



Eternal rest grant
to them, O Lord,
and let perpetual
light shine upon them.
May the souls
of the faithful
departed, through
the mercy of God,
rest in peace.
AMEN.

Our Faithful Departed

Leonard Lambert (11/17/2022)
John Mazzuchi (11/17/2022)
James Pitts Jr. (11/23/2023)
Daniel Babinski (12/4/2022)
Myrtle Saffer (12/13/2022)
Ron Hart (12/18/2022)
Joan Pierce (12/18/2022)
Dorothy Mayotte (12/22/2022)
Tammy Furgal (12/25/2022)
Norma Dion (1/16/2023)
Elmer Palmateer (3/12/2023)
Robert Miller (3/22/2023)
Thomas Benoit (4/3/2023)
Cheryl Geraci (4/19/2023)
Robert Pudlo (4/24/2023)
Viola Erwin (4/28/2023)
Bill Magruder (5/20/2023)
Michael Godínez (5/27/2023)
Robert Heil (6/1/2023)
Rose Rivard (6/9/2023)
Linda Collette (8/25/2023)
Carolyn Dayhoff (8/26/2023)
Madge Power (9/2/2023)
Nancy Palmateer (9/16/2023)
Jeffrey Schultz (9/15/2023)
Denise Belt (10/4/2023)
Kenneth Collette (10/7/2023)
Leon Andriena (10/13/2023)
Ted Tusinski (10/13/2023)
Kayne Garrett (10/19/2023)

OUR PARISH



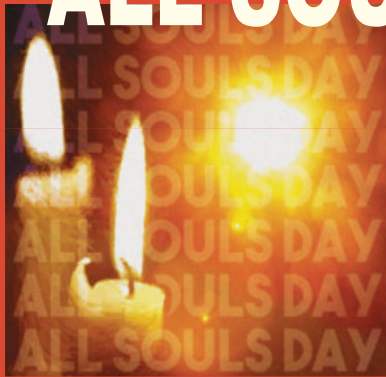
OUR FAMILY



All Saints Day

We have three Masses planned on All Saints Day (this Wednesday, Nov. 1). The schedule for this Holy Day of Obligation is as follows: 7am, 8:30am and 7pm.

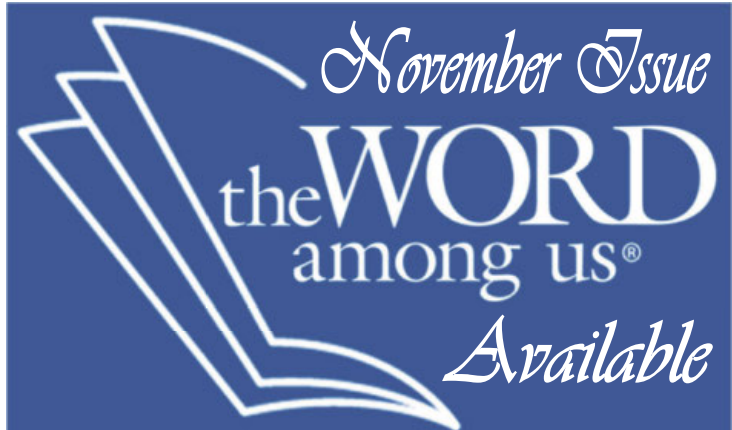
ALL SOULS DAY



Meanwhile, we will have our regular 7am Mass on All Souls Day (this Thursday, Nov. 2) and a very special Memorial Mass at 7pm. All are invited.

During the All Souls evening service, we will remember all of our deceased loved ones, especially those who have passed away from our parish since last year's celebration. For each of these individuals (listed on page 1), we will light a candle representing the light of Christ triumphing over the darkness of death. Friends and family will be invited to take these home after Mass.

And, feel free to bring Pictures of Deceased Loved Ones on All Saints Day or All Souls Day or next weekend and add them to the special display.



Get your copy from a basket at any of the church doors. These monthly booklets have daily Scriptures and reflections and offer thought-provoking insights for your faith journey. Please grab one at church.



