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ST. JOSEPH PARISH



BRADLEY, ILLINOIS

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

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

Pastoral Staff

Pastor

Rev. Marcin Michalak

Music Director

Brad Benoit

Pastoral Associate

Deacon Greg Clodi

Business Manager

Pattie Storer

Director of Communications

Paul Storer

Religious Education

Brenda McLean
RE Phone: 815-937-9340

Youth Ministry

Sandra Jefferson
Direct Line: 815-802-9130

Other

Prayer Line

Sharon Monty: 815-954-4922
parishadmin@stjosephbradley.org

Parish Office

Mon-Thurs 9am-4pm
Friday 9am-1 pm
Phone: (815) 939-3573

Parish Website

www.stjosephbradley.org

Social Media

Facebook & Instagram.
Our Social Media is updated daily

Parish Nurse Mailbox-Call the

Parish Office; enter #307

The 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus entered a village where a
woman whose name was Martha
welcomed him. (Luke 10:38-42)

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July 20, 2025

PAW Patrol Workday Next Friday

Join these Parishioners Against Weeds

Starting at 9am on Church Grounds

The PAW Patrol has taken it upon themselves to schedule another Parish Workday for next Friday, July 25, starting at 9am, and they'd love for you to join them! The efforts of this growing group of volunteers led by parishioner Russ Bone are making a real difference. Just look around: the flower beds are thriving, the weeds are under control, and our parish campus is more welcoming than ever.

Stop by the church next Friday. With more hands, the work goes faster—and it's a great way to spend time with fellow parishioners while helping out. Whether you can stay all morning or just lend a hand for a little while, your help is appreciated. All are welcome to join this dedicated team of parishioners who are taking pride in their parish and making a visible impact—one weed at a time!



Please help us meet our goal

Make an appointment

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Next Sunday
North Parking Lot

St. Joseph CHURCH

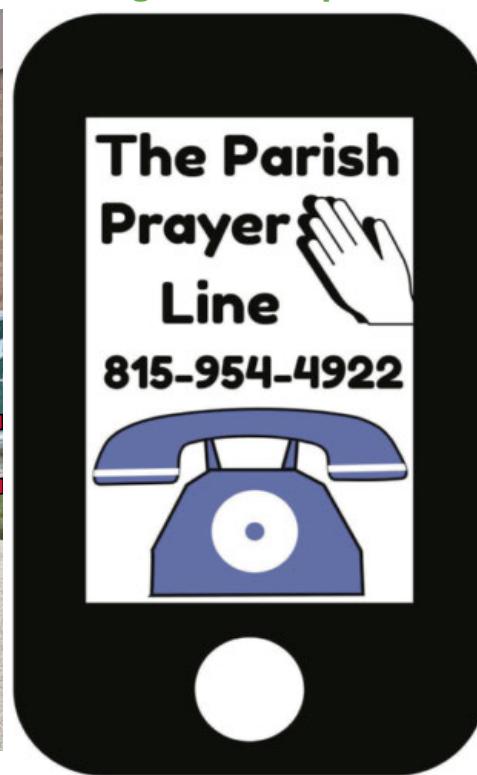
QR code for appointment

Join us next Sunday, July 27, for our parish Blood Drive. Someone in the U.S. needs blood every two seconds—your donation truly matters. **Make your appointment by calling the parish office, visiting our website, or with the QR code above. Please give the gift of life this summer!**



Outdoor Rosary

Tuesdays at 6:30pm
Bring a lawn chair



The Parish Prayer Line

815-954-4922

At St. Joseph Parish, we believe in the power of prayer—and in the strength of our community lifting one another up in times of need. If you or someone you love is in need of prayers, we invite you to reach out through our Parish Prayer Line Ministry.

You can submit a prayer request by calling Sharon Monty at 815-954-4922 or by emailing your intention to parishadmin@stjosephbradley.org. Requests are received by our Prayer Team, who will begin praying for your intention daily—through personal prayer, the Rosary, and at Mass. Requests are confidential.

The Parish Prayer Line is a beautiful ministry of quiet strength and compassion. If you'd like to be part of the Prayer Team, simply call Sharon to learn more.

