

## 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; from 5:30-6:30  
p.m. Tuesdays during adoration;  
First Friday or by appointment.

#### 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.

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## 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance. (Lk 15:5)

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## September 11, 2022

## Our Women's Group is seeking suggestions for activities

It's such a great time for St. Joseph's Council of Catholic Women as new officers will be installed at this month's CCW Meeting at the Ministry Center on Tuesday, Sept. 20, at 7 p.m.

The excited new leaders, Pat Knittel, president, Peggy Blanchette, vice president, Kathy Storer, treasurer, and Gisel Waide, secretary, really want to make a difference and provide some wonderful programs and services. But they need help from the ladies of the parish, especially during this transitional phase.

First, please provide some suggestions of types of meetings and activities you would like the CCW to sponsor at St. Joseph's. Drop a note marked CCW in the collection basket next weekend, Sept. 17-18, with your ideas. Name is optional. Or bring your list to the September meeting. Or feel free to use the contact form at the parish website. The webmaster will forward your suggestions to the CCW. Second, make sure to get involved with this dynamic group.

Please know that all ladies of the parish are invited to the Sept. 20 meeting. Come and share your thoughts and ideas and support the women of this evolving ministry! They look forward to seeing you there!!

## Mobile Pantry Returning to Bradley Next Friday



**Looking for a way to help others in our community? Want to get to know some really great people? Sign-up to help with our next Mobile Food Pantry happening on Sept. 16! (This month's event coincidentally falls on the same day as Bishop McNamara's Homecoming Parade. In an effort to make things run more smoothly and help ensure safety, our Team has opted to move the Mobile Pantry a couple blocks away to the parking lot at the vacant fitness center at 710 W Broadway St).**

**Go to our parish website to sign-up to help or call the parish office to volunteer. And, please spread the word about this opportunity to receive food next Friday, Sept. 16, starting at 10 a.m. at the temporary location on Broadway. Thanks to our dedicated and understanding Team and all who support this critical outreach!**

## Our Mass of Anointing is Next Saturday at St. Joseph's



St. Joseph Parish will host the Mass of Anointing at 11 a.m. next Saturday, Sept. 17, with the Anointing of the Sick offered as part of the liturgy. All are invited to receive the grace of this beautiful sacrament for courage, strength and healing. (After much consideration, we have decided not to have a luncheon following the Mass).

## PARISH BLOOD DRIVE

St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Next Sunday, September 18th

*Help us reach our goal. Make an appointment at our website or call the parish office.*



## SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> <b>Sept. 12</b> <i>The Most Holy Name of Mary, Mother of God</i> <b>7:00 a.m.</b> <b>Communion Service</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> <b>Sept. 13</b> <i>St. John Chrysostom</i> <b>7:00 a.m.</b> <b>Mass</b> † Gregory L. Nowman by Cheryl Redmon	<b>Wednesday</b> <b>Sept. 14</b> <i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i> <b>7:00 a.m. Mass</b> † George Benjamin by Paula & Corky Miller <b>9:00 a.m.</b> <b>Weekly BMCS School Mass</b>	<b>Thursday</b> <b>Sept. 15</b> <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i> <b>7:00 a.m.</b> <b>Mass</b> † Janice Sims by Mr. & Mrs. Folton	<b>Friday</b> <b>Sept. 16</b> <i>St. Cornelius &amp; St. Cyprian</i> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> <b>Mass</b> † R. Ann Prince by Family & Friends	<b>Saturday</b> <b>Sept. 17</b> <i>St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop</i> <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b> † Mary Kathryn Johnson by Gene & Erika Schwanbeck
<b>Saturday, September 17</b> <b>4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass</b> † Len Burgener (Birthday Memorial) by Vicki Burgener, Wife † Ed Burr by Pat & Cheryl Burr			<b>Sunday, September 18</b> <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b> † Bob LaFontaine (Wedding Anniversary) by Wife, Regina <b>11:00 a.m. Mass</b> † Carol Johnson by Gene & Pattie Storer & Family † Mary Darrow by Theresa Parker & Family		

