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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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www.stjosephbradley.org

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Office; enter #307 and leave
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31st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Jesus spoke to the crowds and to his
disciples, saying, "The greatest among
you must be your servant. Whoever
exalts himself will be humbled; but
whoever humbles himself will be
exalted." (Mt 23:1-12)

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November 5, 2023

Harvest Sunday

This Weekend & Next Weekend

If you do not receive a flyer at your home this weekend, please bring your food donations to church next weekend. Thanks!

Teens and adult drivers are still needed for next Sunday, Nov. 12, to go door-to-door to collect the food. Please volunteer at the parish website.



Help us make our Goal



We have been having difficulty making our Blood Drive goals recently. Please sign-up for our next Blood Drive happening on Dec. 3 at St. Joseph Parish and help raise our numbers and save some lives. Make your appointment by calling the parish office, visiting our website or by using the QR code on this page.



Our Mobile Food Pantry Team is still seeking candy.

They are having a float in the Bradley Christmas Parade and will be passing out candy. Please bring some to the parish office.

Thanks for all of the donations!

Giving Tree

We are beginning to plan for Christmas and the Giving Tree. To give a little more time to get gifts, the Giving Trees will be up on the weekend of Nov. 18/19.

Last year, we had people sign up as an individual or group to get presents for an entire family. This worked out very well. If you would like to take care of a family this year, call Pat Knittel at 708-692-7472 and you will be matched with a family in need. (Please let her know by Nov. 17).

Of course, there will also be tags on the trees to get a present for one person starting Nov. 18/19.



All gifts will need to be brought to church on the weekend of Dec 9/10. Thanks so much for your participation in this wonderful program!



In just two weeks, we'll have Chocolate Advent Calendars for Sale!



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SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday November 6 <i>The Season of Ordinary Time</i> Weekday 7 a.m. Communion Service	Tuesday November 7 <i>Ordinary Time</i> Weekday 7 a.m. Mass † Janice Sims by Ralph, Husband	Wednesday November 8 <i>Ordinary Time</i> Weekday 7 a.m. Mass † Joan Pierce by Shirley St. Germaine 9 a.m. BMCS Mass	Thursday November 9 <i>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</i> 7 a.m. Mass † Daniel Babinski by Damian & Mary Denault	Friday November 10 <i>St. Leo the Great, Pope</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass † Dolores Rivard (Birthday Memorial) by Judy Wolfe & Dave Rivard	Saturday November 11 <i>St. Martin of Tours</i> † Dorothy Mayotte (Birthday Memorial) by Amie & Dwayne Kalafut
Saturday, November 11 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass † Ed Burr (Anniversary Memorial) by Pat & Cheryl † Chuck Gonczy (Anniversary Memorial) by Diane, Wife, & Family			Sunday, November 12 8:30 a.m. Mass † Deceased Members of the Brosseau Family † Bill Magruder by Connie Messier 11:00 a.m. Mass † Ronald Hart by Steven Hart & Family		

PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

During Lent my family had made a “sacrifice jar.” My daughter said, “Mommy, you haven’t been making any sacrifices.” She was right. Every piece of paper inside had been placed there by my children. “If I wrote down every sacrifice I made for you in just a single day, the jar would explode.” I instantly regretted the comment. I did it again. I made a self-pitying comment because for a moment I thought someone didn’t appreciate my hard work. We sneer at the Pharisees as Jesus describes them in the Gospel, coveting the places of honor. But then I remember: nobody starts out meaning to be a jerk. We want to do good things. But it’s hard, that burden weighs heavy on our back. So, we murmur about it. We glimpse other people looking at our burden with approval and admiration, and we breathe a little harder, groan a little deeper. And somewhere along the way the burden becomes an idol and our labor a performance. We dare not ask for help bearing it, for we prize too greatly the sweat of our own brow.-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings for the weekend of October 28/29, 2023
\$6,354.00

4:00 pm: \$2,663.00

8:30 am: \$1,370.00

11:00 am: \$1,466.00

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$855.00
Food Donations: 65 Pounds

Debt Reduction for October 2023: \$753.00

PayPal Offerings for October 2023: \$2,011.31

Auto-Deduct Giving for October 2023: \$8,021.34

Mobile Pantry Giving for October 2023: \$1,438.00

Readings for the Week of November 5, 2023

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

Monday: Rom 11:29-36/Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36/Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b/Ps 131:1bcde, 2, 3/Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10/Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9/Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Friday: Rom 15:14-21/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 10-11/Lk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Wis 6:12-16/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (2b)/1 Thes 4:13-18 or 4:13-14/Mt 25:1-13

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org



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We are the Body of Christ



The phrase "the Body of Christ" is a common metaphor for the faithful of the church. After His ascension, Christ continues His work in the world through us His people. Indeed, this isn't always the easiest concept for us to understand, especially when we are young. But, the third graders in St. Joseph's Religious Education program had fun during our October session learning how we can be Christ's body here on earth by doing things for others in our daily lives.

Knights & Coats for Kids



While the Fall Raffle sponsored by St. Joseph's Knights of Columbus recently ended, the proceeds will certainly have a lasting impact! Here we have two officers, Andre Marcotte and Justin Sommer, sorting new coats for children in need in our area. Our Knights have supported Coats for Kids for many years with the goal of making sure no child goes without a coat, especially during our frigid Illinois winters. Many thanks to those who participated in the Fall Raffle and everyone who supports initiatives of the Knights. Your help certainly enables our Holy Family Council to carry out its mission.

