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## **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.

## **Pastoral Staff**

#### **Pastor**

Rev. Marcin Michalak

## **Music Director**

Brad Benoit

### **Pastoral Associate**

Deacon Greg Clodi

## **Business Manager**

Pattie Storer

## **Director of Communications**

Paul Storer

## **Religious Education**

Brenda McLean RE Phone: 815-937-9340

#### Youth Ministry

Sandra Jefferson Direct Line: 815-802-9130

## Other

#### **Prayer Line**

Sharon Monty: 815-954-4922 parishadmin@stjosephbradley.org

#### **Parish Office**

Mon-Thurs 9am-4pm Friday 9am-1 pm Phone: (815) 939-3573

## **Parish Website**

www.stjosephbradley.org

### **Social Media**

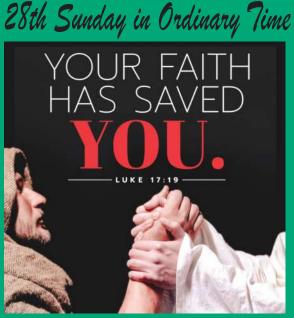
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October 12, 20



In this weekend's Gospel, ten lepers cry out to Jesus for mercy—and all are healed. Yet only one, a Samaritan, returns to give thanks. We turn to God when we are in need, but how often do we return in thanksgiving once our prayers are answered? Every day is filled with gifts seen and unseen—that reveal God's love. Like the grateful leper, we are invited to pause, recognize these blessings, and respond with gratitude. (Luke 17:11-19)

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# Donut Sunday Is This Weekend!



This Sunday, Oct. 12, after the 11am Mass, head over to the parish hall for some coffee, donuts and fellowship. (Welcome back Donut Sunday, we've missed you!) All invited!

The Parish Office will be closed this Monday, Oct. 13, in observance of Columbus Day



# Ready to roll? The CCW is having a Bunco Night this Tuesday, Oct. 14th



All ladies of the Parish are more than welcome!

Join us this Tuesday, Oct. 14 at 7pm in the Parish Hall for our CCW meeting followed by a fun-filled Bunco Party!

Come for the meeting, stay for the laughter, dice rolling, and fun! Whether you're a pro or first-time player, you're sure to have a great time. Bring your lucky dice and a friend. We'll see you there!



# Altar Server Training at St. Joseph Church

We are holding an Altar Server Training Session this Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 5:45pm in the church. All students in third grade and up are invited to become servers. Veteran servers are welcome too for a helpful refresher. Being an altar server is a special way to serve God and our parish. Servers take on an important role in the liturgy and learn the meaning of the Mass in a deeper way.

# Don't worry about cooking this Thursday



This Thursday, Oct. 16, 9:30am-9pm go to Panda Express on Rt. 50 in Bradley and 20% of your bill will be donated to St. Joseph's RE Program. Bring the yellow flyer in this bulletin with you or download one on our website and show it on your smartphone. Thanks for your support!

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here recently! Way to go, PAW Patrol!

## Sweet Outreach Support

The Knights of Columbus extend a heartfelt thank you to our parish family for your incredible response to this year's Tootsie Roll Drive! When new restrictions prevented the Knights from collecting outside local stores, they turned to St. Joseph Parish for help and you turned their SOS into Sweet Outreach Support! The Tootsie Rolls sold out after just three weekend Masses!! Thank you for your support for programs that assist individuals with intellectual disabilities.



## Next Weekend

On Oct. 18/19, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday, a day when Catholics unite to support the Church's missionary work across the globe. This year, the Holy Father has selected, "Missionaries of Hope Among the Peoples" as the

WMS theme, reminding us that we are all called to be bearers of hope—sharing Christ's love with those in need, near and far. Please pray for this work and use the envelope in your parish offertory packet to give a monetary gift to support it.

## SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday
October 13
Columbus
Day
7:00 a.m.
Communion
Service

Tuesday
October 14
St. Callistus I
7:00 a.m. Mass
† Ted
(Anniversary
Memorial) &
Theresa
(Sadowski)
Tusinski by
Family & Friends

Wednesday
October 15
St. Teresa of
Jesus
7:00 a.m. Mass
† Wayne, Pat &
Michael McCarty
by Joanne
Lambert
9:00 a.m.
BMCS Mass

Thursday
October 16
St. Hedwig,
Religious &
St. Margaret
Mary Alacoque
7:00 a.m. Mass
† Joseph &
Helena Las by
Anna
Kobylarczyk

Friday
October 17
St. Ignatius
of Antioch,
Bishop
8:30 a.m.
Mass
† Theresa
Parker by
Kathy Dionne
Dietrich

October 18
St. Luke,
Apostle &
Evangelist
8:30 a.m.
Mass
† Madeleine
"Madge"
Power" by
Estate

Saturday

Saturday, October 18 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass

† Clarence Miedema by Cathie Miedema † Ronald Baughman by Family † Duane Denault (Birthday Memorial) by Susan (Wife) Sunday, October 19

8:30 a.m. Mass † Bob LaFontaine (Birthday Memorial) by Family \*The McCarty Family by the Hodak Family 11:00 a.m. Mass † Rosella & Frances Knittel by Al & Pat Knittel † Larry Null (Birthday Memorial) by Debbie (Wife)

## PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

"Your faith has saved you." We hear Jesus declare this several times in the Gospels: to the woman bold enough to grasp for his cloak, to the men who testify he can restore their sight, to the leper kneeling before him in thanks. It's so easy to think that I have done all the necessary work by simply believing. Yes, I believe! Well, so what? Satan believes, too. It doesn't do him any good. The lepers had faith—so they begged Jesus to heal them. They had faith—so they followed his instructions and went to the priests. Their faith motivated these actions, which led to their physical healing. But only one had faith strong enough to understand that physical healing doesn't mean anything without spiritual results. Only one had enough faith to go back to the source of his healing and say, "Thank you. Now what?" I have enough faith to know that God can heal me. But do I have enough faith to embrace the purpose for which He heals me? If Jesus tells you that your faith has saved you, he isn't talking about faith as merely an internally held belief. In each of these Gospel passages, he's talking about faith as a conviction that is making itself seen. Heard. Felt. He's talking about faith that is so strong it becomes action. This is the faith I hope I can have.-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings for the weekend of October 4/5, 2025

\$15,264.00 3:00 pm: \$3,272.00 8:30 am: \$2,532.00 11:00 am: \$7,855.00

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$1,555.00
Additional Sunday Offerings: \$50.00

Food Donations: 30 Pounds

# Remembrance Book

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 at St. Joseph Church.

Readings for the Week of October 12, 2025

**Sunday:** 2 Kgs 5:14-17/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/2

Tm 2:8-13/Lk 17:11-19

**Monday:** Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 11:29-32

**Tuesday:** Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 11:37-41 Wednesday: Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9/Lk 11:42-

**Thursday:** Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Lk 11:47-54

**Friday:** Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11/Lk 12:1-7 **Saturday:** 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9

8/LK 10:1-9

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

(see 2)/2 Tm 3:14-4:2/Lk 18:1-8

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org

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Annual Pet Blessing in honor of St. Francis Day!









On Oct. 4, we celebrated the Feast of St.
Francis of Assisi with our annual Pet
Blessing in the courtyard at St. Joseph
Parish. This wonderful tradition reminds us
that all creatures, great and small, are gifts

from God and part of His creation. There were plenty of smiles, barks, and even a few meows as Fr. Marcin blessed each of the pets, including his own dog, Marcus, who happily enjoyed the water and meeting all the other animals at the event. It

was such a joyful little prayer service filled with wagging tails, grateful hearts, laughs and the beautiful spirit of St. Francis.

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

Saturday, Oct. 11 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Church Sunday, Oct. 12 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 Monday, Oct. 13 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Church

Parish Office

**Columbus Day** 

Closed for

Tuesday, Oct. 14 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 **CCW Meeting & Bunco Party** 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall All ladies of the parish invited! Weds, Oct. 15 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church **BMCS** (Bradley) Mass 9:00 a.m. Church **RE Session** 5:30-6:45 p.m.

