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Come Celebrate Our Parish, Our Family!

**Next
Saturday**

**Sept. 9th
3 PM - 9 PM**

**Good Food,
Fellowship
& Family Fun!**

Parish Picnic

**MASS, BINGO, GAMES, BOUNCE
SLIDE, FACE PAINT, LIVE MUSIC, FOOD
TRUCKS, CONCESSIONS, BEER TENT,
ENTERTAINMENT AND MORE!**

**Nad Tatrami Polish Cousine &
Brother George's BBQ**
+Concessions, hotdogs, desserts,
candy, popcorn and more!

Live Music!

**Featuring
"A Taste of the
Silhouettes"
with Jerry Downs**

Event Schedule

3:00 PM	Outside Mass	KIDS ZONE 4-8pm GAMES 4-8pm
4:00 PM	Festivities Begin	BINGO 4:30 - 6:30pm LIVE MUSIC 6:30 - 8:30pm

*Bulletin Deadline: 2 p.m. Tuesdays
pstorer@stjosephbradley.org*

September 3, 2023



Our Annual Labor Day Mass
is this Monday, Sept. 4, at 8:30am

Please note that we will not have the regular Monday morning Communion service and the Parish Office will be closed on Monday in observance of the holiday. Happy Labor Day!



How can I get in on the fun of helping with the Parish Picnic?
Make some Pinwheels!

This is a great way to help. Join us this Tuesday, Sept. 5, from 10am-noon at the Ministry Center. Pinwheels will be used for a special display at the Parish Picnic.*



Eucharistic Minister Training
This Wednesday, Sept. 6, 7pm

All prospective and current ministers should attend. This liturgical ministry is open to Catholics who have been confirmed.

Sharing Communion is a beautiful privilege.

Please be part of this awesome ministry.

our parish, our family! **Parish Picnic Update** *Join us!*

The Committee met recently to tie up loose ends. It looks like we have most of the volunteer slots filled. Please check the parish website to see where help is still needed.

***We will be Making Pinwheels this coming Tuesday, Sept. 5, from 10am-noon at the Ministry Center. Please help.**

Set-up will begin at 9am on Saturday, Sept. 9. Feel free to help out. And, wait until you see the Kids Zone at the Parish Picnic with many games, prizes, face painting, balloon animals and more! Of course, we'll have the bouncy slide too! As always Bingo will be a highlight of the picnic running from 4:30-6:30pm. We have plenty of great prizes! Thanks so much to the parishioners who provided gift cards. We are very excited to have the Kankakee area's famous Brother George's BBQ food truck and so happy to again offer delicious Polish cuisine courtesy of Nad Tatrami Restaurant. The picnic will also feature live music from 6:30-8:30pm with Jerry Downs of the local classic rock band the Silhouettes. (As always, we will provide folding chairs for this event, but if you'd like to bring your favorite lawn chair to be more comfortable that would be perfectly fine). **Please remember that we will not have Mass in the church next Saturday at 4pm. The Outdoor Picnic Mass will begin at 3pm.** See you next weekend for a great time!

NEXT SATURDAY

09

SEPT, 2023

3pm-9pm

SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday September 4 <i>Labor Day</i> <i>Holiday</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass *The People of St. Joseph Parish	Tuesday September 5 <i>Ordinary Time</i> <i>Weekday</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass † Daniel Babinski by Damian & Mary Denault	Wednesday September 6 <i>Ordinary Time</i> <i>Weekday</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass † Richard Potter by Adlorene Ray	Thursday September 7 <i>Ordinary Time</i> <i>Weekday</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass *The People of St. Joseph Parish	Friday September 8 <i>Nativity of the</i> <i>Blessed Mother</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass † Myrtle Saffer (Birthday Memorial) by Family	Saturday September 9 <i>St. Peter</i> <i>Claver, Priest</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass † Janice Sims by Ralph, Husband
Saturday, September 9 3:00 p.m. Outdoor Mass † Joan Pierce by Francis Smith & Family † Rose Rivard by Wilkins & Giffiths Family			Sunday, September 11 8:30 a.m. Mass † Vince Messier by Connie Messier † Bill Magruder by George & Mary Allen 11:00 a.m. Mass *The People of St. Joseph Parish		

PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

When Peter advises our Lord to avoid danger, Jesus responds, "Get behind me, Satan!" In defense of Peter I'm sure I would have said the same thing to my dear friend when faced with a deadly situation. Peter is, in today's Gospel, unwilling to embrace the cross—he's afraid of it, even—but aren't we all, in the end, afraid of our cross? I admitted before, I am. It's no sin, it's only human. Fear is natural. Self-preservation is a reflex. Christ speaks of a choice, one we are all faced with, again and again, just as Peter is. We will not always respond perfectly; Peter does not respond well today. He does not respond well on Holy Thursday. But on his last day, on the day of the ultimate choice? On that day, he chooses the cross. We marvel at first responders who put themselves in harm's way for the sake of others, because to do so is not human, it is divine. A firefighter whose loved one throws themselves in his way would still charge toward the flames, crying out, "Get behind me." Christ runs into the burning building for us, shaking off not only his own fear (and he had it, after all he was human, too) but the fear of everyone who loved him.

-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings for the weekend of August 26/27, 2023

\$7,170.20

4:00 pm: \$3,134.00

8:30 am: \$2,090.20

11:00 am: \$1,151.00

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$795.00

Food Donations: 50 Pounds



In Loving Memory

Please remember in your prayers the families of Carolyn Dayhoff and Linda Collette recently called to eternal life.

May they forever enjoy the loving embrace of our God.

Readings for the Week of September 3, 2023

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

Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

Friday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23

Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org



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New 'Word Among Us' booklets at the entrances of the church

Make sure you grab an issue of the *Word Among Us* from one of the baskets at the church doors. All Scripture readings for September are included and this month's reflections focus on Jesus' deep longing to do his Father's will. Every day Jesus loved people the way that God called him to love them. He was always giving of Himself, right up to the moment He gave His life on the cross. God has a calling for your life too. May this issue of the *Word Among Us* help you on the road to accomplishing whatever God is asking of you just like Jesus did!



Fall Raffle Tickets Available

Look for one of our Knights of Columbus 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!



Please only leave unopened food items at church

Please remember that we are seeking unopened, nonperishable items at our church for those in need. (Open products are always discarded because we cannot determine if they have been tampered with or not). Don't forget that for every 1,000 pounds collected, the Knights donate \$100 for outreach. Thanks again for your support!

The Week at a glance at St. Joseph Parish

<p>Saturday, Sept. 2</p> <p>Mass 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Knights Selling Raffle Tickets</p> <p>Sunday, Sept. 3</p> <p>Masses 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.</p> <p>Knights Selling Raffle Tickets after Masses</p> <p>Holy Name Meeting 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Ministry Center</p> <p>Parish Baptisms 12:15 p.m.</p> <p>Church</p>	<p>Monday, Sept. 4</p> <p>Labor Day Mass 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Parish Office Closed</p> <p>Tuesday, Sept. 5</p> <p>Mass 7:00 a.m.</p> <p>Pinwheel Project 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Ministry Center</p> <p>Nursing Home 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-6:00 p.m.</p> <p>Rosary 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Church</p>	<p>Weds, Sept. 6</p> <p>Mass 7:00 a.m.</p> <p>BMCS Mass 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Choir Practice 5:30-7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Eucharistic Minister Training Session 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Church</p>	<p>Thurs, Sept. 7</p> <p>Mass 7:00 a.m.</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Men's AA Group 7:00-9:00 p.m.</p> <p>Ministry Center</p> <p>Friday, Sept. 8</p> <p>Mass 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Church</p>	<p>Saturday, Sept. 9</p> <p>Mass 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Picnic Set-up 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>Outdoor Mass 3:00 p.m.</p> <p>Picnic Festivities 4:00-9:00 p.m.</p> <p>Sunday, Sept. 3</p> <p>Mass 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Mass 11 a.m.</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Knights Selling Raffle Tickets after Masses</p>
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See page 7 for Reconciliation times. Appointments can also be made by calling the parish office at 815-939-3573.

LITURGICAL ROLES	September 9 3:00 PM Outdoor Mass	September 10 8:30 AM Mass	September 10 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 when not to be scheduled.
Hospitality Ministers	Marian Worby Donna & Jay Karr Jim Lustig Mike Worby	Aliess Bedford Dick Jenkins Barb Fortin Jasmine Elumbaugh	Lori Cornelius Ellen Taylor Sherry Johnson Kent Taylor	
Lectors	Beth Bisailon (both readings)	Teresa Fritz (both readings)	Jan St. John (both readings)	
Eucharistic Ministers	Lori Gadbois Patricia Croix	Annie Kidd Mira Brosseau Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Adelaide Bedford	Shane Martin Aiden Jamros Mia Burns	
Deacons	Deacon Greg Clodi	Deacon Greg Clodi		
Presiders	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Charles Wheeler	Fr. Marcin Michalak	

St. Joseph's Youth Ministry

GRADES 6TH-12TH

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CSI

Catholic Saints In-Training

Join Online Now!

