

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 6:30-7:30 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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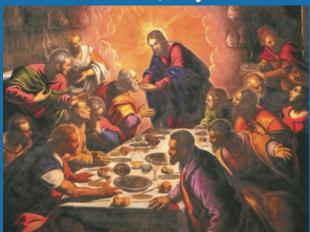
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Parish Nurse-Call the Parish Office; enter #307

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5th Sunday of Easter



Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." (Jn 14:6-7)

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Happy Anniversary! STRIOSIRPHYS

Saturday, September 9, 2023

Have you come to our Parish Picnic the last couple years? We've had such a great time and now we are planning for our 2023 celebration! A committee is coming together to manage the event. If you'd like to be part of this group, please contact Peggy Blanchette at blanchettepbj@att.net. We will have a Planning Meeting scheduled at 7pm on Tuesday, June 6, at the Ministry Center.



Here's Fr. Marcin leading Ron and Kathy Joubert in renewing their wedding vows on their 50th anniversary. What a happy moment that recently happened at St. Joseph Church. Congrats! If you or your family is celebrating a wedding anniversary, call the parish office to setup a blessing at Mass.

We would also like to take this opportunity to invite all parishioners with wedding anniversaries in 2023 for 10, 25 and 50 years and more to the annual Wedding Anniversary Mass of the Diocese of Joliet. This special liturgy, which will be held at 2pm on August 27, 2023, at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet, will be celebrated by Bishop Ron Hicks. To attend, call St. Joseph's Parish Office at 815-939-3573.

Our year has been awesome; definitely "Something to Celebrate" this Wednesday!

y Crowning This Sunday, May 7th Alter 11am Mass

Everyone is invited this weekend to bring flowers to church and put them by the statue of the Blessed Mother on Perry Street. Thanks so much!

young people receiving First Communion this weekend. They have been invited to be a special part of our May



SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday May 12 May 9 May 10 May 11 May 13 Monday St. Nereus. Season of St. John of Easter Our Lady of May 8 Avila & Weekday St Achilleus & Easter Fatima Season of St. Damien 7:00 a.m. St. Pancras. Weekdav 8:30 a.m. Easter 7:00 a.m. 7:00 a.m. Mass Martvrs Mass Weekday † R. Ann Prince 8:30 a.m. Mass Mass † Lucille 7:00 a.m. † Janice Mae † John (Anniversary Mass DeMarah Communion Sims by Mazzuchi by Memorial) by *The People (Birthday Service Husband, **Janice** Family & of St. Joseph Memorial) by Friends Parish Connie Messier Ralph Sims Gregoire Sunday, May 14

Saturday, May 13 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass † LeDuke & Prince Families by Family

PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

My husband is an architect. Through him, I've learned a lot about houses, buildings and other structures. One of the main reasons a home might strike some as unpleasing is because it has undergone a renovation. Whether out of laziness or an effort to be cost-effective, additions are made that depart from the architectural style of the original structure. The result is "ugly" for lack of a better word. I think of this when I consider Christ as the "cornerstone." We know we are called to model ourselves on Christ, to build on his example. But very often we cherry-pick elements of his message and attempt to build on it with additions that make no sense. When someone looks at us, at our lives, they should be able to tell after whom that life is patterned. We must resemble the cornerstone, if we do not, it will be apparent, unseemly. You can't see God the Father without embracing God the Son. You can't chart the future of a house without any thought for its past. If Christ is not our inspiration, he will be our contradiction.-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings on the weekend of April 29/30, 2023 \$8,572.09

> 4:00 pm: \$4,156.00 8:30 am: \$1,809.00 11:00 am: \$1,877.09

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$730.00

Food Donations: 47 Pounds

In Loving MEMORY

8:30 a.m. Mass † Jim Pitts by DeAnna Bach

11:00 a.m. Mass † Leona Pearman by Family

† Ronald Paul Bruer by Jodi Gill, Grandmother

Please remember in prayer the families of Viola Erwin and Robert Pudlo recently called to Eternal Life. May they enjoy God's loving embrace.