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

“If you pull into my driveway and honk, you better be dropping off a package, because you’re sure not picking anything up.” I read these words in the pages of W. Bruce Cameron’s “8 Simple Rules for Dating my Teenage Daughter,” (that’s Rule No. 5, by the way). There’s a certain respect shown by someone who takes the time to come to the door and ring the bell. Think of something that you want or need, but do not have. Is it financial stability? Is it strength? Is it friendship? The brother of the prodigal son had a lot of unexpressed desires. He sees his brother heaped with gifts and favors, feasting on the fattened calf, and he is enraged. But for all his faithfulness, did he ever simply ask for what he needed? Did he get out of the car, so to speak, and ring the bell? Or did he sit in the driveway leaning on the horn? God wants us to come before Him. He wants us to ask. Think again about what you need but do not have, and ask yourself: Have I approached the door and rung the bell?—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Offerings for the weekend of September 3/4, 2022  
**\$9,094.00**

**4:00 pm: \$3,290.00**  
**8:30 am: \$2,004.00**  
**11:00 am: \$1,700.00**

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$2,100.00  
 Food Donations: 50 Pounds

### Readings for the Week of Sept. 11, 2022

**Sunday:** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19/1 Tm 1:12-17/Lk 15:1-32 or 15:1-10  
**Monday:** 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Lk 7:1-10  
**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 7:11-17  
**Wednesday:** Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17  
**Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35  
**Friday:** 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15/Lk 8:1-3  
**Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14/Lk 8:4-15  
**Next Sunday:** Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13  
**Mass Readings:** [www.stjosephbradley.org](http://www.stjosephbradley.org)

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# It's almost here! RE Resumes this Wednesday, September 14, 4:30-5:45pm

There is so much to be excited about as we...Continue Our Faith Journey

- **Discovering**-New lessons, new activities, and new friends!
- **Knowing**-Hanging out with new and old friends, spending time reading and understanding God's Word in the Bible, practicing and deepening our prayer life.
- **Loving Christ**-Celebrating Mass, sacraments and liturgical year, sharing faith, serving others.
- **Together** (Our Parish, Our Family)-Wherever, out in the community, at home, in RE or Church!

Yes, we are still taking online registrations or contact Anita Lovell ASAP! (Please note, some supplies may not be available for a couple weeks for registrations received after 09/09/22).

## Giving their hearts to RE ministry



For weeks, we have been requesting volunteers for our Religious Education program. Passing on the faith is not a simple task that we sign up to do, rather, it is a call from God to share the message of Christ with those around us. Sharing this message with children and parents cannot be done by one or even a few individuals. It requires the faith and hearts of many! We are so grateful for those who have answered this call to be part of our RE Team. So far, we have parents and grandparents with children in the program, some who had children formerly in the program, and even volunteers who do not have any relatives associated with RE at all! Whether they are a working parent of five little ones, a retired grandparent, or somewhere in between, they all have these things in common—a deep love for Christ, the Catholic faith and Our Parish, Our Family, and a willingness to echo that faith to others! Recently, we had an enthusiastic gathering with our team, where we spent time getting to know one another, discussing plans and sharing suggestions. Between this gathering and the other conversations and emails with others, the RE program is so blessed to have such generous, energetic, and spirit-filled hearts involved. We are all so anxious for the year ahead and the boundless ways we will all encounter Christ. \*It is not too late, if you feel a nudge to share your faith with youth and families. Contact Anita Lovell to discuss the ways you can be involved!!

