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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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Deacon

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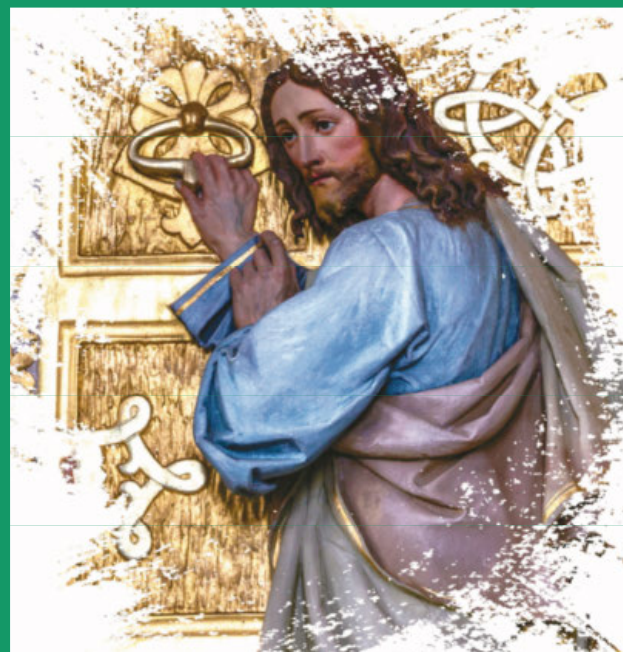
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Parish Nurse-Call the Parish

Office; enter #307 and leave
your message for the parish
nurse.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



“ ‘Lord, Lord, open the door for us!’
But he said in reply, ‘Amen, I say to
you, I do not know you.’ Therefore,
stay awake, for you know neither
the day nor the hour.” (Mt 25:11-12)

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November 12, 2023



DONUT SUNDAY

Next Weekend After 11am Mass

NOVEMBER 19TH IN THE PARISH HALL



Giving Tree



The Giving Trees will be up next weekend, Nov. 18/19. Please take some tags. If you would like buy gifts for a family this year, please call Pat Knittel at 708-692-7472 and you will be matched with a family in need. (Please let her know by Nov. 17).

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 Advent/Christmas project!

Volunteers Needed For Mobile Food Pantry Next Friday, Nov. 17

Go to St. Joseph's website 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 Nov. 17 to receive food. Thanks for your support!



CCW Meeting & Craft Projects

All the women of the parish are invited to the CCW meeting this Tuesday, Nov. 14, at 7pm in the parish hall. We will have a prayer and a short business meeting then work on some craft projects. You can choose to make either project or both. These simple crafts have a winter theme. Come and enjoy some refreshments and socializing and bring a friend. All ladies are invited to join in on the fun on Tuesday.

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St. Joseph's Ministry Center

BLOOD DRIVE COUNTDOWN

Only 3 Weeks Away!



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.



SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday November 13 <i>St. Frances</i> <i>Xavier</i> <i>Cabrini,</i> <i>Virgin</i> 7 a.m. Communion Service	Tuesday November 14 <i>Ordinary</i> <i>Time</i> <i>Weekday</i> 7 a.m. Mass † Harry Bukowski-WWII Veteran (100th Birthday) by Family	Wednesday November 15 <i>St. Albert the</i> <i>Great, Bishop</i> 7 a.m. Mass † Nancy Palmateer by Betty Azzarelli 9 a.m. BMCS Mass	Thursday November 16 <i>St. Margaret of</i> <i>Scotland &</i> <i>St. Gertrude</i> 7 a.m. Mass † Leonard Lambert (Anniversary Memorial) by Family & Friends	Friday November 17 <i>St. Elizabeth of</i> <i>Hungary</i> 8:30 a.m. Mass † John Mazzuchi (Anniversary Memorial) by Janice Gregoire	Saturday November 18 <i>The</i> <i>Dedication of</i> <i>St. Peter and</i> <i>St. Paul</i> <i>Basilicas</i> *The People of St. Joseph Parish (living & deceased)
Saturday, November 18 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass † Stephen T. & Gloria J. Wroblewski (Wedding Anniversary) by Children † Rose Rivard by Wilkin's & Griffith's Families			Sunday, November 19 8:30 a.m. Mass † Leona Pearman by Family † Doreen Mullins by Sorich Family 11:00 a.m. Mass † Janice Mae Sims (Wedding Anniversary) by Ralph Sims, Husband		

PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

If we were asked, "Do you love wisdom? Do you seek wisdom?" we would be taken aback. We would answer quickly "Of course!" But a different way of asking this is:

"Are you making wise choices?" The virgins in the Gospel were all the same. They had the same intentions; the same stamina (or lack of it) and the same knowledge. What made five foolish, and five wise? Their choices! We may rely upon the wisdom of another—the parent who reminds us to go to confession, the friend who demurs when we gossip, the priest who preaches boldly against an injustice we lack the courage to denounce ourselves. We may possess wisdom—we may know well that a dark night is hard to navigate, and that we need the assistance of a lamp. We may go to Mass mostly every week, read the Bible when we have time and serve others when it's convenient. But a lamp needs oil to burn, just as wisdom requires action to be brought into the world. We may love God just as much as we should—our flesh may pine, our soul may thirst. But a parched field never brought rain on itself. Think about it.-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings for the weekend of November 4/5, 2023
\$6,743.00

4:00 pm: \$3,028.00

8:30 am: \$2,190.00

11:00 am: \$1,215.00

Offerings Mailed to St. Joseph Parish: \$310.00

Food Donations: 44 Pounds

Offerings for All Saints Day: \$1,096.30

Readings for the Week of November 12, 2023

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

Monday: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19/Lk 17:7-10

Wednesday: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25

Friday: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/ Mt 25:14-15, 19-21

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org



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November Challenge

We are excited for another Religious Education session happening this Wednesday, Nov. 15, from 4:30-5:45pm at the parish. Here is a November challenge for all parents of the parish. Make a Thankful project for Thanksgiving. Send an email to parishadmin@stjosephbradley.org and attach some pictures of your project and tell us about it.

Parents and the children preparing for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion recently gathered to learn more about these special treasures of our faith. To start, the students were challenged to search the Parish Hall for hidden treasure, with each finding a “coin” to keep until the end of the evening. The children decided that the search was challenging but also fun and rewarding. The same is true for preparing for and receiving the sacraments. We learned through Scripture, videos, discussion and other activities how the sacraments are more valuable than any treasure because they are visible signs given to us by Jesus for us to experience God and His love. These are such powerful gifts because God knows we need them. As students learned through a fun activity, it is always our choices that determine how far or how close we stay to Jesus, because Jesus never moves. Gifting ourselves with the sacraments, especially Reconciliation and Eucharist, allows us to stay close to God and to become more like Jesus. Because it all begins with our baptism, the children had a chance to hear all about that very special day when they became of Child of God from their parents. The moms and dads were reminded of the important promises they made on that day, to raise their son/daughter in the faith and to have a relationship with God and Jesus. We thank these families for keeping that promise by working with the children this year to help them prepare for two more sacraments, Reconciliation and Eucharist. We are excited and grateful to partner with these families on the journey. The sacraments may not be hidden like some treasures, but they do require effort from both children and parents to prepare their minds and hearts to receive these gifts of God’s unconditional love and mercy, but of course, we know they are worth it! To end our evening, children had a chance to redeem their “coin” for some celebratory ice cream!

Youth & Family Mass Happening Next Sunday

All youth and families of St. Joseph’s are invited to sign-up to minister in some way at the 11am Mass next Sunday, Nov. 19, by contacting Anita or Sandra at the parish. To be in the choir, the children should arrive by 10am to practice with Brad and our Music Ministry. Donut Sunday will follow in the parish hall.

The Week at a glance at St. Joseph Parish

Sat, Nov. 11 Mass 8:30 a.m. Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12 Mass 8:30 a.m. Church 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>	Monday, Nov. 13 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Church Tuesday, Nov. 14 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church Nursing Home 10:00 a.m. Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-6:00 p.m. Rosary 6:30 p.m. Church CCW Meeting 7:00 p.m. Parish Hall	Weds, Nov. 15 Mass 7:00 a.m. BMCS Mass 9:00 a.m. Church RE Classes 4:30-5:45 p.m. Choir Practice 5:30-7:00 p.m. Church Thurs, Nov. 16 Mass 7:00 a.m. Men’s AA Group 7:00-9:00 p.m. Ministry Center Baptism Class 7:00-8:00 p.m. Church	Friday, Nov. 17 Mass 8:30 a.m. Mobile Food Pantry 10:00 a.m. Parking Lots & Surrounding Streets Saturday, Nov. 18 Mass 8:30 a.m. Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m.	Sunday, Nov. 19 Mass 8:30 a.m. OCIA Class 9:30 a.m. Ministry Center Youth/Family Mass 11:00 a.m. Donut Sunday 12:00 p.m. Parish Hall Parish Baptisms 12:15 p.m.
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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 18 4:00 PM Mass	November 19 8:30 AM Mass	November 19 11:00 AM Youth/Family 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 Graf Becky Graf Mike Worby	Aliess Bedford Kathy & Michael Storer Dick Jenkins	Ellen Taylor Kent Taylor Others TBA	
Lectors	Beth Bisailon (both readings)	Gert Auberry (1) Mary Kay Blankestyn	Tom LaRocque (1) TBA (2)	
Eucharistic Ministers	Vicki Burgener Diane Ely Michael Ely Peggy Blanchette	Daniel Trivino Annie Kidd Teresa Fritz Justin Sommer Volunteer Needed	David Quigley Others TBA	
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Adelaide Bedford	Ryane Jefferson Joshua Sorich	
Deacons	Deacon Leon Fritz		Deacon Greg Clodi	
Presiders	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Charles Wheeler	

We are creating a Bereavement Ministry at our parish

We would like to form a group to minister to grieving parishioners at funerals of their loved ones. This is an opportunity to care for and support our brothers and sisters during a very difficult time in their lives. We are asking those who are available on weekday or Saturday mornings to consider this invitation to be part of our parish Bereavement Ministry. We are seeking parishioners interested in doing Hospitality, Reading and Eucharistic Ministering at Funeral Masses.

