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SATURDAY

06
Sept, 2025



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Schedule

3 PM OUTDOOR MASS
4-9 PM FESTIVITIES

4:30-6PM
BINGO & PWD RAFFLE (50-50)

6:30-9PM
MUSIC (DJ)

4-7PM
FACEPAINTING & KIDS' GAMES

4:30-6PM
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August 31, 2025

Our Annual Labor Day Mass is this Monday

Join us at St. Joseph Church for this holiday celebration at 8:30am on Sept. 1 to give thanks for the gift of work and to pray for workers and their families. Please note that we will not have our Monday morning Communion service and the Parish Office will be closed. Happy Labor Day!



Monthly Holy Hour First Friday at St. Joseph Church

Join us for worship and reflection in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament after 8:30am Mass next Friday, Sept. 5. 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!

Church Merch Has Arrived!!



Church Merch is ready to be picked up! If you ordered something, you can pick it up in the parish office starting this Tuesday, Sept. 2. Or you can pick it up at the Parish Picnic on Saturday, Sept. 6. Or back in the parish office afterward.

Religious Education To Set Sail Soon!

Our new year begins Sept. 17 with the theme Pilgrims of Hope: Anchored in Christ. Register now to reserve your child's spot, ensure materials are ready, and help our catechists and coordinators prepare for smooth sailing. Don't wait—hop aboard with this QR code or go to our website!



Look for this Kids Zone banner at the Parish Picnic next Saturday, Sept. 6. It will mark a place bursting with tropical fun and excitement! With a Lilo & Stitch Hawaiian theme, kids can dive into the Bozo Bucket Game, Sand Game, Coconut Bowling, and Ring Tosses. There will also be a coloring area, bubbles, a slide, face painting, and balloon animals. And of course, we'll have the Stitch soundtrack playing to keep the island spirit alive! The Kids Zone will be a happy place for children, families, and the young at heart. It opens after the 3pm Outdoor Mass, along with other festivities. Check the full schedule on page 1. There will be something for everyone. (Picnic volunteers are still needed! Please sign-up at our website).

SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday September 1 <i>Labor Day</i> <i>Holiday</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass <i>*All workers and those seeking employment</i>	Tuesday September 2 <i>Ordinary Time</i> <i>Weekday</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass † Ray Denoyer (Wedding Anniversary) by Judy (Wife)	Wednesday September 3 <i>St. Gregory the Great, Doctor of the Church</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass † Madge Power by Estate 9:00 a.m. BMCS Mass	Thursday September 4 <i>Ordinary Time</i> <i>Weekday</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass † Frank & Maria Lesnicki by Anna Kobylarczyk	Friday September 5 <i>Ordinary Time</i> <i>Weekday</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass † Ted & Theresa Tusinski by Family & Friends	Saturday September 6 <i>Ordinary Time</i> <i>Weekday</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass † George Romano by Steve & Pat Husak
Saturday, September 6 3:00 p.m. Outdoor Mass (Parish Picnic) † Glen Isaacs by Cheryl Redmon † Ann Prince by Family			Sunday, September 7 8:30 a.m. Mass † The Deceased Members of the Brosseau Family † Alex Kobylarczyk by Anna (Wife) 11:00 a.m. Mass † Margaret Lockwood Bullock by Marge O'Connor † Howard Hayes by Dominic & Brenda Randazzo		

PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

Moms have a lot of jobs, and it's usually the case that none of them pay very well. It is so easy to grumble about these roles—chef, teacher, maid, chauffeur, therapist—and I do it all the time. Because despite the fact that I know better, I expect repayment for my good deeds. That's a huge problem. In my defense, I don't think this is very uncommon. We all pretty much expect "payment" for being a good person. We want God to give us what we ask. We want people to treat us a certain way. We feel entitled to these things, and we become grumpy when we are denied them. I worked so hard. I gave so much. But what if we expected absolutely nothing? When you hold a banquet, Jesus said, invite those who cannot return the favor. Give not just without the expectation of repayment, but without the possibility of it. What does that even look like—no possibility of payment? I know what that looks like in my own life. It's giving more to the literal poor, yes, but it's also giving more—and more happily, more lovingly—when I cook and clean and drive and console. It's not lamenting that no one appreciates me. It's learning to love the lowest place at the table. Because in the lowest place, we are closest to God.—Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings for the weekend of August 23/24, 2025

