

## OUR PARISH



## 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; from 5:30-6:30  
p.m. Tuesdays during adoration;  
First Friday or by appointment.

#### 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.

### Pastoral Staff

#### Pastor

Rev. Marcin Michalak

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#### Parish Office

Monday-Thursday 9am-4pm  
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Office Phone: (815) 939-3573

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www.stjosephbradley.org

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## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Ten were cleansed, were they not? Where are the other nine? Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Then he said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has saved you." (Lk 17:17-18)

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## October 9, 2022

# Outdoor Rosary Next Saturday at St. Joseph's



Join us to recite the rosary next Saturday, Oct. 15, at the statue of the Blessed Mother on Perry Street. What a wonderful opportunity during this Month of the Rosary to praise and thank our Lord for His many blessings as we recall the Fatima apparitions and seek God's mercy on our country and world. (Please bring lawn chairs).



## WEDDING

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George J. Allen and Cassandra M. Carroll were recently married at St. Joseph Church in Bradley. Our parish community wishes them much love and happiness and congratulates them on receiving this wonderful sacrament.

## St. Joseph's Book of Remembrance

Everyone is invited to write names of deceased loved ones in our Book of Remembrance in the back of church.

Each year during November, we remember and honor our departed brothers and sisters.

Please participate in this beautiful tribute.

*May the angels lead you into paradise.*

# Moving Forward On Our Faith Journey



**In-Person Religious Education Class is this Wednesday! We can't wait to begin our newest Bible Adventure with all of our K-8 friends and amazing volunteers when we gather together this Wednesday, Oct. 12, from 4:30-5:45 pm for RE! Don't miss it!! If you need to complete your RE Registration, please visit our the parish website, [www.stjosephbradley.org](http://www.stjosephbradley.org), before coming to class on Wednesday.**



Just in time for the holidays, our parish RE students and families will be selling the delicious bundtlets for \$5 apiece! These make great gifts!

**\*\*\*FIRST SACRAMENTS NEWS: To the families whose children will be making their First Reconciliation and/or First Communion this year, SAVE THE DATE for the First Sacraments Parent-Child Gathering on Wednesday, Oct. 19, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall/ Gym. This will be a very special evening to spend with each other learning more about the sacraments and what to expect for this year!\*\*\***

Cake sales will begin this Wednesday, Oct. 12, and will run until Wednesday, Nov. 2. Watch for more details in the bulletin, at the parish website, and our social media pages. We'll have online ordering and purchasing. We're so excited about this fundraiser! Start making your list!



## SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> <b>Oct. 10</b> <i>Ordinary Time</i> <i>Weekday</i> <b>7:00 a.m.</b> <b>Monday</b> <b>Communion</b> <b>Service</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> <b>Oct. 11</b> <i>St. John XXIII, Pope</i> <b>7:00 a.m. Mass</b> <b>† Rose Mary LaMore</b> by Family & Friends	<b>Wednesday</b> <b>Oct. 12</b> <i>Ordinary Time</i> <b>7:00 a.m. Mass</b> <b>† R. Ann Prince</b> by Family & Friends	<b>Thursday</b> <b>Oct. 13</b> <i>Ordinary Time</i> <b>7:00 a.m. Mass</b> <b>† Janice Mae Sims</b> by G. Davis	<b>Friday</b> <b>Oct. 14</b> <i>St. Callistus, Pope &amp; Martyr</i> <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b> <b>† Carol Johnson</b> by Gene & Pattie Storer & Family	<b>Saturday</b> <b>Oct. 15</b> <i>St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin &amp; Doctor of the Church</i> <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b> <b>† Elmer Fries</b> by Family & Friends
<b>Saturday, October 15</b> <b>4:00 p.m. Vigil</b> † Stella Lambert by Denise Kuffel, Daughter <b>† John &amp; Theresa Hudak</b> by Theresa Parker & Family		<b>Sunday, October 16</b> <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b> † Tom Mitchell (Birthday Memorial) by Alice, Wife † Marie Ellison by Judy Avila & Family <b>11:00 a.m. Mass</b> † Joe Gruber (Anniversary Memorial) by Marilyn, Wife & Family			

