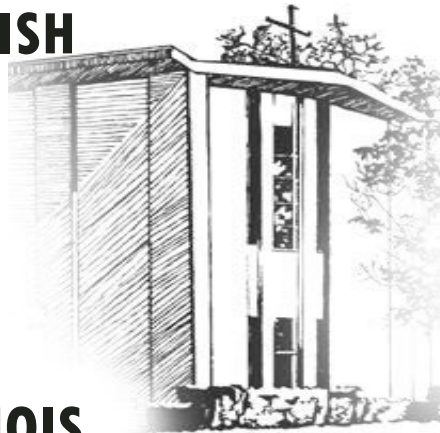


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Services

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

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Newcomers are welcome to register
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The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



In this weekend's Gospel, Jesus makes clear the cost of discipleship: "Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." To follow Him means placing Christ above everything else—family, possessions, even our own plans. This isn't about neglecting what we love, but about loving rightly: with Jesus at the center. True discipleship requires sacrifice, but it leads to the freedom and joy only He can give. (Luke 14:25-33)

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Next Weekend sacramental Sunday



Families preparing for First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation are invited to join us on Sacramental Sunday next Sunday, Sept. 14, at 12pm in the Parish Hall. This special gathering will walk parents and candidates through the process, expectations, and important dates for each of these milestone sacraments. Parents, your presence is important, as we are partners in helping the children grow in faith. Please join us as we set out on this meaningful journey together.



Our Blood Drive is about 20 days away

In the North Parking Lot
Sign-up at our website
or with this QR Code
or call the parish office.



MFP Returning! Next Friday



Go to stjosephbradley.org to volunteer for the Mobile Food Pantry happening next Friday at St. Joseph's or call the parish office. And, please spread the word about this event from 10-11:30 a.m. on Sept. 12 to receive food.



CCW Meeting this Tuesday!

After a summer break, the first meeting of the Council of Catholic Women will be this Tuesday, Sept. 9, at 7pm in the Parish Hall. The CCW is one of the most active and connected groups in our parish with members deeply woven into every ministry. Make sure to attend their upcoming meeting to hear about plans, share ideas, grow in faith, and build friendships. After the business portion, enjoy social time together. See you Tuesday!



Recently Baptized: Matylda Popławski, daughter of Łukasz Zieńcina & Magdalena Wietrzyk. Congrats!

The Mustard Seed List



+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
+Dream Item #1: New Phones / \$100 gratefully received to save for this project and #2: New Church Doors

PWD IS BACK!



Our monthly Persons with Disabilities Mass returns next Sunday, September 14, at 2:00 pm. All are welcome to join us for this joyful celebration, followed by a social in the Parish Hall. It's a wonderful way to worship, connect, and lift your spirit—and yes, it's also a perfect chance to sleep in and attend Sunday Mass in the afternoon! Volunteers are always welcome to help, but most of all we encourage you to come and experience the joy of the PWD Mass.

MONICAL'S PIZZA Dinner Night!

Our Religious Education Program's first dinner fundraiser of the new school year will be at Monical's Pizza on Wednesday, Sept. 17, at the Kankakee and Bourbonnais locations. Save the date! We will have fliers in next weekend's bulletin. Thanks for your support!

SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday September 8 <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 7:00 a.m. Communion Service	Tuesday September 9 <i>St. Peter Claver, Priest</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass † Madge Power by Loved Ones	Wednesday September 10 <i>Ordinary Time Weekday</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass † Madge Power by Estate 9:00 a.m. BMCS Mass	Thursday September 11 <i>Patriot Day</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass † Russ LaGessee (Anniversary Memorial) by Terri & Jerry Weakley	Friday September 12 <i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass † Theresa Parker by Vern Denault	Saturday September 13 <i>St. John Chrysostom</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass † Madge Power by Estate
Saturday, September 13 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass † Clarence Miedema by Carol Sederstrand † Joseph Coy (Birthday Memorial) by Family † Verl & Theresa Baughman by Family			Sunday, September 14 8:30 a.m. † Regina LaFontaine by Joan Busteed † Joseph & Maria Lesnicki by Anna 11:00 a.m. † Kim Johnson (Birthday) by Sherry (Wife) *The Prayers of Connie Messier 2:00 p.m. PWD Mass		

PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

When I was a kid, we had the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair, where an offending child had to sit for five or ten minutes if they uttered the words “dumb,” “stupid” or “hate.” Well, today, Jesus has to sit in the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair. For someone who talks about love so much it seems weird that in today’s Gospel Jesus is calling us to hatred. I was the kid in my family who spent the most time in the Dumb Stupid Hate Chair. But I didn’t really think my sister was stupid, and I didn’t really hate my brother. Those were just the words I used, even though they were strictly forbidden—maybe because they were strictly forbidden. They were the strongest words I knew, and you need strong words for strong feelings. Jesus knew that hate is a really strong word. It’s a word that gets people’s attention. And I think he wants to get our attention today and force us to consider our attachments to this world that supersede our attachment to God. He wants us to evaluate what and who we love and how we love it and how much of our souls, our lives, ourselves we have let this love consume. It’s a tough assignment, and we don’t like it. Maybe we kind of hate it. That’s okay: hate has its place. So take a seat in the chair and give it a ponder. -Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings for the weekend of August 30/31, 2025

\$8,664.70

4:00 pm: \$3,427.00

8:30 am: \$2,196.70

11:00 am: \$2,101.00

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$730.00

Additional Sunday Offerings: \$210.00

Food Donations: 40 Pounds

Monthly Electronic Giving

Auto-Deduct Offerings for August 2025: \$7,318.00

PayPal Offerings for August 2025: \$1,847.09

Other Monthly Offerings & Revenue

Assumption Holy Day Offerings: \$1,449.82

Candle Offerings for August 2025: \$311.25

Debt Reduction for August 2025: \$1,239.00

Helping Hands Outreach Fund: \$110.00

Kroger Reimbursement Program: \$188.21

Maintenance Garage Door Donations: \$450.00

Memorial Bequest for August 2025: 5,600.00

Memorial Donations for August 2025: \$1,612.00

Mobile Food Pantry Giving for August 2025: \$1,439.00

Phone System Donations for August 2025: \$35.00

Roof Offerings for August 2025: \$50.00

Readings for the Week of Sept. 7, 2025

Sunday: Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

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

Tuesday: Col 2:6-15/Ps 62:6-7, 9/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: Col 3:1-11/Ps 145:2-3, 10-11, 12-13ab/Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: Col 3:12-17/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14/Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 11/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 6:43-49

Next Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org

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Mum Day is coming up and the CCW is looking for some helpers

The CCW is looking for both men and women to lend a hand when the mums are delivered on Monday, Sept. 15. Volunteers are needed at 1:30pm in the South Parking Lot. If you can assist—or have any questions—contact Peggy at 815-370-2831. **And all who ordered mums, don't forget our drive-thru pick-up on Monday, Sept. 15, from 4-6:30pm in the South Parking Lot. Thanks for supporting this annual CCW fundraiser!**



Catechetical Sunday is coming up; save the date for a celebration

You're Invited! Join us in the Parish Hall for a celebration of Catechetical Sunday on Sunday, Sept. 21, at 12:15pm. Catechetical Sunday is a day set aside across the Church to honor the important ministry of teaching others about the faith. So, we warmly invite all current and former catechists—and the entire parish community—to gather for fellowship, gratitude, and a light lunch as we celebrate this wonderful day at St. Joseph in Bradley!

Many thanks to all the parishioners for the weekend celebration of our Parish Picnic. We so appreciate the Committee and all the volunteers who are so happy about serving their parish in this special way. We'll have pictures from our Parish Picnic in next weekend's bulletin. Thanks again for the fun times and memories!

