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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

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.

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@stjosephbradlev.org

#### **Parish Office**

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

### **Parish Website**

www.stjosephbradley.org

### **Social Media**

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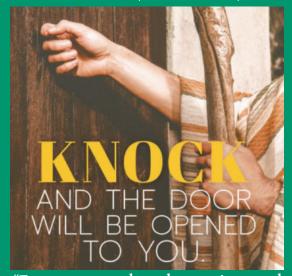
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# The 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" (Lk 11:1-13)

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# In the North Parking Lot this Sunday A note of Gratitude from the McCarty Family



Thank you to everyone who has sianed up for our **Parish Blood Drive** happening this Sunday, July 27, (8am-1pm); you will make a life-savina difference! We still have openings. Walk-ins are welcome! Stop by the North Parking Lot. If you haven't donated in a while—or never—this is a great time to start! Thank you for serving others—we couldn't have this ministry without you!

# Monthly Holy Hour First Friolog at St. Joseph Church

Join us for worship and reflection in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament after 8:30am Mass next Friday, August 1. Reconciliation will be offered throughout and you can pray the rosary or other prayers or read Scripture or other texts. What you do is not important. Being with Jesus in this personal way is what really matters. Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to give praise and thanks to God!



The CCW will be taking Mum Orders on the first three weekends of August starting next weekend, August 2-3, after Masses. Pick-up is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 15.

# Did you know that St. Joseph Parish hosts Natural Family Planning Classes?



Reasons may arise that cause a married couple to limit the size of their family, including financial stresses, physical illness, and psychological difficulties. Natural Family Planning is a moral way to accept God's gift of fertility while cooperating with His plan.



The family of Wayne, Pat and Michael McCarty extend their sincere thanks to Fr. Marcin, Fr. Matt Pratscher, and Deacon Greg for their compassion, patience and kindness. Your wonderful words expressed during both services offered comfort, healing and strength in our faith and to our family.

Thank you to Brad Benoit and the choir for filling the church with such beautiful and comforting music. We are so grateful to Paul Storer, Pattie Storer, Vicki Burgener, the Hospitality Committee and everyone else who made our family's services on Monday, July 14, so moving and welcoming.

And, thanks to the over 400 people who attended the Memorial Prayer Service and Celebration of Life Mass. We so appreciate all who extended their condolences, gave memorial gifts to the church and family, sent flowers and have been praying for us. We are overwhelmed by your generosity and so very blessed by all of your love and support.

May God bless you all-The McCarty Family



Through the waters of Baptism, St.
Joseph Parish welcomes: Elijah Thomas
Gonzalez, son of Jose Gonzalez and
Samantha Duran. Congrats & Blessings!

St. Joseph Parish in Bradley hosts NFP classes on the last Friday of the month. Pre-registration is required by contacting parishioner Lupita Sorich at SorichLifeCoach@gmail.com.

### SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday
July 28
Ordinary
Time
Weekday
7:00 a.m.
Communion
Service

Tuesday
July 29
St. Martha,
St. Mary &
St. Lazarus
7:00 a.m.
Communion
Service

Wednesday
July 30
St. Peter
Chrysologus,
Bishop
7:00 a.m.
Communion
Service

Thursday
July 31
St. Ignatius
of Loyola,
Priest
7:00 a.m.
Communion
Service

With Fr. Marcin finishing his vacation, we will have daily Communion Services through Thursday, July 31. On Friday, August 1, the daily Masses will resume. Please pray for Fr. Marcin as he concludes his trip abroad, that he will have a safe journey back home to Illinois.

### Friday August 1

St. Alphonsus Liguori
8:30 a.m. Mass
† Bill Palmateer (Birthday
Memorial) by Steven &
Tamara Gladding † Charles
& Clara Walgrave
(Wedding Anniversary) by
Lois Goudreau

### Saturday August 2

St. Eusebius of Vercelli
8:30 a.m. Mass
\*The People of St. Joseph's
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
† Robert Hartley by Cheryl
Redmon † Vern Sloan by
Jim Brickle † Ronald
Baughman by Family

### Sunday, August 3 8:30 a.m. Mass

† Margaret Lockwood Bullock by Gert Auberry † Alex Kobylarczyk (Anniversary Memorial) by Anna Kobylarczyk (Wife) 11:00 a.m. Mass

† Kary Westphal (Anniversary Memorial) by James & Aimee McCurry † Marie & Reaford Ellison by Family

### PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

The whole point of today's Gospel is that communication between God and man has been broken. In the parable, there are many barriers between the supplicant and his friend. The time of day is not ideal. The door is locked. Their dispositions are opposite—one is in the middle of a REM cycle and the other is deeply agitated. Everything is working against them. The same could well be said of God and the human race. We are in a fallen world, surrounded by sin, pain, sickness and death to the extent that it infiltrates not just our bodies but our souls, our minds, our attitudes. We are the friend caught unprepared in the dead of night. We don't always know how to talk to God (That door is thick! Will he hear the knock?). We don't always know if we should (It's all my fault that I ran out of loaves, after all). We don't even know if we want to (It's nighttime! He might be angry!). Everything is working against us. It doesn't matter, says Jesus. The interruption of communication between your heart and the One who crafted it, the One who desires its full and irrevocable attention, can be overcome. There is no door thick enough, no night dark enough, no sleep strong

enough. So, knock.-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings for the weekend of July 19/20, 2025 \$8,282.73

4:00 pm: \$3007.00 8:30 am: \$2,293.73 11:00 am: \$1,632.00

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$1.230.00
Additional Sunday Offerings: \$120.00
Food Donations: 110 Pounds

Readings for the Week of July 27, 2025

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

**Monday:** Ex 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23.04, 12.21, 25.

23/Mt 13:31-35

**Tuesday:** Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10

-11, 12-13/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday:** Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

**Thursday:** Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

**Friday:** Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5 -6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

**Saturday:** Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12 **Next Sunday:** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-

13, 14, 17 (1)/Col 3:1-5, 9-11/Lk 12:13-21 **Mass Readings:** www.stjosephbradley.org

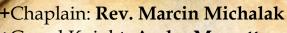
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# **Knights Elect New Officers**

St. Joseph Parish is proud to introduce the newly elected officers of the Knights of Columbus Council #14251in Bradley for the 2025-2026 fraternal year. We are grateful to these men for their continued leadership, service, and dedication to our church and the wider community. Please keep them in your prayers as they begin this new chapter in their council and carry out the Knights' mission.





- +Grand Knight: Andre Marcotte
- +Deputy Grand Knight: Steve Luehrs
- +Financial Secretary: John Chinski
- +Chancellor: Ryan Adams
- +Recorder: Mike Worby
- +Treasurer: Jeff Thompson
- +Warden: Chet Brandon
- +Trustee (3rd year): Ralph Sims
- +Trustee (2nd year): Tom Clocksin
- +Trustee (1st year): Kent Taylor
- +Advocate: Alan Knittel
- +Inside Guard: Justin Sommer
- +Outside Guard: Brian Mazzuchi













This new and exciting season is the perfect time to consider becoming a Knight! The Knights

of Columbus are a brotherhood of faith-filled Catholic men who are active in service, committed to each other, and deeply involved in parish life. If you

feel called to grow in your faith while making a meaningful difference, we invite you to learn more. Call/text Ryan Adams at 815 -210-1022. Pleas join us!









you can get them by calling

815-210-1022 or at the parish office. A winning number will be drawn every day in October.



Fall Raffle **fickets Now Available** 

ROLES FOR NEXT WEEKEND	August 2 4:00 PM Mass	August 3 8:30 AM Mass	August 3 11:00 AM Mass	Are you interested in any of these Liturgical
Hospitality Ministers	Becky Graf Jim Lustig Janet Gregoire Mike Worby	Shervino Family	Sorich Family	Ministries? Contact the parish office to schedule a training
Lectors	Chuck Carnes (both readings)	Ryan Adams (both readings)	Sandra Jefferson (1) Ryane Jefferson (2)	session. Ministers can go online to
Eucharistic Ministers	Chuck Carnes Patricia Burr Patricia Croix Jim Graf	Lindsay Adams Nick Shervino Jonathon Storer Mary Kay Pittman	Sr. Susan Ninyikiriza Sr. Max Nanyanzi Pat Knittel Alan Knittel	see when they are scheduled, request subs and input the dates when not to
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Harrison Adams Hudson Adams	Jane, Maggie & Lucy Quigley	be scheduled.

## **August Vocation Prayer Calendar**



The Diocese of Joliet's Vocation Prayer Calendar lists names of diocesan priests, seminarians, religious priests, brothers, sisters, deacons, and those in formation. You can access the month of August on our parish website. Please pray for those listed, asking our Lord to inspire and sustain them, and that others will hear the call and respond similarly to ministry in the Catholic Church.



# It's time to Register for RE

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 & Family Masses. Our first class is Sept. 17, 2025. Visit our website to register or use the QR code on this page. We're also inviting parents and parishioners to volunteer to assist at the sessions. Call the RE Office at 815-937-9340.



### The week at a glance at St. Joseph Parish

Sat, July 26 Communion Service 8:30 a.m. Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Church Sunday, July 27 Masses 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Church **Blood Drive** 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Parish North Parking Lot Mon, July 28 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Church

Monday, July 28 (continued) **Catholic Charities Back-To-School Fair** 11 a.m.-1 p.m. North Parking Lot Registration is closed Tuesday, July 29 **Communion Service** 7:00 a.m. Church **Nursing Home** 10:00 a.m. Offsite Adoration 1:00-6:00 p.m. Church **Outdoor Rosary** 6:30 p.m.

