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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 Leon Fritz 815-932-6909

Registration

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

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29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



They handed Jesus the Roman coin. He said to them, "Whose image is this and whose inscription?" They replied, "Caesar's." At that he said to them, "Then repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (Mt 22:21)

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Bring pictures of deceased loved ones to church



Starting next weekend, Oct. 28-29, you are invited to bring pictures of deceased loved ones to St. Joseph's. Please place them on the table in the back of church. These will be part of the display for All Souls Day and remain throughout November as we recall and thank God for the gift of those who have passed into eternal life. Please participate in this beautiful tribute.

Why do we remember the deceased during November?

On the feasts of All Saints and All Souls and throughout November, the church calls us to embrace the reality known as the communion of saints through vivid reminders. This belief stresses the strong affirmation that the church is always one in Christ. Death does not sever any of the bonds that unite us in Christ. That is why it is a fitting practice to pray for the dead and to ask them to pray for us. Just as we do that for each other when we are alive, so, too, do we continue that bond and concern for each other even beyond death. ©LPi

The Book of Remembrance is in the back of our church

As we prepare for our celebration of the Faithful Departed in November, please take a moment before or after Mass to write names of deceased loved ones in our Book of Remembrance in the back of church. (Please use both sides of the pages). The book is traditionally part of our display in the sanctuary to honor our departed brothers and sisters in November. Regardless of when your loved ones died, please write their names in this book and join us in this prayerful tribute.



Special Masses at St. Joseph Church at the start of November

The celebrations of All Saints and All Souls begin the month of November, which is the time in the church that we honor our deceased brothers and sisters. We have three Masses planned on All Saints Day (Wednesday, Nov. 1). The schedule for this Holy Day of Obligation is as follows: 7am, 8:30am and 7pm. Meanwhile, we will have our regular 7am Mass on All Souls Day (Thursday, Nov. 2) and a special Memorial Mass at 7pm. All are invited to attend.

Ministers Needed for All Souls Evening Mass

We have several ministry positions available for our evening Mass on the feast of All Souls scheduled for 7pm on Thursday, Nov. 2.

Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers and Hospitality Ministers are invited to be part of this celebration and serve those who have lost loved ones, especially in the last year.

What a comforting presence you can have for parishioners and friends. Feel free to volunteer in the web terminal or call the parish office.



SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday October 23 <i>St. John of Capistrano, Priest</i> 7 a.m. Communion Service	Tuesday October 24 <i>St. Anthony Mary Claret</i> 7 a.m. Mass † Vern Schnell (Anniversary Memorial) by Mike & Kathy Storer † Charles Auberry (Birthday Memorial) by Wife, Gert	Wednesday October 25 <i>Ordinary Time</i> 7 a.m. Mass † Dennis Gifford (Anniversary Memorial) Gifford Family 9 a.m. BMCS Mass	Thursday October 26 <i>Ordinary Time</i> <i>Weekday</i> 7 a.m. Mass † Laura Bydalek by Nieces	Friday October 27 <i>Ordinary Time</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass † Viola Erwin by Saffer Children	Saturday October 28 <i>St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass † Denise Belt by Eleanor Small
Saturday, October 28 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass † Thelma Carroll (Birthday Memorial) by Norma Lovell † Rose Rivard by Wilkens & Griffiths Family			Sunday, October 29 8:30 a.m. Mass † Kenny DeMarah (Anniversary Memorial) † Cliff DeMarah (Birthday Memorial) by Connie Messier 11:00 a.m. Mass † Madge Power by the Bradley-Bourbonnais Senior Club		

PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

There are very easily discernible problems of this world: I am tired, and I need a nap and a latte. Some are very obvious problems of eternity: I need to ask for forgiveness, but I'm not ready to admit it. Most problems are a maddening mix of the two: my body feels tired, making me very cranky, which is keeping me from asking for forgiveness. It's not that the nap and the latte aren't solutions. I would never propose such a thing. Sleep and coffee, I am confident, can fix almost any problem in this world. This world. Too often, I slap a one-size-fits-all earthly band-aid on all my problems and rush on to the next thing. But if the problem is an issue of my soul, I may as well pay for a parking ticket in Monopoly money. I render unto Caesar, and I forget about what is owed to God. I apply solutions meant for the here and now to problems that have eternal consequences. The spiritual problems are dismissed, shoved to the back of my mind. For when I have time, I tell myself. For when I am ready. But the only time we have is now. -Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings for the weekend of October 14/15, 2023
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4:00 pm: \$2,733.11

