

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.

Wedding

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

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Parish Office

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Parish Website

www.stjosephbradley.org

Social Media

Facebook & Instagram.
Our Social Media is updated daily

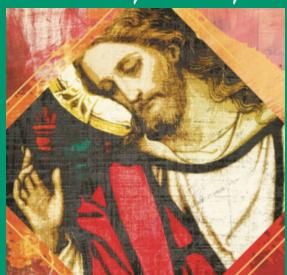
Parish Nurse Mailbox-Call the

Parish Office; enter #307

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The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time



In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus invites us to live with vigilance, generosity, and faithful hearts, reminding us that our true treasure lies not in possessions but in how we love and serve. He calls us to be like servants awaiting their master's return—ready, attentive, and committed—because "at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come." This is not a warning meant to instill fear, but a call to stay spiritually awake, using the gifts we've been given with care and purpose in daily acts of trust, mercy, and stewardship. (Luke 12:32-48)

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This Holy Day of Obligation is next Friday, August 15. We will have Masses at 8:30am and 7pm. Join us as we joyfully celebrate Our Blessed Mother's miraculous assumption into heaven.

The Holy Name's Drive-Thru is Next Sunday

St. Joseph's Holy Name Society is raising funds to repair the church doors and purchase and install automatic door closures.



Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Have you—or someone you know—been asking questions about faith, longing for a deeper relationship with Christ, or feeling drawn to the Catholic Church? Our Order of Christian Initiation for Adults sessions will begin this fall 2025. OCIA is for those who are unbaptized, baptized in another Christian tradition, or baptized Catholic but not fully initiated. The process will culminate at Easter 2026. For details, contact Deacon Clodi at 815-939-3573 or gclodi@stjosephbradley.org. We'd love to walk this journey with you.

<u>Registration Day is next Sunday!</u>

CHRIST

Visit our website or stop by the Parish Hall next Sunday, August 17, from 12-1:30pm to register for our parish Religious Education program.

MFP Returning Next Friday!

Go to stjosephbradley.org to volunteer for the **Mobile Food Pantry** happening next Friday at St. Joseph's or call the parish office. And, please spread the word about this event from 10-11:30 a.m. on August 15 to receive food.

Thanks for your support

CCW ladies are taking orders this weekend and next weekend at church. Pick-up will be Sept. 15 from 4-6:30pm at the parish. Order forms are also available at the parish website. Put form and payment in marked envelope in collection, give to the ladies, or stop by the parish office. The cost is \$10 each.

Youth and adult sizes in t-shirts, long sleeve tees, sweatshirts, and hoodies in various colors are available. St. Joseph's Online Store is open at our website or use this QR code to get Church Merch! 🔳 🔆 🤼



PAW Parishioners Against Weeds

Thank you to all those who helped with weeding around the church this past week. Your time and willingness to get your hands dirty made a visible difference, and we're so grateful. We may plan more workdays. 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, pick up sticks, or lend a hand however you can. It all helps keep our parish looking its best. Thanks again, PAW Patrol!!

SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday August 11 St. Clare, Virgin 7:00 a.m. Communion Service

Tuesday August 12 St. Jane Frances de Chantal 7:00 a.m. Mass † Madeleine "Madge" M. Power by Estate

Wednesday August 13 St. Pontian & St. Hippolytus, Martyrs 7:00 a.m. Mass *The People of St. Joseph Parish (living & deceased)

Thursday August 14 St. Maximillian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr 7:00 a.m. Mass † Wayne & Pat McCarty by Annie Syrstad

Friday August 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:30 a.m. Mass † Madge Power 7:00 p.m. Mass *The People of St. Joseph's

Saturday August 16 St. Stephen, King of Hungary 8:30 a.m. Mass † Madeleine "Madge" M. Power by Estate

Saturday, August 16

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass † Len Burgener by Jim Brickle † Ann Prince by Family † Wayne & Pat McCarty by Family & Friends

Sunday, August 17

8:30 a.m. Mass † Deceased Members of the Brosseau Family † Roger Hill (Birthday Memorial) by Linda (Wife) & Children & Grandchildren 11:00 a.m. Mass † Howard Hayes by Al & Pat Knittel † James Power (Anniversary Memorial)

PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

Last summer I was at the National Eucharistic Congress when Fr. Mike Schmitz delivered an impassioned call to repentance during a revival session. The applause and the cheers shook Lucas Oil Stadium. The next night, Sr. Josephine Garrett took the stage and got into the nitty-gritty of what it means to be a disciple, what it means to live repentance or, as she so beautifully put it, to embrace the hunger. And in doing so, she called back to the previous night's thunderous approval of Fr. Mike's message. "When I heard you clapping when Father said we need repentance, I was worried you thought he was talking about your neighbor's repentance." We all love a message about The Right Thing To Do. We all love a Catholic speaker who gets up and talks about the truth. We rise to our feet and applaud. And then, too often, we take a deep breath and forget all about it because we think they were talking to

us, or for everyone?" In so many words, he answers: "Do you want it to be for you? Are you ready to hear it?" Whoever we are. Wherever we're from. Whatever our life looks like. However we pray. He's talking to us. Are we ready to hear

someone else. You know... The ones who need to hear it. In today's Gospel, Peter asks Jesus, "Is this parable meant for

him?-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman Offerings for the weekend of August 2/3, 2025

\$10,947.00 4:00 pm: \$2,725.00 8:30 am: \$2.346.00 11:00 am: \$3,976.00

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$1,360.00 Additional Sunday Offerings: \$540.00 **Food Donations: 65 Pounds**

Readings for the Week of August 10, 2025

Sunday: Wis 18:6-9/Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 (12b)/Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12/Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40 **Monday:** Dt 10:12-22/Ps 148:1-2, 11-13, 14/Mt 17:22-27 **Tuesday:** Dt 31:1-8/Dt 32:3-4ab, 7, 8, 9 and 12/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17/Mt 18:15

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 11/Mt 19:13-15 Next Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org



With joyful hearts, we welcome our Newly **Baptized: Lennox Craig Licina, son of Steven &** Margaret (Sammons) Licina, & Liam Christopher LaMore, son of Kyle & Hailey (Kadow) LaMore **Congratulations and Many Blessings!**



Sign-up for a slot at our 4.9 PM Festivities parish website. Let's make this a picnic to remember!

06 September 3 PM Mass



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New Sacred Art Enhances Our Worship Space



At last weekend's Masses, Fr. Marcin unveiled several beautiful new additions to our church—gifts made in loving memory of Gerald and Janice Frechette. These enhancements reflect the couple's deep devotion to St. Joseph Parish in Bradley and their desire to enrich the spiritual life of our community. We are so very

grateful to their family as well as loved ones who offered memorial gifts.





New statues of Mary and Joseph have been placed on either side of the sanctuary space. Their placement reflects their deep connection to

Jesus, who is present in the Eucharist in the tabernacle between them. Indeed, the positioning offers a visual expression of the Holy Family and a reminder of their loving care for Christ during His earthly life. (The plan is for the statues to soon be elevated on specially crafted bases). Angels now also flank the tabernacle, adding to the reverence of this most sacred space.

At the main entrance of the church, a striking, almost life-like statue of the Holy Family now welcomes all who enter. Especially meaningful for a parish dedicated to St. Joseph, this statue beautifully expresses our Bradley parish's commitment to faith, family and hospitality and our ever-present trust in God.

And, for the last several weeks, you may have noticed the sound of bells being rung before the Masses. Cup wall bells are now located in both the sanctuary for daily liturgies and at the back of church for the weekends. Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Frechette, we have started this tradition to call us to prayer, inviting us to enter into sacred worship with stillness and reverence.

These gifts, given in memory of Gerald and Janice Frechette, will bless our parish for years to come—enhancing our worship and our welcome. We give thanks for their lasting legacy of love and faith. We are very grateful!



Next Saturday August & St. Joseph's

Next Saturday August & St. Joseph's 6-8pm 16th Ministry Center

Join us as we kick off the school year with faith, fellowship, and fun! Our CSI Life Nights are back for an evening of games, food, fun, prayer, and community. Reconnect with friends, meet new faces, and discover how you can grow in faith and serve this year. Let's start this year anchored in Christ and ready to shine! All are warmly welcome—bring a friend!

