# OUR PARISH



**OUR FAMILY** 

#### **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 6:30-7:30 pm

#### **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 Leon Fritz 815-932-6909.

#### Registration

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

#### **Pastoral Staff**

#### **Pastor**

Rev. Marcin Michalak

#### **Deacon**

Leon Fritz

#### **Music Director**

Brad Benoit

#### **Pastoral Associate**

Deacon Greg Clodi

#### **Business Manager**

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#### **Parish Office**

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

#### **Parish Website**

www.stjosephbradley.org

#### **Social Media**

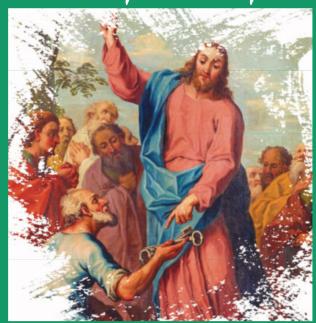
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# St. Joseph Church

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"And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven." (Mt 16:18-19)





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Do you feel God inviting you to serve your faith family in a ministry at Mass? Please discern how God is calling you to help at liturgy. We have several opportunities.

A Eucharistic Minister Training session is happening on Wednesday, Sept. 6, at 7pm in the church. (All interested persons and current ministers should attend as we have minor adjustments being made to our procedures). This ministry is open to Catholics who have been confirmed.

An Altar Server Training session is happening on Monday, Sept. 11, at 7pm in the church. (Parents are asked to accompany your child to this gathering). This ministry is open to Catholics in third grade and up.

We hope to see you at a training! Please know that individual trainings can be scheduled for all the liturgical ministries by calling the parish office. Please accept this invitation and discover the joy it can be to share your gifts in service to your faith family and God at the same time.

# INTERESTED Becoming CATHOLIC

As Summer begins to find its way to fall, we are making plans for the initiation process for those who feel invited to the Catholic faith.

As our OCIA Team begins to formulate topics for the coming year, we are inviting those who are curious about the Catholic Church to contact Deacon Greg Clodi at 815-939-3573 ext. 103 or gclodi@stjospehbradley.org, so we can welcome you and introduce you to the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults process at St. Joseph Parish.

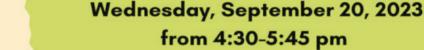
We are very excited to begin this journey with you as you seek to receive fully the sacramental faith of our church!

## St. Joseph Religious Education News

REGISTRATION FOR

www.stjosephbradley.org

To ensure books and materials
arrive on time,
please register by
This Monday 08/28/2023
It just takes a few minutes!



for Students AND Parents!

Our first Session will be

NOTE: We will begin in the church

and dismiss from the Parish Hall

Families Growing in Faith and Passing It On!

#### SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday Tuesday August 29 August 28 The Passion of St. St. Augustine, Bishop & John the Baptist 7:00 a.m. Mass Doctor of the † Stephen T. & Church Gloria J. Wroblewski 7:00 a.m. (Engagement Memorial) by Communion Service Children

Wednesday
August 30
Ordinary
Time
Weekday
7:00 a.m.
Mass
† Ronald Hart
by Darrin
O'Brien

Thursday
August 31
Ordinary
Time
Weekday
7:00 a.m.
Mass
\*The People
of St. Joseph
Parish

Friday
September 1
Ordinary
Time
(First Friday)
8:30 a.m.
Mass
† Viola Erwin
by Judy
Surprenant

September 2
Ordinary
Time
Weekday
8:30 a.m.
Mass
\*The People
of St. Joseph
Parish

Saturday

Saturday, September 2 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

† Raymond C. Denoyer, Sr. (Wedding Anniversary) by Judy Denoyer, Wife

Sunday, September 3

8:30 a.m. † Deceased Members of Brosseau Family † Arthur & Eva Lambert by Margaret Bullock 11:00 a.m. \*People of St. Joseph's

#### PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

I knew a woman whose adult godchild had fallen away from the faith. The young man believed in God and was a kind-hearted person. But poor catechesis and a society that confuses pleasure with joy had left him lax in practice. His godmother planned to speak with him about his life, hoping to encourage him to return to the church. She knew that, when they talked, he would reply that it wasn't important to attend Mass or to receive Eucharist, that was all just "extra." She told me that she was going to ask him the question Jesus poses in Matthew 16:15—the critical question in all our lives, the question whose answer will define what we become in this world and the next. Her godson knew the answer. He may have forgotten it or ignored it. He may have tried to convince himself he wasn't sure. He may have refused to give an answer. But he knew it. He knew the answer. There is a reason that, after Peter's response, Jesus gives him the keys to the kingdom. Let our whole lives be our answer. -Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings for the weekend of August 19/20, 2023 \$7,113.00

