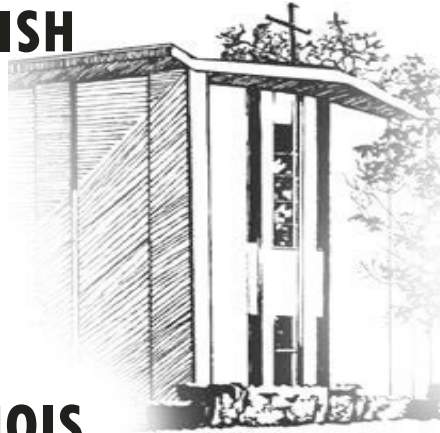


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Services

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

Registration

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

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



This Sunday's Gospel reminds us that while the steward in the parable was dishonest, he was praised for his foresight and prudence. Jesus uses this to teach us about stewardship. "If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?"

Earthly goods are temporary tools entrusted to us, and we are called to use them wisely and generously in service of God and others. For example, choosing to visit and comfort a lonely neighbor instead of using that time only for personal leisure shows faithfulness with "small matters" and prepares us to receive the true wealth of heaven. (Luke 16:1-13)

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September 21, 2025



PAW PATROL WORKING NEXT FRIDAY!

Weeds have been sneaking onto the church grounds, but don't worry—the PAW Patrol is on the job! Now they just need a few extra recruits to help keep things neat and tidy. Join the team next Friday, Sept. 26, from 9:00am–noon. Bring your gloves, roll up your sleeves, and stay as long as you're able. Word is homemade cookies will be served. Thanks to our faithful weed-fighters! Together, they're keeping our parish grounds looking paws-itively beautiful!



It's not too late to get Fall Raffle Tickets

It's the last weekend to get your Fall Raffle tickets at church. Look for a Knight after Mass. If you didn't get a ticket, you still can. Go to the parish office during the week. Or feel free to call the office. The staff can easily get you in contact with a Knight. Tickets are \$10 each. A winning number will be drawn every day in October! Proceeds of this biggest fundraiser of the year for the Knights allow these Catholic gentlemen to do some great things at St. Joseph's and beyond, so please get some tickets. Thanks for your ongoing support of the Knights of Columbus!



The Blood Bus is returning to St. Joseph's

Come aboard next Sunday in the North Parking Lot
Make your appointment and save some lives

We have 14 of 25 slots filled for our Blood Drive next Sunday, Sept. 28. **Please help us reach our goal.** Sign-up at the parish website, with this QR code or call the office.



Celebrate Catechetical Sunday with Us this weekend!

This Sunday, September 21, at 12:15pm in the Parish Hall, our parish family will gather to celebrate Catechetical Sunday—a special day set aside across the Church to honor the vital ministry of teaching the faith. While we give thanks for our catechists who guide our children in Religious Education, this celebration is about much more. Catechesis happens in many ways: in our OCIA program, through our PWD ministry, in parish projects and outreach efforts, and in the daily witness of those who share the Gospel simply by living it. Truly, the list of faith-sharers in our community is endless! The mission of the Church reflects the mission of Jesus himself: to teach, preach, heal, and forgive. Through these acts, Jesus proclaimed the Good News of salvation and invited all people to share in God's love. That same mission continues here at St. Joseph—especially through the ministry of catechesis, where the Gospel is handed on to new generations of believers. Catechetical Sunday is not only a time to honor those who serve as teachers of the faith, but also a chance for our whole parish to rededicate ourselves to the mission of sharing the Gospel. By word and example, each one of us helps form others in the way of Christ. You're invited! Join us this Sunday for fellowship, gratitude, and a light lunch as we celebrate this beautiful ministry and recommit ourselves to the work of proclaiming the Gospel together. See you at the party!

