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“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, he will sit upon his glorious throne, and all the nations will be assembled before him. And he will separate them one from another, as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.”  
(Mt 25:31-32)

# *The Solemnity of* Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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*November 26, 2023*

*Our Hope, Our Faith, Our Joy, Our Love, Our Parish, Our Family*  
**Advent Wreath Making Event**



**This Wednesday!**  
**November 29th**

The entire parish family is invited to this gathering sponsored by our Religious Education and Youth Ministry at 6pm this Wednesday, Nov. 29, in the parish hall. Come and enjoy being together to share the blessing of Advent and to make a wreath to bring home. What an awesome way to start Advent with Family!

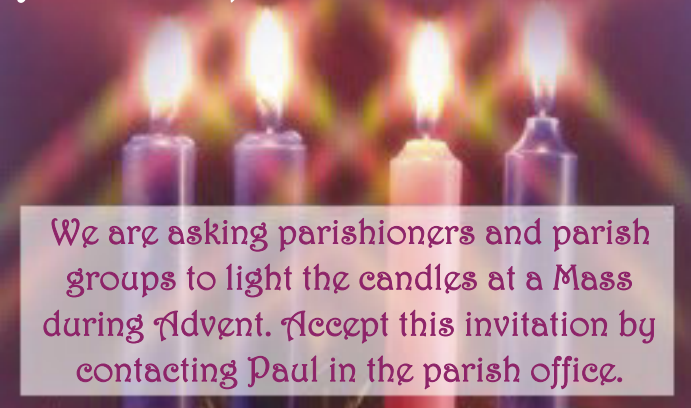
A \$5 donation will be requested for wreath making materials. Please sign-up at the parish website or with the QR Code here.



You are invited by our parish Art and Environment Crew to help transform St. Joseph Church for Advent this coming Wednesday, Nov. 29. Decorating will start at 7pm. (The Adult Choir will be practicing until 7pm, so please be considerate of their rehearsal as you enter the building). Please stop by and help us take down the green and put up the purple!

**Advent Calendars For Sale This Weekend**  
 Get your calendar after Mass this weekend for \$5 while supplies last. Enjoy a little Bible lesson and a chocolate each day of Advent.

## Parish Advent Tradition



We are asking parishioners and parish groups to light the candles at a Mass during Advent. Accept this invitation by contacting Paul in the parish office.

## Next Sunday...



## St. Joseph's Blood Drive

Please help save some lives! Give blood at our Blood Drive happening next Sunday, Dec. 3. Collection will take place in the Mobile Unit parked at the Ministry Center. Make your appointment by calling the parish office, visiting our website or using the QR Code on this page.

*Start Advent by giving the Gift of Life*





## SERVICE INFORMATION & MASS INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> <b>November 27</b> <i>Season of Ordinary Time</i> <i>Weekday</i> <b>7 a.m. Communion Service</b>	<b>Tuesday</b> <b>November 28</b> <i>Ordinary Time Weekday</i> <b>7 a.m. Mass</b> † Leonard Lambert by Family & Friends	<b>Wednesday</b> <b>November 29</b> <i>Ordinary Time Weekday</i> <b>7 a.m. Mass</b> * The People of the Parish <b>9 a.m. BMCS Mass</b>	<b>Thursday</b> <b>November 30</b> <i>St. Andrew, Apostle</i> <b>7:00 a.m. Mass</b> † Marie Ellison (Birthday Memorial) by Williams Family	<b>Friday</b> <b>December 1</b> <i>Ordinary Time Weekday</i> <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b> *The People of St. Joseph Parish	<b>Saturday</b> <b>December 2</b> <i>Ordinary Time Weekday</i> <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b> *The People of St. Joseph Parish
<b>Saturday, December 2</b> <b>4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass</b> † Jean Branscum, Gene Lovell & Polly Galowski by Norma Lovell † Michael McClain by Celeste Regnier & Family			<b>Sunday, November 26</b> <b>8:30 a.m. Mass</b> † The Deceased of the Brosseau Family † Doreen Mullins by Mike & Susan Van Osdol <b>11:00 a.m. Mass</b> † Danny Babinski (Anniversary Memorial) by Leah Richardson		

# Your Remembrance Pictures

Please take home your pictures of deceased loved ones after Mass this weekend (Nov. 25/26) or the next time you are at church. Thank you for sharing them and giving us the privilege of seeing the love we continue to share with our faithful departed.