The week at a glance at St. Joseph Parish

Saturday, Sept. 6 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church 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 Parish Picnic Festivities 4:00-9:00 p.m. North Parish Parking Lot	Sunday, Sept. 7 Masses 8:30 & 11 a.m. Church Knights selling Fall Raffle Tickets Holy Name Meeting 9:30 a.m. Ministry Center All men welcome! Parish Baptisms 12:15 p.m. Church Mon, Sept. 8 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Church	Tues, Sept. 9 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church Nursing Home Ministry 10:00 a.m. Adoration 1:00-6:00 p.m. Church Outdoor Rosary 6:30 p.m. Mary Statue Catechist Meeting 6:30 p.m. Ministry Center CCW Meeting 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall	Weds, Sept. 10 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church BMCS Mass 9:00 a.m. Church Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00 p.m. Ministry Center Thurs, Sept. 11 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church Men's AA Group 7:00-9:00 p.m. Ministry Center	Friday, Sept. 12 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Mobile Food Pantry 10:00-11:30 a.m. Parish Lots & Surrounding Streets Sat, Sept. 13 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Church Knights selling Fall Raffle Tickets
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Sunday, Sept. 14
Masses
 8:30 & 11 a.m.
 Church
Knights selling Fall Raffle Tickets
Sacrament Sunday
 12-1:15 p.m.
 Parish Hall
PWD Mass
 2:00 p.m.
 Church
Social Hour follows Mass in Parish Hall

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

Outdoor Rosary






Our Rosary Group has been gathering on Tuesdays at 6:30pm by the Mary Statue to pray the Rosary. They plan to continue outdoors through the end of the month. Bring a lawn chair. Bring a friend. All are invited!



The order form (with complete details) is at the parish website for you to print or stop by the office. Thanks for participating in this meaningful church fundraiser.

ROLES FOR NEXT WEEKEND	September 13 4:00 PM Mass	September 14 8:30 AM Mass	September 14 11:00 AM Mass	Interested in any of these Liturgical Ministries? Contact the parish office to set-up a brief training session. Ministers can go online to see when scheduled, request subs and input unavailable dates.
Hospitality Ministers	Michael Ely Mike Worby Jim Lustig Janet Gregoire	Bruce Adams Mary Adams Barb Fortin Jasmine Elumbaugh	Melissa Sederholm Michael Sederholm Alaina Avant Paul & Emily Storer	
Lectors	Chuck Carnes	Mary Kay Blankestyn	Candi Brenneisen (1) Greg Brenneisen (2)	
Eucharistic Ministers	Peggy Blanchette Patricia Burr Patricia Croix Pat Yurkowski	Jonathon Storer Sharyn Gross John Chinski Jasmine Elumbaugh	Alan Knittel Pat Knittel Mollie Grizzle Jason Grizzle	
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Marian Worby	Lucy, Jane & Maggie Quigley	
Deacon		Deacon Greg Clodi		
Presider	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	

In addition to the Sunday collection, we have some special envelopes for September 2025 ✂

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Get your Raffle Tickets!

Look for a Knight after Mass to get your Fall Raffle tickets. They are \$10 each. A winning number will be drawn every day in October! Please get tickets at church 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 ongoing support of the Knights!

St. Joseph Parish is proud to share that Aidan Jamros, a 16-year-old junior at Bishop McNamara and an active member of our parish, will be completing his Boy Scout Eagle Project right here on our church grounds. Many of you know Aidan from his faithful service as an altar server, his help with the A&E group in preparing the church for liturgical seasons, and his willingness to lend a hand at parish activities.

With Fr. Marcin's blessing, Aidan will be creating a campfire area with benches that will serve our parish for youth events, gatherings, and liturgical celebrations such as the Easter Vigil. Work is planned to begin in early October and should be completed in about a weekend.

Aidan is fundraising. The total cost is about \$450, and he has already raised \$250. He is gratefully accepting monetary gifts (checks may be made out to Aidan Jamros with "Eagle Project" in the memo) and donations of supplies such as latex gloves, paint brushes, and tarps.