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4:00 pm: \$2,022.00

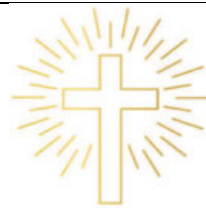
8:30 am: \$2,163.86

11:00 am: \$1,670.00

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$821.00

Additional Sunday Offerings: \$210.00

Food Donations: 40 Pounds



BORN INTO
Eternal Life

Please keep in your prayers
 the family of Kenneth Delabre
 recently called to Eternal Life. May he enjoy
 forever the warm and loving embrace of God.

Readings for the Week of August 31, 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

I am the way
 and the truth
 and the life.

John 14:6

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PAW Patrol at St. Joseph's Ministry Center



The PAW Patrol (Parishioners Against Weeds) was back in action on August 22—and this time, their focus included the Ministry Center! This red-brick house on Prairie Avenue is a hub of parish life, hosting Parish Council, men's groups, Youth Ministry, small faith groups, OCIA, Natural Family Planning, and so much more. It's also our "mission control" for big events in the North Parking Lot like the Parish Picnic, Drive-Thru Fundraisers, and Blood Drives. The PAW Patrol gave the Ministry Center grounds some serious TLC—pulling weeds, trimming branches, and sprucing up the landscaping. Of course, they didn't stop there ... they worked in other parish spots too! Big cheers to the whole team for their hard work, heart, and parish pride!

CCW to Resume Monthly Meetings at St. Joseph's

After a summer break, the Council of Catholic Women will be back to their regular meeting schedule—and they'd love for YOU to attend! Their first meeting will be Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 7pm in the Parish Hall, and they'll continue to gather on the second Tuesday of each month. The CCW is one of the most active and connected groups in our parish. Members are deeply woven into every ministry and know how to get things done for the glory of God! They host programs and do projects and support parish causes throughout the year. Make sure to attend their upcoming meeting to hear about upcoming plans, share ideas, grow in faith, and build friendships. After the business portion, enjoy social time together—it's always a warm and welcoming atmosphere. Mark your calendar and we'll see you on the 9th!

The week at a glance at St. Joseph Parish

Sat, August 30 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Delabre Funeral Mass 11:00 a.m. Church Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Church Knights selling Fall Raffle Tickets Sun, August 31 Masses 8:30 & 11 a.m. Church Knights selling Fall Raffle Tickets Mon, Sept. 1 Labor Day Mass 8:00 a.m. Church Parish Office Closed	Tues, Sept. 2 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church Nursing Home Ministry 10:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-6:00 p.m. Church Outdoor Rosary 6:30 p.m. Mary Statue Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Ministry Center Weds, Sept. 3 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church BMCS Mass 9:00 a.m. Church	Thurs, Sept. 4 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church Men's AA Group 7:00-9:00 p.m. St. Joseph's Ministry Center Friday, Sept. 5 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Followed by Holy Hour with Adoration and optional Reconciliation Wedding Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Church Sat, Sept. 6 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church	Saturday, Sept. 6 (continued) Parish Picnic Set-up 9:00 a.m. North Parking Lot Zacarias Wedding Mass 1:00 p.m. Church Outdoor Mass 3:00 p.m. North Parking Lot Picnic Festivities 4:00-9:00 p.m. North Parking Lot	Sunday, Sept. 7 Masses 8:30 & 11 a.m. Church Knights selling Fall Raffle Tickets or get them in the parish office Holy Name Meeting 9:30 a.m. St. Joseph's Ministry Center Parish Baptisms 12:15 p.m. Church
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The weekly schedule for the Sacrament of Reconciliation at St. Joseph Parish in Bradley is on Page 7. Appointments for Confession can also be made by calling the Parish Office at 815-939-3573.

