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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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"Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities. Come, share your master's joy." (Mt 25:21)

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Thanksgiving Day Mass at St. Joseph Church

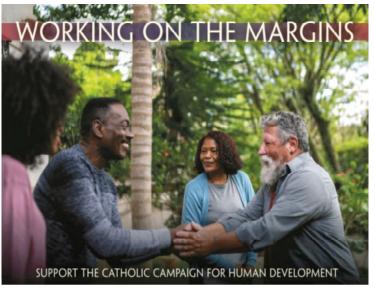
Join us for a special Mass on
Thursday, Nov. 23, at 8:30 a.m. What
a great way to start the Thanksgiving
holiday, thanking God for all the many
blessings in our lives. Please note that we
will not have the regular 7am Mass on
that Thursday and the parish office will
be closed on Thanksgiving and the
next day, Friday, Nov. 24. Have a very



The Giving Trees are Out This Weekend!!



Tags are on the trees at the back of church. Please take a tag or a few to purchase gifts for individuals. The tags have suggestions, but feel free to buy what you think would be good for your person. If you have more than one gift you can attach them together with tape or ribbon or put them in a bag with the tag visible. Return gifts (unwrapped) on the weekend of Dec 9/10. What a great way to enhance your Advent journey and brighten someone's Christmas. If you have any questions, please call the parish office.



Thank you for contributing to this weekend's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development.

More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty.

This collection supports programs that empower people to identify and address the obstacles they face in bringing permanent and positive change to their communities.

Please note that 25 percent of the CCHD collection will stay within the Joliet Diocese to be distributed through grants to organizations within the seven-county diocese whose mission is to help the marginalized, such as emergency assistance and food pantry supplies for St. Vincent De Paul chapters, vocational job training for adults with disabilities, and community outreach programming for at-risk youth and families.

If you could not make a donation this weekend, please free to use your envelope from the parish next weekend. Find out more about the CCHD at: usccb.org/cchd.



What a delicious way to Countdown to to Christmas! Get your calendar after Mass this weekend or next weekend. Calendars are \$5 each while supplies last. Enjoy a little Bible lesson and a chocolate each day. It's a fun and faith-filled activity for all!



SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

Monday
November 20
Season of
Ordinary
Time
Weekday
7 a.m.
Communion
Service

Tuesday
November 21
Presentation
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
7 a.m. Mass
*The People of
St. Joseph
Parish

Wednesday
November 22
St. Cecilia,
Virgin & Martyr
7 a.m. Mass
† R. Ann
Prince by
Family &
Friends

Thursday
November 23
Thanksgiving
8:30 a.m. Mass
† Jim Pitts
(Anniversary
Memorial) by
Joe & Theresa
Giacchino

Friday
November 24
St. Andrew
Dũng-Lạc,
Priest, &
Companions
8:30 a.m. Mass
† Ronald Hart
by Jane Veers

Saturday
November 25
St. Catherine
of Alexandria
8:30 a.m.
Mass
*The People
of St. Joseph
Parish

Saturday, November 25
4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass
† Alfred & Yvonne Martin Lake by Family
† George & Josephine Shalek (Wedding
Anniversary) by Dolores

Sunday, November 26

8:30 a.m. † Jim Burch (Anniversary Memorial) by Margie Burch, Wife † Arthur Strawson (Anniversary Memorial) by Family 11:00 a.m. † Sharon Chalkey by The Sorich Family *For Good Health & God's Blessings on the 47th Birthday of Marta Bloch

PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

When my grandfather died, we were left with the question: what's to become of the house? When property is left to you, you have to sift through the memories and the objects and with each one you have to think: Is it worth it? Do I keep it? Will I need it? And slowly, painfully, you disassemble the physical existence of the person who lived there. You finally accept that most of it must be given away or discarded. You cry when you bag up the clothes. You can't bear to look when they break the piano into pieces, realizing that no one wants something that was once so precious. But when you come upon a rosary that was used so many times, you don't even think twice before keeping it, and not because you need the rosary. You need what it means. You need what it reminds you of. When all is said and done, each of us will be called before our master to settle accounts, just as my grandfather was. "Where are the gifts I gave you? What remains of the fortune to which I entrusted you?" he will ask us. "What have you done with the peace? What have you done with the love? What have you done with the mercy?"-Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