Readings for the Week of May 7, 2023

Sunday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 (22)/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26 **Tuesday:** Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab,4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8 **Thursday:** Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11 **Friday:** Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12/Jn 15:12-17 **Saturday:** Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21 **Next Sunday:** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 (1)/1 Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org



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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 authorization 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!

Thanks



Thanks so much to Bade Appliance store on Broadway in Bradley for allowing our Mobile Food Pantry Team to put this sign in their parking lot each month. It really helps people find our parish. Above we have Peggy Blanchette and Dan Hall bringing the sign back to the parish after another successful Mobile Food Pantry morning.

Parish Blood Drive

Sunday, May 21st

Hope springs



eternal

Donate and splash away!
Attempting donors at our
Blood Drive on May 21 will
be entered into a drawing
to win \$1,000 in Gift Cards
for a water park resort!
This Blood Drive will be in
air-conditioned mobile
coaches in the parking lot
at the Ministry Center.



Appointments are preferred, but walk-ins are welcome too. Sign-up at www.stjosephbradley.org or call the parish office at 815-939-3573.

May Vocation Prayer Calendar



The Diocese of Joliet Vocation Prayer Calendar lists daily the names of diocesan priests, seminarians, religious priests, brothers, sisters, deacons, and men and women in formation. You can access the month of May at St. Joseph's

website. Please pray for those listed, asking God to continue to sustain them, and that others will respond to His call.

The River Valley Pregnancy Center needs sizes 4,5,6 of diapers and baby wipes. Please bring donations to their location at 200 N Washington Ave, Bradley.

The Week at a glance at St. Joseph Parish

Saturday, May 6 Mass

8:30 a.m.

First Communion Mass

11:00 a.m.

Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m.

Church

Sunday, May 7

Mass

8:30 a.m. Church

Holy Name Meeting

9:30 a.m. Ministry Center Sunday, May 7 (continued)

Mass

11:00 a.m.

Parish Baptisms

12:00 p.m. May Crowning

12:00 p.m.

Outside Monday, May 8

Communion Service

7:00 a.m. Church Tuesday, May 9

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. Weds, May 10

Appointments can also be made by calling the parish office.

Mass

7:00 a.m. Church Weds, May 10 (continued)

RE Classes 4:30-5:45 p.m.

Knights Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Ministry Center

Thursday, May 11 Mass

7:00 a.m. Church

Men's AA Group 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Church Church Ministry Center

See page 1 for the weekly schedule for Reconciliation.

Friday, May 12 Mass

8:30 a.m.

Saturday, May 13

Mass

8:30 a.m.

Church Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m.

Church

Sunday, May 14

Mass

8:30 a.m. Church

Mass

11:00 a.m.

Church

WEEKEND LITURGICAL ROLES	May 13 4:00 PM Mass	May 14 8:30 AM Mass	May 14 11:00 AM Mass	Interested in any of these ministries?
Hospitality Ministers	Kathy Storer Michael Storer Marian Worby Janet Gregoire	Aliess Bedford Danielle Shervino Nick Shervino Dick Jenkins	Sorich Family	Contact the parish office for training. Ministers can
Lectors	Chuck Carnes (both readings)	Gert Auberry (both readings)	Emily Storer (1) Jan St. John (2)	go online to see when
Eucharistic Ministers	Patricia Croix Patricia Burr	Mira Brosseau Annie Kidd Nick Shervino	Jonathon Storer Lupita Sorich Volunteer Needed	they are scheduled, request subs
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Adelaide Bedford	Joshua Sorich Shane Martin Aiden Jamros	and input when not to be
Deacons	Deacon Leon Fritz	Deacon Greg Clodi		scheduled at
Presiders	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Charles Wheeler	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Mass.