Parish

Weds, Oct. 15 (continued) Altar Server **Training Session** 5:45 p.m. Church 3rd graders and up can be servers Thurs, Oct. 16 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church **Panda Express Fundraiser** 9:30 a.m.-10 p.m. Men's AA Group 7:00-9:00 p.m. Ministry Center Friday, Oct. 17 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church **Mobile Food Pantry** 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Friday, Oct. 17 (continued) Wedding Rehearsal 6:00 p.m. Church Saturday, Oct. 18 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Knights' Tree **Cutting Project** 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Parish Property **Faith Buddies** 9:30-11:00 a.m. Ministry Center Religious Education for children with disabilities Adams/Patrick Weddina 1:00 p.m. Church

Saturday, Oct. 18 (continued) CSI: Saints. Smores & **Sweets** 5:00-7:00 p.m. Parish Hall Confirmation Candidates Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Church Sunday, Oct. 19 Masses 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. Church Kniahts' Collection Barrel for Veterans Home in Manteno will be out this weekend **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 of the Bulletin. Appointments for Confession can also be made by calling the Parish Office at 815-939-3573.

ROLES FOR NEXT WEEKEND	October 18 4:00 PM Mass	October19 8:30 AM Mass	October 19 11:00 AM Mass	Interested in any of these Liturgical Ministries? You're invited to contact the parish office to set-up a brief training session. Ministers can go online to see when scheduled, request subs and input dates when they're unavailable to minister.
Hospitality Ministers	Ellen Taylor Kent Taylor Mike Worby Marian Worby	Aliess Bedford Felicity Bedford Pruss Family	Melissa Sederholm Michael Sederholm Paul Storer Emily Sue Storer	
Lectors	Chuck Carnes	Mary Kay Blankestyn	Tom LaRocque	
Eucharistic Ministers	Becky Graf Jim Graf Annie Kidd Patricia Croix Peggy Blanchette	Kathy Storer Michael Storer Lindsay Adams Ryan Adams Jasmine Elumbaugh	Jason Grizzle Mollie Grizzle Pat Knittel Paul Storer Volunteer Needed	
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Adelaide Bedford	Auggie LaRocque Jane Quigley Mia Burns	
Presider	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	

: CHIPS:

# Snack Drive for Veterans

The Knights of Columbus are proud to continue their support of the residents at the Illinois Veterans Home in Manteno—and this year, they invite all parishioners to join them in a special way!

Unlike in past years, the Veterans Home is requesting snack donations rather than clothing or personal items. Snacks help bring comfort and community to the residents while brightening their day with small treats to share.

Starting next weekend, a barrel will be located in the back of the church for contributions throughout October.

Requested items (store-bought only): small boxes of raisins, small candy bars (no nuts), individually packaged chips, pretzels, soft granola/cereal bars, Hawaiian Punch (gallon size), regular and decaf coffee, individually packaged cheese crackers, sugarfree chocolate bars, cases of soda (diet or regular),

sugar-free gum, and individually packaged cookies or snack cakes.

Thank you for helping our veterans feel remembered and appreciated!



With joyful hearts, we share news of the recent baptism of Liam Fernando Vazquez Esparza, son of Jose Vazquez and Juana Esparza Vazquez. May he grow in faith, love, and grace, surrounded by the prayers and support of all of us here at St. Joseph Parish. Congrats and abundant blessings to Liam's family!

# **AED Training Session**

All Hospitality Ministers—and anyone else interested—are asked to attend 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.

Holy Ween at St. Joseph Parish!

Sunday, Nov. 2, from 12-2pm 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. Mark your calendars, bring the kids and grandkids and all of their friends. It's going to be a great time at our parish!



# \*Rake & Run Requests Open\*

Need a hand with fall cleanup? Our CSI Youth Ministry is gearing up for a Rake N Run on Oct. 25, and they'd love to help! If you—or a senior, neighbor, or friend—could use some assistance getting your yard raked this fall, fill out the Rake Request Form below. Our amazing CSI teens will reach out and add you to their route. Seniors and those in need are especially invited to sign up or be nominated by someone who cares!