Offerings for the weekend of November 11/12, 2023 \$7,743.72

4:00 pm: \$4,451.00 8:30 am: \$2,156.72 11:00 am: \$1,136.00 Readings for the Week of November 19, 2023

Sunday: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1a)/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21 **Monday:** 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53,

61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10 **Wednesday:** 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6 (1)/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

Mass Readings: www.stjosephbradley.org



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Many thanks to all who have signed up for electronic giving. These two options are the most convenient ways for giving and staying consistent with offerings. You can make automated <u>ACH Offerings</u> from your savings or checking accounts. Download and print the authorization form at the parish website, complete and put it in collection basket or mail it to the parish. Or stop by the parish office to sign-up for Auto Deduct. Or look for the <u>PayPal</u> option at our website to set-up online contributions with your credit card. Thanks for your faithful stewardship.

In Loving Memory

Please remember in your prayers, the loved ones of Ron Kawanna recently called to eternal life.

May he forever enjoy the loving embrace of our God.



We are forming a group to minister to grieving parishioners at funerals of 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.

BLOOD DONATION

Saves Lives

St. Joseph's next
Blood Drive is
happening on Dec.
3. Please give and
save some lives.

appointment by calling the parish, visiting our website or by using this QR code.



Remembrance Pictures

Please take home your pictures of deceased loved ones after Mass next weekend, November 25/26. Thank you for bringing them to church and giving us the honor and privilege of seeing the love we _______continue to share with our faithful departed._____

The Week at a glance at St. Joseph Parish

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.

Monday, Nov. 20 Communion Service 7:00 a.m. Church Tuesday, Nov. 21 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church **Nursing Home** 10:00 a.m. Offsite Eucharistic Adoration 1:00-6:00 p.m. Church Rosary 6:30 p.m. Church

Weds, Nov. 22 Mass 7:00 a.m. Church **Adult Choir** Practice 5:30-7:00 p.m. Church Thurs, Nov. 23 Thanksgiving Day Mass 8:30 a.m. Church Parish Office Closed Men's AA Group 7:00-9:00 p.m. St. Joseph Ministry Center

Friday, Nov. 24 Mass 8:30 a.m. Parish Office Closed **Natural Family Planning Class** 5:30-8:30 p.m. Ministry Center (Registration Required) Saturday, Nov. 25 Mass 8:30 a.m. Vigil Mass 4:00 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 26 Mass 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Church

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 25 4:00 PM Mass	November 26 8:30 AM Mass	November 26 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 Janet Gregoire Diane Gonczy	Bruce Adams Mary Adams Barb Fortin Jasmine Elumbaugh	Julie Gindy Candi Brenneisen Greg Brenneisen Sherry Johnson	
Lectors	Volunteer Needed	Emily Rose Storer (1) Jonathon Storer (2)	Lupita Sorich (1) Lisa Robbins (2)	
Eucharistic Ministers	Pat Yurkowski Michael Yurkowski Lori Gadbois Patricia Burr	Jonathon Storer Mira Brosseau John Chinski Mary Kay Pittman	Sr. Max Nanyanzi Jenna Jamros Kathy & Mike Storer Sr. Susan Ninyikiriza	
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Harrison Adams Hudson Adams	Aiden & Eleanor Jamros Shane Martin	
Deacons	Deacon Greg Clodi	Deacon Leon Fritz		
Presiders	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	

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 impressive community outreach!

*Don't forget that our Mobile Food
Pantry Team is having a float in the
Bradley Christmas Parade and they are
seeking donations of candy to share with
parade goers on that night. Please
feel free to help them out and bring
some candy to the parish office.

Thanks again!



Parish Advent Tradition

We are once again inviting parishioners and parish groups to light the Advent candles at a Mass during Advent. Look for an email invitation soon or contact Paul in the parish office.

