

## **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 Mallbox**-Call the Parish Office; enter #307

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## The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus urges us to "strive to enter through the narrow gate." Salvation is not about casual familiarity with Christ but about a committed relationship that shapes our lives. We cannot rely on proximity—"We ate and drank in your company"—but must live as true disciples, walking daily in faith, humility, and love. The Kingdom of God is open to all, yet entry requires more than comfort or convenience. It calls for perseverance, conversion, and trust in God's mercy. The challenge of the narrow gate becomes our hope, because through Christ, even what seems impossible is made possible. (Luke 13:22-30)

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## Knights' Fall Raffle Tickets On Sale NOW!

The Knights of Columbus of St. Joseph Parish are selling raffle tickets after weekend Masses now and through the end of September. A winning number will be drawn every day in October! Please get tickets at church or call/text a Knight that you know or stop by the parish office. 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 support of the Knights!



## **FAITH BUDDIES**

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## **UPCOMING DATES:**

+Sept. 20, 2025, Manteno

+Oct. 18, 2025, Bradley

+Nov. 15, 2025, Manteno

+Dec. 20, 2025, Bradley

Locations rotate every other month at:

St. Joseph in Manteno (Basement Hall) St. Joseph in Bradley (Ministry Center)



Want more information? Want help?
Contact Brenda McLean
bmclean@stjosephbradley.org

815-939-3573

## What's happening in the church courtyard

Our Church Courtyard is getting some extra love! Thanks to the generosity of parishioners (including those who have offered support through our Mustard

Seed List), we have started the process of refurbishing the faded pavers. We will continue to fix the old and worn bricks as funds come in. With this project underway and our PAW Patrol keeping the space beautiful, it's the perfect time to add your own paver!! Order forms, including size options, price details and more information, are available in the Parish Office and at our website. Completed forms can be returned by mail, dropped at the office, or placed in the collection basket at Mass. Bricks will be ordered and placed promptly in the courtvard.



# Recently Saptized at St. Joseph Church

Through the waters of Baptism, our parish welcomes: Damien Alexander Aguilar, son of Victor and Jeny (Reyes) Aguilar, and Amira Lynn Brown, daughter of Alayna O'Brien.

Congratulations and many blessings!

# AW Parishioners Against Weed

A big thank-you to everyone who came out to tackle the weeds around the parish this past week! Your teamwork has made the grounds look so much better, and we truly appreciate it. Additional workdays may be scheduled in the future, and we'll be sure to announce those at Mass and on our parish social media. Every bit of effort really makes a difference. Way to go, PAW Patrol!

## All aboard! Register for RE Today!

Religious Education is setting sail for a brand-new year, and we couldn't be more excited! Our theme, Pilgrims of Hope: Anchored in Christ, reminds us that while the seas of life can sometimes feel uncertain, Christ is our sure anchor—the one who holds us steady, guides our journey, and keeps us secure in faith.

Classes begin Sept. 17. Why register now? It's like boarding the ship before it leaves the harbor—your child will have a spot, materials will be ready, and the crew (our catechists) can prepare for smooth sailing. Signing-up late is like getting on once it is already offshore ... possible, but less graceful. Register with the QR code or by visiting our parish website.

We're excited for another RE year. It's more than just classes—it's how we hand on the faith to the next generation, getting them ready to navigate the world with Christ. So, hop aboard!!



SERVICE INFORMATION	& MASS	<b>INTENTIONS</b>
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August 25
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7:00 a.m.
Mass
Madge Power
by Estate

Wednesday
August 27
St. Monica
7:00 a.m. Mass
† Homer Martin
by Madelyn
O'Brien
9:00 a.m.
BMCS Mass

Thursday
August 28
St. Augustine,
Bishop
7:00 a.m.
Mass
† Theresa
Parker by Vicki
Burgener

Friday
August 29
The Passion of St.
John the Baptist
8:30 a.m. Mass
† Joe Lanoue
(Birthday) by
Michelle Levitt &
Family

Saturday
August 30
Ordinary Time
Weekday
8:30 a.m.
Mass
\*The People
of St.
Joseph's

Saturday, August 30

4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass † Edward & Pauline Prince by Family † Emile Denault by Susan Denault

## Sunday, August 31

8:30 a.m. Mass † The People of St. Joseph Parish 11:00 a.m. Mass † Madge Power (Anniversary Memorial) by Family & Friends

## PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

Certain phrases act like secret passwords for millennials cultural cues that only those who grew up between 1981 and 1996 instantly recognize. "You can't sit with us!" is one of them. It's from the movie "Mean Girls." Regina, the merciless ruler of the cool kids, is rejected from the exclusive lunch table when her minions, tired of her cruelty, serve her the most devastating words a teen can hear in public: "You can't sit with us." This weekend's Gospel has "Mean Girls" vibes. We have an image of the unlucky masses clamoring for entry into heaven as God locks the door, saying, "I do not know where you are from." Sound familiar? But we need to remember that these people pounding on the door aren't people who wanted a seat at God's lunch table—at least, not until it was the only lunch table left, because they had Regina'd their way out of all the other ones. Jesus' whole thing was that you can sit with us, whoever you are, wherever you're from and whatever you've done. But there are a lot of lunch tables in the world,

whoever you are, wherever you're from and whatever you've done. But there are a lot of lunch tables in the world, and not everyone wants to be at one with rules like "repent" and "be good to that person you really don't like." It's not always an easy table, especially when there are so many other options. We have to choose heaven before heaven becomes our only choice.-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings for the weekend of August 16/17, 2025 \$6,752.00

4:00 pm: \$2,536.00 8:30 am: \$1,345.00 11:00 am: \$1,741.00

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$900.00
Additional Sunday Offerings: \$230.00
Food Donations: 126 Pounds

Please remember in prayer the family and friends of



recently called to Eternal Life. May she forever enjoy God's loving embrace.

## Readings for the Week of August 24, 2025

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

**Monday:** 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt 23:13-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26 **Wednesday:** 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:27-32

**Thursday:** 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51

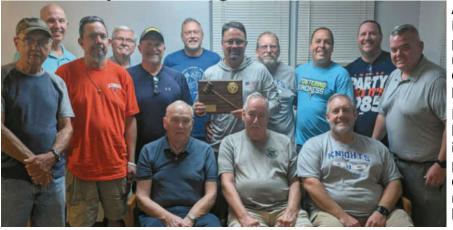
**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:17-29

**Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30 **Next Sunday:** Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4,

4-5 (1a)/Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14 **Mass Readings:** www.stjosephbradley.org

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## St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus Honor Steve Luehrs



At their August meeting, St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus Council #14251 presented an award to Steve Luehrs in recognition of his outstanding leadership as Grand Knight of the Holy Family Council here in Bradley for the past 10 years.

During the last decade, the Knights have been at the heart of many projects, including fundraisers, charitable outreach, pro-life initiatives, parish upkeep, church decorating, and staunch supporters of the ministries of our parish. And, Steve has been a steady hand guiding this good work!

While he is stepping back from his role as Grand Knight, Steve remains an officer in the council and a 4th Degree member, and he looks forward to continuing his involvement with the Knights of Columbus in various ways.

We thank Steve for his faithful leadership, strengthening our parish through his dedication to the Knights!

## Youth Ministry back to its regular schedule and location!



Here are two of our CSI Youth Ministry members showing off their cup-stacking skills at last Saturday's Back to School Night! Between the games, food, and music, it was an awesome kickoff to the year. Just like stacking cups, being a disciple means building step by step, with patience and balance. Youth ministry gives our young people a place to grow in faith, friendship,

and service—strengthening our whole parish family. Make sure to encourage the kids and grandkids to get involved. Stay tuned for more CSI events soon!

Mass

Weds, August 27

Sat, August 23 Mass 8:30 a.m. Viail Mass 4:00 p.m. Church Knights selling Raffle Tickets Sun, August 24 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Knights selling Raffle Tickets Mass 11:00 a.m. Church Knights selling Raffle Tickets Scout Meeting 2:00 p.m. Ministry Center

Mon, August 25 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Tues, August 26 Mass 7:00 a.m. **Nursing Home Ministry** 10:00 a.m. Adoration 1:00-6:00 p.m. **Outdoor Rosary** 6:30 p.m. Mary Statue Outdoor Rosary

Tuesdays at 6:30pm

through the end of September

Bring a lawn chair

7:00 a.m.
Church
BMCS Mass
9:00 a.m.
Church
Thurs, August 28
Mass
7:00 a.m.
Church
Men's AA Group
7:00-9:00 p.m.
St. Joseph's
Ministry Center