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

What do you notice about converts to the faith? Sometimes, it really seems like they are just stronger Catholics than the cradle Catholics. They smile more at Mass. They are awestruck by the Eucharist. They come out of the confessional beaming. Why is this? They remember! They remember what it felt like before the Eucharist or before Confession. They recall before the sacraments and the relief of receiving them. Let's ask ourselves: Have we become too comfortable? Do we receive God's grace with expectation instead of surprise? Have we ceased to marvel and wonder at the goodness of God? If the answer is yes, don't despair. Look at the Gospel—a literal nine times out of ten, God goes un-thanked and un-noticed. So many of us have forgotten, or never understood, what it meant when the leprosy was washed from our souls. But when we remind ourselves, we become aware of the extraordinariness of the gift we have received.—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

**Offerings for the weekend of October 1/2, 2022**

**\$10,057.00**

**4:00 pm: \$4,588.00**

**8:30 am: \$3,010.00**

**11:00 am: \$1,603.00**

**Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: 856.00**

**Food Donations: 50 Pounds**

**Debt Reduction for September 2022: \$936.00**

**PayPal Offerings for September 2022: \$5,351.34**

**Auto-Deduct Giving for September 2022: \$7,756.34**

**Mobile Pantry Giving for September 2022: \$1,517.00**

## *In Loving Memory*

**Please remember in prayer the family of Bill Hammond recently called to eternal life. May he enjoy forever the loving embrace of our God.**

### Readings for the Week of Oct. 9, 2022

**Sunday:** 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4/2 Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

**Monday:** Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32

**Tuesday:** Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41

**Wednesday:** Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 11:42-46

**Thursday:** Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 11:47-54

**Friday:** Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13/Lk 12:1-7

**Saturday:** Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12

**Next Sunday:** Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8

**Mass Readings:** [www.stjosephbradley.org](http://www.stjosephbradley.org)



**The Parish Office will be closed this Monday, Oct. 10, in observance of the Columbus Day holiday.**

Many thanks to all who have signed up for electronic giving. These options are the most convenient ways for giving and staying consistent with your offerings. You can make automated ACH Offerings from your savings or checking accounts. Please clip the form for Auto Deduct on page 7 or download it at the parish website; print; complete; follow the directions and put in collection basket or mail or to the parish. Or stop by the parish office to sign-up for Auto Deduct. Or look for the PayPal Button at our website to set-up contributions through this online payment method. Thanks for your support!

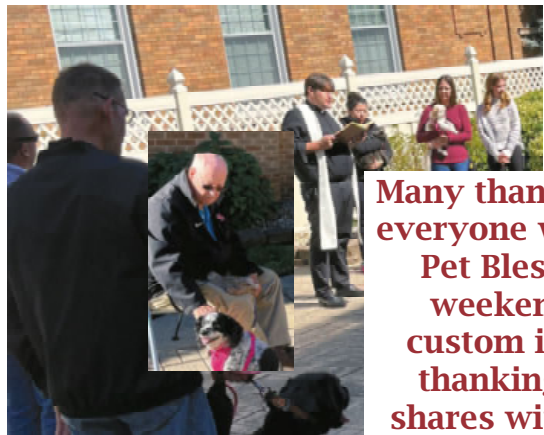
# Many thanks to the Holy Name and their customers!



The word is out among parishioners and in the community that the best place to get a Porkchop Sandwich is St. Joseph Parish! The Holy Name and their families sold out last Sunday with 150 sandwiches purchased!!

Their Drive-Thru Event has become quite a popular occasion at the parish! Proceeds will help with future church projects. Thanks so much to the Holy Name and all of their customers!

