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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; 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 Leon Fritz 815-932-6909

Registration

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

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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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Parish Nurse-Call the Parish
Office; enter #307 and leave
your message for the parish
nurse.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time



The king said to his servants, "The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come. Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find." The servants went out into the streets and gathered all they found, bad and good alike, and the hall was filled with guests. (Mt 22:9)

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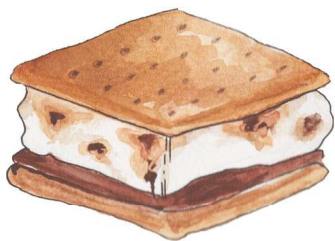
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October 15, 2023

Saints and S'mores at St. Joseph's



Our Youth Ministry is sponsoring Saints and S'mores next Sunday, Oct. 22, from 3:30-5:30pm in the Parish Hall for all of our 8th grade Confirmation candidates. All teens of

the parish and their friends are welcome to join in the fun and seventh graders are invited too! We'll have faith building, Saint activities, and a huge feast of s'mores and hot cocoa! Tell your children and grandchildren. It's going to be a blast!!

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. (Please use both sides of the pages).

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

Join with parishioners and friends in this prayerful tribute.

The Book is in the Back of Church

Helping Hands Fund



Parish neighbors and families are struggling financially to keep a roof over their heads, to put food

on the table, and to keep the utilities going, especially during this change of season.

Please consider helping others in need through St. Joseph's Helping Hands fund. This account allows us to respond to immediate needs of parishioners and neighbors who come to the church for help.

Over the last several months, the outreach dollars have dwindled as we have helped community members and parishioners in need.

We are currently looking to replenish the fund. Please use a Helping Hands envelope in the pews to help increase our balance enabling us to continue to offer a helping hand to those who need assistance. Thanks in advance for your care and support for this loving outreach!



Go to www.stjosephbradley.org to volunteer for the Mobile Food Pantry happening next Friday at St. Joseph Parish or call the church office. And, please spread the word about this opportunity from 10-11:30 a.m. on Oct. 20 to receive food. Thanks for your support!

SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday October 16 <i>St. Hedwig & St. Margaret Mary Alacoque</i> 7 a.m. Communion Service	Tuesday October 17 <i>St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop</i> 7 a.m. Mass † James Knittel by Al & Pat Knittel	Wednesday October 18 <i>St. Luke</i> 7 a.m. Mass † Richard Potter by Adlorene Ray 9 a.m. BMCS Mass	Thursday October 19 <i>St. John de Brébeuf & St. Isaac Jogues</i> 7 a.m. Mass *The People of St. Joseph Parish	Friday October 20 <i>St. Paul of the Cross</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass † Dorothy Mayotte by Mike & Meghan Downey	Saturday October 21 <i>Ordinary Time Weekday</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass *The People of St. Joseph Parish
Saturday, October 21 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass † Larry Null (Birthday Memorial) by Gifford Family † Neil Lockwood (Wedding Anniversary) by Wife, Margaret Bullock			Sunday, October 22 8:30 a.m. Mass † Danny Tomlinson by Family † Grazina Sommer (Anniversary Memorial) by Family 11:00 a.m. Mass † Ronald Hart (Birthday Memorial) by Joanne, Wife, & Family		

PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

My van is packed with extra clothes, snacks, sunscreen, and seasonal outerwear. You never know when you're going to pass a free splash pad or an amazing sledding hill. And you never know when one of the kids is going to find an irresistible mud pile. All this pre-planning for fun and disaster, and still, I usually devote a fraction of that effort to spiritual preparedness. I swap out my traveling first-aid kit every season, imagining hypothetical emergencies—and I push confession off. "I haven't committed any mortal sins," I tell myself, "And I'm just so busy." I shove extra outfits into my trunk on the off-chance my son decides to paint himself in Go-Gurt—and I shrug off the daily examinations of conscience that could help me overcome a persistent sin. I stock my purse with bags of Cheerios to ward off sneaky attacks of kid hunger—and I fall asleep without saying the Rosary, murmuring to myself: "I'm so tired. Mary understands." I am so overwhelmed by the here-and-now, that I forget there is only one eventuality I—or any of us—can expect with any certainty. We will all be invited to the feast. Is my van stocked for that?—Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings for the weekend of October 7/8, 2023

\$6,973.10

4:00 pm: \$3,144.00

8:30 am: \$1,838.10

11:00 am: \$1,391.00

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$600.00

Food Donations: 50 Pounds

Readings for the Week of October 15, 2023

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (6cd)/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

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: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk 10:1-9

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: Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 (7b)/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org



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All Saints & All Souls Days



Next weekend, Oct. 21 and 22, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support missions in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve extremely vulnerable communities. Please pray for these efforts and be generous to help support the Society for the Propagation of the Faith. An envelope for this special collection is in your offertory packet from the parish.

