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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

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

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Pattie Storer

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Sandra Jefferson
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Other

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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

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Our Social Media is updated daily

Parish Nurse Mailbox-Call the

Parish Office; enter #307

The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time



*"I have come to set
the earth on fire!"*

In today's Gospel, Jesus declares that He has come to "set the earth on fire." This is not a fire that destroys, but one that purifies, transforms, and ignites hearts with the love and truth of God. When this fire takes hold in our lives, it cannot leave us unchanged—it burns away what is false and fuels our courage to live as true disciples. But fire also divides; it forces a choice. Following Christ wholeheartedly may create tension, even within our own families, as His truth challenges our comfort and calls us to deeper conversion. May we allow His fire to blaze within us, lighting the world with His presence. (Luke 12:49-53)

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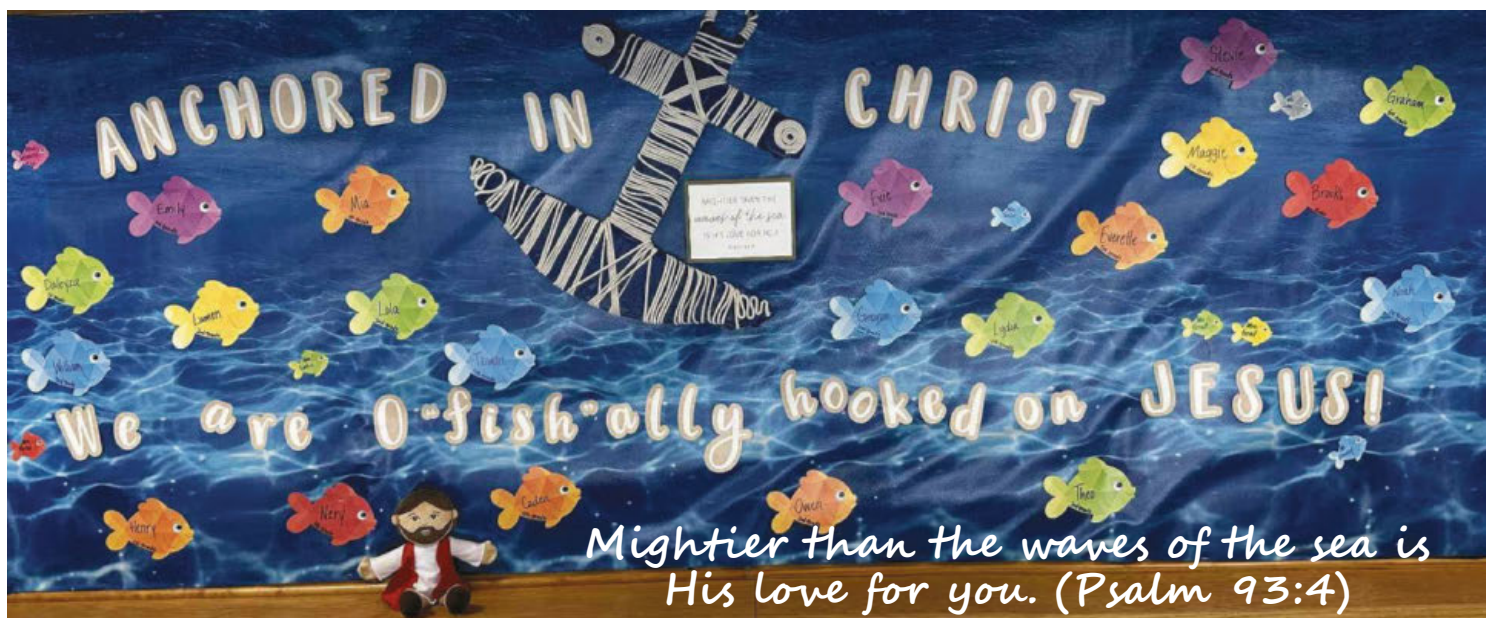
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August 17, 2025



RE Registration Day is this Sunday! Dive into a new year of faith formation!

Our theme is Anchored in Christ, and the Parish Hall bulletin board—featuring fish, sea images, and an anchor—shows the names of students already enrolled. Stop by the hall this Sunday, August 17, from 12-1:30pm to register. Or register at our parish website or by scanning this QR code.



Drive-Thru Lunch This Sunday

St. Joseph's Holy Name is raising funds to repair the church doors and purchase and install automatic door closures at entryways. Make sure to stop by for speedy service

and a very delicious Grilled Porkchop Sandwich! (With chips and applesauce \$9; add \$1 for water). The Drive-Thru is happening from 10:30am-1:30pm this Sunday, August 17. Thanks for your support of this event and all Holy Name projects.



Order Mums this weekend or in the parish office until this Wednesday, August 20th

This is the last weekend for orders at church after Masses from the CCW ladies. Orders can still be placed in the parish office until this Wednesday, August 20, when the door closes at 4pm. These beautiful mums from Benoit's Greenhouse are only \$10 each.

(Cash or check payable to St. Joseph CCW). Pick-up will be Monday, Sept. 15, 4-6:30pm at the parish.

