced the blessing of the Baptismal waters and welcomed newcomers into the Catholic faith.







Easter Sunday was a an awesome time to be together with Our Parish, Our Family, to give thanks to God for our blessings and to renew our faith!

Many thanks to the clergy, ministers, musicians and all the many helpers behind-the-scenes who made Holy Week and Easter such a wonderful celebration at St. Joseph Parish in Bradley. *Video of the 11am Easter Sunday Mass is available at the parish website.



We carried the light of

the worship space,

Bishop Ronald Hicks' Column for April 2023



The Chrism Mass: A Call to Newness of Life

By the time you are reading this article, we will probably have already celebrated Palm Sunday, Holy Week, the Triduum and Easter Sunday. During that holy and busy week in the Catholic Church, there is a beautiful, albeit sometimes overshadowed, Mass we celebrate called the "Chrism Mass." Here in the Diocese of Joliet, we gather for it each year on the Monday after Palm Sunday, and I would like to share with you why I love it so much.



During this joyous and powerful celebration, there are two additional parts that are included in the Mass. The first one is the "Renewal of Priestly Promises." Immediately after the homily, the priests all stand and the bishop begins to address them with these words: "Beloved sons, on the anniversary of that day when Christ our Lord conferred his priesthood on his Apostles and on us, are you resolved to renew, in the presence of your Bishop and God's holy people, the promises you once made?"

This year at the Chrism Mass, as I listened to the priests renewing their promises with zeal and courage, I felt a deep sense of unity with them and gratitude for them. I also thanked God not only for their original "Yes" to the priesthood, but also for publicly reaffirming their commitment throughout all the ups and downs of the journey.

The Oil of the Sick and the Oil of Catechumens are first presented and blessed. Then the Chrism oil is presented to the bishop. Right before the bishop consecrates it, he pours the 'chrism essence' into the container and stirs the oil, then he literally breathes upon it, recalling when Jesus breathed on his disciples after the resurrection, thus sending the Holy Spirit. (John 20:22)

I love that after this Mass, representatives from each of our parishes and various institutions receive a box containing the newly blessed Oils and return to their parishes with these Holy Oils. On Holy Thursday, these Holy Oils are presented in all of our parishes at the beginning of the Mass of the Lord's Supper. These Holy Oils are used throughout the year for the Sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick, Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders, and in the dedication of a new church and/or a new Altar.

Immediately after the blessing of the new Oils at the Chrism Mass, we turn to the Liturgy of the Eucharist as the gifts of bread and wine are presented with this prayer over the offerings, "May the power of this sacrifice, O Lord we pray, mercifully wipe away what is old in us and increase in us grace of salvation and newness of life." It strikes me that the Chrism Mass magnifies this newness of life through Christ our Lord as the priests renew their promises and as the people bring back the new holy oils to their parishes. This newness of life was celebrated in your parish on Easter Sunday and these Holy Oils will be used in your parish and ministries in the

year ahead to renew us in our lives.

After the Chrism Mass, as I exited the Cathedral and I was walking through the parking lot, I noticed a small group of people who had also attended the Mass. They were walking to their car, gently carrying the newly blessed Holy Oils almost like parents carrying a new-born baby into the house for the first time. I was delighted by their care and attention.

They told me that they had driven to the Cathedral from Kankakee. One of the women then said, "Bishop, I felt like I won the golden ticket when I was asked to represent my parish at this Mass today. It was just splendid! And it reminded me that our diocese is a lot bigger than just my parish. It felt good to worship with the larger Church today."

As I started my car, I thought about her comment. Sometimes, we might think that the Church is only as big as our experience in our own local parish. We can easily get focused on just our own personal communities, realities, needs and issues. And yet, we are a large and diverse diocese made up of many people from various demographics and locations with a wide variety of opinions and points of view. Through it all, part of the beauty of what makes us "Catholic" is that amid our diversity and individual parish experiences, we are also united in Christ. And yet together, wholeheartedly, we all believe that salvation is only through, with and in Him.

So, as I drove home from the Chrism Mass with a smile on my face, I spontaneously uttered a prayer of thanksgiving to God for all of the laity, religious women and men, deacons and priests across our diocese, and for the newness of life that we share, united through Christ, our Lord.





Peggy Blanchette, Gisel Waide, and Ruth Tomlinson presented the holy oils to Fr. Marcin at the start of Holy Thursday Mass.

These women along with Barb Fortin and Vicki Burgener had represented us at the Chrism Mass earlier in the week.

Enrichment programs and other opportunities

+Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary are sponsoring "What's Next: A Discernment Retreat" April 28-30 at Nazareth Spirituality Center in Batavia, IL. This will be a special weekend away for women 35-55 years of age searching for what God is calling them to next. The cost is \$125 and the deadline to register is April 26. More info and registration can be found at: https://www.sscm-usa.org/Workshops-Retreats.html or call 815-814-1414.

+The Diocese of Joliet is forming a delegation to attend the life-changing Refuge Conference July 28-30, 2023, at the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, MN. Parish or school groups, individual teen delegates (incoming high school freshmen through graduating seniors), seminarians, priests, and deacons are invited to join us! The delegation will travel by coach bus leaving from the Blanchette Catholic Center in Crest Hill. Complete details and registration can be accessed at: https://sites.google.com/view/dojsteubie



+St. Joseph Catholic Church in Joliet is seeking a part-time employee to coordinate liturgical ministry schedules, arrange booking for events at parish facilities, assist with wedding and funeral planning and help with other miscellaneous office duties.

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