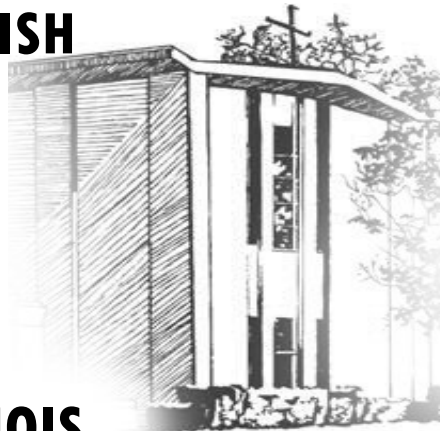


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Services

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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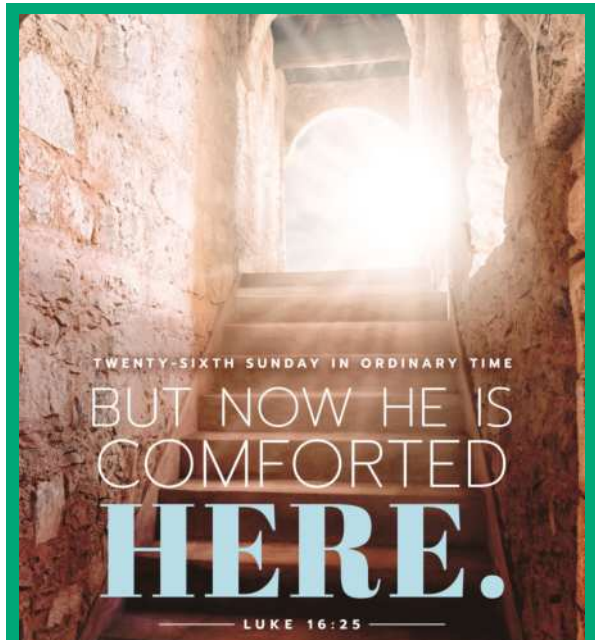
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In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the story of the rich man and Lazarus. The rich man ignored Lazarus, but when they die, their fortunes are reversed: "but now he is comforted here." The parable challenges us to open our eyes to those who suffer. True discipleship means seeing and serving Christ in the poor, the forgotten, and the overlooked. May our compassion in this life draw us closer to the comfort and mercy of God in the next. (Luke 16:19-31)

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Next Saturday at 2:30pm

The Feast of St. Francis, patron of animals, is coming up on Oct. 4. To commemorate this observance, we will host a brief Pet Blessing Service at St. Joseph's on Saturday, Oct. 4, at 2:30pm in the Church Courtyard. This is a fun opportunity to get our special furry friends blessed. Make sure your pet is on a leash or in a carrier.

Join us for this very nice event!



Parishioners Against Weeds

A big thank-you to everyone who came out to tackle the weeds around the parish this past week! Your teamwork has made the grounds look so much better, and we truly appreciate it. Every bit of effort clearly makes a difference. Way to go, PAW Patrol!

Blood Drive this Sunday in the North Parking Lot



Thank you to everyone who has signed up for our Parish Blood Drive happening this Sunday, Sept. 28, from 8am-1pm. You are certainly making a life-saving difference! We still have a few openings. Walk-ins are welcome! Please stop by the North Parking Lot and see what slots are available. If you haven't donated in a while—or never—this is a great time to start! Thank you again for serving others!

Monthly Holy Hour First Friday at St. Joseph's

Join us for worship and reflection in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament after 8:30am Mass next Friday, Oct. 3. Reconciliation will be offered throughout and you

can pray the rosary or other prayers or read Scripture or other texts. What

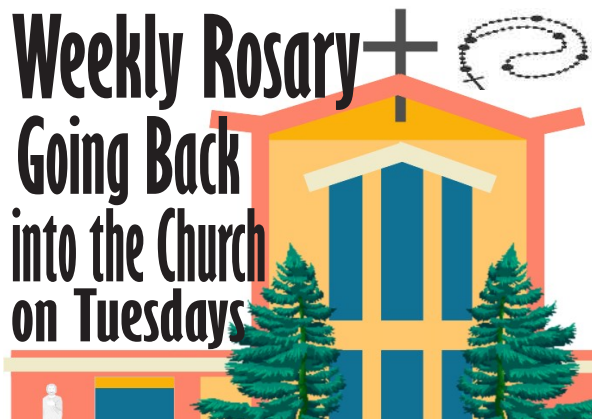
you do is not important. Being

with Jesus in this personal way is what really matters. Take advantage of this wonderful

opportunity to give praise and thanks to God!