Honor a loved one or share a message—Get a paver in the Church Courtyard

SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday September 22 <i>Ordinary Time Weekday</i> 7:00 a.m. Communion Service	Tuesday September 23 <i>St. Pius of Pietrelcina</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass † Kim Johnson (Birthday Observance) by Sherry Johnson (Wife)	Wednesday September 24 <i>Ordinary Time Weekday</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass † Homer Martin by Madelyn O'Brien 9:00 a.m. BMCS Mass	Thursday September 25 <i>Ordinary Time Weekday</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass † Madeleine "Madge" Power by Estate	Friday September 26 <i>St. Cosmas & St. Damian</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass † Theresa Parker by BJ & Nancy Jurevich	Saturday September 27 <i>St. Vincent de Paul, Priest</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass † Madge Power by Family & Friends
Saturday, September 28 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass † Margaret Lockwood Bullock by Connie Lambert † Theresa Parker by Jeanine Urbance † Edward & Pauline Prince by Family			Sunday, September 29 8:30 a.m. Mass *The McCarty Family by The Hodak Family 11:00 a.m. Mass † Joseph Frankowski by Sally Frankowski (Wife)		

PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

Dealing with money is unpleasant. You might be good at it (I am not). You might even do it for a living (I do not). You might be careful to use as much of your money as you can for good purposes (I try to, but man, these skyrocketing grocery prices are killing me). But ultimately, money does not bring out the best in us. We waste it. We manipulate it. We hoard it. We become obsessed by it. We let pursuit of it define our decisions. But, you can't avoid money. It's necessary. These dollars and cents keep us alive in this world, for a time. We need them for food, for warmth, for health. Jesus' parable of the untrustworthy steward sums up all our anxieties surrounding material wealth and the delicate balance of caring for our physical needs while prioritizing our spiritual ones. But the parable reminds us that we can't escape money, just like we can't escape the world and all the barriers forged by this world between man and the happiness his Creator intends for him. We could retreat to the remotest mountaintop, but we would still feel doubt and pain. We would still feel fear. We would still sin. And we would still be hungry and cold. We would still need money. Money will never be something that is easy to handle virtuously. But guess what? Nothing in this world is. And it's probably best that we remember that.-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings for the weekend of September 13/14, 2025

\$8,609.00

3:00 pm: \$2,536.00

8:30 am: \$2,639.00

11:00 am: \$2,011.00

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$1,275.00

Additional Sunday Offerings: \$148.00

Food Donations: 67 Pounds

Readings for the Week of Sept. 21, 2025

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

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Am 6:1a, 4-7/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1b)/1 Tm 6:11-16/Lk 16:19-31

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org

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Mobile Food Pantry



On Sept. 12, our Mobile Food Pantry not only served 206 families—they also celebrated someone very special. Mike Bennett, our longtime driver from the Northern Illinois Food Bank, made his last visit to St. Joseph as he heads into retirement. Since 2019, Mike has been faithfully loading up at the warehouse, unloading at our site, and becoming a true member of our team. He always brought smiles, jokes, and genuine care—he even noticed if someone wasn't there and always asked about them.



We congratulate Haley Laughlin and Saul Zacarias, united in the Sacrament of Marriage here at our parish. In this sacred covenant, husband and wife reflect Christ's faithful love for the Church. May the Lord bless them with joy, peace, and lasting love.

The pantry crew surprised Mike with doughnut holes and a little party to thank him for all the ways he blessed this ministry. Married 44 years, with two sons, five grandsons, and a new puppy, Mike looks forward to traveling and enjoying more time with family—but he promises to come back and visit (and maybe join us for lunch after a pantry!). Thank you, Mike, for six years with NIFB and for becoming part of our St. Joseph family. And thank you to our amazing volunteers and generous supporters who make it possible for us to serve hundreds of families every month.