ROLES FOR NEXT WEEKEND	September 6 4:00 PM Mass	September 6 8:30 AM Mass	August 31 11:00 AM Mass	Interested in any of these Ministries? Contact the parish office. Ministers can go online to see when scheduled, request subs and input unavailable dates.
Hospitality Ministers	Jim Lustig Janet Gregoire Mike Worby	Shervino Family	Sorich Family	
Lectors	Gisel Waide	Roland Boguszewski	Chuck Carnes	
Eucharistic Ministers	Marian Worby Michael Ely Diane Ely Lori Gadbois	Mary Kay Pittman Annie Kidd Lindsay Adams Ryan Adams	Sandra Jefferson Sr. Susan Ninyikiriza Sr. Max Nanyanzi Jenna Jamros	
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Harrison & Hudson Adams	Aidan & Eleanor Jamros	

September 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 September 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.

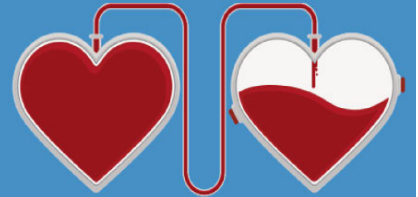
Helpers Needed on Mum Day



The CFW is looking for both men and women to lend a hand when the mums are delivered on

on Monday, Sept. 15. Volunteers are needed at 1:30pm in the South Parking Lot (across from the church on Center Avenue) to help sort, organize, and get the plants ready for pick-up. If you can assist—or have any questions—contact Peggy at 815-370-2831. And all who ordered mums, don't forget our convenient drive-thru pick-up on Monday, Sept. 15, from 4-6:30pm in the South Parking Lot. Thanks for supporting this annual CFW fundraiser!

Sign-Up Now!



Donating blood is a simple act of generosity that makes a lasting impact—it helps accident victims, patients undergoing surgery, those battling cancer, and many others who depend on the gift of life. You can make that difference at our Parish Blood Drive on Sunday, Sept. 28, in the North Parking Lot at St. Joseph Church.

Make your appointment today at our parish website or with the QR Code here.



Or feel free to call the parish office during the week. Please help us reach or maybe exceed our goal!

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!

Fall Raffle

Get tickets after weekend Masses or in the Parish Office

Look for a Knight at church to get your \$10 Fall Raffle Ticket. A winning number will be drawn every day in October! Tickets are also available at the parish office during the week.

The Mustard Seed List

Newly Updated/Thanks for your support!

- +Door and Opener for the Maintenance Garage/\$2,600 total/\$2,600 gratefully received/Thanks so much!
- +Parish Hall Roof /\$42,500 total/\$725 gratefully received/\$2,000 saved/\$39,775 remaining
- +Project to refurbish old pavers/\$500 gratefully received to begin/funds needed to fix more courtyard bricks
- +New Floor Mat for the Parish Office/\$54.99 total/\$54.99 gratefully received/Thanks so much!
- +Dream Item #1: New Phones/\$100 gratefully received to save for this project and #2: New Church Doors

