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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; 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 Leon Fritz 815-932-6909

Registration

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

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Office; enter #307 and leave your message for the parish nurse.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Peter approached Jesus and asked him, "Lord, if my brother sins against me, how often must I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus answered, "I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times." (Mt 18:21-22)

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September 17, 2023

The Holy Name's Drive Thru is This Sunday!!!

Stop by for some speedy service & super sandwiches!



Those famous Porkchop Sandwiches will be on sale from 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. this Sunday, Sept. 17, in the North Parking lot. Please enter from Grove Street. You'll get a flame-grilled sandwich, chips and applesauce for \$9; add water for \$1. Proceeds will help provide door closers at more entrances at the church. We so appreciate your kindness, which allows us to do various projects at St. Joseph Parish.

Saturday, Sunday and then it's Mumday at St. Joseph's!



Mumday is just about here! If you placed an order for mums from the CCW, you can pick up items anytime from 4-7pm this Monday, Sept. 18, at St. Joseph Parish. Please enter the North Parking lot from Grove Street and the CCW ladies will fill your order. Thank you so much for supporting our CCW by participating in this annual fundraiser. See you on Mumday!

Some after Picnic details



We have a few Church Merch items left over from the Parish Picnic. Come to the Parish Office to get your official St. Joseph Magnet (\$5 each or two for \$8) and/or a Can Koozie (\$2 each).

And a reminder to the Committee we have a Picnic Wrap-Up at 7pm this Tuesday, Sept. 19, at the Ministry Center.

Confirmation News



All Confirmation candidates and their parents are invited to a formation gathering next Sunday, Sept. 24. Please attend the 11am Mass during which the candidates will receive a

special blessing from Fr. Marcin beginning their sacramental journey. The program will continue in the parish hall after Mass. This is an important informational gathering for all 2023 Confirmation candidates (BMCS and RE) and at least one parent. Contact Anita or Sandra with any questions.



Fall Raffle

Look for our Knights of Columbus after weekend Masses throughout September and get your raffle tickets for \$10. Tickets are available at the parish office too. A winning number will be drawn every day in October! Thanks for supporting the Knights!

Volunteers Needed



**Next Friday
Sept. 22nd**

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. 22 to receive food.



Interested in becoming Catholic? We invite those who are curious about the faith to contact Deacon Greg in the parish office, so we can discuss our OCIA process. Sessions delve into the Scriptures, the Sacraments, the Liturgy, and more! Please inquire.

SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday September 18 <i>Ordinary Time</i> <i>Weekday</i> 7 a.m. Communion Service	Tuesday September 19 <i>St. Januarius,</i> <i>Bishop &</i> <i>Martyr</i> 7 a.m. Communion Service	Wednesday September 20 <i>St. Andrew</i> <i>Kim & St. Paul</i> <i>Chống</i> 7 a.m. Communion Service	Thursday September 21 <i>St. Matthew,</i> <i>Apostle &</i> <i>Evangelist</i> 7 a.m. Communion Service	Friday September 22 <i>Ordinary Time</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass † Dorothy Mayotte by Joyce Shear	Saturday September 23 <i>St. Pius of</i> <i>Pietrelcina</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass *The People of St. Joseph Parish
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We will have Communion Services this Monday-Thursday as Fr. Marcin and all priests of the Joliet Diocese will be attending the Priests Convocation. Please pray for all of our diocesan priests that they will be inspired by the Holy Spirit and ask our Lord for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.

Saturday, September 23
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
 † Hazel Brennan by Adeline Chinski

Sunday, September 24
8:30 a.m. Mass † Connie Denault by Wanda Warman
 † Noel Goudreau by Wife, Kids & Family
11:00 a.m. Mass † Ronald Hart by Lorraine Baron
 † Gene Storer (Anniversary Memorial) by
 Mike & Kathy Storer

PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

At the end of "Lord of the Rings," Gollum fights with Frodo for possession of the Ring. He wins, but falls from the mountain ledge into the fires of Mount Doom. As he falls, he smiles and clutches the ring to his chest. He is happy. He has what he has spent his life pursuing. It is only in the seconds before he slips into the lava that we see terror on his face as he realizes the thing he clutches is the thing that killed him. In choosing the ring, he chooses death. Sin makes us addicted to something that kills us. It is a vicious cycle. The less we forgive, the more hardhearted we become and the less we seek forgiveness ourselves. What breaks the cycle? The sacrament of Reconciliation. In fact, it does more than break it. It turns it backward. Ultimately, I view our life as a struggle on the ledge. It is certain that we will choose sin. We will fall. But let us be Frodo. Let us cling to the rock of the sacraments and accept the One who will drag us from the flames.-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings for the weekend of September 9/10, 2023
\$7,042.70

