



# OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied to him, "Amen, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." (Lk 23:42-43)

## OUR PARISH



## OUR FAMILY

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*November 20, 2022*



# Thanksgiving Day Mass at 8:30 a.m.

You're invited to this special Mass on Thursday, Nov. 24, at 8:30 a.m. What a great way to start the Thanksgiving holiday, thanking God for all the many blessings in our lives. Happy Thanksgiving!

## Remembrance Pictures

Please take home your pictures of deceased loved ones after Mass this weekend or the next time you are at St. Joseph Church. Thank you for sharing them and giving us the honor of seeing the love we continue to share with our faithful departed.


 **Donut Sunday**   
**Next Weekend**  
**after 8:30am & 11am Masses**



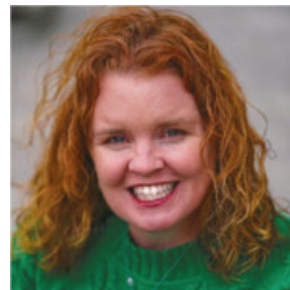
If you are interested in buying for a family, call Pat Knittel at 708-692-7472. Of course, the Giving Tree (through the generosity of parishioners) will also arrange gifts for clients of various outreach organizations in our community. The tree will go up with tags next weekend, November 26/27 (the 1st Sunday of Advent) and gifts will need to be brought on the weekend of December 10/11.

## Advent Begins Next Weekend



- We will be decorating the church for Advent on Friday, Nov. 25, at 6 p.m. Have some extra time? Please come help out.
- Chocolate Advent Calendars will be on sale after Masses this weekend and next weekend (while supplies last). They are \$5 apiece. 
- You're invited to light the candles at a Mass during Advent. Please take part in this beautiful ritual. Call the parish to sign-up.

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## SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> <b>Nov. 21</b> <i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> <b>7:00 a.m.</b> Communion Service	<b>Tuesday</b> <b>Nov. 22</b> <i>St. Cecilia, Virgin and Martyr</i> <b>7:00 a.m.</b> Mass † Elmer Fries by Family & Friends	<b>Wednesday</b> <b>Nov. 23</b> <i>St. Clement I, Pope &amp; Martyr, St. Columban, Abbot &amp; Bl. Miguel Agustin</i> <b>7:00 a.m.</b> Mass † Elmer Fries by Family & Friends	<b>Thursday</b> <b>Nov. 24</b> <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Mass † Rose Mary LaMore by Family & Friends	<b>Friday</b> <b>Nov. 25</b> <i>St. Catherine of Alexandria</i> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Mass † R. Ann Prince by Florence Monaldi	<b>Saturday</b> <b>Nov. 26</b> <i>Season of Ordinary Time Weekday</i> <b>8:30 a.m.</b> Mass † Elmer "Butch" Fries by Family & Friends
<b>Saturday, November 26</b> <b>4:00 p.m. Vigil</b> † Alfred & Yvonne Martin Lake by Family † George Fraser by Adeline Chinski		<b>Sunday, November 27</b> <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b> † Jim Burch (Anniversary Memorial) by Wife, Margie Burch † Lanora Crumrine by Joan Busted 11:00 a.m. Mass † Elmer Fries by Family & Friends			

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

When you think of a king, who is the first person who pops into your head? It may depend on how much history you know, or which historical period intrigues you the most. As Americans, the first person we might think of is King George III, whose reign has become synonymous in our national lore with the concept of tyranny. We don't have much familiarity with kingship in modern American society. Kings tend to make us uneasy. Presidents, on the other hand — we can handle those, because we know we are a president's boss. No matter how much power he has, we are the electorate. We are the source of that power. We're comfortable with this arrangement. But with kings it is profoundly different. Traditionally, the king derives his power from God. His rule bridges humanity with the divine. We should reflect carefully on whether or not we have made Jesus Christ king in our hearts, or whether we regard him as a president. The difference isn't just one of titles, it's one of roles. Subjects do not demand anything of a king. They beseech. They entreat. They submit, and they accept. Do we demand of Christ, or do we beseech? Do we tolerate God's edicts with grumbling, or do we embrace His word as the means of our reconciliation with Him? The "good thief" treated Christ as a king. His counterpart treated him as a president. And it's worth remembering that Jesus Christ is not the President of the Universe.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