Last chance to order Church Merch is this Sunday by midnight!



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. But don't wait! Our online store closes this Sunday, August 17, at midnight. Wearing Church Merch

is a fun, comfy way to show your parish pride and to feel like part of our church family. Please visit our website to place your order.

Our Courtyard looks wonderful!

The PAW Patrol has been working hard out there. It's the perfect time to get a brick paver. Order forms (with sizes, prices and complete details) are available at our website or get one in the church office. Thank you for supporting this meaningful fundraiser!

PAW PATROL RETURNING THIS FRIDAY



The weeds are growing fast, but the PAW Patrol is on the case! You're invited to join them this coming

Friday, August 22, from 9am-noon on the church grounds. Bring your gloves and stay for as long as you can.

Thanks to this team of weed-pulling parishioners for your time and commitment! Help them out on Friday.

SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday August 18 <i>Ordinary</i> <i>Time</i> <i>Weekday</i> 7:00 a.m. Communion Service	Tuesday August 19 <i>St. John</i> <i>Eudes, Priest</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass <i>*The People</i> <i>of St.</i> <i>Joseph's</i>	Wednesday August 20 <i>St. Bernard,</i> <i>Abbot</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass <i>† Howard</i> <i>Hayes by</i> <i>Skelly Family</i>	Thursday August 21 <i>St. Pius X,</i> <i>Pope</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass <i>† Madge</i> <i>Power by</i> <i>Estate</i>	Friday August 22 <i>The Queenship</i> <i>of Mary</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass <i>† Jerry Frechette</i> <i>(Anniversary</i> <i>Memorial) by Jim</i> <i>& Mary Azzarelli</i>	Saturday August 23 <i>St. Rose</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass <i>† Ted &</i> <i>Theresa</i> <i>Tusinski by</i> <i>Family &</i> <i>Friends</i>
Saturday, August 23 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass † William Strawson (Anniversary Memorial) by Family † Lylette Coy-Lamie (Birthday Memorial) by Family † Verl & Theresa Baughman by Family			Sunday, August 24 8:30 a.m. Mass † Margaret Lockwood Bullock by Gert Auberry † Kim Johnson (Anniversary Memorial) by Sherry Johnson (Wife) 11:00 a.m. Mass <i>*The Intentions of Connie Messier by Family</i> <i>*McCarty Family by Annie Syrstad</i>		

PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

I recently read a biography of St. Francis of Assisi. I admit I didn't know much about Francis going in but I always had this image of him as a hippie. I learned, however, that was not true at all. He was a lover of nature, yes. A poet who sang of God's peace, yes. And I'm sure he let animals climb on him from time to time (he did live in a hut in the woods). But St. Francis of Assisi wasn't the lost fourth member of Peter, Paul and Mary. He was a man on fire! He was a man burning. Francis abandoned a life of wealth to embrace the material poverty that Christ experienced. He embarrassed his family and they disowned him. Sometimes we get this idea that Christianity is a comfortable, cozy thing. We give our lives to Christ, and we expect to feel instantly satisfied, happy, safe and warm. But the saints knew better. The saints knew that Christ had not come to wrap us in a warm blanket. Christ has come to set us on fire. And though fire is often seen as a sign of death and destruction, it is also the precursor of new life. If we let Christ set fire to our lives, what would that fire burn away? What dead and festering undergrowth in our souls would be consumed by the flames? What promise of future holiness would sprout from beneath the ashes?—Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings for the weekend of August 9/10, 2025
\$6,485.80

4:00 pm: \$2,126.00

8:30 am: \$1,918.00

11:00 am: \$1,511.80

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$840.00

Additional Sunday Offerings: \$90.00

Food Donations: 66 Pounds

Readings for the Week of August 17, 2025

Sunday: Jer 38:4-6, 8-10/Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 (14b)/Heb 12:1-4/Lk 12:49-53

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org

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Refurbished Sign dedicated in memory of Remarkable parishioner



St. Joseph Parish extends our heartfelt gratitude to the family of Howard Hayes and to all who offered memorial gifts in his honor. Your generosity made it possible to refurbish the sign at our Parish Hall, which now bears a special memorial notice at its base. While the original sign was still in excellent condition, its electronic messaging system had become obsolete and could no longer be updated. A complete replacement would have cost many thousands of dollars, but the thoughtful refurbishment has given it new life—and it now stands as a visible tribute to Howard's memory.

This location holds special significance, as the sign sits across the street from Howard's longtime home.



Howard was a faithful and active parishioner, regularly attending Mass and always lending a hand on the church grounds—oftentimes even edging the sidewalks himself. The refurbished sign will serve as both a practical asset for our parish and a lasting reminder of a man whose dedication, generosity, and love for his parish were truly remarkable. May God bless all who made gifts for this beautiful memorial.