For young people unable to attend our meeting last weekend, please complete the brief membership form at St. Joseph's website, www.stjosephbradley.org. Responses will help us create programs for our new Youth Ministry! With CSI—Catholic Saints In-Training—you will become the saint you are meant to be. Please join and leave your imprint!

INTERESTED IN Becoming CATHOLIC

We invite those who are curious about the Catholic Church to contact Deacon Greg Clodi at the parish office, so we can welcome you and introduce you to our OCIA Team.

Before being confirmed in the Catholic Church, "Catechumens" (unbaptized persons) and "Candidates" (those baptized in another Christian denomination) undergo an educational process known as the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults. Sessions highlight what it means to be a member of the Body of Christ—the Catholic Church, delving into the Scriptures, the Sacraments, the Liturgy, the Saints, the moral and social teachings of the church and more.

After completing the process, our newly initiated (like all of us) do not know everything there is to know about the Gospel and God's revealed wisdom. But hopefully OCIA will open the participants eyes to the True Presence of Christ in the Eucharist, the divinely inspired Word of God and the rituals and traditions of our Catholic faith.

It's about offering seekers a thought-provoking jumpstart on a journey of faith and relationship with our Lord.

Convent Update

Thanks so much to the CCW for seeking monetary donations for the Convent Project. The amazing generosity of parishioners has allowed us to complete all of the necessary improvements to the building. No more Convent donations are needed at this time. Thanks again to the CCW and Knights of Columbus groups from both parishes, our maintenance staff and the many parishioners and friends who spent countless hours on repairs, cleaning and more. We also appreciate the individuals, families and organizations that donated furnishings and other items for the sisters to be comfortable in their new home. The building has been dramatically improved and people continue to find ways to support the project and the sisters. We are eternally grateful to all in Our Parish, Our Family for your care for the sisters!

Drive-Thru Time!

St. Joseph's Holy Name will be hosting their Drive-Thru with those famous Porkchop Sandwiches from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 17.

The event will take place in the back parking lot between the Parish Hall and Ministry Center. Please enter from Grove Street.

You'll get a flame-grilled sandwich, chips and applesauce for \$9; add water for \$1. Proceeds will be earmarked to provide door closers at all entrances for safe and easy access to our church.

Drive-thru for some great food and support the Holy Name! We so appreciate your help, which allows us to do various projects for St. Joseph Parish.

September Vocation Prayer Calendar



The Diocese of Joliet Vocation Prayer Calendar was designed for people to pray each day for those who have committed their lives to the church. The calendar lists names of diocesan priests, seminarians, religious priests, brothers, sisters, deacons, and men and women in formation. You can access the month of September at St. Joseph's website. Please pray for the men or women listed for the given day, asking our Lord to continue to sustain them, and that others will respond similarly to ministry in the Catholic Church. Thank you for prayerfully participating!

Altar Server TRAINING

An Altar Server Training session is happening on Monday, Sept. 11, at 7pm at St. Joseph's. (Parents are asked to accompany your child to the gathering). This ministry is open to Catholics in third grade and up. Altar serving is a wonderful way to provide service to the church, to witness to others and to be close to God. Please encourage your children and grandchildren to accept this invitation.

40 Hours Devotion at St. Joseph Church, Manteno

40 Hours of adoration at St. Joseph Church in Manteno will begin after an 8:15pm Mass on Thursday, Sept. 7, and continue until 12:45pm on Saturday, Sept. 9



(Adoration will pause for the 7 a.m. Daily Mass on Friday, Sept. 8). We encourage as many people as possible to attend throughout this very special 40 Hours Devotion.

St. Joseph Parish Information

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

Reconciliation

After 8:30 a.m. Mass Saturday; 3 p.m.

Saturday; First Friday Holy Hour or

call the office for an appointment

Adoration

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

Baptism

1st & 3rd Sunday. Class required.

Weddings

Call the parish office for guidelines

at least 6 months in advance

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815-939-3573

Mon-Thurs: 9:00am-4:00pm

Friday: 9am-1:00pm

Website

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