To be added to our list of rotating ministers as we begin this ministry of love and compassion, contact Deacon Greg at the parish.

Preparing for the Parade

Our Mobile Food Pantry Team is still seeking candy to pass out alongside their float at the Bradley Christmas Parade. Please bring some to the parish office. Thank you for all of the very generous donations!

Have you moved? Does the parish have your current mailing address?

Please help us update our records.

Also, if you no longer use a landline, please let us know and provide your contact number. Call the parish office or contact us through the parish website.



**Starting next weekend,
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Learn about the Life of St. Kateri Tekakwitha

Thursday, Nov. 16, 2023

6:00pm - Potluck Dinner

7:00pm - Presentation

**Saints Peter and Paul
Catholic Church in
Naperville, IL**



Director of Catechesis and Evangelization, Michael Lewandowski, will present on the life of St. Kateri Tekakwitha. After her baptism at the age of 19, the saint lived a life of intense holiness until her death at the age of 24. Kateri dedicated herself to God and listened to his voice in the silence of nature. The beauty of the natural world was a place of communion with God for Kateri. Though she suffered greatly both physically and spiritually, she remained ever faithful to Christ. She is the first Native American to be canonized as a saint.

**For more information and to RSVP,
please visit sspeterandpaul.net/cloud**

Jobs with the Catholic Diocese of Joliet

There are many career opportunities in the offices of the diocese. Several jobs are also available at parishes and institutions within the seven-county region. You can find out about all the positions available at: www.diojoliet.org/offices/careers.

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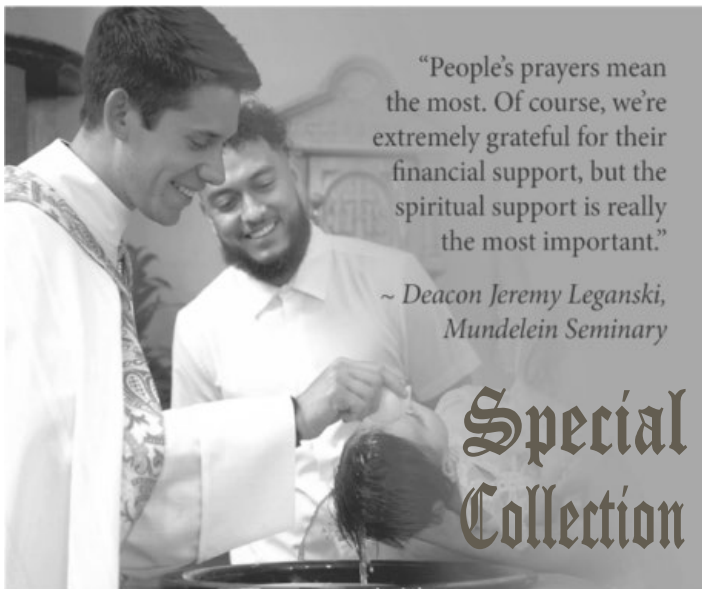


Join us for an Advent Wreath Making Event at St. Joseph's

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.

Virtual Anger Management Program Starts November 20th

Counseling Services of Catholic Charities is presenting a new virtual group series for men and women focusing on Anger Management. This group will help participants recognize the signs of anger and highlight ways to maintain control and identify triggers and resolve them calmly. The program will offer alternatives to suppressing rage with strategies for expressing anger in controlled, constructive ways. Sessions will begin on Nov. 20 and meet virtually on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. For more information or to register, visit catholiccharitiesjoliet.org or call 815-723-0331. *Please note: the program is not intended for court, legal, probation, parole, and employment requirements.*



**November 2023
NOVENA OF GRACE**

From November 25 through December 3, members of our diocese will have the opportunity to participate in a novena of prayer to St. Francis Xavier, our patron saint.

Daily Reflections:
diojoli.org/75th
(Look for the "Novena" link)

Praying with Saint Francis Xavier
The Novena of Grace

The Holy Spirit has blessed the Diocese of Joliet with an abundance of seminarians! We are grateful for the challenge this brings as we eagerly await the ordination of parish priests our church so urgently needs. St. Joseph Parish is taking part in the effort to raise funds for the Seminarian Education Endowment Campaign, "I Will Give You Shepherds." A special collection is taking place this weekend, Nov. 11-12. An envelope was included in your packet from the parish. If you were unable to give this weekend, please feel free to do so next weekend. We plan to have envelopes in the pews next weekend for your convenience. You can also contribute online at the parish website.

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