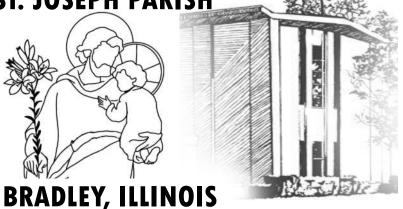
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Services

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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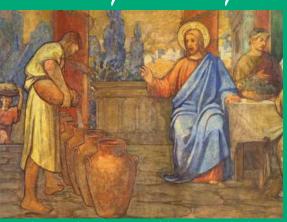
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27th Sunday in Ordinary 7ime



This weekend's Gospel begins with the apostles asking Jesus to increase their faith. He answers that even a small amount of real faith can accomplish what seems impossible, because faith is about trusting God, not measuring quantity. Jesus also reminds them that discipleship is not about praise or recognition. Like servants who simply do their duty, we live in obedience to God's will. Our prayer, worship, and acts of charity are not extraordinary achievements, but the natural response of those who belong to Him. The message is clear: trust God completely, even with the smallest faith, and live each day in humble service. (Luke 17:5-10)

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Read the bishop's introduction to his new letter—a call to action for every Catholic in the Diocese of Joliet—in his October column on page 6 of the bulletin.

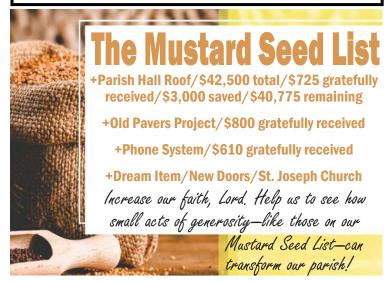


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MAKE

A Pastoral Letter for the People of the **Diocese of Joliet**





The Youth & Family Mass is coming back! Starting next Sunday, Oct. 12, the 11am Mass will once again be filled with the energy and spirit of our young St. Joseph parishioners.

But, we really need some help filling the roles, so children, parents, grandparents and all young at heart are invited to visit our website and volunteer for a position. And, come, bring your family, and be part of this uplifting celebration that truly brings our parish community together!



Donut Sunday Is Next Weekend!

Back by popular demand! Next Sunday, Oct. 12, after the 11am Mass, head over to the parish hall. All invited!

Persons with Disabilities Mass



Our monthly PWD Mass is next Sunday, Oct. 12, at 2pm followed by a social in the Parish Hall. It's a wonderful way to connect, and lift your spirit—and yes, it gives you a chance to sleep in and attend Sunday Mass later! Volunteers are welcome, but most of all we encourage you to experience the joy of this event. Feel free to bring bingo prizes to the parish office during the week.

Another Dinner Night Scheduled



Save this date, Oct. 16, 9:30am-9pm and go to Panda Express on Rt. 50 in Bradley and 20% of your bill will be donated to St. Joseph's RE Program. Download the flyer at our parish website. Thanks for your support!

SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday October 6 St. Bruno & Blessed Marie Rose Durocher 7:00 a.m. Communion Service Tuesday
October 7
Our Lady of the
Rosary
7:00 a.m. Mass
† Leo Cavender
& Marie
Cavender Ellison
(Wedding
Anniversary) by
Family

Wednesday
October 8
Ordinary Time
Weekday
7:00 a.m. Mass
† Madge Power
by Estate
9:00 a.m.
BMCS
(Bradley)
Weekly Mass

Thursday
October 9
St. Denis &
Companions &
St. John Leonardi
7:00 a.m. Mass
† Janice
(Brosseau) Sims
(Anniversary
Memorial) by
Ralph (Husband)

Friday
October 10
Ordinary
Time
Weekday
8:30 a.m.
Mass
† Madeleine
"Madge"
Power by
Estate

Saturday
October 11
St. John
XXIII,
Pope
8:30 a.m.
Mass
† Madeleine
"Madge"
Power" by
Estate

Saturday, October 11 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

† George Langevin (Birthday Memorial) by Tricia & Gary † Tommy Joe Redmon by Cheryl Redmon † Verl & Theresa Baughman by Family

Sunday, October 12

8:30 a.m. Mass † Janice Gregoire by Margaret Frechette † Homer Martin by Madelyn O'Brien 11:00 a.m. Mass † Theresa Parker by Zef & Kathy Gorecki † Leon & Shirley Andreina (Birthdays) by Family 2:00 p.m. PWD Mass

PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

"Increase my faith." I've said it to God lots of times, imagining a prayer life that is effortless and a sacramental life that is uncomplicated. Easy faith—that's what I'm asking for, and lots of it, please. God will never pass off a false gift as the real thing, just to make us both feel good. He won't hand me something I'm not strong enough to hold. Instead, He watches carefully while I navigate the bumpy terrain of the spiritual life, ready to whisper directions in my ear. He holds his breath while the challenges of this world create deep grooves in my soul—and then He irrigates those grooves with the life-giving waters of grace, transforming them into valleys of consolation. Sometimes I refuse what He's offering. It's not what I asked for. Luckily, He knows that better than me.-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings for the weekend of September 27/28, 2025

