ST. JOSEPH PARISH

### **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

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#### **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

### Registration

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

### **Pastoral Staff**

#### **Pastor**

Rev. Marcin Michalak

#### **Music Director**

Brad Benoit

### **Pastoral Associate**

Deacon Greg Clodi

### **Business Manager**

Pattie Storer

### **Director of Communications**

Paul Storer

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### **Youth Ministry**

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### **Other**

### **Praver Line**

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### **Parish Office**

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

#### **Parish Website**

www.stjosephbradley.org

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# Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross



This Sunday we pause from Ordinary Time to celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. When Sept. 14 falls on a Sunday this feast takes precedence, reminding us of the saving power of Christ's Cross. For the world, the cross was a symbol of defeat. But for us who believe, it has become the sign of victory, love, and eternal life. Jesus says in today's Gospel that as Moses lifted up the serpent for healing, so too the Son of Man would be lifted up on the cross—so that all who believe in him might live. The Cross is the door to hope, the sign of God's mercy, and the pledge of eternal life.

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# Catechetical Sunday

Next Sunday we want to show our appreciation and celebrate those who help others know Jesus and learn our Faith

You're Invited! Join us in the Parish Hall for a celebration next Sunday, Sept. 21, at 12:15pm as we observe Catechetical Sunday, 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 gratefully mark this wonderful day at St. Joseph in Bradley!

## It's Mum-Believable that Mum-Day is almost here!



Mum-Day is this Monday, Sept. 15, from 4:00–6:30pm in the South Parking Lot (across from the church). If you ordered mums through the CCW's annual fundraiser, stop by for their drive-thru pick-up to get your flowers. Thanks for supporting this important parish fundraiser—we'll see you on Mum-Day!

### Thanks so much!



We are so grateful to our entire MFP Team, the volunteer coordinators, and all who offer financial support. You are truly making a difference! Thanks!

Our Blood Drive in Sept.

Don't stay on the sidelines!

Sign-up at our website or with this

OR Code or call the parish office.



# 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 their 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!



The parish RE is sponsoring a fundraiser at Monical's this Wednesday, Sept. 17, at the Kankakee and Bourbonnais locations. Bring the flier in this bulletin or download one at our website. Thanks for your support!

### SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday
September 15
The Feast of
Our Lady
of Sorrows
7:00 a.m.
Communion
Service

Tuesday
September 16
St. Cornelius,
Pope, &
St. Cyprian,
Bishop
7:00 a.m.
Communion
Service

Wednesday
September 17
St. Robert
Bellarmine &
St. Hildegard
7:00 a.m.
Communion Service
9:00 a.m.
BMCS Mass

Thursday
September 18
Season of
Ordinary
Time
Weekday
7:00 a.m.
Communion
Service

Friday
September 19
St. Januarius,
Bishop
8:30 a.m. Mass
† Len Burgener
(Birthday Memorial)
by Vicki Burgener
(Wife)

Fr. Marcin will be away at the Priest Convocation with other priests of the Joliet Diocese. This is a time set aside for prayer, fellowship, discussion, and talks from invited speakers to help our priests grow and strengthen their ministry. While Father is away, we will offer Communion Services on weekdays. Daily Mass will resume upon his return (see above). Please keep Fr. Marcin and all the priests in your prayers.

Saturday, September 20 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

† Francis & Omer Rivard (Wedding Anniversary) by Family † Ronald Baughman by Family † Theresa Parker by Nelda Ravens, Vicky Duby & Cindy Horrell

### Saturday September 20

St. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn & St. Paul Chŏng Ha-sang 8:30 a.m. Mass \*The People of St. Joseph Parish

Sunday, September 21 8:30 a.m. Mass † Bob & Regina LaFontaine (Wedding Anniversary) by Family 11:00 a.m. Mass † Mary & Dick Dunn by Al & Pat Knittel

### PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

"Holiness isn't for wimps," Mother Angelica said. "And the cross isn't negotiable, sweetheart—it's a requirement." I love Mother Angelica, and I love this quote. Following God is tough, and to do it you have to make tough decisions, endure tough things, and ultimately love the toughness. Within the struggle God meets us with mercy and salvation. When unfaithful Israelites were bitten by the serpents, they were healed by looking at the instrument of their suffering (the snake mounted on Moses' staff). God bless Mother Angelica, but all humans are wimps! So, God inverts the symbol to heal us. He invites us to look upon the cross—the reminder of sacrifice and redemption! Jesus came here to die for us. Because we couldn't do it. We couldn't right all the wrongs, not if we had forever to do it. We would screw it up. We're wimps; that's what we do. But the cross is a magnificent invitation to more. God assuming the cloak of flesh and the weight of sin, so that when we look at the cross, we might recognize ourselves and see what we have been, what we are, what we could be. And none of it is negotiable.-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings for the weekend of September 6/7, 2025 \$6,947.00

3:00 pm: \$3,135.00 8:30 am: \$1,686.00 11:00 am: \$1,411.00

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$665.00 Additional Sunday Offerings: \$50.00 Food Donations: 74 Pounds In Loving Memory



Please remember in prayer the families of Clarence LeDuke and Judy Kilbride recently called to Eternal Life. May they enjoy forever the warm embrace of our loving and merciful God.