CCW presents Woman of the Year



Last Sunday, April 30, Pat Knittel, the president of St. Joseph's Council of Catholic Women, presented Julie Gindy to Fr. Marcin and the people of the parish during the 11am Mass as our CCW's 2023 Woman of the Year. Pat, Julie and Fr. Marcin posed for a picture with some other members of the CCW after Mass.

Julie, a lifelong parishioner, has been involved at her church with programs such as Religious Education,

Youth Ministry, Nursing Home Ministry, and the Covid Response Team. She currently serves as part of the Hospitality Ministry and as a Eucharistic Minister as well as on the Parish Council.

Julie and her husband, Jeff, have three children, Jillian, Katie, and Cody, and they are looking forward to becoming grandparents this summer! Julie is the president and founding member of Acting Out Theatre Co. (Of course, she shares her artistic talents at her parish. Have you noticed the empty tomb as part of the Easter décor? Julie created

that!) And, she is part owner and production coordinator of Sweet Street in Bourbonnais. Yum!

And, finally, more than one person called Julie "the best friend you could ever want," said Pat as the CCW president described her friend and fellow parishioner before inviting the Woman of the Year to the front of the church to be recognized during Mass. It was an awesome moment as the assembly applauded for this very deserving woman of faith.

The outpouring of words of congratulations has "been overwhelming," said Julie. "I love my St. Joseph Parish family and being named as Woman of the Year is such an honor." Countless people do so much in public ministry and behind-the-scenes. "I am happy to be part of the village it takes to get all of the things done."



Bishop Ronald Hicks' Column for May 2023

Calling Joyful Shepherds

This year we will ordain five new priests for the Diocese of Joliet. While this quantity is outstanding, so is their quality. These five men are young, intelligent, faith filled, pastoral and enthusiastic, and they all strive for holiness. They easily could have followed one of many good and exciting career paths offered by the world. Counterculturally, they heard the call of the Lord and responded by choosing to follow the call to the vocation of ordained priesthood.

We are blessed in the Diocese of Joliet to have 23 seminarians studying for the priesthood. However, we cannot rest on our laurels. Encouraging young men to consider the priesthood is the responsibility of the entire people of God.

The question becomes, "How do we invite and encourage others to discern a life to the priesthood or religious life?" Most of us, I hope, feel comfortable praying for vocations and donating to our Seminarian Endowment Fund to help cover the costs of seminarian formation. However, when it comes to proactively inviting others to it, we can become tongue-tied and need help as to what we should say and do.

For that reason, I just recently sent an inspiring little book to all the priests in the Diocese of Joliet called, "Five Conversations about the Priesthood," by Father Michael Pratt. Studies show that the local priest is one of the most influential factors for their parishioners discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. This book provides a simple and solid roadmap to intentionally encourage others to discern a priestly vocation.

Father Pratt's book gives five practical ways to talk about the following: 1. Priestly identity. 2. The Eucharist in the priest's life. 3. The Sacrament of Penance. 4. Preaching. 5. Parish priesthood.

While this book is geared to our priests, you might also want to consider reading it. A quick internet search of the title, or a visit to https://vianneyvocations.com will provide ordering instructions.

Just about all recently ordained priests throughout the country commonly report one of the reasons they took the leap of faith to actively discern the priesthood and to enter the seminary is that someone specifically invited them to do so. Just one voice has the power to break through all their doubts, fears and negative messaging about becoming a priest. My hope is that before we approach eternal life, we will be able to name someone specifically that we encouraged to discern the priesthood or religious life.

This may be hard to believe, but there are many parents

who explicitly discourage their sons from considering the priesthood. While some parents claim it is because they want grandchildren or because they want their son to pursue a more prestigious profession and make a lot of money, the most common factor for their lack of support is because they think their son will be unhappy as a priest. Most parents' greatest desire is for their children to be happy. If they think that priesthood is the road to unhappiness, then they tend to actively discourage the possibility of it.