Weekly Rosary

Going Back into the Church on Tuesdays



Our Rosary Group will bring recitation of the rosary back inside the church beginning this Tuesday, Sept. 30, at 6:30pm. After a beautiful summer outdoors—where many came together—we now return indoors for rosary and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

We are grateful to all who joined us outdoors these past few months. Your presence made those evenings so meaningful. Now, we invite you—and others—to continue this devotion on Tuesdays back in our church.

SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday September 29 <i>St. Michael,</i> <i>St. Gabriel &</i> <i>St. Raphael,</i> <i>Archangels</i> 7:00 a.m. Communion Service	Tuesday September 30 <i>St. Jerome,</i> <i>Doctor of the</i> <i>Church</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass *McCarty Family by Jackie O'Connor	Wednesday October 1 <i>St. Thérèse of the</i> <i>Child Jesus</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass † Fern Boudreau (Birthday Memorial) by Judy Denoyer 9:00 a.m. BMCS Mass	Thursday October 2 <i>The Holy</i> <i>Guardian</i> <i>Angels</i> 7:00 a.m. Mass † Alex Kobylarczyk by Anna (Wife)	Friday October 3 <i>Ordinary Time</i> <i>Weekday</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass † Madeleine "Madge" Power" by Family & Friends	Saturday October 4 <i>St. Francis</i> <i>of Assisi</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass † Madeleine "Madge" Power" by Family & Friends
Saturday, October 4 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass † Margaret Lockwood Bullock by Connie Lambert † Joseph Coy (Anniversary Memorial) by Family † Ann Prince by Family			Sunday, October 5 8:30 a.m. Mass † Ron Kawanna (Birthday Memorial) by Sandi (Wife) † Deceased Brosseau Family Members 11:00 a.m. Mass † Stephen Wroblewski (Anniversary Memorial) by Children † Alex Kobylarczyk & Frank & Maria Lesnicki by Anna Kobylarczyk		

PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

My kids were playing outside in the snow, and I decided to take advantage of the quiet house. I forgot Murphy's Law of Parenting, as soon as you dial the phone, neediness explodes from your loudest child. As the person on the other end of the line picked up, my son was at the back door, whimpering loudly, he had snow in his boot. I gestured to the phone. He whimpered more loudly. I mouthed and mimed threats. He threw his boot at me. Well, needless to say, the call didn't go well, and my son's snow day was over. He begged for a second chance, but I explained that life doesn't always give you second chances. But that's when I remembered that moms have a superpower: creating second chances where none had existed before. So, I told him that if he could be quiet while I made the rest of my calls, he could go back outside. The parable of the rich man and Lazarus highlights a reality that we often wish to ignore: at some point, we will run out of chances, and it's not because God tires of giving them to us. It's because a truly endless supply of chances would strip us of our free will. It would deny us the right of being taken at our word—and God respects us too much to do that. My son saved his snow day. It's a good reminder: take the second (and third and fourth) chance. Don't wait for the next one.—Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings for the weekend of September 20/21, 2025

\$6,196.56

4:00 pm: \$1,707.28

8:30 am: \$2,336.00

11:00 am: \$1,808.28

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$295.00

Additional Sunday Offerings: \$50.00

Food Donations: 86 Pounds

Readings for the Week of Sept. 28, 2025

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

Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 (458)/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org

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Celebrating Catechetical Sunday at St. Joseph Parish in Bradley



Last Sunday, we came together to celebrate Catechetical Sunday with a festive gathering in the Parish Hall. Guests enjoyed a delicious spread of sandwiches, fresh fruit, and all the fixings with plenty of desserts too! At the heart of the event were our catechists and all those who share the faith through ministries, groups, and outreach—our honored guests. A special word of gratitude goes to Brenda and Scott McLean for generously hosting the event and making it possible. We also thank our RE Staff, the helpers and food preparers, and everyone who attended. Your presence made this celebration a fun and happy expression of faith and community.