## Pet Blessing Services at St. Joseph's



Many thanks to Fr. Marcin and everyone who took part in the Pet Blessing services last weekend. What a happy custom in honor of St. Francis, thanking God for the love He shares with us through our pets.

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

Saturday, Oct. 8

**Daily Mass**

8:30 a.m.

**Vigil Mass**

4:00 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 9

**Mass**

8:30 a.m.

**Mass**

11:00 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 10

**Communion**

**Service**

7:00 a.m.

Church

**Parish Office**

**Closed**

Columbus Day

Tuesday, Oct. 11

**Daily Mass**

7:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 11

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**Eucharistic Adoration**

1:00-6:00 p.m.

Church

*Come for some quiet*

*prayer time with*

*Jesus*

**Lion's Club Meeting**

6:00 p.m.

Ministry Center

**Rosary Group**

6:30 p.m.

Church

Weds, Oct. 12

**Daily Mass**

7:00 a.m.

Church

**BMCS Mass**

9:00 a.m.

Church

Weds, Oct. 12

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**Catholic Charities**

**Class**

10:00 a.m.

Ministry Center

**RE Classes**

4:30-5:45 p.m.

**Knights Meeting**

7:00 p.m.

Ministry Center

Thurs, Oct. 13

**Daily Mass**

7:00 a.m.

**Mobile Pantry**

**Parade Meeting**

10:00 a.m.

Ministry Center

**Men's AA Group**

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Ministry Center

Friday, Oct. 14

**Daily Mass**

8:30 a.m.

Church

**Natural Family**

**Planning Class**

6:00 p.m.

Ministry Center

*All couples must*

*pre-register to*

*attend NFP class*

Sat, Oct. 15

**Daily Mass**

8:30 a.m.

Church

**Outdoor Rosary**

**Rally**

12:00 p.m.

**Vigil Mass**

4:00 p.m.

Church

Sunday, Oct. 9

**Mass**

8:30 a.m.

**Mass**

11:00 a.m.

**Parish Baptisms**

12:15 p.m.

Church

*We have several opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.*

*The weekly schedule is on Page 1. And, appointments can be made by calling the parish at 815-939-3573.*

LITURGICAL ROLES	October 15 4:00 PM	October 16 8:30 AM	October 16 11:00 AM	Are you 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	Michael Ely Mike Worby Bev Emme Janet Gregoire	Pruss Family	Sorich Family	
Lectors	Beth Bisailon (both readings)	Ryan Adams (both readings)	EmilyStorer (1) Jan St. John (2)	
Eucharistic Ministers	Diane Ely Chuck Carnes Michael Yurkowski	Nick Shervino Mira Brosseau Volunteer Needed	Justin Sommer Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Harrison Adams	Babiaka Children	
Presiders	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	

## Faith enrichment and community happenings

The **Servants of the Holy Heart of Mary** have scheduled many programs and workshops. The schedule is as follows:

*"Ending Homelessness the Hesed House Way,"* Thursday, Oct. 13, 9:30-11am via ZOOM. Joe Jackson, executive director of Hesed House in Aurora, will share some background on homelessness and talk through some root causes and misconceptions. The cost is \$15 person. *"Caring for our Common Home: The Spirituality of Laudato Si,"* Thursday, Oct. 20, 9-10:30am, at Nazareth Spirituality Center in Batavia, IL. Join us for a morning presentation and reflection based on Pope Francis' writings as we explore the challenges and hopes for being stewards of God's gift of creation. The cost is \$15 person. *"Tai Chi and Getting in the Driver's Seat,"* Thursday, Oct. 27, 9:30-11am, at One Soul Spirituality Center on Route 113 in Kankakee. Join us for a practical tai chi lesson that includes centering in the breath, mindfulness and movement as well as history of this martial art and science behind how it works. The cost is \$15 person. More information and registration for these programs can be found at: <https://www.sscm-usa.org/Workshops-Retreats.html>. For complete details and the list of all additional upcoming programs and SSCM services, contact Susan Amann at 708-790-8141 or [samann@sscm-usa.org](mailto:samann@sscm-usa.org).