All Saints Day Masses on November 1 (Holy Day of Obligation) are scheduled at: 7am, 8:30am and 7pm. All Souls Day Masses on November 2 are scheduled at: 7am and 7pm. (Ministers are needed on both days. Sign-up online or call the parish office to volunteer).



In Loving Memory

Please keep in your prayers the families of Denise (Auberry) Belt and Kenneth Collette recently called to eternal life. May they enjoy forever the loving embrace of our God.

The Week at a glance at St. Joseph Parish

<p>Saturday, Oct. 14</p> <p>Mass 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Church (Knights' Veterans Collection)</p> <p>Sunday, Oct. 15</p> <p>Mass 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Mass 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>(Knights' Veterans Collection)</p> <p>Parish Baptisms 12:15 p.m.</p> <p>Church</p>	<p>Monday, Oct. 16</p> <p>Communion Service 7:00 a.m.</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Tuesday, Oct. 17</p> <p>Mass 7:00 a.m.</p> <p>Nursing Home Adoration 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Rosary 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>Church</p>	<p>Weds, Oct. 18</p> <p>Mass 7:00 a.m.</p> <p>BMCS Mass 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>RE Class 4:30-5:45 p.m.</p> <p>Choir Practice 5:30-7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Thurs, Oct. 19</p> <p>Mass 7:00 a.m.</p> <p>Men's AA Group 7:00-9:00 p.m.</p> <p>Ministry Center</p>	<p>Friday, Oct. 20</p> <p>Mass 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Mobile Food Pantry 10 a.m.</p> <p>Church Parking Lots & Adjacent Streets</p> <p>Saturday, Oct. 21</p> <p>Mass 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Church (Knights' Veterans Collection)</p>	<p>Sunday, Oct. 22</p> <p>Mass 8:30 a.m.</p> <p>Church</p> <p>Mass 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>Church (Knights' Veterans Collection)</p> <p>Saints & S'mores 3:30 p.m.</p> <p>Parish Hall (Confirmation & Pre-Confirmation Session & Youth Ministry Activity for grades 7 and up)</p>
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See page 1 for the weekly Reconciliation Schedule. Appointments can also be made by calling the Parish Office.

LITURGICAL ROLES	October 21 4:00 PM Mass	October 22 8:30 AM Mass	October 22 11:00 AM Mass	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 Janet Gregoire Mike Worby	Pruss Family Dick Jenkins	Paul Storer Emily Sue Storer Katelyn Storer	
Lectors	Chuck Carnes (both readings)	Gert Auberry (both readings)	Tom LaRocque (1) Lupita Sorich (2)	
Eucharistic Ministers	Diane Ely Pat Yurkowski Michael Yurkowski Vicki Burgener Peggy Blanchette	Mira Brosseau John Chinski Annie Kidd Daniel Trivino Mary Kay Pittman	Jim Graf Becky Graf Jenna Jamros Paul Storer	
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Harrison Adams Hudson Adams	Aiden & Eleanor Jamros Shane Martin	
Deacons	Deacon Greg Clodi		Deacon Leon Fritz	
Presiders	Fr. Charles Wheeler	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	

St Joseph Bradley RE 2023-2024

Growing in Faith and Passing it On

We are excited for another Religious Education session happening this Wednesday, Oct. 18, from 4:30-5:45pm at the parish. Thank you to the parents for giving us the opportunity to grow our faith with the children and you as well. Our faith is like a dandelion; rooted so deep and strong that even when plucked, the seeds scatter in the wind. As our faith scatters, we multiply God's love. This leads us to our RE theme: "Growing in Faith and Passing It On!" See you on Wednesday for a great session!

Faith Buddies



**Religious Education &
Sacramental Preparation for children
and teens with special needs**

Classes are held each month at St Joseph Parish in Manteno. The next session is planned for Saturday, Oct. 21, from 9:30-11am. For details or to register, please contact Anita Lovell in our parish RE office at 815-937-9340 or alovell@stjosephbradley.org.

Great Mouse Race!



November 4th

River Valley Special Recreation Foundation is sponsoring its annual Great Mouse Race on Saturday, Nov. 4, at the Civic Auditorium in Kankakee. Doors open at 6pm and races start at 7pm. Cost is \$25 per person. Join us for the mouse races, raffles, appetizers and other games! For tickets, call 815-933-7336. Proceeds will help support recreation opportunities for those with special needs.



One of last year's great winners was St. Joseph parishioner Fred Waide!



Save My Scholarship

There is an issue pending at the Illinois Capitol that is urgent for over 9,000 children attending non-public schools through the Invest in Kids Tuition Tax Credit Scholarship. Many attend Catholic schools.

Read the letter from the Illinois bishops at www.stjosephbradley.org. Bishop Hicks and the other Catholic leaders in our state are asking us to contact our elected officials and convey our opinion that the Invest in Kids scholarship program should continue.