## PRACTICING STEWARDSHIP

The King always comes in disguise, and I know I miss Him in many ways every day. I miss Our Lord Jesus in people dismissed. I miss Him in moments that could have been prayer times but turned into phone-scrolling. I miss Him when he is right in front of me, calling my name. The Christian life calls us to constant self-scrutiny. It's not a comfortable life, always thinking about what you could do better, but the Lord shepherds us rightly. His pastures have nothing to offer those who are perfect and strong. He has gone in search of the lost. He has reclaimed those who have strayed, healed those who were injured, given rest to those who were weary. We can't be followers of Christ if we are not willing to own our sins. God's mercy does not dismiss our sins, as if they never existed and were not important. No, it does something far, far better—God's mercy absolves our sins. It sets us free from them. But to be truly free, you have to understand the tyranny of what once enslaved you. -Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman

**The Collection Numbers will be in next weekend's Bulletin**

## Readings for the Week of November 26, 2023

**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

**Monday:** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday:** Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday:** Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday:** Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

**Friday:** Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

**Saturday:** Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:34-36

**Next Sunday:** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

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



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## Crafting fun at CCW Meeting



The CCW had a great turnout at their November meeting! After the formal agenda, the ladies made gnomes and stocking hat decorations. The hostesses, Margie McCalester and Julie Gindy, treated participants

to some goodies from Sweet Street! Thanks to everyone who attended. It was a very fun night! Look for more happening with the CCW in 2024!

## Kindergarten, 1st grade, and feeding the 5,000!



Thanks to Sarah Valerio, Brenda McLean and Sarah Martin (pictured during our November RE session). We so appreciate all of the volunteers who give of their time to share Jesus with young people of St. Joseph's.

## Getting ready for outreach



**A lot needs to happen before the drive-thru process can begin for the Mobile Food Pantry. Here you can see the Team sorting the food and getting the boxes packed for the Nov. 17 event at St. Joseph's.**

**We are so grateful to our volunteers and everyone who supports this ministry. And, we'd like to thank all the parishioners who donated candy for the team's parade float.**

**\*Make sure to attend the Bradley Christmas Parade next Friday, Dec. 1, and cheer on our Mobile Food Pantry Team as they pass by. Their float is going to be "Wonderful," so you won't want to miss it!**

**Saturday, Nov. 25**  
**Mass**

8:30 a.m.

**Vigil Mass**

4:00 p.m.

**Advent Calendars**  
**on Sale**

**Giving Tree Tags**  
**Available**

**Sunday, Nov. 26**

**Mass**

8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Church

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**Monday, Nov. 27**

**Communion**  
**Service**

7:00 a.m.

Church

**Tuesday, Nov. 28**  
**Mass**

7:00 a.m.

Church

**Nursing Home**

10:00 a.m.

**Adoration**

1:00-6:00 p.m.

Church

**Rosary**

6:30 p.m.

Church

**Weds, Nov. 29**

**Mass**

7:00 a.m.

Church

**BMCS Mass**

9:00 a.m.

**Advent Wreath**  
**Event**

6:00 p.m.

Parish Hall

**Weds, Nov. 29**  
**(continued)**

**Adult Choir**  
**Practice**

5:30-7:00 p.m.

Church

**A&E Decorating**  
**for Advent**

7:00 p.m.

Church

**Thurs, Nov. 30**

**Mass**

7:00 a.m.

Church

**Men's AA Group**

7:00-9:00 p.m.

Ministry Center

**Friday, Dec. 1**  
**Mass**

8:30 a.m.

**First Friday Holy**  
**Hour**

after 8:30 a.m.

Mass

**Mobile Pantry**  
**Team Fellowship**

after Parade

**Saturday, Dec. 2**

**Mass**

8:30 a.m.

**Vigil Mass**

4:00 p.m.

**Giving Tree Tags**  
**Available**

**Sunday, Dec. 3**  
**Mass**

8:30 a.m.

**Giving Tree Tags**  
**Available**

**Parish Blood Drive**

8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Ministry Center

**OCIA Class**

9:30 a.m.

Conference Room

**Mass**

11:00 a.m.

Church

**Parish Baptisms**

12:15 p.m.

Church

*See page 7 for the weekly Reconciliation Schedule at St. Joseph Parish. Appointments for Confession can also be scheduled by calling the Parish Office.*



LITURGICAL ROLES	December 2 4:00 PM Mass	December 3 8:30 AM Mass	December 3 11:00 AM Mass	Interested in any of these liturgical ministries? Contact the parish office for information and training. Ministers can go online to see when they are scheduled, request subs and input when not to be scheduled.
Hospitality Ministers	Jim Lustig Jay & Donna Karr	Shervino Family	Sorich Family	
Lectors	Beth Bisailon (both readings)	Gert Auberry (both readings)	Jan St. John (1) Tom LaRocque (2)	
Eucharistic Ministers	Patricia Croix Becky Graf Jim Graf Chuck Carnes	Wayne Delabre Jonathon Storer Kathy Storer Michael Storer	Jason Grizzle Mollie Grizzle Pat Knittel Alan Knittel	
Altar Servers	Vicki Burgener	Emily Rose Storer Sean Storer	Jane, Lucy & Allie Quigley	
Deacons	Deacon Greg Clodi	Deacon Leon Fritz	Deacon Greg Clodi	
Presiders	Fr. Tony Nugent	Fr. Marcin Michalak	Fr. Marcin Michalak	

## Giving Trees are in the Back of church



**Tags are on the trees at the back of church. Please take a tag or a few to purchase gifts for individuals in need. 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. Make sure the tag is visible on your gifts. Bring gifts (unwrapped) on the weekend of Dec 9/10, 2023. This is such a great way to enhance your Advent and brighten someone's Christmas. Thanks in advance. If you have questions, please call the parish office.**

## Christmas Schedule at St. Joseph Church

Christmas Eve Masses: 3pm, 5pm, & 10pm

Christmas Day Masses:  
8:30am & 11am

Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God

New Year's Eve: 4pm Mass & New Year's Day: 11am Mass

\*Ministers are needed for all of these services as well as on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Dec. 7/8, 2023. Volunteer in the web terminal or call or email Paul in the Parish Office. \*\*Additional note to ministers: We will have our regular weekend schedule on Dec. 23 & 24 and Dec. 30 & 31. If you are scheduled for any of these services and cannot make it, please request a sub ASAP.