And if you'd like to join the raking crew, youth or adult, contact Mrs. Jefferson to get involved!

Name\_\_\_\_\_ Phone\_\_\_\_ Address\_\_\_\_

Check where leaves are to be piled: at the curb by the back of the property bag and put by the curb Other:

St. Joseph's Youth Ministery presents

## SAINTS, S'MORES, N SWEETS



All 8th-grade confirmation candidates are invited and high schoolers and parents are encouraged to come and help

lead activities. It will be a fun time of faithbuilding and activities on the topic of Saints with a feast of smores and other yummy goodies. See you next Saturday, Oct. 18, from 5-7pm in the parish hall. Fun! Fun! Fun!

## **Eagle Scout Project**

Parishioner Sean Quigley is working on his Eagle Scout Project, building a Blessing Box for St. Joseph Parish. This outdoor box will provide a simple way for parishioners and members of the community to both give and receive help—offering nonperishable food items, small necessities, or other acts of kindness. Sean is gathering materials to complete the project. Items needed include plywood, lumber, screws, hinges, plexiglass, paint, and threaded metal pipe. If you would like to donate supplies or lend a hand, email squigley39@yahoo.com.

## **Mustard Seed List**



+Old Pavers Project/\$800 gratefully received

+New Phone System/\$610 gratefully received/Price quotes are expected for this project next week

+New Power Washer/\$310.00

+Dream Item/New Doors/St. Joseph Church



Have you read the bishop's new pastoral letter? It is most certainly not too late!! We have a link at St. Joseph's website. Please familiarize yourself with it to discover how you and your loved ones can live as disciples and help make other disciples in our community!

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 group is rooted in the spirituality of St. Ignatius. Participants will grow in self-knowledge, encounter Christ, and seek clarity in their discernment. 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.

Board Meeting: The Kankakee Deanery CCW Board invites the women of our St. Joseph Parish in Bradley to their next meeting on Monday, Oct. 27, at 5pm at St. John Paul II in Kankakee. For details, call 815-545-9519.

Spaghetti Dinner: The Sons and Daughters of Italy are sponsoring this event from noon-5pm on Sunday, Nov. 2, at Tucci's in Bourbonnais. Tickets are adults—\$15, children ages 5-12—\$10, under 5—free. Get a great dinner for causes, including Catholic Charities, Uplifted Care, and Harbor House. For menu details and tickets, call 815-953-6670.

Seminary Trip: The Joliet Diocese is sponsoring a trip to St. John Vianney in St. Paul, MN, Nov. 13-15. If you know a young man (16-18) that you feel in priest material or discerning a vocation, invite him and ask him to find out more at https://tinyurl.com/yp7262vx or call 815-221-6171. This will be the opportunity to experience college seminary, attend Mass, prayer and spiritual conferences with SJV priests and hear testimonies from SJV seminarians.

# Introducing the Massport!



Starting this weekend, our Religious Education students will begin using Massports—passport-style booklets that help track Sunday Mass attendance. After each Mass, children can bring their Massport to a hospitality minister to receive a stamp. If they attend Mass at another parish, bringing back that parish's bulletin will count instead. The Massport program is a simple and fun way to encourage our youth and families to stay rooted in the Eucharist each week.





A little glimpse of last Wednesday's RE session at St. Joseph's...



Our Religious Education program is having a Bundt Cake Sale. See all the delicious flavors and download and print the order form at our parish website. Complete the form and bring it with your payment to the parish office. Or put it in the collection basket at Mass. Or simply stop by the parish office to place your order. Pick-up will be Nov. 22.



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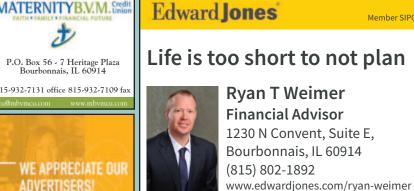
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