Don't hesitate to reach out. You are not alone—your parish family is praying with you.

SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday July 21 <i>St. Lawrence</i> <i>of Brindisi</i> 7:00 a.m. Communion Service	Tuesday July 22 <i>St. Mary</i> <i>Magdalene</i> 7:00 a.m. Communion Service	Wednesday July 23 <i>St. Bridget,</i> <i>Religious</i> 7:00 a.m. Communion Service	Thursday July 24 <i>St. Sharbel</i> <i>Makhlūf</i> 7:00 a.m. Communion Service	Friday July 25 <i>St. James,</i> <i>Apostle</i> 8:30 a.m. Communion Service	Saturday July 26 <i>St. Joachim &</i> <i>St. Anne</i> 8:30 a.m. Communion Service
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With Fr. Marcin on vacation throughout July, we will have Communion Services on the weekdays until he returns to the parish. The Mass Intentions for weekdays in July have been moved to the closest weekend. Please pray for Fr. Marcin, that he will have a fun, relaxing, and safe trip abroad.

Saturday, July 26 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass † Marty Arrivo by St. Joseph Parish † Emmeric “Mickey” & Gloria Zace (Wedding Anniversary) by Vicki Burgener (Daughter) † Verl & Theresa Baughman by Family † Madge Power (Birthday Memorial) by Family & Friends	Sunday, July 27 8:30 a.m. Mass † William & Verna Ponikvar (Wedding Anniversary) & Anna Ponikvar (Birthday Memorial) by Family † Regina LaFontaine by Jamie Cagle † Homer Martin (Anniversary Memorial) by Francis & Jean Smith 11:00 a.m. Mass † Alfred & Irene Savoie (Wedding Anniversary) by Greg & Julie Azzarelli *The Intentions of Connie Messier by Family
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PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

Oooh, Mary, she's so holy. Well, do you like to eat, Mary? Who made your lunch? Yeah, that's right: it was Martha. Afterall, it's the Marthas who get things done while the Marys lounge around reading Aquinas and attending retreats and going to Eucharistic Adoration. My bitterness is on full display! I tend to identify with Martha, not with Mary, and I need to stop that. I am both. We are all both. It's wrong to assume that Mary didn't have the same anxieties as Martha. Here's the difference: Mary, unlike Martha (and me, I guess) knew where to go with them. We typically see our burdens as an impediment to a relationship with Christ. There are so many demands on me, on my time, on my finances. Take a number, Jesus. But we're thinking the wrong way. Burdens aren't an obstacle that stands between us and Christ. Burdens are the straightest path to his feet. God knows about burdens. He suffered, taking on a human form and for three decades lived among the hardest and heaviest burdens this world has to offer.

Why? Well, part of the reason was so that we could finally understand that our burdens aren't a barrier between us and God. On the contrary, they connect us to him. Are you anxious about many things? Then you need to be right where Mary is: at the feet of Jesus, with all your burdens.-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings for the weekend of July 12/13, 2025
 \$7,781.00

4:00 pm: \$2,188.00

8:30 am: \$2,461.00

11:00 am: \$1,497.00

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$1,475.00

Additional Sunday Offerings: \$160.00

Food Donations: 63 Pounds

Readings for the Week of July 20, 2025

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 (1a)/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/Mt 13:1-9

Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org

**I am the way
and the truth
and the life.**

John 14:6

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Check Out these Photos of our PAW Patrol in Action!

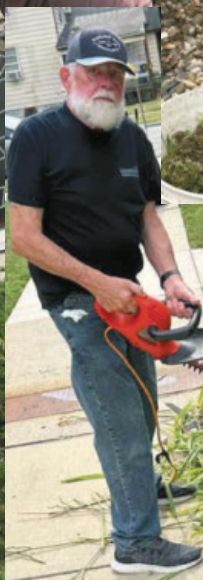


Our PAW Patrol (Parishioners Against Weeds) was out in full force on July 11. We had a record number of helpers, and the results speak for themselves. The grounds look beautiful! Among those lending a hand were a few special volunteers honoring the memory of loved ones who held deep affection for our parish and its grounds.