4:00 pm: \$2,929.00 8:30 am: \$1,548.00 11:00 am: \$1,216.00

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$1,420.00 Food Donations: 55 Pounds

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Holy Hour is Next Friday



We offer this opportunity on the First Friday of the month for reflection in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament with optional Reconciliation.

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 very personal way is what really matters. You are invited after the 8:30am Mass next Friday, Sept. 1. Join us.

**Readings for the Week of August 27, 2023 Sunday:** Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/

Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

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/Mk 6:17-29 **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 90:3-5a, 12-13, 14 and

17/Mt 24:42-51

**Friday:** 1 Thes 4:1-8/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-

12/Mt 25:1-13

**Saturday:** 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-

**Next Sunday:** Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (2b)/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org

# St. Joseph Parish welcomes Sr. Susan!



One of our special new convent residents, Sr. Susan Ninyikiriza, has arrived from Uganda and we are overjoyed to once again have religious sisters living at our parish!

Fr. Marcin and Fr. Matt Pratscher, pastor of St. John Paul II Parish in Kankakee, welcomed Sr. Susan on August 20. An Illinois-based group of sisters from her order, the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Reparatrix-Ggogonya, will be staying with Sr. Susan to help her get acclimated to her new home. Sr. Susan is so excited about her new position at Bishop McNamara Catholic School and very eager to get to know the people of our community. She will be joined by Sr. Maxensia Nanyanzi who will also take up residence at St. Joseph's Convent when she arrives. Sr. Maxensia will be the new director of Faith Formation at St. John Paul II Parish.

While there are a few things that still need to be taken care of at the convent, the building has been drastically improved since the announcement was made two months ago that sisters would be coming to live at St. Joseph's. CCW and Knights of Columbus groups from both parishes, our maintenance staff and many parishioners and friends have spent countless hours on repairs, cleaning and more. Individuals and families donated furnishings and provided funds for professional refurbishments, cleaning and additional furniture.

The Convent Project continues to be a labor of love and a testament to the importance we place on religious ministry and the call to share the faith with God's people. Please keep Sr. Susan and Sr. Maxensia in your prayers and make sure to welcome them and introduce yourself when you see them at worship, at parish events or in the community. Thanks again for the support! What a happy time for Our Parish, Our Family!



# Recently Baptized at St. Joseph Church

Through the saving waters of Baptism, Our Parish, Our Family welcomes: Mavrik Joseph Hasik, son of Frank Hasik IV and Kennedy (Shutter) Hasik. We offer our sincerest congratulations and pray for many blessings!

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

Sat, August 26 Mass 8:30 a.m. Movina Furniture at Convent 1:00-3:30 p.m. Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Church **Knights Selling** Raffle Tickets after Mass CSI Youth **Ministry** Meeting 5:30-6:30 p.m. Ministry Center

Sunday, August 27 Masses 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. Church **Knights Selling** Raffle Tickets after Masses Church Monday, August 28 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Church Tues, August 29 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church **Nursing Home** 10:00 a.m.

Tues, August 29 (continued) Adoration 1:00-6:00 p.m. Rosary 6:30 p.m. Parish Picnic Meeting 7:00 p.m. Ministry Center Weds, August 30 Mass 7:00 a.m. **BMCS Mass** 9:00 a.m. **Finance Meeting** 11:00 a.m. Meeting Room

Thurs, August 31 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church Men's AA Group 7:00-9:00 p.m. Ministry Center Friday, Sept. 1 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church First Friday Holy Hour after 8:30 a.m. Mass Adoration & reconciliation offered

Saturday, Sept. 2 Mass 8:30 a.m. Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. **Knights Selling Raffle Tickets** Sunday, Sept. 3 Masses 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. **Knights Selling Raffle Tickets** after Masses **Holy Name Meeting** 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m. Ministry Center **Parish Baptisms** 12:15 p.m.