*Last weekend's Offerings will be printed in next weekend's Bulletin*

### Readings for Week of November 20, 2022

**Sunday:** 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

**Monday:** Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday:** Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday:** Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday:** Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28

**Friday:** Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33

**Saturday:** Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab/Lk 21:34-36

**Next Sunday:** Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

**Mass Readings:** [www.stjosephbradley.org](http://www.stjosephbradley.org)

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# Looking for Treasures in the First Sacraments

Parents and students who are preparing for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion recently gathered for an evening to spend time together and learn a little more about the special treasures in these sacraments.

The evening started with students searching for hidden treasure, with each finding a "coin" to hang on to until the end of the evening. Treasure hunts can sometimes be easy, where the treasure seems to be in plain sight, and other times it takes work and time, but in the end, it is always fun to find such valuable prizes.



We learned through Scripture, video clips and discussion how the sacraments are more valuable than any treasure we could ever wish for because they are visible signs given to us by Jesus as a way for us to experience God and His love. Parents told the youngsters about their Baptism day (some even shared photos from their phones). The sacraments are not hidden like some treasures, but it will take work from both the child(ren) and parents to prepare their minds and hearts for the life-changing graces of God's unconditional love and mercy. We know it will all be worth it and will be cause for huge celebrations. At the end of the evening, children had a chance to redeem their "coin" for a celebratory ice cream treat and/or cookie.

Before leaving, children also got to search and find supplies to bring home so they can create a special banner celebrating the gift of being a "Child of God!" We can't wait to see these banners when they return them! Continue to pray for these families.

## CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT: WORKING ON THE MARGINS



Thank you for contributing to this weekend's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. With this collection, you support programs that address the root causes of poverty. In addition, 25% of the funds collected remain in our diocese for antipoverty projects. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/cchd](http://www.usccb.org/cchd).

<b>Saturday, Nov. 19</b> <b>Daily Mass</b> 8:30 a.m. Church <b>Bundt Cake Pick-up</b> 1:30-5:30 p.m. Parish Hall <b>Vigil Mass</b> 4:00 p.m. <b>Chocolate Advent Calendars for Sale</b>	<b>Sunday, Nov. 20</b> <b>Masses</b> 8:30 & 11 a.m. Church <b>Chocolate Advent Calendars for Sale</b> Church <b>RCIA Class Session</b> 9:30 a.m. Ministry Center	<b>Sunday, Nov. 20 (continued)</b> <b>Parish Baptisms</b> 12:15 p.m. <b>Confirmation Session</b> 4:00-5:30 p.m. Parish Hall <b>Monday, Nov. 21</b> <b>Communion Service</b> 7:00 a.m. Church	<b>Tuesday, Nov. 22</b> <b>Daily Mass</b> 7:00 a.m. Church <b>Eucharistic Adoration</b> 1:00-6:00 p.m. Church <i>Spend some quiet time with Jesus</i> <b>Rosary Group</b> 6:30 p.m. Church	<b>Weds, Nov. 23</b> <b>Daily Mass</b> 7:00 a.m. <b>Adult Choir Practice</b> 5:30 p.m. <b>Thurs, Nov. 24</b> <b>Thanksgiving Day Mass</b> 8:30 a.m. Church <b>Men's AA Group</b> 7:00-9:00 p.m. Ministry Center
<b>Friday, Nov. 25</b> <b>Daily Mass</b> 8:30 a.m. Church <b>A &amp; E Decorating for Advent</b> 6:00-9:00 p.m. Church <i>Help us transform our worship space for another Liturgical Season</i>	<b>Sat, Nov. 26</b> <b>Daily Mass</b> 8:30 a.m. <b>Vigil Mass</b> 4:00 p.m. <b>Chocolate Advent Calendars for Sale</b> Church <b>Giving Tree Starts</b>	<b>Sunday, Nov. 27</b> <b>Mass</b> 8:30 a.m. <b>Chocolate Advent Calendars for Sale</b> after both Masses <i>Cost is \$5 while supplies last</i> <b>Giving Tree Starts</b> Church <i>Get your tags</i>	<b>Sunday, Nov. 27 (continued)</b> <b>RCIA Class</b> 9:30 a.m. Ministry Center <b>Youth &amp; Family Mass</b> 11:00 a.m. <b>Donut Sunday</b> after both Masses Parish Hall <i>Please join us!</i>	We have several opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The weekly schedule is on Page 7. And, appointments can be made by calling the parish office.