Their presence was a moving tribute and a definite reminder of how love for this place continues across generations and miles.



The PAW Patrol is already planning their next Workday for Friday, July 25, starting at 9am. All are welcome to join this growing group of parishioners.



The PAW Patrol is certainly taking ownership of their parish and making a difference—one weed at a time!

The week at a glance at St. Joseph Parish

Sun, July 20 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Mass 11:00 a.m. Church Parish Baptisms 12:15 p.m. Church Congratulations! Monday, July 21 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Church	Tues, July 22 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Church Nursing Home 10:00 a.m. Offsite Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-6:00 p.m. Church Outdoor Rosary 6:30 p.m. Mary Statue on Perry Street	Weds, July 23 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Church Thurs, July 24 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Church Baptism Class 7:00-8:00 p.m. Meeting Room Men's AA Group 7:00-9:00 p.m. Ministry Center	Friday, July 25 Communion Service 8:30 a.m. Church PAW Patrol Workday 9:00 a.m. Parish Property Natural Family Planning Class 5:30-8:30 p.m. Ministry Center <i>All couples must pre-register for NFP Classes</i>	Saturday, July 26 Communion Service 8:30 a.m. Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Sunday, July 20 Masses 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Church Blood Drive 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. North Parking Lot <i>Schedule your appointment online or call the parish.</i>
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ROLES FOR NEXT WEEKEND	July 26 4:00 PM Mass	July 27 8:30 AM Mass	July 27 11:00 AM Mass	Are you interested in any of these Liturgical Ministries? Contact the parish office to schedule a training session. Ministers can go online to see when they are scheduled, request subs and input the dates when not to be scheduled.
Hospitality Ministers	Jim Graf Becky Graf Donna Karr Jay Karr	Mary Adams Felicity Bedford Aliess Bedford Bruce Adams	Candi Brenneisen Greg Brenneisen Sandra Jefferson Julie Gindy	
Lectors	Marian Worby (both readings)	Emily Storer (both readings)	Lupita Sorich (both readings)	
Eucharistic Ministers	Diane Ely Michael Ely Vicki Burgener Peggy Blanchette	Jonathon Storer Sean Storer Nick Shervino John Chinski	Julie Gindy Jason Grizzle Mollie Grizzle Sr. Max Nyanzi	
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Adelaide Bedford	Jane, Lucy & Maggie Quigley	

Updated Mustard Seed List

Thanks for your generosity!

+Door and Opener for the Maintenance Garage (\$2,600 total/\$1,000 gratefully received/\$1,600 remaining)

+Parish Hall Roof (\$42,500 total/\$675 gratefully received/\$1,000 saved/\$41,925 remaining)

+Watering Can for the flower display at our Mary Statue (This item has been gratefully received)

+Project to refurbish old courtyard pavers/\$500 gratefully received to begin this outdoor project/funds needed to fix additional bricks

+Dream Item #1: New Phone System for Parish Offices/\$75 already gratefully received to save for this project & Dream Item #2: New Church Doors

This Mustard Seed feature is quickly becoming popular among bulletin readers. We're so grateful for everyone who has taken the time to respond. It's simply our way of spotlighting specific needs around the parish—tangible things that anyone can help with. Whether it's a repair, a resource, or an expense, the list helps connect your generosity with a direct impact.

But, let's be clear, you're not expected to respond to every item. We invite you to take a look and see if something speaks to your heart. Because with faith the size of a mustard seed, big things can grow!

Thank you for helping with the MFP



We are so grateful to our entire MFP Team, the volunteer coordinators, and all who offer financial support. You are truly making a difference! Thanks!

Personalized Brick Pavers

Church Courtyard

Download the order form; print; complete and mail to parish office with your payment or put in the collection basket. There are three options. Your paver will be created and placed promptly. For more information, call the parish office.

Planning to buy Mums this Fall?

Get them from the CCW!