8:30 am: \$2,290.00

11:00 am: \$1,223.00

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Readings for the Week of October 22, 2023

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

Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b -9, 10, 17/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org



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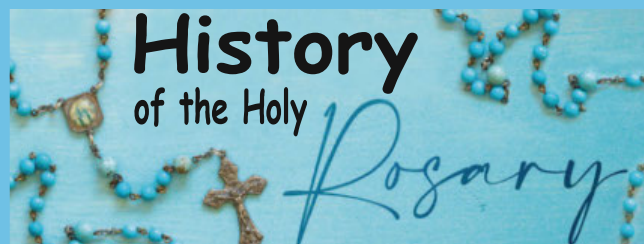
Living Rosary at October RE session



With this being the Month of the Rosary, the seventh and eighth graders participated in a “Living Rosary” during their October Religious Education session at St. Joseph Parish. The young people were accompanied in prayer by their catechists and Fr. Marcin. Special thanks to the helpful students who moved the makeshift beads during the classroom prayer experience.



This event is happening this Wednesday, Oct. 25, at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Come and learn a little more about sacraments and what to expect during this special year of preparing for and receiving Reconciliation and Communion for the first time! For info, contact Anita Lovell in the RE Office at 815-937-9340 or alovell@stjosephbradley.org.



The practice of reciting 150 Hail Marys (which was later subdivided into 15 decades of 10) arose during the late Middle Ages. Devotion to the rosary (“garland of roses”) began to flourish in the 19th century. Pope St. John Paul II added five new mysteries during his tenure. “The rosary, though clearly Marian, is at heart a Christocentric prayer. It has all the *depth of the Gospel message*. It is an echo of Mary’s prayer, her perennial *Magnificat*. With the rosary, we sit at the school of Mary and are led to contemplate the beauty of the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love.” ©LPi

Saints and S'mores this Sunday at St. Joseph's



Our Youth Ministry is sponsoring Saints and S'mores this 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 7th graders are invited too! It's time for microwave s'mores!



We'll have faith building, Saint activities, and a huge feast of s'mores and hot cocoa! Please spread the word throughout the parish. It's going to be a graham cracker, chocolate, marshmallow blast!!

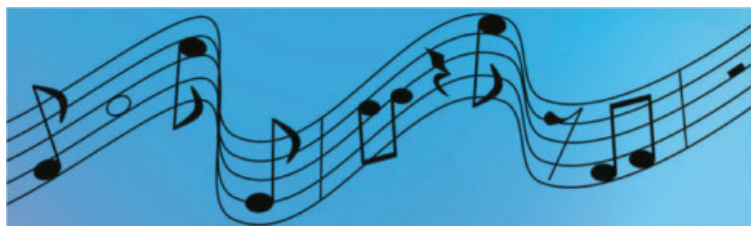
LITURGICAL ROLES	October 28 4:00 PM Mass	October 29 8:30 AM Mass	October 29 11:00 AM Mass	Interested in any of these ministries? Contact the parish office for training. Ministers can go online to see when they are scheduled, request subs and input when not to be scheduled.
Hospitality Ministers	Jim Lustig Mike Worby Becky Graf Jim Graf	Barb Fortin Jasmine Elumbaugh Danielle Shervino Nick Shervino	Julie Gindy Kathy Storer Michael Storer Sherry Johnson	
Lectors	Gisel Waide (both readings)	Jan St. John (both readings)	Greg Brenneisen (1) Candi Brenneisen (2)	
Eucharistic Ministers	Patricia Burr Patricia Croix Lori Gadbois Peggy Blanchette	Sharyn Gross Nick Shervino Jonathon Storer Marian Worby	Paul Storer Pat & Alan Knittel Lupita Sorich Kathy Storer Chuck Carnes	
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Emily & Sean Storer	Paul Storer	
Deacons	Deacon Leon Fritz	Deacon Greg Clodi		
Presiders	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Charles Wheeler	

HOUSEHOLD COLLECTION COMING TO AN END

Donations of household items will be accepted at St. Joseph's until next Sunday, Oct. 29. The Knights are collecting items for veterans transitioning to permanent housing. Please donate new household items at the back of church. Other details and example items are available at the parish website.