The Week at a glance at St. Joseph Parish

Saturday, Nov. 4 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Denault Funeral Mass 11:00 a.m. Church Harvest Sunday Youth Project 11:00 a.m. Parish Hall <i>(Passing out flyers & lunch afterward)</i> Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Church	Sunday, Nov. 5 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church OCIA Class 9:30 a.m. Parish Hall Holy Name Meeting 9:30 a.m. Ministry Center Mass 11:00 a.m. Church Parish Baptisms 12:15 a.m. Church	Monday, Nov. 6 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 7 Mass 7:00 a.m. Nursing Home Adoration 10:00 a.m. 1:00-6:00 p.m. Rosary 6:30 p.m. Parish Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Ministry Center	Weds, Nov. 8 Mass 7:00 a.m. BMCS Mass 9:00 a.m. Church First Sacraments Session 4:30-5:45 p.m. Choir Practice 5:30-7:00 p.m. Confirmation Session 6:00 p.m. Knights Meeting 7:00 p.m. Ministry Center Thursday, Nov. 9 Mass 7:00 a.m. Men's AA Group 7:00-9:00 p.m.	Friday, Nov. 10 Mass 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 11 Mass 8:30 a.m. Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12 Mass 8:30 a.m. OCIA Class 9:30 a.m. Ministry Center Mass 11:00 a.m. Church Harvest Sunday Youth Project 12:00 p.m. Parish Hall <i>(Collecting Food)</i>
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See page 1 for the weekly Reconciliation Schedule at St. Joseph Parish. Appointments for Confession can also be scheduled by calling the Parish Office.

LITURGICAL ROLES	November 11 4:00 PM Mass	November 12 8:30 AM Mass	November 12 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	Jay Karr Donna Karr Jim Lustig	Danielle Shervino Nick Shervino Barb Fortin Jasmine Elumbaugh	Sorich Family	
Lectors	Marian Worby (both readings)	Gary Gross (both readings)	Brian Zasada (1) Jan St. John (2)	
Eucharistic Ministers	Chuck Carnes Lori Gadbois Patricia Burr Patricia Croix Michael Yurkowski	Jasmine Elumbaugh Ryan Adams Sharyn Gross Daniel Trivino	Mollie Grizzle Julie Gindy Jenna Jamros 2 Volunteers Needed	
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Harrison Adams Hudson Adams	Lucy, Allie, Jane Quigley	
Deacons	Deacon Greg Clodi	Deacon Leon Fritz		
Presiders	Fr. Charles Wheeler	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	

A beautiful tribute at St. Joseph Church



These pictures will remain in our church throughout November as reminders of our gratitude for all those who touched our lives when they were here on earth and of the love we continue to share with those who have entered God's eternal kingdom. We appreciate all the parishioners who volunteered behind-the-scenes and others who ministered at our All Saints and All Souls Masses. Thank you for helping make these such comforting services and welcoming occasions at St. Joseph Parish.



In Loving Memory

Please hold in your prayers the family of Duane Denault recently called to eternal life. May he enjoy forever the embrace of our loving God.

Just Married



Zoey Berwanger and Jeremy Ahlden were recently married at St. Joseph Church in Bradley. Our parish community

wishes these newlyweds much love and happiness and congratulates them on receiving this wonderful sacrament. Please know of our love and prayers.

Our Hope, Our Faith, Our Joy, Our Love Our Parish, Our Family

Announcing an Advent Wreath Making Event at St. Joseph's

Everyone in the parish is invited to this special gathering sponsored by our Religious Education and Youth Ministry at 6pm Wednesday, Nov. 29, in the parish hall. We will be creating candle wreaths to help make your observance of Advent more meaningful. Come and enjoy being together and make a wreath to bring home. Please save the date.



November Vocation Prayer Calendar

The Diocese of Joliet Vocation Prayer Calendar was designed for people to pray each day for those who have committed their lives to the church. It lists names of diocesan priests, seminarians, religious priests, brothers, sisters, deacons, and men and women in formation. You can access November at St. Joseph's website. Please pray for those listed for the given day, asking our Lord to continue to sustain them, and that others will respond similarly to ministry in the Catholic Church.

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Stations of the Crib – Online Dec 6 – 6:30-8:00pm

Gospel Film Series – Online Dec 3, 10, 27 – 3:00-6:00pm

Weekend Retreats:

At Nazareth Spirituality Center

November 24-26 & December 1-3

One-Day Retreat:

At One Heart One Soul Spirituality Center

Sunday, December 3

Online Retreat:

Saturday Mornings, December 2, 9, 16, 23

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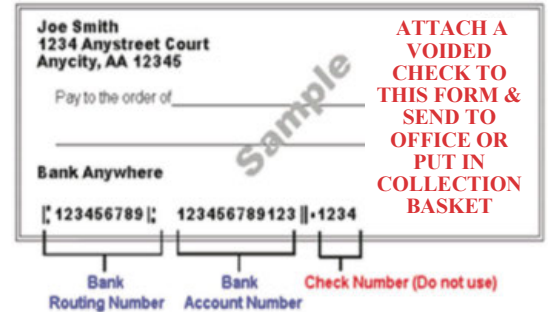
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