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

<p>Saturday, Sept 10  <b>Daily Mass</b>              8:30 a.m.              Church  <b>Picnic Set-up</b>              10:00 a.m.  <b>Outdoor Mass</b>              3:00 p.m.  <i>Picnic festivities will follow the Outdoor Mass</i>              Sunday, Sept 11  <b>Mass</b>              8:30 a.m.  <b>Mass</b>              11:00 a.m.  <b>Knights Selling Raffle Tickets after Masses</b></p>	<p>Monday, Sept 12  <b>Communion Service</b>              7:00 a.m.              Church              Tuesday, Sept 13  <b>Daily Mass</b>              7:00 a.m.              Church  <b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>              1:00-6:00 p.m.  <b>Lions Club Meeting</b>              6:00-8:30 p.m.              Ministry Center  <b>Rosary</b>              6:30 p.m.              Church</p>	<p>Weds, Sept 14  <b>Daily Mass</b>              7:00 a.m.              Church  <b>BMCS Mass</b>              9:00 a.m.              Church  <b>Catholic Charities Class</b>              10:00 a.m.              Ministry Center  <b>RE Classes</b>              4:30-5:45 p.m.  <b>Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting</b>              7:00 p.m.              Ministry Center</p>	<p>Thursday, Sept 15  <b>Daily Mass</b>              7:00 a.m.  <b>Men's AA Group</b>              7:00-9:00 p.m.              Ministry Center              Friday, Sept 16  <b>Daily Mass</b>              8:30 a.m.  <b>Mobile Food Pantry</b>              10:00-11:30 a.m.              Vacant Fitness Center Parking Lot (710 W Broadway)  <i>This is a temporary location change to accommodate the BMCS Parade</i></p>	<p>Saturday, Sept 17  <b>Daily Mass</b>              8:30 a.m.  <b>Anointing Mass</b>              11:00 a.m.  <b>Vigil Mass</b>              4:00 p.m.              Sunday, Sept 18  <b>Blood Drive</b>              8:00 a.m.-1 p.m.              Parish Hall  <b>Masses</b>              8:30 &amp; 11 a.m.              (Increased Offertory Kick-Off Weekend)  <b>Knights Selling Raffle Tickets after Masses</b></p>
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We have several opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The weekly schedule is on Page 1. Appointments for Confession can be made by calling the parish office at 815-939-3573.

LITURGICAL ROLES	September 17 4:00 PM	September 18 8:30 AM	September 18 11:00 AM	<p>Are you 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.</p>
Hospitality Ministers	Jim & Becky Graf Donna & Jay Karr	Barb Fortin Jasmine Elumbaugh Dick Jenkins	Ellen & Kent Taylor Candi & Greg Brenneisen	
Lectors	Gisel Waide (both readings)	Ryan Adams (both readings)	Walter Babiaka (1) Lupita Sorich (2)	
Eucharistic Ministers	Patricia Burr Peggy Blanchette	Wayne Delabre Mira Brosseau Lindsay Adams	Chuck Carnes Volunteer Needed	
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Harrison Adams	Babiaka Children	
Deacons	Deacon Greg Clodi		Deacon Leon Fritz	
Presiders	Fr. Charles Wheeler	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	



Even though the Repair Project for the church roof has been covered, we are continuing to seek donations for our "Rainy Day" fund as the roofs on other parish buildings need major repairs too. Thank you so much to all who have made offerings for the roofs. The response has been remarkable!

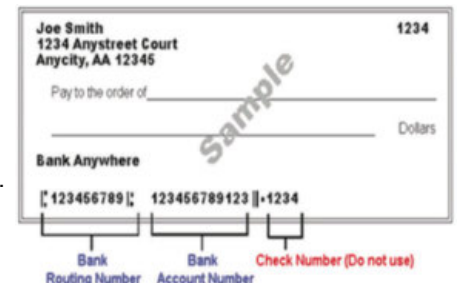


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# Bishop Ronald Hicks' Column for September 2022



## *Memories of St. Oscar Romero arise from today's Nicaragua*

**In 2005, I began an extraordinary assignment in my priesthood, working and living for five years in the country of El Salvador. This small Central American country embodies and emanates the spirit of St. Oscar Romero. When I first arrived to begin my**

**missionary work, I started learning about this martyred archbishop. Needless to say, he quickly became one of my heroes and eventually one of my favorite saints.**



During the 1980s, El Salvador had plummeted into a polarized and violent civil war. When the government began killing priests, nuns and laity, Archbishop Romero began to speak against the oppression with a loud and courageous voice. He became known as the “voice of the voiceless.”