ROLES FOR NEXT WEEKEND	August 16 4:00 PM Mass	August 17 8:30 AM Mass	August 17 11:00 AM Mass	Interested in any of these Ministries?
Hospitality Ministers	Jay Karr Donna Karr Diane Gonczy Becky Graf	Barb Fortin Jasmine Elumbaugh Kathy Storer Michael Storer	Brenda McLean Evie McLean Candi Brenneisen Greg Brenneisen	Contact the parish office for training. Ministers can
Lectors	Gisel Waide	Roland Boguszewski	Tom LaRocque	go online to
Eucharistic Ministers	Chuck Carnes Jim Graf Becky Graf Pat Yurkowski	Ryan Adams Lindsay Adams Sharyn Gross Kathy Storer	Mollie Grizzle Jason Grizzle Lupita Sorich Sandra Jefferson	see when they are scheduled, request subs
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Harrison Adams Hudson Adams	Auggie LaRocque Ryane Jefferson	and input the dates when
Deacons			Deacon Greg Clodi	not to be
Presiders	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	scheduled.

The week at a glance at St. Joseph Parish

Sat, August 9 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Church CCW taking orders for Mums Sun, August 10 Masses 8:30 & 11 a.m. Church CCW taking orders for Mums Mon, August 11 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Church **Deacon Deanery** Meeting 6:00 p.m. Ministry Center Tues, August 12 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church **Nursing Home** 10:00 a.m. Adoration 1:00-6:00 p.m.

Church

Tues, August 12 (Continued) **Outdoor Rosary** 6:30 p.m. Perry Street Weds. August 13 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church **RE Catechists** Meeting 6:30 p.m. Parish Hall Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph's Ministry Center Thurs, August 14 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Church **Disability Mass** Leadership Meetina 3:00 p.m. Ministry Center Men's AA Group 7:00-9:00 p.m. St. Joseph's Ministry Center

Friday, August 15 Holy Day Mass 8:30 a.m. Church **Mobile Food Pantry** 10 a.m.-11:30 a.m. Parish Lots & Streets **Holy Day Mass** 7:00 p.m. Church Sat, August 16 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Church CCW taking orders for Mums Youth Ministry Gathering 6:00-8:00 p.m. Ministry Center Sunday, August 17 Masses 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. CCW taking orders for Mums

THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY FRIDAY, AUGUST 15, 2025 August 15 8:30 AM Mass Eucharistic Eucharistic Ministers Al & Pat Knittel

ROLES FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF

8:30 ĂM Mass	7:00 PM Mass	
Eucharistic Ministers Kathy Storer Michael Storer	Eucharistic Ministers Al & Pat Knittel Julie Gindy Chuck Carnes Lupita Sorich	
Altar Server/Lector	Altar Servers	
Vicki Burgener	3 Volunteers Needed	
Hospitality Sr. Max Nanyanzi Mike Worby Ellen & Kent Taylor	Hospitality Janet Gregoire Marian Worby 2 Volunteers Needed	
Deacon	Lector	
Deacon Greg Clodi	Brian Zasada	
Presider	Presider	
Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	

Liturgical Ministers are invited to fill the "Volunteer Needed" slots in the web terminal or contact Paul in the Parish Office.

Sunday, August 17 (continued) Holy Name's Drive-Thru Event 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. North Parking Lot Grove Street Sun, August 17 (continued) Parish Baptisms 12:00 p.m. RE Registration 12:00-1:30 p.m. Parish Hall

The weekly schedule for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Joseph Parish is on Page 1. Appointments for Confession can also be made by calling the Parish Office at 815-939-3573.

Bishop Ronald Hicks' Column for August 2025



"We're Going to Sell Out!" (
Encountering Jesus at Our Youth Conference

"We are going to sell out all the tickets instantly!" That was my spontaneous reaction when I first heard the news: Father Mike Schmitz had agreed to be our keynote speaker for our 2025 Youth Conference in the Diocese of Joliet.