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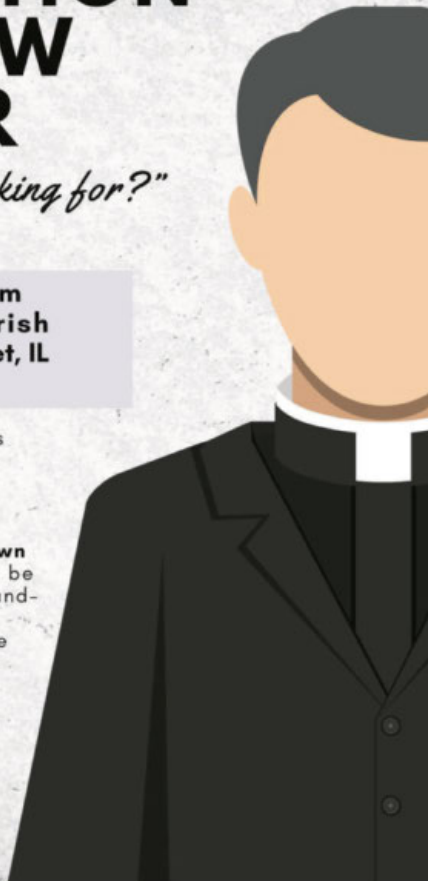
"What are you looking for?"
John 1:38

September 25, 6-8pm
Queen of Apostles Parish
18 Woodlawn Ave, Joliet, IL
60435

Young men and their fathers are invited to join Bishop Dennis Spies and several area priests for dinner, conversation, and testimonials about their own vocation stories. There will be opportunity for a question-and-answer session and meeting other young men open to the priesthood.

Open to high school and young adult age men and their fathers.

Scan the QR code to RSVP.



Save the Date!!



Join us for the
Diocese of Joliet

JUBILEE MASS FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY

Pilgrims of Hope

Sunday, October 4, 2025
11:00 AM

Cathedral of St. Raymond

604 N Raynor Ave, Joliet, IL

For complete information or to register:

<https://www.diojoliet.org/es/w/jubilee-mass-for-grandparents-and-the-elderly>



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. Get complete details and register at St. Joseph's website.

Fall Festival: This annual event to benefit Good Shepherd Manor in Momence is Saturday, Sept. 13, from 10am–4pm. Bake Sale donations are welcome—cakes, pies, cookies, breads, brownies, cupcakes (no cream pies or home-canned items). Drop off Friday, Sept. 12, at the manor's Main Entrance or the morning of the fest. Proceeds support men with intellectual and developmental disabilities. For details, 815-472-3090 or info@goodshepherdmanor.org.

Diocese Jobs: The Diocese of Joliet and several parishes in its boundaries have job openings available: Diocesan Chief Financial Officer-Lead diocesan financial strategy, budgeting, and shared services; Director of Finance & Administration at St. Margaret Mary, Naperville-Oversee parish finances, operations, and staff; Diocesan Events Coordinator-Plan and manage diocesan-wide events and gatherings; CEF Executive Director-Guide fundraising for Catholic Education Foundation scholarships; Sacrament Coordinator at St. Margaret Mary, Naperville-Support scheduling, records, and parish sacramental life. For full descriptions of the jobs listed here and the many other career opportunities in the diocesan offices and Catholic parishes and to apply, visit www.diojoliet.org/offices/careers.

St. Joseph Parish Information

Weekend Liturgy

Saturday 4pm (3pm on Picnic Day)
Sunday 8:30am & 11:00am

Daily Services

Monday 7:00am Communion Service
Tuesday-Thursday 7:00am Mass
Friday & Saturday 8:30am Mass

Reconciliation

After 8:30am Mass Saturday; 3:00pm
Saturday; First Friday Holy Hour or
call the office for an appointment

Adoration

Tuesdays 1pm-6pm; Rosary 6:30pm

Baptism

1st & 3rd Sundays. Class required.

Weddings

Call the parish office for guidelines

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Brad Benoit

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Pattie Storer

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Paul Storer

RE Coordinator

Brenda McLean
815-937-9340

Youth Minister

Sandra Jefferson
815-802-9130

Prayer Line

Sharon Monty 815-954-4922
parishadmin@stjosphbradley.org

Parish Office

815-939-3573
Mon-Thurs: 9:00am-4:00pm
Friday: 9am-1:00pm

Website

www.stjosphbradley.org

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Parish Registration

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St. Joseph Parish in Bradley!

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