\$8,935.39 4:00 pm: \$2,096.00 8:30 am: \$1,922.00 11:00 am: \$1,572.00

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$3,235.39 Additional Sunday Offerings: \$110.00 Food Donations: 55 Pounds

Monthly Electronic Giving

Auto-Deduct Offerings for September 2025: \$7,318.00 PayPal Offerings for September 2025: \$1,547.00

Other Monthly Offerings & Revenue

AED Machine Upkeep for September 2025: \$83.04
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Memorial Donations for September 2025: \$230.00
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Music Ministry Donations for September 2025: \$600.00
Paver Project for September 2025: \$300.00
Phone System Donations for September 2025: \$500.00
Security Grant received in September 2025: \$300.00
Worship Donations for Shelves for Statues: \$1,387.00

In Loving Memory

Please remember in your prayers,
the loved ones of Adeline
Chinski recently called to
eternal life. May she
forever enjoy the loving
embrace of our merciful God.

Readings for the Week of October 5, 2025

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

Monday: Jon 1:1-2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8/Lk 10:25-37 **Tuesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2-4ab/Lk 10:38-42 **Wednesday:** Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4-10/Lk 11:1-4 **Thursday:** Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2-4 and 6/Lk 11:5-

Friday: JI 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9/Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Lk 11:27-

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

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Donors received a T-shirt declaring them "The Amazing Donor." We had so many amazing donors that supplies ran out! So, the remaining participants were directed to a website to get their shirts shipped directly to them—because every hero deserves recognition! Thanks to the courage and generosity of our donors, we collected a staggering 27 units of blood. Since each unit has the potential to save up to three lives, this means these heroes could touch as many as 81 lives! This incredible response shows what happens when ordinary people step up to do something extraordinary. Truly, our community has proven that not all heroes wear capes—some wear Band-Aids and big smiles. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated or encouraged others to give. You made this drive a super success! Mark your calendars—the next opportunity to unleash your inner hero is at St. Joseph's Blood Drive on Sunday, Dec. 7, 2025. Make an appointment at our website or call the parish office.

Tootsie Rolls for a Cause!

The Knights of Columbus are selling bags of 50 fun-sized Tootsie Rolls for just \$5—perfect for Halloween! Proceeds support programs for individuals with intellectual disabilities. Call or text John Chinski at 815-954-1524, or catch the Knights after weekend Masses.

Candy will be available through Oct. 26.

Thanks for your sweet support!

Monday, Oct. 6

Communion

All Hospitality Ministers—and anyone else

All Hospitality Ministers—and anyone else interested—are invited to an instruction session on the Automated External Defibrillator. This life-saving device is available to those who may experience a medical emergency during worship. Brian Sexton, a parishioner experienced with the equipment, will lead the session on Monday, Oct. 20, at 6pm in the church. Please join us.

The week at a glance at St. Joseph Parish

Sat, Oct. 4 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church **Pet Blessing** 2:30 p.m. **Church Courtyard** Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Church Sun, Oct. 5 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church **Holy Name** Meetina 9:30 a.m. Ministry Center Mass

11:00 a.m.

12:15 p.m.

Parish Baptisms

Church

Church

Service 7:00 a.m. Church Tuesday, Oct. 7 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church **Nursing Home** Ministry 10:00 a.m. Offsite Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-6:00 p.m. Church **Rosary Group** 6:30 p.m. Church **Parish Council** Meeting 6:30 p.m. Church

Weds, Oct. 8 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church BMCS (Bradley) Mass 9:00 a.m. Church **RE Session** 5:30-6:45 p.m. **Choir Practice** 5:30-7:00 p.m. Church Knights of Columbus Meeting 7:00-9:00 p.m. Ministry Center

Thurs, Oct. 9 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church Men's AA Group 7:00-9:00 p.m. Ministry Center Friday, Oct. 10 Mass 8:30 a.m. Sat, Oct. 11 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Church

Sun, Oct. 5 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Youth & Family Mass 11:00 a.m. Church Donut Sunday follows Mass in the Parish Hall **PWD Mass** 2:00 p.m. Church Social Hour follows Mass in the Parish Hall

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.