We offer this beautiful opportunity on the First Friday of the month for reflection in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament with optional Reconciliation. You can pray the rosary or other prayers or read Scripture or other texts. What you do is not important. Being with Jesus in this very personal way is what really matters. You are cordially invited after the 8:30am Mass next Friday, Nov. 3.

Volunteers Needed for Harvest Sunday

Saturday, Nov. 4 (door-to-door handing out flyers) 11am-1pm

Sunday, Nov. 12 (door-to-door collecting food) Noon-1:30pm

Teens and adult drivers are invited to sign-up for one or both days at the parish website. Please help the Youth Ministry with this annual project.



SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday October 30 <i>The Season of Ordinary Time</i> <i>Weekday</i> 7 a.m. Communion Service	Tuesday October 31 <i>All Hallow's Eve</i> 7 a.m. Mass † Ronald Hart by Cheryle Strother † Lucile Schnell (Anniversary Memorial) by Mike & Kathy Storer	Wednesday November 1 <i>All Saints Day</i> 7 a.m. Mass *The People of the Parish 8:30 a.m. Mass † Frank & Maria Lesnicki by Anna Kobylarczyk 7 p.m. Mass *The People of the Parish	Thursday November 2 <i>All Souls Day</i> 7 a.m. Mass † Denise Belt (Birthday Memorial) by Vicki Burgener 7 p.m. Memorial Mass † All the Faithful Departed	Friday November 3 <i>St. Martin de Porres</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass *In thanksgiving for Ruth & Bob Tomlinson on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary by Friends
Saturday November 4 <i>St. Charles</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass † Janice Sims by Ralph, Husband	Saturday, November 4 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass † LaVonne Shalek (Birthday Memorial) by Dolores Shalek † Michael McClain by Celeste Regnier & Family		Sunday, November 5 8:30 a.m. Mass † William Ponikvar (Birthday Memorial) by Family † Danny Tomlinson (Anniversary Memorial) by Family 11:00 a.m. Mass † Sharon Chalkey by John Sorich Family	

PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

There are a lot of similarities between the Pharisees of Scripture and a toddler on the edge of a meltdown. Think about it: both toddlers and Pharisees have lots of feelings and lots of opinions. Both toddlers and Pharisees think you're out to get them. Both toddlers and Pharisees keep trying to trick you to get what they think they want. There are about 80,000 words in the Torah and Jesus can boil it all down to 27: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind" and "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." It doesn't make the rest of the words untrue or unnecessary. Sometimes I need the long explanation for the complete picture. I hate to admit it, but sometimes I act like both a toddler and a Pharisee. I am carried away by my feelings. I don't trust God. When that happens, I need to be told in short and simple terms what my salvation means. -Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings for the weekend of October 21/22, 2023
\$7,077.62

4:00 pm: \$3,096.00

8:30 am: \$2,553.62

11:00 am: \$1,338.00

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$90.00

Food Donations: 40 Pounds

Readings for the Week of October 29, 2023

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

Monday: Rom 8:12-17/Ps 68:2 and 4, 6-7ab, 20-21/Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday: Rom 8:18-25/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday: Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

Thursday: Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30

Friday: Rom 9:1-5/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 14:1-6

Saturday: Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 17-18/Lk 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday: Mal 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10/Ps 131:1, 2, 3/1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13/Mt 23:1-12

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org



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The Mobile Food Pantry at St. Joseph's



The Mobile Food Pantry returned on Oct. 20. Our team has really become a family. They work, laugh and share faith. Things aren't always easy or go according to plan, but they certainly know they can always count on each other!

The people—those who volunteer and those who offer financial support—definitely make the MFP a great community outreach and awesome ministry of Our Parish, Our Family.

Saints and S'mores last Sunday



Our "CSI" Youth Ministry sponsored this gathering last Sunday. The participants had so much fun making and eating gooey creations! Meanwhile, the high schoolers staged an "Escape Room" adventure. What a cool way for the eighth graders to learn about the saints as they consider which one they will pick for their Confirmation name.