3:00 pm: \$3,018.00

8:30 am: \$2,538.00

11:00 am: \$1,266.70

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$220.00

Readings for the Week of September 17, 2023

Sunday: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 (8)/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9/Lk 7:1-10

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: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

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: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 (18a)/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

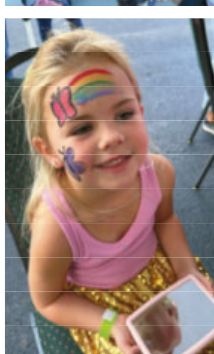
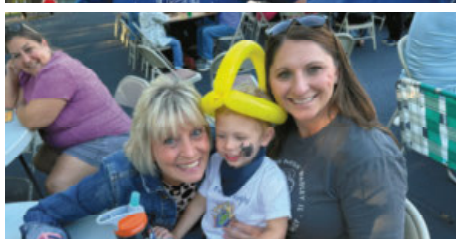
Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org



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Many thanks to all who have signed up for electronic giving. These two options are the most convenient ways for giving and staying consistent with offerings. You can make automated ACH Offerings from your savings or checking accounts. Download the authorization form at the parish website, complete and put it in collection basket or mail it to the parish. Or stop by the parish office to sign-up for Auto Deduct. Or look for the PayPal option at our website to set-up online contributions. Thanks for your ongoing support!

Celebrating Our Parish, Our Family



We had beautiful weather and delicious food last Saturday for our Parish Picnic! Thank you to the Clergy, CCW, Holy Name, Knights, Mobile Pantry Team, Liturgical

Ministers, Musicians, Parish Staff and everyone who planned, organized, helped with setup and cleanup, served food and drinks, donated prizes for bingo and provided funds to help us cover the costs! Special thanks to the local businesses that supported this event, including Brickstone, Nana's and R & R Construction.



And, thanks so much to Annie Kidd for taking the wonderful pictures. She really captured the experience of fun at the picnic. Check out more photos online and watch the Outdoor Mass.

Most importantly, thank you to all the people who came to celebrate with us at Our Parish, Our Family's third annual Picnic Event. We are truly blessed with amazing people and wonderful spirit of love and friendship at St. Joseph's during worship, outreach and social occasions!



LITURGICAL ROLES	September 23 4:00 PM Mass	September 24 8:30 AM Mass	September 24 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	Becky Graf Jim Graf Diane Gonczy Jim Lustig	Ellen Taylor Kent Taylor Aliess Bedford Dick Jenkins	Candi Brenneisen Greg Brenneisen Lori Cornelius Sandra Jefferson	
Lectors	Gisel Waide (both readings)	Teresa Fritz (both readings)	Brian Zasada (1) Lupita Sorich (2)	
Eucharistic Ministers	Patricia Croix Patricia Burr Michael Yurkowski Diane & Mike Ely	Daniel Trivino Justin Sommer Teresa Fritz Annie Kidd	Julie Gindy Jenna Jamros Pat & Alan Knittel Volunteer Needed	
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Adelaide Bedford	Ryane Jefferson Aiden Jamros Mia Burns	
Deacons	Deacon Greg Clodi	Deacon Leon Fritz		
Presiders	Fr. Charles Wheeler	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	

Pet Blessing Services



The Feast of St. Francis, patron of animals, is coming up on Oct. 4. To commemorate this observance, we will once again host Pet Blessings at St. Joseph's. Brief outdoor services will be held.

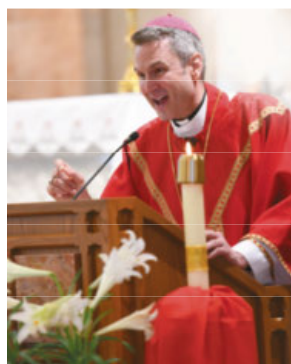
**Saturday, Sept. 30, at 2:30pm
& Sunday, Oct. 1, at 2:30pm**

The Week at a glance at St. Joseph Parish

Saturday, Sept. 16 Mass 8:30 a.m. Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Knights Selling Raffle Tickets after Mass Sunday, Sept. 17 Masses 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Knights Selling Raffle Tickets after Masses Drive-Thru Lunch 10:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. North Parking Lot Parish Baptisms 12:15 p.m.	Monday, Sept. 18 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Mum Pick-Up 4:00 -7:00 p.m. North Parking Lot Tuesday, Sept. 19 Mass 7:00 a.m. Nursing Home Adoration 1:00-6:00 p.m. Rosary 6:30 p.m. Picnic Wrap-Up 7:00 p.m. Ministry Center	Weds, Sept. 20 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church RE Classes 4:30-5:45 p.m. Choir Practice 5:30-7:00 p.m. Church Thurs, Sept. 21 Mass 7:00 a.m. Men's AA Group 7:00-9:00 p.m. Ministry Center	Friday, Sept. 22 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Mobile Food Pantry 10-11:30 a.m. Sat, Sept. 23 Mass 8:30 a.m. Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Knights Selling Raffle Tickets after Mass	Sunday, Sept. 24 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Mass 11:00 a.m. Church Knights Selling Raffle Tickets after Masses Confirmation Session (Parents & Students) 12:00 p.m. Parish Hall
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See page 1 for the Schedule for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Appointments for Confession can also be made by calling the parish office at 815-939-3573.