Readings for the Week of Sept. 14, 2025

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

**Monday:**1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

**Tuesday:**1 Tm 3:1-13/Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6/Lk 7:11-17

**Wednesday:**1 Tm 3:14-16/Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday:**1 Tm 4:12-16/Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10/Lk 7:36-50 **Friday:**1 Tm 6:2c-12/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/ Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday:**1 Tm 6:13-16/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Am 8:4-7/Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b)/1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org

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# ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH PICNIC

























What a beautiful day we enjoyed at our Parish Picnic last Saturday! With sunshine, delicious food, and plenty of fellowship, the celebration was a true gift for Our Parish, Our Family. We are deeply grateful to Fr. Marcin, Deacon Greg, CCW, Holy Name, Knights of Columbus, Mobile Food Pantry Team, Liturgical Ministers, Musicians, Parish Staff, Peggy Blanchette and the Picnic Committee, as well as Andre Marcotte and Russ Bone for their leadership in efficient set-up and speedy clean-up. Thank you also to all who gave their time to plan, organize, set up, serve, and clean up—you made the day possible! We extend special thanks to those who provided financial support, donated items and prizes, and to our local business partners, Maternity BVM Credit Union and R & R Construction, for their generosity.

A heartfelt thank you also goes to Annie Kidd, whose beautiful photography captured the happy day. And a big thank you to parishioner and DJ of the evening, Megan Brooks, whose energy kept the celebration lively—and who also created fun clips to help us relive the night! You can enjoy Annie's photo gallery and Megan's videos at our website. Most of all, thank you to everyone who came to our fifth annual Parish Picnic. The day was a wonderful reminder of the love, joy, and spirit of friendship and faith we share at St. Joseph's—whether in worship, service, or fellowship.

ROLES FOR NEXT WEEKEND	September 20 4:00 PM Mass	September 21 8:30 AM Mass	September 21 11:00 AM Mass	Interested in any of these Liturgical
Hospitality Ministers	Michael Ely Mike Worby Jim Lustig	Aliess Bedford Felicity Bedford Dick Jenkins Sherry Johnson	Brenda McLean Evie McLean Lori Cornelius Sandra Jefferson	Ministries? Contact the parish office
Lectors	Gisel Waide (both readings)	Jan St. John (both readings)	Tom LaRocque (1) Lupita Sorich (2)	to set-up a brief training
Eucharistic Ministers	Mike & Diane Ely Peggy Blanchette Lori Gadbois Volunteer Needed	Mary Kay Pittman Annie Kidd Sharyn Gross Nick Shervino	Jenna Jamros Stephanie Quigley Sandra Jefferson Ryane Jefferson	session. Ministers can go online to see when
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Adelaide Bedford	Auggie LaRocque Aidan Jamros Eleanor Jamros	scheduled, request subs and input
Deacon		Deacon Greg Clodi	Deacon Greg Clodi	unavailable
Presider	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Matt Pratscher	Fr. Marcin Michalak	dates.



### Outdoor Rosary

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



Thurs, Sept. 18

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

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

Saturday, Sept. 13 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Church Knights selling Fall Raffle Tickets Sunday, Sept. 14 Masses 8:30 & 11 a.m. Church Knights selling Fall Raffle Tickets Sacramental **Sunday** 12:00-1:15 p.m. St. Joseph Parish Hall **PWD Mass** 2:00 p.m. Church

Social Hour follows

Mass in Parish Hall

Monday, Sept. 15 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Church Mum Pick-Up 4:00-6:30 pm. South Parking Lot (across from church) Tuesday, Sept. 16 Communion Service 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

Weds, Sept. 17 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. **BMCS Mass** 9:00 a.m. Church **Knights Meeting** 7:00 p.m. Ministry Center First RE Session 5:30-6:45 p.m. Monical's Community Day 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Kankakee or Bourbonnais Bring the Flier from this bulletin

Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Church Men's AA Group 7:00-9:00 p.m. St. Joseph's Ministry Center Friday, Sept. 19 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Finance Council Meeting 9:00 a.m. St. Joseph's **Rectory Meeting** Room

Sat, Sept. 20 Mass 8:30 a.m. Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Knights selling Fall Raffle Tickets Sunday, Sept. 21 Masses 8:30 & 11 a.m. Knights selling Fall Raffle Tickets Catechetical Sunday 12:15-2:00 p.m. Parish Hall Parish Baptisms 12:15 p.m. Church

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.