The Week at a glance at St. Joseph Parish

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)

Monday, Oct. 30

Communion

Service

7:00 a.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 31

Mass

7:00 a.m.

Nursing Home

10:00 a.m.

Eucharistic

Adoration

1:00-6:00 p.m.

Church

Weds, Nov. 1

Holy Day Mass

7:00 a.m.

Holy Day Mass

8:30 a.m.

Choir Practice

5:30-7:00 p.m.

Holy Day Mass

7:00 p.m.

Thurs, Nov. 2

Mass

7:00 a.m.

All Souls Memorial

Mass

7:00 p.m.

Men's AA Group

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 3

Mass

8:30 a.m.

First Friday Holy

Hour

9:00 a.m.

Saturday, Nov. 4

Mass

8:30 a.m.

Church

Harvest Sunday

Youth Project

11:00 a.m.

Parish Hall

(Passing out

flyers & lunch

afterward)

Vigil Mass

4:00 p.m.

Church

Sunday, Nov. 5

Mass

8:30 a.m.

OCIA Class

9:30 a.m.

Parish Hall

Holy Name

Meeting

9:30 a.m.

Ministry Center

Mass

11:00 a.m.

Parish Baptisms

12:15 a.m.

Visit the parish website to view the full calendar for church activities and services. And, see page 7 of the Bulletin for the weekly Reconciliation Schedule at St. Joseph Parish. Appointments for Confession can also be scheduled by calling the Parish Office.

WEEKEND LITURGICAL ROLES	November 4 4:00 PM Mass	November 5 8:30 AM Mass	November 5 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 Jim Graf Becky Graf Janet Gregoire	Bruce Adams Mary Adams Ellen Taylor Kent Taylor	Lori Cornelius Emily Sue Storer Katelyn Storer Paul Storer	
Lectors	Beth Bisailon (both readings)	Teresa Fritz (both readings)	Jan St. John (both readings)	
Eucharistic Ministers	Diane Ely Chuck Carnes Pat Yurkowski Michael Yurkowski	Mira Brosseau John Chinski Annie Kidd Justin Sommer	Pat Knittel Alan Knittel Stephanie Quigley Lupita Sorich	
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Marian Worby	Ryane Jefferson Shane Martin Mia Burns	
Deacons	Deacon Leon Fritz	Deacon Greg Clodi	Deacon Greg Clodi	
Presiders	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Charles Wheeler	



If you end up with leftover Halloween Candy...

If you have candy leftover after Halloween, please bring it to the parish office in the next couple weeks. Our Mobile Pantry Team is going to have a float in the Bradley Christmas Parade. They could use your leftover candy to hand out during the parade. Thanks for the support. Happy Halloween!

No Rosary Group Scheduled on Halloween



The Rosary Group will not meet to recite the rosary this Tuesday, Oct. 31. Happy Halloween!

HOLY DAY ROLES NOVEMBER 1 & 2	November 1 (All Saints) 8:30 AM Mass Wednesday	November 1 (All Saints) 7:00 PM Mass Wednesday	November 2 (All Souls) 7 PM Mass Thursday
Hospitality Ministers	Mike Worby Michael Storer Janet Gregoire Kathy Storer	Barb Fortin Jasmine Elumbaugh Bruce Adams Mary Adams	Sandra Jefferson Jim Lustig Alan Knittel Pat Knittel
Lectors	Teresa Fritz (both readings)	Brian Zasada (both readings)	Jack Goodwin (both readings)
Eucharistic Ministers	Dana Berg Michael Storer Kathy Storer	Pat Knittel Alan Knittel Lindsay Adams Peggy Blanchette	Annie Kidd Mary Kay Pittman Ryan Adams Lindsay Adams
Altar Servers	Mia Burns Maddie Kleinert Jerry Ruiz	Hudson Adams Harrison Adams	Ryane Jefferson Hudson Adams Harrison Adams
Deacons		Deacon Leon Fritz	Deacon Leon Fritz
Presiders	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak

Please Note: We also have the usual 7:00 a.m. Daily Masses on All Saints and All Souls Days. Our regular daily ministers will perform the various liturgical roles.