If the General Assembly in Springfield does not act to extend the program during its upcoming session in late October, the program will end. Many children from lower income families will have to disrupt their education and will not be able to attend the school of their parent's choice next school year. Please do your part to save this critical scholarship program.

Class Reunion: Did you graduate from St. Elizabeth Seton High School in South Holland, IL, in 1975? The 50th Class Reunion is being planned and we are looking for you! On Facebook, search "Seton Academy 50th Reunion Class of 1975" or email us at seton50reunion2025@gmail.com. Our committee is looking forward to hearing from you!

Telephone Reassurance Program: This Catholic Charities program matches volunteers to older adults for weekly telephone conversations that foster connection, increase socialization, and reduce feelings of loneliness. We are inviting individuals who might be interested to register for this program. To receive calls, you must be 60-plus, live in Grundy, Will, or Kankakee counties, and want to make a social connection over the phone. Volunteers are also needed. The commitment is about 3-6 hours per week. As a volunteer, you will receive orientation and training. All volunteers must pass federal and state background checks. You can volunteer from the comfort of your own home. To learn more or to sign-up, call 815-221-6020.

Diocese Jobs: There are many career opportunities in the offices of the Diocese of Joliet and at parishes and institutions throughout its seven-county area. You can find out details about all available positions and begin the application process at: www.diojoliet.org/offices/careers.

'Chopped' Champion coming to Joliet Diocese with a powerful talk about our spiritual food!



From Soup Kitchen to Chopped Champion Sr. Alicia Torres will share stories, both thoughtful and fun at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet on Nov. 9, 2023.

Sr. Alicia is a member of the Franciscans of the Eucharist of Chicago, a religious community that carries out

the mission of the Church through service to the poor, evangelization, teaching and Eucharistic Adoration. She holds bachelor's and master's degrees in theology and teaching respectively and currently works at Our Lady of the Angels Mission on Chicago's West Side, and serves as a religion teacher in an inner-city Catholic School. She has been involved in many media projects, including competing and winning on the Food Network's Chopped in 2015 and has contributed articles to several media outlets, including Catholic News Service.

"I've come to see the Eucharist as a person who invites us to slow down and be loved intimately, even when things seem busy and beyond our control."

"I think that the Holy Spirit has great plans ... we just have to get out of the way and just be the hands and feet and allow the Lord to touch hearts."

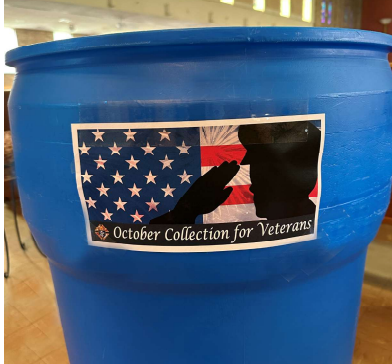
"If you and I are honest, don't we have a deep, innate desire for home? And no matter how good it can get this side of heaven, that desire is just never fully satisfied."

"I was very sick. Slowly, in prayer before the Eucharist and in the solitude of my room, I realized that I was never alone—all around me and within me was the secret, silent, hidden presence of God."

"Little did I realize, that as I kept Jesus company on that deep, dark night, he was not only planting the seeds of my vocation, but helping me discover a great secret: that while what I did for him was good, who I am in him was even better—a truth he longed to share with me."

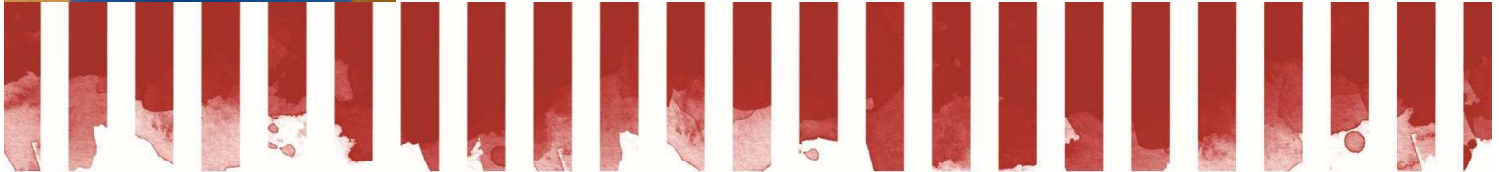


Save the date for this presentation (6pm, Thursday, Nov. 9). It will be an awesome experience with Sister's stories and insights on Eucharist!



Look for this barrel at the back of church

The Knights of Columbus are collecting Move-In-Essentials for veterans transitioning to permanent housing. Please donate new household items at church. Personal hygiene, bathroom and miscellaneous items are requested. Donations will be accepted at St. Joseph's until Sunday, Oct. 29. Other details and example items are available at the parish website.



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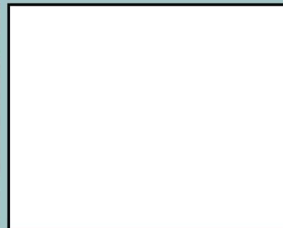
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