Aidan shared: "I decided to do a campfire because I thought it would be a good place for people to gather if they'd like, also for use in ceremonies, and events like Saints and S'mores with the CSI group." Please keep him in your prayers and consider supporting him.

Bishop Ronald Hicks' Column for September 2025



"The Leo Effect: Reflecting After 100 Days"

In the world of leadership, there is a common practice: after the first one hundred days in office, we pause to reflect. What direction is this new leader taking us in? What tone has been set? Where might we be headed?



In these early months, we are beginning to see the kind of shepherd God has given us. The "Leo Effect," as I like to call it, is the fruit of his presence. It is the blessings, the new stirrings, and the hopeful signs already emerging in our Church and in our world.

At a recent Presbyteral Council meeting, one of our Augustinian priests told me that, since Pope Leo is himself an Augustinian, they have noticed a marked increase in young men expressing interest in the priesthood. That is the Leo Effect in action. These are ripples of inspiration that move from Rome all the way to local parishes and communities like ours.

Another question I have been asked many times in recent weeks is this: will Pope Leo XIV choose Chicagoland as the first place he visits? People have wondered if he might return to his roots in the south suburbs, visit his old neighborhood in Dolton, grab a slice of his favorite pizza, or even celebrate Mass at White Sox Park. As wonderful as that would be, and as much as I would personally love to see it, I usually remind people that his first stop is more likely to be a place in urgent need of healing, reconciliation, or peace. Perhaps the Holy Land, perhaps Ukraine, or perhaps another corner of the world that needs his pastoral presence. But who knows? The Holy Spirit guides these journeys, and for now we simply wait in joyful anticipation.

People close to Pope Leo have said, "He listens more than he talks." That in itself is part of the Leo Effect. In an age of noise and constant headlines, the witness of a leader who listens deeply is striking. His way of leadership is not rooted in quick soundbites but in steady gestures of closeness and compassion. Early in his pontificate, he celebrated Mass with the homeless and then shared a meal with them. He has spoken often of the "fire of love" that must burn within us, not a fire that remains hidden, but one that spreads outward in compassion, justice, and peace.

Another sign of the Leo Effect is his bridge-building across cultures. Born in the United States, formed as a missionary in Peru, and shaped by the Augustinian spirit of community and humility, Pope Leo embodies

the universality of the Church. His very life story unites North and South America, English and Spanish, tradition, and modernity.

Pope Leo has also expressed concern about pressing global issues. He has spoken about the moral questions surrounding artificial intelligence, reminding us not to allow technology, money, or power to displace God. He has called for peace in conflict zones, urging the world to pursue reconciliation. He has also reminded us that the greatness of the Church is not measured in status or wealth, but in holiness and service. Recently, he approved a new Mass for the Care of Creation, highlighting his commitment to safeguarding our common home and encouraging all believers to pray and act for the protection of God's earth.

At the same time, he has shown deep respect for tradition. When he walked out onto the balcony of St. Peter's, he reclaimed the use of the mozzetta, a traditional papal vestment symbolizing continuity with history. He also revived the ancient practice of personally bestowing the pallium on new archbishops. These gestures remind us that while Pope Leo leads the Church into new challenges, he remains anchored in her history and symbols. His leadership balances continuity with creativity.

Many have also noted his warmth and relatability. He is approachable, enjoys simple pastimes like baseball, tennis, and word games, and speaks plainly from the heart. These touches of humanity remind us that the pope is not a distant figure but a pastor walking with his flock.

The Leo Effect is nothing less than the Holy Spirit reminding us that God is alive and active in His Church. And just as the world pauses after one hundred days to reflect on a leader, let us pause to recognize the Spirit's work through Pope Leo XIV. As we pray for our new Holy Father, let us also commit ourselves to being open to the impact the Leo Effect can have on our own lives, to become people of unity, compassion, and love that set the world aflame.

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