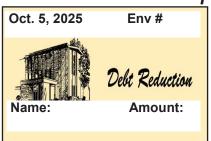
LITURGICAL ROLES	October 11 4:00 PM Mass	October 12 8:30 AM Mass	October 12 11:00 AM Youth & Family Mass
Hospitality Ministers	Donna & Jay Karr Diane Gonczy Janet Gregoire	Bruce Adams Mary Adams Dick Jenkins	ТВА
Lectors	Vicki Burgener	Roland	TBA
Eucharistic Ministers	Peggy Blanchette Vicki Burgener Diane Ely	Sean Storer John Chinski Gene Storer	ТВА
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Sean Storer	TBA
Deacon	Deacon Greg Clodi		
Presider	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak

Book of Remembrance

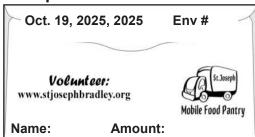
Everyone is invited to write names of deceased loved ones in our Book of Remembrance in the back of church. (Please use both sides of the pages). Each year during November, we remember and honor the faithful departed.

Join with parishioners and friends in this prayerful tribute.

In addition to the Sunday collection, we have some special envelopes for October 2025 >==







PAW Patrol! Altar Server Training—Wednesday, October 15th



The PAW Patrol (Parishioners Against Weeds) was back at it at St. Joseph's, tackling the outside of our Religious **Education** wing by removing old juniper bushes to make way for future landscaping. They also cleared weeds and debris around the Blessed Virgin Mary statue on Perry Street. We're grateful for their dedication to keeping our parish grounds looking radiant—watch for details on their next Workday!



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.

Rake & Run Requests Open

Our CSI Youth Ministry will be holding a Rake & Run on Saturday, Oct. 25. Seniors and those in need are invited to fill out the Rake Request form below, clip it, and place it in the collection at Mass to be added to the team's routes. Young people and adults interested in helping are encouraged to contact Mrs. Jefferson in the Youth Ministry Office.

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Join us for a Trunk or Treat on Sunday, Nov. 2, from 12-2 p.m. at St. Joseph Parish! Falling right after All Saints Day and on All Souls Day, we're calling it our "Holy Ween" celebration. Want to be a trunk decorator and hand out treats? Sign-up on our website. Children are welcome—no RSVP required, but recommended for planning purposes, also at our website.

Bishop Ronald Hicks' Column for October 2025



"Make

When I arrived as your bishop five years ago, I laid out a vision of catechesis, evangelization, and faith into action, emphasizing that a thriving Church is one where we truly know, love, and serve God. The big question remains: how do we actually do that? How do we move from just having a vision to putting it into real practice?

This is why I wrote the pastoral letter MAKE! and launched it just this month. It builds on Bishop Conlon's 2018 pastoral letter GO!, which draws on the Great Commission in Matthew's Gospel (Matthew 28): "Go and make disciples." MAKE! vulnerably reflects my heart. I love Jesus, and I want you to love Him too. It expresses my desire to give everyone a practical, loving roadmap to becoming disciples and making disciples, with a hands-on guide for passing our faith from one generation to the next.

Right before publishing it, I have to admit that I was filled with some self-doubt. I wondered, "There are so many other issues I could be writing about: the Eucharist, Pro-Life concerns, Vocations, Care of Creation, Immigration, Violence, and more. Is making disciples really the best topic?"

The Holy Spirit answered that question for me last month during a meeting at the headquarters of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) in Washington, D.C. Our committee was presented with the results of a large national survey of thousands of priests across the country. One question asked, "Out of all the issues in the world, which one most needs to be addressed by our Church?" The number one response from priests nationwide was clear: passing the faith on to the next generation.

The statistician went on to explain that this does not mean priests consider the other issues unimportant. Rather, they recognize that if we do not have people in the pews, if this generation and the next are not alive in their faith and participating in the life of the Church, then all of those other issues will eventually lose their voice in the Church. We first need to form disciples who are rooted in Christ, so that they in turn can carry the mission forward and address these other urgent concerns with faith and courage.

This is why MAKE! is so important. It is not just another document, and it is certainly not meant to sit

on a shelf and collect dust. It is a living invitation to every Catholic in our diocese to move from simply managing decline to boldly embracing mission. We all want to belong to a Church that is alive, thriving, and centered on the salvation of souls. That future depends on how seriously we take this call to be made into disciples so that we can go out and make disciples.

The letter offers a clear path: conversion, confession, communion, commission, all held together by prayer. These are not abstract concepts but real, concrete steps that anyone can begin today. I both invite and urge you to read the letter. And then read it again. Pray over it, discuss it with your family, your friends, or a group in your parish. Choose one small action and begin.

If each of us takes this seriously, with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Diocese of Joliet can become a Church on fire with love for Jesus. Boldly, I want our diocese to be the most evangelizing diocese in the country, not out of competition, but because I love Jesus, and I want you to love Him and be saved through Him too. This is our time, and this is our mission. Let us first be disciples, men and women of all ages who know, love, and serve Jesus, so that together we can go out with joy and courage to MAKE disciples, starting now.

To learn more about my pastoral letter and how to make disciples for Jesus, visit make.diojoliet.org.



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