The first drawing of **Bishop McNamara Catholic School's Progressive Raffle** is Saturday, Oct. 14, 2022! Each raffle ticket enters you into two raffles with a total payout of \$120,000! Winning tickets will go back in the mix for the final drawing on Saturday, Nov. 12. Get tickets from school families, at any of our BMCS sites, or online at [bishopmac.com/raffle](http://bishopmac.com/raffle).

The **Diocese of Joliet Catholic Committee on Scouting** invites scouts to the Fall Day of Recollection, "Navigating Our Faith: Theotokos," on Sunday, Oct. 16, from 1-6 p.m. (Mass at 5 p.m.) at St. John Paul II in Kankakee. We will be learning about our Eastern neighbors with Fr. Thomas Loya of Annunciation Byzantine Catholic Church. We will pray together and have scouting fun with a compass course, pizza dinner, and more! Boards of Review will be available for older scouts. Those in grade K-5 must be accompanied by an adult. To register, visit [dioceseofjoliet/scouting](http://dioceseofjoliet/scouting) or contact Stephanie Quigley at 815-295-0406.

**Bob and Zandra Cross** will be celebrating retirement from the Love Store and 45 years of business with an open house at St. John Paul II in Kankakee on Sunday, Oct. 23. Join them for 3 p.m. Mass or stop by 4-6 p.m. in the parish center.

**Fr. Vern Arseneau** is celebrating 50 years of Ordination. In gratitude for the parishioners of St. Joseph Parish in Bradley, where he went to school and was confirmed and ordained and was his family home, Fr. Vern invites us to An Evening of Thanksgiving on Friday, Oct. 28, at St. Rose Chapel in Kankakee. Mass will begin at 6 p.m. followed by a gathering afterward. RSVP: 815-573-5455. And feel free to send a note of memories to PO Box 501, Bradley, IL. Fr. Vern is eager to see you!

**River Valley Special Recreation** is sponsoring its Great Mouse Race on Saturday, Nov. 6, at Knights of Columbus Hall in Kankakee. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the first race starts at 7 p.m. The cost is \$25. Join us for the races, raffles, appetizers and games! For tickets and details, call 815-933-7336. Proceeds support recreation opportunities for those with special needs.

**Ascension St. Mary's Hospital** in Kankakee invites you to join their Volunteer Team! They're looking for friendly, energetic men and women to help make a difference with their patient and family experience! Surgical waiting greeters are needed on Friday from 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and subs needed from 7-11:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Concierges are needed throughout the week from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. or 12 p.m.-4 p.m. There are many other volunteer opportunities at St. Mary's Hospital. For complete details, please call 815-937-2479.



# Bishop Ronald Hicks' Column for October 2022



## *Pruning our diocesan tree so that we may thrive and grow*

**For anyone who lives in the Midwest or northern regions of the United States, news of consolidations, mergers and closings of Catholic parishes and schools has become a frequent reality. Across the country, Catholic dioceses and archdioceses are implementing or have completed restructuring processes, including Cincinnati, Columbus, Boston, Pittsburgh and St. Louis.**



Closer to home, our neighbors on our diocesan borders also have begun or have been attending to these same issues. Specifically, the Archdiocese of Chicago has been engaged in a seven-year, proactive process of structural and spiritual renewal known as “Renew My Church.” Also, just recently, the Diocese of Peoria announced its two-year process of pastoral planning called “Growing Disciples.”

When I was installed as the bishop of the Diocese of Joliet two years ago, I was immediately inundated with statistics of too few pastors to cover too many parishes, especially as we project the numbers into the near future. I was also confronted with declining Mass attendance and budgetary issues, all exacerbated by the pandemic.