The week at a glance at St. Joseph Parish

Sat, Sept. 20 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Church Knights selling Fall Raffle Tickets Sunday, Sept. 21 Masses 8:30 & 11 a.m. Knights selling Fall Raffle Tickets Catechetical Sunday Event 12:15-2:00 p.m. Parish Hall Parish Baptisms 12:15 p.m. Church	Monday, Sept. 22 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Church Tuesday, Sept. 23 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church Nursing Home Ministry 10:00 a.m. Offsite Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-6:00 p.m. Church Outdoor Rosary Recitation 6:30 p.m. Statue of the Blessed Mother on Perry Street	Weds, Sept. 24 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church BMCS Mass 9:00 a.m. Church Knights Meeting 7:00 p.m. Ministry Center RE Session 5:30-6:45 p.m. Thurs, Sept. 25 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church Baptism Class 7:00 p.m. Rectory Meeting Room Men's AA Group 7:00-9:00 p.m. Ministry Center	Friday, Sept. 26 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church PAW Patrol Workday 9:00 a.m.-12 p.m. Parish Grounds Volunteers Needed Natural Family Planning Class 5:30-8:30 p.m. Ministry Center All couples must pre-register for NFP Classes	Sat, Sept. 27 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Church Sunday, Sept. 28 Masses 8:30 & 11 a.m. Church Blood Drive 8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. North Parking Lot Please help us make our goal!
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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.

ROLES FOR NEXT WEEKEND	September 27 4:00 PM Mass	September 28 8:30 AM Mass	September 28 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	Jay & Donna Karr Janet Gregoire Volunteer Needed	Pruss Family	Candi Brenneisen Greg Brenneisen Ellen & Kent Taylor	
Lectors	Beth Bisailon (both readings)	Jonathon Storer (both readings)	Lisa Robbins Lupita Sorich (2)	
Eucharistic Ministers	Patricia Burr Patricia Croix Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Justin Sommer Sharyn Gross John Chinski Annie Kidd Jasmine Elumbaugh	Sr. Susan Ninyikiriza Sr. Max Nanyanzi Mollie Grizzle Jason Grizzle Julie Gindy	
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Sean Storer	Jane, Lucy & Maggie Quigley	
Deacon	Deacon Greg Clodi			
Presider	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	

St. Joseph's PWD is Back!



Last Sunday, St. Joseph Parish joyfully welcomed back our Persons with Disabilities Mass after a summer break. This gathering is not only a time for prayer but also a chance for members of our wider community with disabilities to come together for fellowship, refreshments, and—of course—the ever-popular bingo. Adding to the spirit of PWD, our Team debuted new T-shirts. On the front is a church with “St. Joseph PWD,” and on the back a powerful reminder: “There is ability in every disability.” Even our music director, Brad Benoit, proudly

wore one! Following Mass, everyone enjoyed a festive Hawaiian-themed social. We are grateful to Fr. Marcin, Brad Benoit, Jim and Becky Graf, and the entire PWD Team for making this ministry so fun and meaningful. Special thanks also go to all who have supported PWD fundraisers and donated items for the popular bingo prizes—your generosity is so appreciated!

Mark your calendars: the next PWD Mass will be held on Sunday, October 12 at 2:00 pm. All are welcome to join us!

WE NEED YOU *The Parish Youth & Family Masses are starting up in October and the first one is on the 12th!*
Families, young people, grandparents and the young at heart are invited to sign-up at our website.

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

+Phone System/Our current system is nearly obsolete and has developed many issues, including malfunctioning displays that show incorrect dates and times/The emergency hotline to reach Fr. Marcin, while still operating, is working only minimally/\$310 gratefully received

+Dream Item/New Doors/St. Joseph Church

A Monumental Thank You from the CCW



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported the CCW's annual Mum Sale! This year, an incredible 349 mums were sold, helping our parish in so many ways. Special thanks to the gentlemen of the parish who helped unload and organize the flowers, and to all the volunteers who assisted during the pick-up process. Your time and effort made Mum Day smooth and joyful for everyone. Pictured above are some of the smiling helpers who made it all possible.

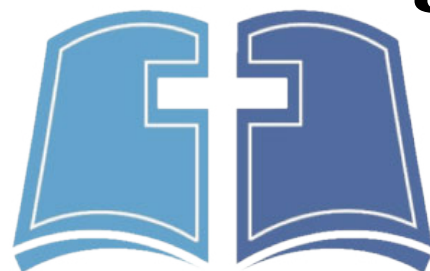
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Equally inspiring was the joy radiating from our volunteers, who so generously share their faith with our young parishioners. Their witness is a powerful reminder of how faith is best passed on—through love, example, and joyful dedication. We extend our gratitude to all the families, coordinators, and volunteers who helped launch this new year so successfully!



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