Most studies reveal that priests are happy. While there are exceptions to this rule, most of us know many happy and well-adjusted priests. I, for example, empathically declare that as I celebrate 29 years of priesthood, I am happy! I say so without being naïve or sugarcoating the challenges. The priesthood, like all vocations, comes with an experience of suffering. But these moments of the cross also lead us through and to the joy of the resurrection.

In 2010, after completing five-years of living and working in El Salvador, I spoke with Cardinal George in eager anticipation of my next assignment. I clearly remember him saying to me, "Fr. Ron, I am assigning you to Mundelein Seminary to be the Dean of Formation." Quickly brushing off my initial shock, I responded, "Well, thank you for that assignment. You know that I am obedient and will go wherever you send me. However, after spending five years in Central America and becoming fluent in Spanish, why are you not sending me to be a pastor in a large, Hispanic parish, and instead sending me to the Major Seminary?" His answer surprised me, "Fr. Ron, you are a joyful priest...and the seminarians need to see your joy."

As we give thanks for our five new priests, please join me in expressing my gratitude to the priests in the Diocese of Joliet. With them, let us all strive to joyfully and intentionally encourage others to consider a vocation to the priesthood or religious life. To learn about priestly vocations and also for ways to encourage them, please go to our website at www.diojoliet.org/vocations or contact our Office of Vocations at 815-221-6171.

Please help spread the word about these programs, initiatives and opportunities

+Catholic Charities is continuing to offer programs for adults 60-plus. To register, call 815-933-7791 ext. 9910. A Crafting Connections program is from 1:30-3:30 p.m. on Friday, May 12, at the BTPD (770 E Franklin St, Bradley). We will be creating decorative cards with acrylic paints, a plastic fork, plastic water bottles, q-tips, newspaper, and more! All supplies will be provided. Please reserve your spot by Tuesday, May 9. The Create Better Health program is from 10-11 a.m. on Tuesday mornings May 16-July 18 at Kankakee Valley Park District Rec Center (150 N. Indiana Ave, Kankakee). There will be no classes on May 16 and July 18. Participants will discuss the food pyramid, grocery shopping on a budget, creating a balanced meal, and more. Please reserve your spot by Friday, May 12.

+Glazin' the Trail is a donut-themed 5k Run/Walk scheduled for Saturday, May 20, starting at KCC and going along the Kankakee River. The cost is \$35 per participant and children 12 and under are free. Proceeds will support Catholic Charities. To make a monetary donation or to register, visit https://catholiccharitiesjoliet.org/glazin or call 815-724-1168. St. Joseph parishioners with businesses, the local business community and our parish groups and organizations are asked to become event sponsors. To learn about all of the various sponsorship opportunities, contact Rick Pesavento at rpesavento@cc-doj.org or 630-519-6531.

+Attention Teenagers! The Joliet Diocese is forming a delegation to attend the life-changing Refuge Conference July 28-30, 2023, at 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! All the details are at: https://sites.google.com/view/dojsteubie.

+The Catholic Education Foundation for the Diocese of Joliet is seeking a Manager of Development Communications. This full-time, benefited employee would be responsible for planning, organizing, implementing, and managing fundraising communications for the diocese and CEF. An applicant must have a Bachelor's Degree in Communications, Nonprofit Management, Marketing Business, Public Relations, or a related field; three years of successful performance creating content for a comprehensive annual fund; be a practicing Catholic who supports the teachings of the Church. Please send your cover letter and resume to jlagger@dioceseofjoliet.org.

+Please help save the Invest in Kids act. Illinois lawmakers are considering ending this tax credit program, which has provided nearly 40,000 scholarships to help families send their child to a school of their choice. Please do not let this program end! Visit www.ilcatholic.org for complete details, including a letter from the Illinois bishops, and please contact your state representative and state senator.









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