Fri, August 29
Mass
8:30 a.m.
Church
Natural Family
Planning Class
5:30-8:30 p.m.
Ministry Center
Couples must
pre-register for
NFP classes —Call
the parish office to
get connected to
the coordinator/
teacher

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

Sat, August 30 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Church Knights selling Fall Raffle Tickets Sun, August 31 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Knights selling Fall Raffle Tickets Mass 11:00 a.m. Church

Knights selling

parish office

Fall Raffle Tickets

or get them at the

ROLES FOR NEXT WEEKEND	August 30 4:00 PM Mass	August 31 8:30 AM Mass	August 31 11:00 AM Mass	Interested in any of these Liturgical
Hospitality Ministers	Becky Graf Jim Graf Jay Karr Donna Karr	Barb Fortin Jasmine Elumbaugh Bruce Adams Mary Adams	Kathy Storer Michael Storer Sandra Jefferson Sherry Johnson	Ministries? Contact the parish office for training.
Lectors	Chuck Carnes	Jonathon Storer	Roland Boguszewski	Ministers can
Eucharistic Ministers	Peggy Blanchette Pat Yurkowski Patricia Burr Patricia Croix	Jonathon Storer Justin Sommer Sharyn Gross Annie Kidd John Chinski	Ryane Jefferson Mollie Grizzle Jason Grizzle Sr. Max Nanyanzi Julie Gindy	go online to see when they are scheduled, request subs
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Sean Storer	Maggie, Lucy & Jane Quigley	and input unavailable
Deacons	Deacon Greg Clodi			dates for
Presiders	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	ministry.



At each Mobile Food Pantry, we have some vital, but often unseen helpers—our Traffic Volunteers. They keep cars moving safely, direct families to the right spots, and ensure the whole process runs smoothly for everyone involved. Their presence makes it possible for all who come to feel welcomed and cared for.

At our most recent pantry on August 15, a hot and humid day, 46 incredible volunteers came together to serve 190 families. Thanks to our coordinators, volunteers were kept hydrated, shifts were swapped for breaks, and traffic was managed with care and efficiency.

This well-organized effort is only possible because of our dedicated Team, coordinators, and the generous parishioners who support this ministry through their time, talent, and financial gifts. Thank you for making Christ's love visible in action—and a special word of gratitude to our Traffic Volunteers, who quietly keep everything moving!

# Let's give a shout-out to our Traffic Team!! Thanks for your support at the Drive-Thru







A big thank-you to everyone who came out last Sunday to enjoy those delicious pork chop sandwiches! We are especially grateful to the Holy Name Society for hosting this drive-thru fundraiser. Proceeds are being set aside for an upcoming project to make our church doors more accessible for older adults and parishioners with disabilities.

# newlyupdated manks for gour 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 /\$2,000 saved /\$39,825 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

Thinking about becoming Catholic? Contact Deacon Greg

815-9393573



# PERSONS WITH Disabilities Mass

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. PWD will return on Sept. 14.



Have you noticed the front of our church near the outdoor sign lately? Thanks to the hard work of our PAW Patrol, all the weeds have been cleared from the rocks and the old stumps removed. To complete the transformation, Al and Pat Knittel generously donated new pots and plants that now brighten the space. What a welcoming, beautiful entrance! It sure reflects the care and pride of our parish family. Thank you to everyone who are helping make our church grounds shine!

Operation Andrew Dinner: Young men of high school and college age and their fathers are invited to this event with Bishop Dennis Spies on Sept. 25 from 6-8pm at Queen of Apostles in Joliet. Email vocations@dioceseofjoliet.org for more details.

Grandparents Mass: Join Bishop Hicks on Oct. 4 at I Iam at the Cathedral. RSVP: 815-22I-6192.

Diocese Jobs: See openings at the Joliet Diocese and 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.

## The Blood Mobile is returning September 28th





## Minnie Food Truck LLC is coming to our Parish Picnic on September 6th

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Please volunteer some time to help at our Parish Picnic. The Volunteer Sign-Up form is at our website or call the parish office. Choose a time slot that works for you.



## 3pm Outdoor Mass/4-9pm Festivities

Music, Beer Tent, Bingo, Kids Games, Slide, Treats, Snacks, Hotdogs & More!



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