Outdoor Rosary

Tuesdays at 6:30pm through the end of September
Bring a lawn chair and a friend

The week at a glance at St. Joseph Parish

Sat, August 16 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Faith Buddies 9:30-11:00 a.m. Ministry Center Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Church CCW taking orders for Mums CSI Life Night 6:00-8:00 p.m. Ministry Center Sunday, August 17 Masses 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. CCW taking orders for Mums	Sunday, August 17 (continued) Holy Name Society's Drive-Thru 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. North Parking Lot RE Registration Day 12:00-2: p.m. Mary Statue Parish Baptism 12:15 p.m. Church Mon, August 18 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Church Tues, August 19 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church	Tues, August 19 (continued) Nursing Home Ministry 10:00 a.m. Offsite Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-6:00 p.m. Church Outdoor Rosary Recitation 6:30 p.m. Blessed Mary Statue on Perry Street Weds, August 20 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church	Thurs, August 21 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church Men's AA Group 7:00-9:00 p.m. Ministry Center Fri, August 22 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church PAW Patrol Workday 9:00 a.m. Parish Grounds	Sat, August 23 Mass 8:30 a.m. Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Church Sun, August 24 Mass 8:30 a.m. Mass 11:00 a.m. Church Scout Meeting 2:00 p.m. Ministry Center
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The weekly schedule for Reconciliation is on Page 1. Appointments can also be made by calling the Parish Office .

ROLES FOR NEXT WEEKEND	August 23 4:00 PM Mass	August 24 8:30 AM Mass	August 24 11:00 AM Mass	Interested in any of these Ministries? Contact the parish office for training. Ministers can go online to see when they are scheduled, request subs and input the dates when not to be scheduled.
Hospitality Ministers	Marian Worby Janet Gregoire Mike Worby Jim Lustig	Aliess Bedford Felicity Bedford Dick Jenkins	Ellen Taylor Kent Taylor Julie Gindy Lori Cornelius	
Lectors	Marian Worby	Jan St. John	Lisa Robbins	
Eucharistic Ministers	Mike & Diane Ely Vicki Burgener Marian Worby Volunteer Needed	Nick Shervino Mary Kay Pittman Chuck Carnes John Chinski	Paul Storer Jenna Jamros Pat & Alan Knittel Sandra Jefferson	
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Adelaide Bedford	Aidan & Eleanor Jamros	
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The Mustard Seed List

Newly Updated/Thanks for your support!

- +Door and Opener for the Maintenance Garage/\$2,600 total/\$2,050 gratefully received/\$550 remaining
- +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
- +The Parish Office is in need of a new Floor Mat to protect the carpet and make it easier for the chair to roll
- +Dream Item #1: New Phones/\$75 gratefully received to save for this project and #2: New Church Doors



Knights' Fall Raffle Quickly Approaching!

The Knights of Columbus of St. Joseph Parish plan to sell raffle tickets after weekend Masses in the weeks ahead. These \$10 tickets are for their upcoming Fall Raffle. A winning number will be drawn every day in October! Please get tickets at church or call/text a Knight that you know (he can surely get you tickets) or stop by the parish office. Ryan Adams, 815-210-1022, is the chair of this effort. Proceeds of this biggest fundraiser of the year allow these Catholic gentlemen to do some great things at St. Joseph's and in our community! Thanks for your ongoing support of the Knights!

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!

PWD is returning in September

St. Joseph's is blessed to host the monthly Persons with Disabilities Mass, a special time for worship, fellowship, and joy. Everyone is welcome to join us on the second Sunday of the month, September through May, at 2:00 pm. After Mass, we gather in the Parish Hall for a lively social hour featuring games, refreshments, and—our most popular attraction—bingo! Prize donations are always appreciated and may be dropped off at the Parish Office. Volunteers are warmly welcome.

PWD will lift your spirit with a deep sense of connection.

Contact Becky Graf at 815-922-4479.

Golf Outing: This Catholic Charities' Fundraiser, "Swing And A Prayer," is Tuesday, August 26 at Cog Hill Country Club, Lemont. Includes 18 holes with cart, lunch, drinks, cocktail hour, dinner, and contests. RSVP: catholiccharitiesjoliet.org/swing.

Grandparents Mass: Join Bishop Hicks on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 11am at the Cathedral in Joliet. RSVP: 815-221-6192.

Diocese Jobs: See current openings in the Diocese of Joliet and local parishes at www.diojoliet.org/offices/careers.

Samuel Group: Young adults (21–35) are invited to a seven-month journey of prayer, discernment, and spiritual direction. Sessions start in October in Naperville. Details and registration at St. Joseph's website as well as informational brochure.

Plan for the Future with Faith: August is National Make-A-Will Month. The Joliet Diocese is offering a free resource to create or update your will in 20 minutes. Start at FreeWill.com/DioceseofJoliet.

Faith Buddies: This is our area's special needs religion program organized and conducted by Catholic parishes in Kankakee County. It is an alternative faith experience for students with learning disabilities, autism, environmental challenges and Down's Syndrome that meets typically on the third Saturday of the month from 9:30–11am in Manteno or Bradley. We talk. We pray. We play. For more information, please contact Brenda McLean in St. Joseph Bradley's Religious Education Office.

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