Bishop Ronald Hicks' Column for October 2023



"Contemplating the Convocation"

Besides celebrating Mass on Sundays, a question people frequently ask me is, "What do priests do during the week?" My initial response is that priesthood is so much more than a 9-to-5 job—it is more like a 24/7 vocation.

A priest is called to serve God and His people, and to assist his bishop by governing, teaching, and sanctifying.



In modern times, it may seem like a priest is expected to be able to administer with an MBA, counsel with the spirituality of the saints, offer a love for the poor of Saint Mother Teresa, maintain the constant energy of a newly ordained priest, and resolve issues with the wisdom of a seasoned pastor.

While it is virtually impossible to embody all those expectations, leading a parish with a wide variety of ministries and missions in the Catholic Church has become more complicated and challenging. Therefore, there is a growing need to attend to the professional development and spiritual growth of priests. In the Diocese of Joliet, we are blessed to have a director of on-going formation for priests, Father Sunny Castillo, who currently also serves as pastor of Mary Queen of Heaven Parish in Elmhurst.

Besides coordinating a variety of programs for spiritual, educational, and professional growth, Father Sunny and a dedicated team of priests, staff, and volunteers also organize a bi-annual convocation. This September, the priests of the diocese all gathered at our four-day convocation to pray, grow in camaraderie, and learn from a series of talks presented by Sister Miriam James Heidland from the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity.

Sister Miriam's daily topics highlighted our theme, *The Journey of the Priestly Heart: Building a Eucharistic Legacy in the Priesthood*. At the very beginning, she said that one of the greatest dangers to priests is "a hardening of heart." Using a powerful example, she explained that after the child Jesus was found in the temple, the Gospel says that the Holy Family returned home, and Jesus **grew**.

She warned us, "Woe is the day you stop **growing** as priests." This stirring advice is good not only for priests, but also to anyone, especially when it comes to the spiritual life.

I wish space allowed me to share all her many other

valuable teachings. Towards the end of the convocation, after Sister Miriam had departed, I pointed out to everyone that she has a true and deep respect for priests. I was moved to say, "I hope you love your priesthood as much as she does."

Besides listening to Sister Miriam's presentations, we also celebrated daily Mass, prayed the Liturgy of the Hours, and had the opportunity to pray a rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and daily holy hour with adoration and benediction. And between the prayers and talks, the priests shared with each other their struggles, their triumphs, and their leadership insights.

Evenings were spent enjoying rare social time with brother priests. At one dinner, we honored those marking a special jubilee year of their priesthood. The next evening, we celebrated our upcoming 75th anniversary as a diocese. Not only did we enjoy good food and conversation, but we competed in a friendly trivia game to see who knew the most about the history of the Diocese of Joliet. What a joy to learn more about the deep roots and richness of our diocese!

The last day of the convocation allowed me the opportunity to give a "state of the union" presentation in which I shared a good deal of information and issues, including a Q-and-A session and groupwide dialogue. Appropriately, before departing, we gathered for Mass one more time to thank God for all the blessings and fruits of the convocation.

I left the convocation with a smile on my face, deeply grateful to God for the time and space to renew our minds, bodies, and souls as a presbyterate. My gratitude bubbled over for our priests, and all the clergy, religious, and laity who make this Church so vibrant and wonderful.

May we all continue to **grow** in the knowledge, love, and service of the Lord and each other.+

St. Joseph Parish Information

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

Reconciliation

After 8:30 a.m. Mass Saturday; 3 p.m. Saturday; First Friday Holy Hour or call the office for an appointment

Adoration

Tuesdays 1pm-6pm; Rosary 6:30 pm

Baptism

1st & 3rd Sundays. Class required.

Weddings

Call the parish office for guidelines at least 6 months in advance

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