# The Mustard Seed List

+Parish Hall Roof/\$42,500 total/\$725 gratefully received/\$2,000 saved/\$39,775 remaining

+Project to refurbish old pavers/\$800 gratefully received /funds needed to fix more courtyard bricks/we are currently working on replacing old bricks, and sealing and installing them back into the display

+New Phone System for Offices/the old phones are nearly obsolete with many glitches, including random numbers coming up for the date and time/the hotline to contact Fr. Marcin in an emergency works, but minimally. It's a critical need to have this functioning properly/\$110 gratefully received to start saving

+Dream Item/New Doors/St. Joseph Church



Thanks to parishioners and friends of St. Joseph's, the new **Maintenance Garage Door and Electronic Opening** System are now in place, fully functional, and already making a real difference in caring for our parish property. It's another item off the Mustard Seed **List! Our** maintenance guys are so happy with the smooth movement of the door, the handy openers and of course the safety too! Thanks again!



The sign in front of our church has been freshly pained by a parishioner. A small brush was needed to get around the letters. Another parishioner has propped it back into a proper position after years of warping from the elements. Doesn't it look sharp?! These are more items off the list and we are very grateful for the amazing response from our parish family!

If you see something listed you'd like to support, please bring your donation to the office or to Mass. Make sure the project is listed on the memo of your check. Thank you for helping us—one seed at a time.

## Jubilee pilgrims arrive at our church here in Bradley



Parishioners of Queenship of Mary in Glen Ellyn recently made a pilgrimage to St. Joseph Church, one of the designated Jubilee churches for the Holy Year. Bishop Ronald Hicks named our church a Jubilee site, making it a special place of prayer and a sacred space to encounter the Lord during the Year of Hope. Upon their arrival, the pilgrims were welcomed by Fr. Marcin, who led them on a tour, while sharing the history and spirit of our parish.

The visit gave the guests an experience of the Jubilee, which calls Catholics to renewal and hope in Christ.

# Recently Saptized at St. Joseph Church

Through the waters of Baptism, our parish welcomes: Emma Lee Guadarrama and Jorge Guadarrama, children of Alexander Guadarrama and Ashley Segovia.

Congratulations to these young people and their family. May they enjoy many blessings.



# Religious Education 2025-2026 starts this week at St. Joseph's

Our Catechists and Coordinators gathered for an introductory meeting on Sept. 9 just ahead of the start of RE on Sept. 17. Excitement was high as they came together to chat, review plans, and receive their leader guides in preparation for the new year.

Here's what some of our catechists and aides are saying about why they chose to be part of the RE program this year:

Jasmine Elumbaugh loves being with the little kids and finds them fun to teach. An active volunteer in Hospitality and as a Eucharistic Minister for Mass at our church, Jasmine is a senior in high school with plans to study law in college and become an attorney.

Scott McLain believes there is nothing more important than teaching our kids about life and faith. A husband and father of seven with two grandchildren, Scott and his family are long-time members of St. Joseph's. He enjoys music festivals and spending time with his family.

Angela Garcia is returning to the RE program after a hiatus of a few years with a background in education. A CNA by profession, she is a mother of five (three grown, one in college, and a nine-year-old).

**Mary Kay Pittman** joins RE to help her grandson and children his age grow closer to Jesus. A nurse for 39 years, Mary Kay is a mother of four and grandmother of seven. She enjoys spending time with her grandchildren and volunteers regularly at church, including as a Eucharistic Minister on the weekends, holy days and holidays.

**Rebecca Graf** is returning to RE, enjoying the opportunity to introduce children to their faith. She is a social worker, mother of two, and passionate about reading and dogs. Her husband, James, recently retired, is also joining RE to share the Word of Christ with children. Together, they lead our parish PWD Mass, which is resuming this weekend at St. Joseph Parish in Bradley.

**Ellen Taylor** felt called to step forward a few years ago. Inspired by a pilgrimage, she says, "It definitely strengthens one's faith when learning material before you teach it." Ellen is a retired social worker, mother of three, and grandmother of four.

**Ryan Graf** received the sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation here at St. Joseph's. Preparing for a career in teaching, Ryan says, "God wants me to help strengthen what He wants for us." His faith and enthusiasm are a blessing to our program. **Saul Zacarias** feels called to serve through his love of learning about and sharing the faith. He enjoys sharing with his children and other children, and balances family life with his wife, two daughters, and two stepsons. Saul loves sports, especially basketball, as well as crafting and building things.

We are grateful for all of our catechists and aides who dedicate their time, talent, and faith to helping the children of our parish grow closer to Christ. Please pray for them as the new RE year begins, that they will share the faith and be inspired themselves.









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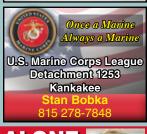


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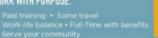
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