The week at a glance at St. Joseph Parish

Sat, Sept. 27

Mass

8:30 a.m.

Church

Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m.

Church

Sun, Sept. 28

Masses

8:30 & 11 a.m.

Church

Blood Drive

8:00 a.m.-1 p.m.

North Parking Lot

Please help us

make our goal!

Monday, Sept. 29

Communion

Service

7:00 a.m.

Church

Tuesday, Sept. 30

Mass

7:00 a.m.

Church

Nursing Home

Ministry

10:00 a.m.

Eucharistic

Adoration

1:00-6:00 p.m.

Church

Rosary

Recitation

6:30 p.m.

Church

Weds, Oct. 1

Mass

7:00 a.m.

BMCS Mass

9:00 a.m.

Church

Thurs, Oct. 2

Mass

7:00 a.m.

Church

Meeting Room

Men's AA Group

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Ministry Center

Friday, Oct. 3

Mass

8:30 a.m.

Church

First Friday Holy

Hour after Mass

Sat, Oct. 4

Mass

8:30 a.m.

Church

Pet Blessing

2:30 p.m.

Church Courtyard

Bring pets on

leashes or in

carriers for this

wonderful tradition

Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m.

Church

Sun, Sept. 28

Mass

8:30 a.m.

Church

Holy Name

Meeting

9:30 a.m.

Ministry Center

Mass

11:00 a.m.

Church

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.

ROLES FOR NEXT WEEKEND	October 4 4:00 PM Mass	October 5 8:30 AM Mass	October 5 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	Beth Bisailon Jim Lustig Becky Graf Jim Graf	Barb Fortin Jasmine Elumbaugh Kathy Storer Michael Storer	Lori Cornelius Brenda McLean Evie McLean Sandra Jefferson	
Lectors	Marian Worby (both readings)	Ryan Adams (both readings)	Lupita Sorich (both readings)	
Eucharistic Ministers	Marian Worby Chuck Carnes Pat Yurkowski Patricia Burr	Lindsay Adams Mary Kay Pittman Sharyn Gross Ryan Adams	Sr. Susan Ninyikiriza Sr. Max Nanyanzi Jenna Jamros Ryane Jefferson	
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Harrison Adams Hudson Adams	Aidan & Eleanor Jamros & Mia Burns	



Through the waters of Baptism, St. Joseph Parish welcomes: Victor Rodriguez Jr, Benjamin Samuel Mendez, Giselle Eliana Martinez, and Jahel Alejandro Martinez. Parents being: Victor Rodriguez, Benjamin Mendez, and Emma Martinez
Congrats & Many Blessings!

The Mustard Seed List

+Parish Hall Roof/\$42,500 total/\$725 gratefully received/
\$3,000 saved/\$40,775 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 on the parish grounds

+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/\$610 gratefully received

+Dream Item/New Doors/St. Joseph Church



Returning on the second Sunday of the month starting in October!

Mark your calendars—the Youth & Family Masses are back! Starting Sunday, Oct. 12, and continuing on the second Sunday of each month, the 11am Mass will once again be filled with the energy and spirit of our young people—and the young at heart. This joyful celebration of faith invites children, teens, and families to take part in the ministries of the liturgy: reading, serving, greeting, ushering, bringing up the gifts, singing and more. It's a wonderful way to see our young parishioners sharing their love of Christ in action. Want to get involved? Sign up for a ministry role through the parish website. Come, bring your family, and be part of this uplifting celebration that truly brings our parish community together!

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

Religious Education in Action at St. Joseph's



This past Wednesday was a lively evening in our RE program, with classes engaged in many meaningful lessons. The Special Sacraments Class learned about the rosary, while the seventh and eighth graders explored the beauty of the Mass with their catechists and a special visit from Fr. Marcin. And the list of the activities goes on and on!