LITURGICAL ROLES	November 26 4:00 PM Mass	November 27 8:30 AM Mass	November 27 11:00 AM Youth/Family Mass	Are you 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	Diane Gonczy Jim & Becky Graf David Berg	Dick Jenkins Kathy Storer Michael Storer	TBA	
Lectors	Beth Bisaillon (both readings)	Jan St. John (both readings)	TBA	
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Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Marian Worby	Emily & Sean Storer	
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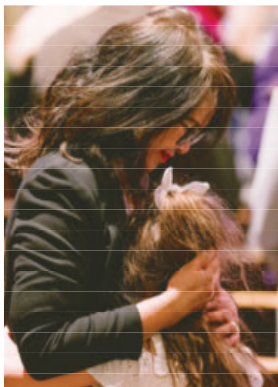
## Blood Drive at St. Joseph's **Thanks for your support!**



**Looks like a regular truck, right? But it has such precious cargo, 30 units were collected last Sunday. Thanks so much to all the donors who took a little time to make a huge difference at our Parish Blood Drive!**



**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!**



## **Youth & Family Mass Next Sunday!**

Give your family the gift of faith! Our Youth & Family Mass is next Sunday, Nov. 27, at 11 a.m. Young people will be reading, altar serving, helping with hospitality and singing in the choir! What a great opportunity for children, parents and grandparents to take an active part in Our Parish, Our Family. Call the parish office for details.

## **Followed by Donut Sunday!**





**What a great response last weekend for the Harvest Sunday food drive! Parishioners really came through with donations of nonperishable items to be shared with clients of local outreach organizations. The Catholic youth of the area thank you for your support!**

## Students & Saints!



Our November Religious Education session centered on the Saints and how we can look to these special friends for guidance and support. The children enjoyed a Saints Scavenger Hunt and created their own saint booklets to remember these heroes of our faith. Many thanks to our RE volunteers for making this great program possible at St. Joseph Parish.

## Save the dates for our Parish Mission happening during Advent!

St. Joseph Parish is so very blessed to have Fr. Tom McCarthy coming for a three-night Parish Mission Dec. 11, 12, 13, at 7 p.m. each evening. What is a Parish Mission? Well, it's a special time when the community gathers together to gain insight into the faith; a time for grace and renewal of the parish through talks by amazing speakers, such as Fr. Tom, filled with stories, examples and meaning! Wow, this is going to be awesome!

The experience at St. Joseph's will focus on "The Restless Journey." Is life not going very well for you right now? Are you mourning the loss of a person or relationship or a job? Are you questioning something?

Are you celebrating something? Wherever you are, you are invited to this Parish Mission to realize Jesus is with us. He loves us and wants us with Him. He invites you to his house for the mission with Fr. Tom and all who join us. Jesus wants us to be together in this special way. All of us are called to enter The Restless Journey! Please save the dates!



*Fr. Tom has an amazingly comprehensive website with blogs, videos of preaching, and more about his life and ministry. Get to know him at [www.frtommccarthy.com](http://www.frtommccarthy.com).*

# 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; 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday

during adoration; First Friday Holy

Hour or by appointment

## Adoration

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

## Baptism

1st & 3rd Sunday. Class required

## Weddings

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

## Pastor

Rev. Marcin Michalak

## Deacon

Leon Fritz

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Brad Benoit

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Deacon Greg Clodi

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Kevin Delabre

## Communications Director

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## Religious Education

## Coordinator

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RE Office:

815-937-9340

## Youth Ministers (Hearts of Hope)

Ken & Michelle Barrie

barrieacres@yahoo.com

## Prayer Line

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## Parish Office

815-939-3573

Mon-Thurs: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

## Website

www.stjosephbradley.org

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