Officials with this brutal government began to threaten this dauntless shepherd and told him bluntly that if he continued to preach against their regime in favor of peace and justice for all people, he would be silenced by imprisonment or even death.

Regardless of these threats, the archbishop continued to use his voice against the corruption, hatred and killings of innocent people. Then, on March 24, 1980, while Romero was celebrating Mass in a Carmelite chapel, a lone gunman opened fire on him and killed him.

After Romero's assassination, a bloody civil war continued to rage in El Salvador, in which the poor, the Catholic Church and the people were cruelly persecuted. Finally, after more than 12 years, the war formally ended in 1992 with the signing of the Chapultepec Peace Accords.

Over the years, I have taken family, friends and visitors to see the “holy sites” of St. Oscar Romero in San Salvador, including the chapel where he was martyred and his tomb. I have always thought we were visiting “historical” sites, thinking to myself, “That all happened in the past, and thank God things like that no longer happen here and in our modern world.”

That overly innocent idea of mine was recently shattered, as we have been following the current persecution of the Church in Nicaragua. The secretary-general of the United Nations has indicated he is “very concerned” about the Nicaraguan government's actions against democracy, civil society organizations and the Catholic Church. A few weeks ago, the Nicaraguan police conducted an overnight raid on the main offices of the Diocese of Matagalpa.

They forcibly took and arrested several people that night, including Bishop Rolando Álvarez, who had been under house arrest. Leaders around the world have called these

actions by the Nicaraguan government a systematic persecution and harassment against the Catholic Church. As I write this, Álvarez is reportedly being held under yet another house arrest, at his parents' home in the capital city of Managua.

One might wonder: Why is this government targeting and repressing the Catholic Church and its leaders? Part of the reason is the Church continues to follow the example of St. Oscar Romero by being the voice of the voiceless, especially by speaking out against human rights violations throughout the country. During his house arrest at diocesan headquarters, Bishop Álvarez posted a message on social media: “We have to respond to hate with love, despair with hope, and fear with the strength and courage given to us by the glorious and resurrected Christ.”

On August 19, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops conveyed our support of the Church and people of Nicaragua through a statement from Bishop David J. Malloy of Rockford, who serves as the chairman of the USCCB Committee on International Justice and Peace: “I express our continued steadfast solidarity with our brothers in the Nicaraguan episcopate, along with their priests and foreign missionaries, in their calling to freely proclaim the Gospel and live the faith. The faith of the Nicaraguan people, who stand in solidarity with their bishops and priests, is an inspiration for us all.”

Because we are a church that embraces the ideals of justice, peace and human dignity, please join me in solidarity with our Nicaraguan brothers and sisters. Let us also work and pray for an end to persecution against the Church, as well as for the protection of religious freedom—not only in Nicaragua, but throughout the world.

*Jesus stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll, he found the passage where it is written: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring the good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.” (Luke 4: 17-19) +*



# ST. JOSEPH'S Parish PICNIC

3-8pm  
Saturday, Sept. 10th

FOOD TRUCKS, CONCESSIONS, BINGO, GAMES,  
BOUNCE HOUSE, FACE PAINT, MUSIC (AND MORE!)



With joyful hearts, we welcome our Newly Baptized parishioners: Zury Reigh Varela, Soriya Simone Covington, Tatiana Sofia Covington and Sasha Monee Covington. Congratulations and many blessings to these young people and their mother, Yanelly Varela.

Many thanks to all the parishioners for the weekend celebration of Our Parish, Our Family. We so appreciate Fr. Marcin, Peggy Blanchette and the entire Picnic Committee and all the volunteers who are so happy about serving their parish in this special way. We'll have pictures from the Parish Picnic in next weekend's bulletin. Thanks again!

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