Perry Street

Weds, July 30 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Church Thurs, July 31 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Church Men's AA Group 7:00-9:00 p.m. Ministry Center Friday, August 1 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Holy Hour follows with Adoration & Confession available

Sat, August 2 **Mass** 8:30 a.m. Church Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. CCW taking orders for Mums Sunday, August 3 Masses 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Church CCW taking orders for Mums Holy Name Meeting 9:30-11:00 a.m. Ministry Center **Parish Baptisms** 12:15 p.m. Church

Congrats!

Church Courtyard Brick Pavers

Download the order form; print; complete and mail to the parish office with your payment or put it in the collection basket. There are three options. (The form has all the details). Your paver will be created and placed promptly.



## Parishioners Against Weeds are Back on the Case!

Thank you to all those who helped with weeding this past week. Your willingness to get your hands dirty made a difference, and we're so grateful. We may plan more parish workdays in the future. If anything gets scheduled, we'll share the details in the parish announcements at Mass and on our social media platforms. In the meantime, feel free to stop by anytime to pull weeds or lend a hand where you can. Every bit helps keep our parish looking its best. Thanks again!

# New Faces at the Mobile Food Pantry

The Mobile Food Pantry returned to St. Joseph's on July 18, and the team welcomed some new volunteers. Greg Brenneisen, a recent retiree and active parishioner, joined the effort for the first time. A husband, dad, and proud grandpa, he shared, "I had a great time and will definitely return. The MFP is incredibly organized—everyone had a job to do, and they made it look so fun and easy. They got along like one big happy family (typical of many St. Joe's activities) and were very welcoming. The food is such a blessing to our community."



Young parishioner Ryan Williams helped with the traffic flow. Ryan, 16, will be a senior at Herscher High School this fall while also attending Kankakee Community

College through its Early College program. He currently works at Walmart and enjoys gaming, shopping, and spending time with his friends and girlfriend. Ryan had volunteered at the Catholic Charities Back to School Fairs in previous years, and when his dad Mark—one of our regular volunteers—was out of town, Ryan stepped up to help. "It was great to be able to help

out my community," he said. "And it was a lot of fun to work with the other volunteers." With no Friday classes this fall, Ryan is hoping to help out more often at the MFP.



We are so grateful to Greg and Ryan for joining the team, and we thank all of our MFP volunteers for their continued dedication. Special thanks to our behind-the-scenes organizers for their coordination and energy, and to the parishioners who offer financial support to keep this vital ministry going strong. You are all making a real difference!

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

Marriage Celebration: Couples celebrating 25, 50, (and 50-plus) years of marriage are invited to the Diocesan Anniversary Mass on Sunday, August 17, at 2pm at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. Bishop Hicks will lead a special renewal of commitment. Please RSVP by calling St. Joseph's Parish Office, by visiting our parish website.

**Golf Outing:** This Fundraiser for Catholic Charities is happening on August 26 at Cog Hill Country Club in Lemont. Your ticket for "Swing and a Prayer" will include 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch at the turn, drinks on the course, cocktail hour, buffet dinner, and contests with prizes! For details or to RSVP, visit www.catholiccharitiesjoliet.org/swing.

**Pilgrimage to Poland:** This Divine Mercy Pilgrimage to Poland is Sept. 8-18, 2025. Visit Krakow, Czestochowa, Warsaw, and more and walk in the footsteps of St. Faustina. For complete details, contact Deacon Schmidt at 404-670-7628.

**Grandparents Mass:** All grandparents and the elderly and their family members are invited to a special 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 and ministries of the Diocese of Joliet and at Catholic parishes within its seven-county area. For complete descriptions and to apply, visit www.diojoliet.org/offices/careers.

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  - +Effort to update Exterior Signage/\$25 gratefully received to save for this upcoming project
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We're so grateful for everyone who has taken the time to respond. Whether it's a repair, a resource, or an expense, the Mustard Seed list is helping connect your generosity with a direct impact. Thanks again!

# Church Merch is coming



You asked, we listened—St. Joseph Parish Apparel is making its grand return! It's been a while since our last run of Church Merch, but if you've ever spotted someone rocking a St. Joseph shirt at a parish event and thought, "Hey, I want one!"—now's your chance. Why Church Merch? Because it's a fun, comfy way to show your parish pride, spark conversations, and feel like part of the family—whether you're at Mass, a ministry event, or the grocery store. We'll have youth and adult sizes in t-shirts, long sleeve tees, sweatshirts, and hoodies in various colors. Our online store is in the works and should be up and running very soon. So, stay tuned for Church Merch!





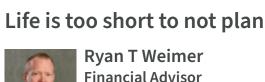
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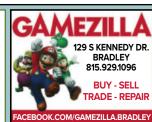




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