Bishop Ronald Hicks' Column for November 2023



"Launching Our 75th Jubilee"

A "JUBILEE" IS A SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY, marking a certain time period. For example, a twenty-fifth anniversary is universally recognized as a silver jubilee, whereas the fiftieth is known as the golden jubilee. This month, we are officially launching the 75th Anniversary of the Diocese of Joliet, or the celebration of our diamond jubilee.

As they say, "diamonds are forever." This celebration gives us the opportunity to honor our past, commemorate our present, and look forward to the future with hope. Our year-long celebration will officially begin in December 2023 and end in December 2024. However, we have a few things happening in November that I would like to share with you and encourage your participation.

On Monday, November 6, 2023, we launched the first episode of a 14-part podcast series produced specifically for our 75th anniversary. In our pilot episode, Fr. Tom Paul, the chair of the Jubilee planning committee, and I talked about different ways that you can participate in our anniversary celebration. If you are a podcast afficionado, just listen on your favorite app by searching "Faith Into Action." Or you may try watching it on the diocesan YouTube channel. Either way, the links can always be found in the 75th Anniversary section of our website, diojoliet.org/75th, which can be read in English, Spanish, and Polish.

As we celebrate with great faith, hope, and love, I want to make sure we have many opportunities to pray together. A nine-day novena will begin on November 25, the Saturday after Thanksgiving. This Novena of Grace is based on the writings of the patron saint of our diocese, St. Francis Xavier. For daily prayers and devotions, visit the website or see your Sunday bulletin.

The novena concludes on December 3, 2023. On that same day we will host an event at the Blanchette Catholic Center at 1 p.m., where I will bless a new statue of St. Francis Xavier. He will beautifully welcome employees and visitors at the main entrance to our diocesan offices to remind us of our missionary call to share our faith with all people.

Then, for an entire year we will celebrate in ways that highlight my vision of catechesis, evangelization, and faith into action:

1. We will promote catechesis through faith formation to help the next generations know about Jesus and the Church. Through novenas, prayer cards, and lesson plans, we will grow the knowledge of our faith for all ages. We are blessed that our celebration is occurring in harmony with the three-year National Eucharistic Revival, which reminds us how the Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives.

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- 2. We will also continue to evangelize, which is needed to truly know Jesus and love Him. True evangelization is realized when we believe in our minds, hearts, and souls that Jesus is real: He loves us, and we love Him. Through liturgies, prayers, media posts, podcasts, printed calendars, and commemorative books, we will actively share our faith and love of Jesus, who gives us eternal life through His life, suffering, death, and resurrection.
- 3. With catechesis and evangelization as our foundation, we will continue to put our faith into action. As Catholics, we serve the poor, the needy, and the marginalized. We speak for the unborn, the stranger, the abandoned, and those who are in most need of our care. As part of the 75th anniversary, I encourage all parishes to establish a day of service in the fall of 2024, responding to the various needs of each distinct community.

Jesus gave us such an incredible gift in the Church, and as baptized Christians, we are called to pass our faith on to the next generations. No one wants to belong to a Church that is merely surviving. Instead, we should have a burning desire to be a thriving Church that truly reflects God's light and God's love.

I encourage you to participate in some aspect of our 75th Jubilee during this next year. There is truly something for everyone, and I want each of you to know that YOU are a vital part of our celebration. So, together, rooted in Christ, let's live out the theme of our 75th anniversary: founded in faith, called to witness, and sent forth to serve!+

From podcasts and youth events to service and prayer cards, scan the QR code or visit diojoliet.org/75th for the full list of events and activities surrounding the 75th anniversary.



A great Harvest Sunday!



What a great response last weekend for the **Harvest Sunday** food drive! **Parishioners** really came through with an abundance of donations of nonperishable items to be shared with clients of local outreach organizations.

Thanks so much to our CSI Youth Ministry for giving of your time to go door-to-door to get donations. Thank you to everyone who offered food items to be shared with those in need.







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