Many people have continued to ask me, “Bishop, are you planning on running a ‘Renew My Church’ in our diocese?” My answer has been consistent and constant: “Our parishes and schools will need to be looked at. However, before that, I need to get my own house in order.” “My own house” refers to the diocesan offices and the Catholic Schools Office, which are housed in the Blanchette Catholic Center (BCC.)

To do so, I hired consultants known as The Reid Group. They are practicing Catholics who know and love the Church. They are also excellent at intensive listening, identifying issues and making recommendations to help dioceses change in order to thrive. Following their recommendations, we have streamlined the BCC’s staffing from 99 to 70 employees and updated our organizational chart to reflect an approach that is outward-focused, effective and efficient. While this change has been successful in reducing our operating deficit and achieving a balanced budget, I am also keenly aware of the real-life impact of this process. Severance packages and an extremely healthy job market may have eased the transition for the affected individuals, yet this type of change is never easy. Please join me in my continuing prayers for the individuals impacted by the changes.

The Reid Group also recommended that after getting “my house in order,” we should embark on a second phase to review diocesan parishes and schools. They emphasized that if we are going to ensure continued vitality in our diocese, then we would need to consider possible mergers, consolidations, or closures. To begin this process, since July, I have gathered my senior staff at the BCC with the eight pastors who serve as deans -- or leaders -- of the eight deaneries -- geographic regions -- of the diocese. So far, we have met to listen to facts and trends, and have had discussions about potential parishes and schools that may need to merge, consolidate or close. At these initial

meetings, I have been clear that I will NOT ask all our parishes and schools to participate in this process. Instead, we will focus on specific areas in the Diocese of Joliet to address specific situations. To reiterate, phase two will NOT be a diocesan-wide process. Instead, it will occur over the next two to three years in what I am calling a targeted restructuring.

Some people have already asked me--some jokingly and some seriously--if I already have a secret list in a vault in my office containing the names of the parishes and schools that will be affected. The answer to that question is an emphatic “No!” My senior staff and the deans will discern and collaborate to create a list of parishes and schools whose futures will need to be addressed in three stages: urgent; in the next year; and in two to three years. When we have reached consensus on what parishes and schools will be affected by this targeted restructuring process, we will continue to share and publish the information through various channels, including our diocesan website.

Once specific parishes and schools are informed they will be engaged in targeted restructuring, they will begin a process of preparation, assessment and discernment before final decisions are made or changes implemented. Please know we are committed to actively listening to the voices of the pastors, principals, parishioners, parish employees and volunteers. During these past two years, you have often heard me praise the Diocese of Joliet. We are a great diocese filled with amazing laity, religious and priests. We are experiencing so much success implementing my vision of catechesis, evangelization and faith into action. Why, then, am I leading us into this targeted restructuring? It is because most of us want to see a Church that is focused on the mission of Jesus Christ and not on the preservation of our buildings. As missionary disciples, we should all desire a Church that is thriving, growing and following the Gospel. In other words, everything we do as a Church needs to be about the salvation of souls.

At the end of the day, I do not want us to be viewed as a diocese that buried its head in the sand or kicked the can down the road. Instead, with deep faith in God, we need to prune some of the structural branches, so that our Church can continue to produce great fruit.

Soon, we will announce which parishes and schools in our diocese will participate in the urgent phase of the targeted restructuring process. We ask that you receive this news with an open, collaborative heart focused on the common good of our diocese. Please join me in praying for this process so that we all may seek and hear the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we begin this journey together.+

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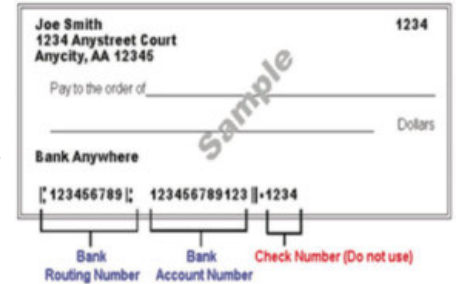


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