The Week at a glance at St. Joseph Parish

<p>Saturday, Oct. 21 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Church (Knights' Veterans Collection) Sunday, Oct. 22 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Mass 11:00 a.m. Church (Knights' Veterans Collection) Saints & S'mores 3:30 p.m. Parish Hall All teens are welcome for this very fun event!</p>	<p>Monday, Oct. 23 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24 Mass 7:00 a.m. Nursing Home Adoration 10:00 a.m. 1:00-6:00 p.m. Rosary 6:30 p.m. Weds, Oct. 25 Mass 7:00 a.m. BMCS Mass 9:00 a.m. First Sacraments Session 6:00 p.m. Parish Hall Choir Practice 5:30-7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Thurs, Oct. 26 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church Men's AA Group 7:00-9:00 p.m. Ministry Center Baptism Class 7:00-8:00 p.m. Church Friday, Oct. 27 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Wedding Rehearsal 5:30 p.m. Church Natural Family Planning Class 5:30-8:30 p.m. Ministry Center All couples must register in advance</p>	<p>Saturday, Oct. 28 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Berwanger Wedding 1:30 p.m. Church Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Church (Knights' Veterans Collection) Sunday, Oct. 29 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Mass 11:00 a.m. Church (Knights' Veterans Collection)</p>	<p>See page 1 of the Bulletin for the weekly Reconciliation Schedule at St. Joseph Parish in Bradley. Appointments for Confession can also be scheduled by calling the Parish Office at 815-939-3573.</p>
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You're invited to be part of St. Joseph's Music Ministry

We would like to invite parishioners who are interested in singing or playing an instrument at Mass to consider joining our Music Ministry. This ministry is open to all no matter experience or age. (Slots are always available in our children's ensemble for Youth & Family Masses). If you know a musician encourage him or her to consider this invitation. For details, please contact Brad Benoit, music director, at bbenoit@stjosephbradley.org.



NATIONAL Eucharistic Revival

From Soup Kitchen to Chopped Champion Sr. Alicia Torres will share stories, both thoughtful and fun, during her presentation at 6pm, Thursday, Nov. 9, at the Cathedral of St. Raymond in Joliet. 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. Make sure to save the date for her upcoming talk in the Diocese of Joliet.

It will be an awesome experience as Sister describes how encounters with Eucharist changed her life!

Jobs with the Catholic Diocese of Joliet

There are many career opportunities in the offices of the diocese, such as Director of Parish Finance Auditing and Consulting, Multimedia Coordinator and Administrative Assistants at Assumption Cemetery in Wheaton and Resurrection Cemetery in Romeoville. Jobs are also available at parishes and institutions in the diocese, such as Facilities Manager at St. Joseph in Manhattan, Operations Coordinator at St. Isidore in Bloomingdale, Business Manager at St. Jude in New Lenox, and Director of Religious Education at St. Thomas in Naperville. You can find out details about the positions listed here and all the jobs available and begin the application process at: www.diojoliet.org/offices/careers.



We have curb ramps around the parish property to help those with wheelchairs or walkers get onto the sidewalk from the street.

Please do not block these with your vehicle on the street when parking. We appreciate your consideration.

Great Mouse Race!

Saturday

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 these unique live mouse races, raffles, appetizers and other games! For tickets, call 815-933-7336. Proceeds will help support recreation opportunities for those with special needs.

Thanks for your support!



Thank you so much to our Mobile Food Pantry Team and our volunteer coordinators and all those who continue to offer donations to cover the costs of this community outreach! What a great group of people!

World Mission Sunday

Thanks to everyone who made a donation on this World Mission Sunday weekend. This is opportunity to support missions in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and Latin America and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve extremely vulnerable communities. Pope Francis draws inspiration from the Road to Emmaus story for this year's theme: "Hearts on fire, feet on the move" (Luke 24:13-35). In his message, the pope invites us to set our hearts ablaze and put our faith into action with joy, enthusiasm, and tireless dedication. Please pray for mission efforts and know that you can still donate with your envelope from the parish at Mass next weekend.



Helping Hands Fund

St. Joseph's Helping Hands fund allows us to respond to immediate needs of parishioners and neighbors who come to the church for assistance. Please help us replenish the fund by making a donation with a Helping Hands envelope located in the pews. Thanks in advance for your care and support for this loving outreach!

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