If you do not know who Father Mike Schmitz is, it likely means you do not spend much time online or listening to Catholic podcasts. A priest of the Diocese of Duluth, Minnesota, Father Schmitz has become one of the most recognizable Catholic voices in the digital world. His Bible in a Year and Catechism in a Year podcasts have touched millions of lives. With a rare mix of clarity, humor, and conviction, he brings the Faith alive to all generations.

And that is exactly why we were elated when he was chosen as one of the speakers for our inaugural Steubenville Joliet Youth Conference. Yet long before a speaker was booked or ticket sales opened there was a dream to bring a Youth Conference to our diocese. For years, teens from the Diocese of Joliet had been traveling long distances to experience dynamic Catholic conferences hosted by Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio. The fruit was undeniable: renewed faith, deep conversions, and young people stepping into lives of discipleship. We began to ask, what if we brought that encounter home? What if we did not just send our teens away to find Christ, but invited Christ into our own backyard?

So, we did it. With prayer, planning, and no shortage of volunteers, collaborators, and donors, the Steubenville-Joliet Youth Conference took place on the weekend of June 27-29, 2025, at Benedictine University in Lisle, Illinois. The response was overwhelming.

Nearly 2,000 teens, plus chaperones and youth ministers, filled the campus. More than 1,700 confessions were heard. Parishes that had never connected before were praying side by side. There were moments of joyful chaos with laughter, dancing, and games, and moments of reverent silence that moved even the most skeptical hearts. One youth minister told me, "It felt like this conference had been running in our diocese for ten years." And in a way, it had, only in prayer and in the longing of many hearts.

From Friday evening to Sunday afternoon, our young people were immersed in an experience centered around Christ. There was music and praise, compelling keynote talks, breakout sessions for young men and women, and powerful times of small group reflection. But it was Saturday night's Eucharistic Adoration that left the

deepest mark. I watched as Jesus in the monstrance was processed through the crowd. Two thousand voices quieted. Two thousand hearts opened. Christ was truly present—not only in the Eucharist, but also in their lives.

The weekend concluded with the Sunday closing Mass, which I had the privilege of celebrating. After the final prayer, Father Mike Schmitz stepped forward and invited anyone who was not yet baptized, but who had felt stirred by the Lord over the weekend, to come forward to receive a special blessing. He then invited any young people who were considering a vocation to the priesthood or religious life to do the same. Slowly, and then more confidently, over 100 teens stood and came forward. Some were weeping, and others were smiling with unapologetic joy. As I extended my hands in blessing over each group, the entire crowd prayed for them too.

Sometimes, I worry that if a young person loves God and wants to participate in the sacramental and communal life of our Church, they can feel like an anomaly or like they are the only ones with this desire. And that can be isolating and discouraging for them. Yet, at this Youth Conference, Christ was working in their hearts, and emboldened their steps toward faith, hope, and the future with the Church. Looking out at the participants, I saw joy, renewal, and courage. These teens were not just attending a Church-sponsored youth conference. They were meeting the Lord and being sent out as disciples.

I thank the many partners who made this possible, such as our parishes, our Department of Catechesis & Evangelization, Franciscan University of Steubenville, and of course Partnership For Youth who organized the logistics of the conference. Together, apostolates, higher education, and the local church can work together to build the Kingdom of God.

We are committed to building something sustainable and Spirit-filled for the youth of our Church. I am pleased to announce that the 2026 dates for our next Youth Conference are already set: June 26-28, 2026, again at Benedictine University. Praise be to God, it is that popular! So, stay alert for when those tickets go on sale, because if this year was any indication, they will not last long.

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 - +Parish Hall Roof /\$42,500 total/\$675 gratefully received/\$1,000 saved/\$41,925 remaining
- +Project to refurbish old pavers/\$500 gratefully received to begin/funds needed to fix more courtyard bricks
- +Everybody's friend in the Parish Office, Paul, needs a new Floor Mat (keep in mind he's a big Superman fan)
 - +Dream Item #1: New Phones/\$75 gratefully received to save for this project and #2: New Church Doors

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