## Podcast

The first episode of the 75th Anniversary podcast series will launch November 6, 2023. Episodes will be released the first Monday of each month. Watch on YouTube or listen on your favorite podcast platform:



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## Blessing of St. Francis Xavier Statue

**DECEMBER 3, 2023  
1 P.M.**

Blanchette Catholic Center  
16555 Weber Rd., Crest Hill

On the Feast of St. Francis Xavier, and the final day of the Novena of Grace, a statue of the saint will be blessed at the BCC. The statue will serve as a constant reminder of the patron saint of our diocese. Bishop Hicks will bless the statue at 1 p.m. that day, in an open ceremony so that all may witness this moving event.

COMMEMORATING 75 YEARS OF CATECHESIS,  
EVANGELIZATION AND SERVICE

## Novena of Grace with St. Francis Xavier

From November 25 through December 3, 2023, members of our diocese will have the opportunity to participate in a nine-day novena of prayer to St. Francis Xavier, the patron of the Diocese of Joliet.

### DAY 1 NOVEMBER 25

Lord, each day you give me new life, new graces, new opportunities to feel your presence. Give me the gift of attentiveness to notice you in the people and your creation which surround my life; that I may grow in faith, and hope, and love. Amen.

### DAY 2 NOVEMBER 26

Father, each day you show me the love of a parent for its child: watchful of my every step, eager for me to thrive; you delight in my happiness and console me in my sadness. May the constant love in which you enfold me give me the confidence to show that same love to friend and foe, family and stranger, alike. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### DAY 3 NOVEMBER 27

Father, you speak to me in the silence and in the empty spaces of my life. Give me ears to hear your voice in stillness and in the gentle breeze; eyes to see your presence in things that seem so insignificant at the time. Free me from the relentless whirl of activity, from the obsessions which limit me and snatch away my freedom to answer your call. Like St Francis, may I too become a pilgrim, called to walk the path you set before me, wherever it may lead but always safe in the knowledge that Christ walks beside me unseen. Amen.

### DAY 4 NOVEMBER 28

Lord, before I ever came into being you knew me and loved me. You have knit me together the way I am, and given me life and laughter, friends and the faces of kind strangers, and a world of wonder and new discovery. Grant me the freedom and the courage to discover you anew each day in the people I meet, in the places I go, in the sounds I hear and the things I see. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### DAY 5 NOVEMBER 29

Lord Jesus, it is so easy to be tempted as you were tempted in the desert; to make poor decisions for quick gains and satisfaction; to turn the wonderful gifts of your generosity towards unworthy and selfish ends. Give me, day by day, the same Spirit of strength with which you faced down those desert temptations of power, wealth and honour; that my desires and motives, my words and actions, may always be for the greater glory of God, my Lord. Amen.

### DAY 6 NOVEMBER 30

Father, as I look back on this day, there are so many teeming thoughts, such a babble of words, and such a blur of activity, that it is difficult to see your gentle and faithful presence amid it all. Show yourself to me today, and every day. Amen.

### DAY 7 DECEMBER 1

God our Father, praise to you! I am surrounded by so many good people, if only I take the time to notice: people who speak your word of compassion and kindness; people who act to give reality to your justice and reconciliation; people whose lives are good seed growing in rich soil. Give me, too, the grace to live in your Spirit, and to be your presence for those I meet as I go about the business of my day. Amen.

### DAY 8 DECEMBER 2

Father, you are entire goodness and you are goodness for me. Creator of all things, who hold all things in being for me, give me faith in you and in myself, your creation. Amen.

### DAY 9 DECEMBER 3

God our Father, as St Francis Xavier travelled to the ends of the earth, impelled by love of Christ and afire with his good news, give me the trust and the grace to base all that I do entirely on you, safe in the knowledge that you raise up the lowly and fill them with good things. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Praying with Saint Francis Xavier  
The Novena of Grace

Visit [diojoliet.org/75th](http://diojoliet.org/75th)  
for the full novena, which  
includes excerpts from the  
letters of St. Francis Xavier



# 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

## Pastor

Rev. Marcin Michalak

## Deacon

Leon Fritz

## Music Director

Brad Benoit

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Deacon Greg Clodi

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## Communications Director

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Anita Lovell &

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RE Office: 815-937-9340

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Sharon Monty 815-954-4922

parishadmin@stjosphbradley.org

## Parish Office

815-939-3573

Mon-Thurs: 9:00am-4:00pm

Friday: 9am-1:00pm

## Website

www.stjosephbradley.org

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Facebook & Instagram

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