Our CCW will be holding their annual Mum Sale this August—and they're giving you an early heads-up so you can plan to support this important fundraiser. Each year, this sale offers a great way to purchase beautiful fall mums while also supporting the CCW's many contributions to our parish. Proceeds help fund their commitment to outreach and fellowship through efforts like the Giving Tree, the St. Joseph Table, the Parish Picnic, and more. Watch for the order form in the bulletin, and look for the ladies taking orders on first three weekends of August. Thank you for your support!

Ice Cream, Bingo & More: The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary is hosting an Ice Cream Social on Sunday, July 27, from 2-4pm at St. James in Irwin. Enjoy bingo, raffles, and sweet treats (sundaes and cookies). Free-will donations accepted.

Summer Camp: Quo Vadis Days is a camp for young men ages 13-18 who have completed 8th grade and have an interest in the priesthood. It will be held July 27-30 in Mundelein. Register at <https://www.diojoliet.org/es/w/quo-vadis-days-camp-2025>.

Scout Retreat: It will be a day of faith, fellowship, and fun on Saturday, August 9, at Providence High School in New Lenox with hiking, Confession, Mass and more, fulfilling requirements for several awards. Register at: jolietdiocesecatholicscouts.org.

Pilgrimage to Poland: Join Msgr. Dan Stack for the Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Poland Sept. 8-18, 2025. Visit Krakow, Czestochowa, Warsaw, and more and walk in the footsteps of St. Faustina. The cost is \$4,890 and includes airfare, meals, lodging and transportation. For complete details, contact Deacon Schmidt at 404-670-7628 or RQCchmidt616@gmail.com.

Grandparents Mass: All grandparents and the elderly and their family members are invited to a special Jubilee Mass with Bishop Ronald Hicks at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet on Sunday, Oct. 4, at 11am. To RSVP, call 815-221-6192.

Diocese Jobs: There are many jobs available in the offices of the Diocese of Joliet, including Outreach Lead for the Office of Pastoral Outreach. This is a full-time diocesan role developing ministries for ethnic communities and persons with disabilities. Requires leadership experience in pastoral outreach and a related degree; bilingual preferred.

Job opportunities at Catholic parishes in the seven-county Joliet Diocese include:

- Immaculate Conception, Elmhurst, is seeking a part-time Accounting Clerk (24 hrs/week) to manage the Sunday offerings, online donations, and invoices. Requires administrative experience and knowledge of ParishSOFT and Microsoft Office.
- St. Alexander, Villa Park, is seeking a part-time, bilingual (English/Spanish preferred) Administrative Assistant with office and computer skills who is a practicing Catholic. Parish software experience a plus. They are also seeking a part-time Director of Faith Formation (18–22 hrs/week) to lead K–8 religious education; requires parish ministry experience and a related bachelor's degree. Must be a practicing Catholic with a pastoral vision.
- Christ the Servant, Woodridge, is seeking a full-time Director of Religious Formation to direct its growing K-8 faith formation program. Requires religious education experience, strong tech skills, and a commitment to Catholic teachings.
- Resurrection Parish, Wayne, is seeking a part-time Facilities Manager to oversee maintenance and safety of parish buildings and grounds. Requires hands-on experience in building systems, basic trades, and on-call availability.
- St. James the Apostle, Glen Ellyn, is seeking a part-time Office Receptionist with strong interpersonal, administrative, and tech skills. Looking for a faith-filled, collaborative individual aligned with Catholic values.

For complete descriptions of the job opportunities highlighted above and details about the numerous other jobs in the diocesan offices and ministries and at Catholic parishes in the diocese, visit www.diojoliet.org/offices/careers.

Registration for Religious Education 2025-2026 is Open!



Religious Education is gearing up for a great year at St. Joseph's. We're excited to welcome K-8 students to our 2025-2026 program, with expanded Wednesday sessions three times a month from 5:30-6:45pm, plus monthly Youth and Family Masses. Our first class is Sept. 17, 2025.



Visit our website, www.stjosephbradley.org, to register or use the QR code on this page. A tentative calendar for the year is online too. **We're also inviting parents and parishioners to volunteer.** For all the details, call the RE Office at 815-937-9340.

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