LITURGICAL ROLES	September 2 4:00 PM Mass	September 3 8:30 AM Mass	September 3 11:00 AM Mass	Interested in any of these ministries?
Hospitality Ministers	Jay Karr Donna Karr Michael Ely Mike Worby	Sherry Johnson Nick Shervino Danielle Shervino	Sorich Family	Contact the parish office for training. Ministers
Lectors	Chuck Carnes (both readings)	Gary Gross (both readings)	Candi 1) & Greg Brenneisen (2)	can go online to see when
Eucharistic Ministers	Diane Ely Peggy Blanchette	Marian Worby Nick Shervino	Jonathon Storer Julie Gindy	they are scheduled,
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Marian Worby	Jane Quigley Emily Rose Storer	request subs and input
Deacons	Deacon Greg Clodi	Deacon Leon Fritz	Deacon Greg Clodi	when not to be
Presiders	Fr. Charles Wheeler	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	scheduled.

# Good times at the Mobile Food Pantry







We had 30-plus volunteers helping at the **Mobile Food** Pantry on August 18. Great job everybody! In the end, 150 families received food during the distribution process. Thanks so much to the people who give time and much effort to this ministry and the parishioners who make monetary donations to help with the costs of this monthly outreach.



The Knights of Columbus are selling raffle tickets after weekend Masses through the end of September. 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 at the parish office. Proceeds help these Catholic gentlemen do some great things throughout the year at St. Joseph's and beyond. Thanks for your ongoing support of the Knights!

Forty Hours Devotion: St. Joseph Church in Manteno will host this prayer opportunity with the Eucharist exposed on the altar for adoration for 40 consecutive hours. This will begin following an 8:15pm Mass on Thursday, Sept. 7. Adoration will continue until 12:45 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9, when the devotion concludes with benediction. (However, the adoration period will be paused for the 7 a.m. Daily Mass on Friday, Sept. 8). We encourage as many people as possible to attend throughout the Forty Hours Devotion. Individuals and families can commit to being present for an hour by calling St. Joseph Parish in Manteno at 815-468-3403.

## **Planning Meeting this Tuesday**



This is a quick reminder that we have a Picnic Meeting this coming Tuesday, August 29, at 7pm at the Ministry Center. Committee members and anyone who is interested can attend.

•We have a board at the main church entrance for volunteers to sign-up or go to the parish website.

•We are asking for donations of gift cards for Bingo prizes. Clearly mark an envelope and put cards in the collection or bring them to the parish office.

•Finish your Prayers on Pinwheels sheet and bring it to church. Or take one home to participate.

And, don't forget to invite friends, family and fellow parishioners to the Picnic on Saturday, Sept. 9, starting with an outdoor Mass at 3pm.

We'll have bingo, bounce slide, face paint, live music, food trucks, concessions, beer tent, games and more! It's going to be such a great celebration of Our Parish, Our Family!

Adult Protective Services: Catholic Charities is sponsoring programs for you to learn to protect yourself and others. The first training will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Sept. 13 for APS clients (18-59 persons with disabilities/60-plus residents) to recognize abuse, neglect, exploitation and self-neglect. The second training will be from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sept. 14 for professionals in the community to recognize when abuse, neglect, and exploitation are occurring and how to make a report. Both sessions will be held at KCC and lunch will be provided. Please RSVP by August 30 by calling 815-933-7791 ext. 9947 or by emailing APS@cc-doj.org.

**Dominican Sisters:** "Come & See" weekends are planned Sept. 15-17 and Nov.10-12 at Cor Unum House, a convent nestled in one of Springfield Illinois's friendliest neighborhoods. Single Catholic women ages 21-45 are welcome. Participants will experience rhythms of prayer and daily life in a convent setting where they'll interact with sisters in active ministry. The weekends are free with housing and meals are provided. Space is limited, so register soon at https://springfieldop.org.

## Awesome turnout at first Youth Ministry event!



It was a great time at St. Joseph Parish last Saturday as young people and Fr. Marcin had a friendly video game competition at the Ministry Center.



The teens enjoyed pizza, snacks and cookies and had fun being together.



Here are some pictures of the participants playing the video game as well as kickball on the playground. As you can see, it was a very fun time! Thanks so much to Sandra Jefferson and the adult leaders and parents who offered this really cool gathering for the kids to enjoy Our Parish, Our Family. Look for more Youth Ministry activities to be announced soon.







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