Bishop Ronald Hicks' Column for September 2023



"1,000 DAYS"

Recently, some friends and I were debating if “milleversary” is a real word. I’d never heard of it, but some insisted it is a legitimate word that means 1,000-day anniversary. Some cleverly invented alternatives like “kiloversary,” or “k-day.”



This summer I celebrated my “milleversary” here in the Diocese of Joliet. September 29 will mark three years since I was installed as your bishop. I still remember my installation Mass as if it were yesterday. It was in the midst of the pandemic. Even though my heart raced with joy and excitement as I walked down the aisle and looked around, I thought to myself, what strange days these are with the pews only 20 percent filled with masked people.

After the installation, I spent my first year in deliberate listening mode. I strived to get to know the diocese, the history of the parishes, the nature of the schools, the experiences of the priests and deacons, the presence of the religious men and women, the involvement of the laity, the breadth of ministries, the status of our finances and the source of our donations and resources. Like assembling pieces of a puzzle, I began to form a clearer picture of our diocese that included both the good and the bad.

I quickly realized the expanse of our diocese. With 125 parishes and missions contained in 4,218 square miles within seven counties, our footprint is enormous. Before arriving in Joliet—during my six years as Vicar General in the archdiocese of Chicago—I walked each day to my office in the pastoral center. As a result, I averaged only about 6,000 miles per year using my car. Comparatively, I now drive about 22,000 miles per year.

But I’m certainly not complaining. I am truly most happy when I get out from behind my desk and am out “in the vineyard” with you, the people of God, celebrating our faith and salvation in the Lord Jesus. Though each parish has a unique “personality,” they all share the common trait of gracious hospitality.

I am deeply moved when I witness the pastoral leadership of our priests, deacons and staff members. I am touched by how much our parishioners love the Lord, the Blessed Mother, your communities of faith and your families.

Naturally, when I first arrived, I had to come to grips with some of the challenges facing our diocese, many of which were caused by the pandemic. These issues included budgetary concerns caused by decreasing attendance and contributions. With ever-shifting demographics, I was made aware of how some parishes and schools are experiencing great growth, while others are in substantial decline.

Two years ago, when I launched our Targeted Restructuring process, my first goal was to reorganize the diocesan offices while embracing a diocesan vision of Catechesis, Evangelization and Faith into Action. Since then, we also have turned our attention to consolidating or closing some specific parishes and schools, so that our diocese will continue to thrive vibrantly and meet the needs of all those we serve.

Through it all, I have emphasized the need to pass our beautiful faith and tradition on to the next generation—as we move from maintenance to mission. I want us to intentionally look for every opportunity to bring more people into the Catholic faith—especially young people—as we continue to encourage them to consider a vocation to the priesthood, religious life and the various ministries in the Church. While doing this at the local level, we also have embraced national movements such as the National Eucharistic Revival, as well as the international Synod on Synodality.

As I reflect on these past 1,000+ days and look forward to my fourth year as your bishop, I am anticipating our launch of the year-long commemoration of our diocese’s 75th Anniversary. This celebration will give us the opportunity to remember our past, celebrate our present and look forward with hope.

Your presence, prayers and gifts make this a strong and healthy diocese. Thank YOU for making it so easy for me to say constantly, *I feel happy, blessed and grateful here.* +



During Blood Cancer Awareness Month, we draw attention to the lifesaving benefit of blood donation for patients like Riley, a toddler who is battling leukemia. This brave 2 year old has years of treatment ahead of her. Something her family can count on to make Riley feel better is blood transfusions. "It definitely gives her a boost," says her mother, Stephanie. Please participate at St. Joseph's Blood Drive on Sunday, Oct. 1, and help patients like Riley and others in need of blood to survive illnesses and accidents. Make your appointment at the parish website or call the office.

It's time to get growing!!



Religious Education classes are starting this Wednesday with the theme, "Families Growing in Faith and Passing It On!"

Parent are asked to attend with the Students this Wednesday, Sept. 20, at 4:30pm in the church. We ask that at least one parent attend, please. It's going to be a great year to grow in faith and friendship. We sure can't wait to see all of you!

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