One highlight was the fourth and fifth grade class taught by Ellen Taylor and Barb Fortin. The students discussed the sacrament of Baptism and the gift of holy water—a sacramental that reminds us of our baptismal promises and God's ongoing grace in our lives. As a sign of this gift, each student received a small bottle of holy water to take home (pictured above), inviting them to make the sign of the cross and remember they belong to Christ. For homework, the class was asked to reflect on one thing they are grateful to God for and share it when they return at the next Religious Education session on Wednesday, Oct. 8. What a wonderful way to connect classroom learning with daily faith!

Altar Server Training—Wednesday, October 15



We are holding an Altar Server Training Session on Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 5:45pm in the church. All students in third grade and up are invited to become servers. New servers are asked to attend, and veteran servers are welcome too for a helpful refresher.

Being an altar server is a special way to serve God and our parish. Servers help lead the assembly in prayer, learn the meaning of the Mass in a deeper way, and take on an important role in the liturgy. At the training, students will learn serving duties, from carrying the cross and candles to assisting the priest and deacon at the altar.

We also extend heartfelt thanks to our current altar servers, who faithfully assist at weekend Masses, holy days, Christmas, and Easter. Your dedication is such a gift to our parish community!

October Vocation Prayer Calendar



The Diocese of Joliet's Vocation Prayer Calendar lists names of diocesan priests, seminarians, religious priests, brothers, sisters, deacons, and those in formation. You can access the month of October on our parish website. Please pray for those listed, asking our Lord to inspire and sustain them, and that others will hear the call and respond similarly to ministry in the Catholic Church.

Jubilee Mass for Grandparents & Elderly: Grandparents are a precious link between generations, handing on faith and wisdom. Celebrate them at the Jubilee Mass for Grandparents and the Elderly on Saturday, Oct. 4, at 11am at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. RSVP by calling 815-221-6192.

Jubilee Mass for Catechists: Join Bishop Hicks for this celebration on Sunday, Oct. 19, at 2pm at the Cathedral in Joliet. This Mass honors all who share faith—catechists at parishes, homeschool settings, OCIA and others. Refreshments will follow. RSVP by Oct. 10 at forms.office.com/r/2jeVQMTfVi.

Samuel Group: Young adults (ages 21–35) are invited to a seven-month journey of prayer, discernment, and fellowship to learn to discern where God is calling you. The Samuel Group is rooted in the spirituality of St. Ignatius. Participants will grow in self-knowledge, encounter Christ, and seek clarity in discerning their vocation. Sessions begin Sunday, Oct. 27, at St. Margaret Mary Parish in Naperville. The cost is: \$75 (scholarships available). Details at catechesis.diojoliet.org/samuel-group.

A SOS has never been this Sweet!

The Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive manned by our Bradley council looks a little different this year. In the past, you may have seen Knights outside local stores, but new restrictions mean they are no longer able to collect donations at those locations. With limited options and time running out, Council #14251 is turning to their parish family for help. They are offering bags of 50 fun-sized Tootsie Rolls for just \$5 each—perfect for Halloween! As always, the proceeds support local and national programs that assist individuals with intellectual disabilities.

Candy will be available now through October 26. Please consider buying a bag—or several—for yourself, your relatives, friends, and neighbors. You can even collect money from them and place one big order!

To purchase, call or text John Chinski at 815-954-1524. Together, we can continue this important work of charity.



Invitation from the Kankakee Deanery CCW Board

The Kankakee Deanery CCW Board invites the women of our parish to attend their next meeting on Monday, Oct. 27, at 5pm at St. John Paul II Parish in Kankakee to share your input and ideas. For details, call Rhonda at 815-545-9519.



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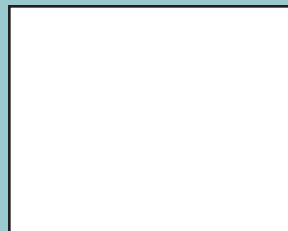
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